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BIG BATTLE FOR THE BRITISH HAIG DRIVES INTO LINES OF GERMANS 32 MILES WIDE AND FIVE MILES DEEP

TANKS BROKE PATH FOR HAIG'S BROOMS WHICH SWEEP OVER THE HUN DEFENCE

English, Scottish, Irish and Welsh Battalions
Prove Irresistible, Carrying All Fortified
Works Before Them.

London, Nov. 21.—A large number of tanks moved forward in advance of the infantry when the attack was opened yesterday and broke through successive belts of German wire defences, which were of great depth and strength.

The announcement follows:
"Yesterday morning the third army, under command of Gen. The Hon Sir Julian Byng, delivered a number of attacks between St. Quentin and the River Scarpe. These attacks were carried out without previous artillery preparation, and in each case the enemy was completely surprised."

"Our troops have broken into the enemy's positions to a depth of between four and five miles on a wide front, and have captured several thousand prisoners, with a number of guns. Our operations are continuing."

"At the hour of assault a large number of tanks moved forward in advance of the infantry and broke through successive belts of German wire, which were of great depth and strength."

MAN REFUSING TO OBEY TRIBUNALS ARRESTED TODAY

Declined To Go Up for Medical
Examination When
Ordered.

TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

Chairman of Tribunal Swears
Out Warrant and Eligible
Forced to Appear.

That the orders issued by tribunals to men in Class 1 will be backed up by the full power of the civil authorities was evidenced by the arrest today by Detectives Egleton and Down of Thomas W. Cooper, 493 Grey street, for failing to appear for medical examination when ordered to do so by Tribunal 185.

Cooper made his appearance to claim exemption, and was told that the tribunal would not consider his claim until he had been medically examined. A letter notifying him when to apply for examination, mailed Saturday, received the reply that he would come on Saturday next, and no sooner. Mr. Mayor J. H. A. Beattie, a member of the tribunal, swore out an order for his arrest, and this was carried out immediately by the detectives. He was brought to the armories and there examined by a medical board.

BEARING VICTORY LOAN
MESSAGE FROM LONDON
TO ONTARIO'S CENTRE



PTE. ROBINSON, A. M. C., who left yesterday on trip to Toronto by foot as part of the Victory Loan publicity stunt.

HUN DRIVES ARE STOPPED BY ITALIANS

German Attacks in Northern
Hill District Are Not
Renewed.

Rome, Nov. 21.—The infantry attacks on Monte Tomba and Monte Monfenera, the vital points on the northern mountain front, were not renewed yesterday, the war office announces.

RUSS SOLDIERS NOT FAVORABLE TO PEACE PACT

March in Petrograd With
Banners Denouncing the
Bolsheviks.

LENINE NOW A DICTATOR

Maximalists Confer Powers
On Leader To Alter Fun-
damental Laws.

Stockholm, Nov. 21.—Reports brought by the latest travelers to reach Sweden from Petrograd indicate that a revolution of feeling is setting in against the Bolsheviks. Regiments of soldiers have paraded the streets of the Russian capital bearing banners with inscriptions such as "We want no separate peace," "Down with Petrograd's domination by minority party tyranny!" and "Nicholas' regime was never so tyrannical as Bolshevik regime."

Radical Demands.
The central committee of the anti-Bolshevik coalition has passed a resolution demanding liberty of the press, the dismissal of the Red Guard and the immediate cessation of the Red Guard's domination by minority party tyranny. The committee also demands that the Red Guard be disbanded.

American Minister Morris learns from a competent source that the food supply in Petrograd is seriously short and that the bread ration is now three-quarters of a Russian pound for two days. Nearly one-third of the members of the executive committee formed by the Maximalists at the outbreak of the revolt have resigned, and it is reported that the remainder have consented to a dictatorial law-making powers on Nikolai Lenin, who is now issuing decrees altering the fundamental laws.

UKRAINE INDEPENDENT.
Petrograd, Nov. 20.—The military chief of the district of Kiev and the temporary governor with their staffs, are reported to have left their posts. Ukrainian commissaries have been appointed to succeed them, and they have confirmed the independence of the Ukraine. Three hundred and sixty thousand Ukrainian troops are said to have been recalled from the front. This is commented upon here as meaning a serious crippling of the army and the possible opening of the front to the enemy.

The town duma of Moscow has been dissolved by the revolutionary committee. Mayor Roudneff of Moscow is reported to be in hiding to escape threatened arrest. An armored train bound for Petrograd has been captured by detachments of sailors and returned to Moscow.

CANADIAN TROOPSHIP SAFELY DOCKED WITH LARGE CONTINGENTS

Montreal and Hamilton Bat-
talions and Regiments
Land in Britain.

Ottawa, Nov. 21.—It is officially announced through the chief press censor's office that the following troops have arrived in England:
236th Battalion, Montreal; drafts: Royal Canadian Regiment from Halifax; Fifty Royal Highlanders, Montreal; C. M. R. Depot, Hamilton; A. M. C. Montreal; Cyclist Platoon, Quebec; Naval, Quebec; Artillery, Petawawa; Forestry, Aldershot; Royal Flying Corps, pilots, Toronto, Details.

THAT CHANGEABLE RUSSIAN BEAR



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John Bull—"I do sincerely hope it is not going to prove to be a rabbit after all."—Melbourne Punch.

BURWASH FARM PRISONER TELLS STORY OF BRUTAL TREATMENT; SAYS HE WAS BADLY BEATEN

Balled and Chained and Flog-
ged on the "Machine"—
Witness Fails To Substan-
tiate Charges.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Burwash, Ont., Nov. 21.—Judge Coatesworth yesterday began an investigation at the request of the Provincial Government into conditions at Burwash prison farm, particularly the alleged ill-treatment of prisoners. Of the prisoners examined who claimed cruel punishment was a man who was convicted of theft in Hamilton in July last and sent to the farm for two years less one day. He stated that he was forced to work while under the doctor's care for stomach trouble. He had a fight with an Australian fellow prisoner and in punishment was forced to wear a ball and chain for fifteen days, during which time he had to sleep with his clothes on. At his request the ball and chain were removed, but the next day Sergeant Oliver attempted to put it on again. He resisted and was severely beaten and kicked by the sergeant, the beating resulting in his being confined to bed for several days.

Placed on "Machine."
After some days Superintendent Neelands and Sergeant Oliver attempted to force him to arise. He defended himself with a hammer. He was then placed on the "machine" and flogged. When he denied knowledge of the person who put the hammer within his reach, he was beaten in the face by Superintendent Neelands. When he had been refused leave to go to Sudbury to have a necessary operation performed he attempted to escape. He was caught after four days and was sent to Sudbury hospital. He stated that the operation was performed too late and that he suffered permanent internal injuries as a result of the delay. He also claims that he is deaf from time to time as a result of the beating he received, and that his back is injured as a result of kicks administered by Sergeant Oliver.

Charges Denied.
Superintendent Neelands and N. R. Martin both denied the charges of beating made by the prisoner. Mr. Martin, who was present at the time he was taken from his bed, declared that he had the hammer in bed with him and threatened to use it on the prisoner. Neither Sergeant Oliver or Superintendent Neelands struck the prisoner with the hammer. Mr. Neelands declared that he prisoner fought like a man, and was not in any condition (Continued On Page Three)

FILE CLAIMS HERE!

Deputy Registrar Wismer has requested publication of the fact that appeals from the decisions of tribunals in Military District No. 1 must be filed with him and should not be sent to Toronto. A news item from Ottawa advised that notices of appeal be directed to the registrar of Ontario under the Military Service Act. This information is misleading, and Deputy Registrar Wismer requested the point made plain that all appeals in this district must be filed in his office.

SEE IT AT LAST

Amsterdam, Nov. 21.—Theodor Wolff, in the Berliner Tageblatt, concludes a long article on France's reliance on America by saying:
"Inasmuch as France probably will be unable to tap fresh resources, Clemenceau too must pin his faith on America's aid. If hope on America did not exist, then not only would there have been long since outbreaks of moral crisis in all the Entente countries, but an unmistakable readiness in direction of peace would prevail."
It is now shown how foolish were the German arguments that America's entry into the war had made it impossible not to prolong the war.

FRENCH RAIDS AT ST. QUENTIN

Several Incursions Into Ger-
man Lines During the
Night.

Paris, Nov. 20.—"During the night we made incursions into the German lines north and south of St. Quentin, and brought back prisoners," says today's official statement. "Toward the end of the night the artillery dug became very violent in the region of Chateau Wood. There is nothing to report on the remainder of the front."

GOVT. DENIES REPORT SECOND CLASS CALL HAS BEEN ORDERED

Absolutely Without Founda-
tion, Is Statement of
Chairman Newcombe.

Ottawa, Nov. 21.—Reports that the second class of men under the Military Service Act are to be called out in February are officially declared to be absolutely without foundation.

T. L. Newcombe, chairman of the Military Service Council, was shown today the statement alleged to have been made by Judge Winchester of Toronto as to such rumors being current. "The calling out of the second class," Mr. Newcombe said, "has not been discussed and there is nothing in the present situation to make it necessary to consider the question."
The second class comprises: "Those who have attained the age of 20 years and were born not earlier than 1885 and are married, or are widowers who have a child or children."

HINDENBURG'S LINE CRACKED BY A MIGHTY BRITISH BLOW FROM SCARPE TO ST. QUENTIN

Haig's Big Coup

The British drive of yesterday into the Hindenburg line covers a part of the field of last year's offensive on the Somme and the section of the Arras battlefield south of Arras.

The British centre in this thrust is nearly opposite Cambrai, the important German base and railway centre, from which the British line Arras battle last spring and in the French drive on the Aisne front, that the line was by no means a bar to their progress, and serious inroads were made upon it in various attacks. In both these fronts. No definite break, however, sufficient to permit the penetration of a large force which could debouch for large scale operations had ever been effected.

What is known as the Hindenburg line was established by the German command last spring when the famous "strategic retreat" on the Somme front was carried out. It was a supposedly impregnable barrier, which had been in careful preparation. The British and French, however, showed in some of the most elaborate trench raids. Even the rather extensive operations in this sector reported last night by the British war office, which German staff announced it had taken measures to meet, gave hardly a hint that a push in any such force or over a wide extent of front was in prospect.

Without Warning.
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There has been little speculation over the possibility of a British attack in force on the western front this fall in any area other than that of Flanders, where the main British effort for several months past has been expended. Even here the lateness of the season and the difficult nature of the ground at this time of year have been taken into consideration. The basis for expectation of anything more than local strokes here and there.

Hug Front Weakened.
It has been apparent, however, that the German attention was largely centred on the Italian front, where the military move in force intended to crush Italy, is now in full swing. Admittedly numbers of German troops had been sent to the Italian front, but the greater portion has been largely drawn from the Russian front, where the collapse of the Russian military machine had made it unnecessary for the Germans to maintain much more than trench garrisons.

It is considered possible, however, that the British secret service had knowledge of a "weakening" of the German front in the west by the withdrawal of highly trained, experienced troops to give backbone to the push in Northern Italy, an opportunity thus being afforded to catch the Germans unawares and hit them a crushing blow while their strategic reserves in the Franco-Belgian war area depleted.

"Fooled" the Enemy.
The element of surprise, the reports reveal, was a large factor in the initial British success, as contrary to the almost invariable rule in this war, there was no advance preparation by the British artillery, the troops going "over the top" and falling upon an enemy apparently without any expectation that he was about to be attacked.

BRITISH ADVANCING BEYOND JERUSALEM

Allenby's Forces Are Now Five
Miles Northwest of City.

London, Nov. 21.—The British forces in Palestine have advanced five miles northwest of Jerusalem, the war office announces.

Haig's Armies Penetrate First and Second
Defence Systems of the Germans Taking
Thousands of Prisoners

MANY FORTIFIED TOWNS CARRIED CLEARING THE ROAD TO CAMBRAI

Enemy Taken Completely by Surprise as an Attack in This
Quarter Had Not Been Expected—Front May Have
Been Weakened by Troops Sent to
Italian Invasion.

London, November 21.—The Hindenburg line has been broken to a depth of four or five miles, the war office announces.

TWO DEFENCE LINES TAKEN.
London, Nov. 21.—British troops stormed the first system of the Hindenburg line defences on the whole front between St. Quentin and the Scarpe River.

The British infantry and tanks pressed on and captured the second system of defences, over a mile beyond. From St. Quentin to the Scarpe is 32 miles.

THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS.
The British also fought their way through Couillet Wood.

Lieut. Gen. Sir Julian Byng is in command of the attacking army.

Several thousand prisoners have been taken.

The whole German line west of the Canal-du-Nord to the Bapaume-Cambrai road has been captured.

The towns of Havrincourt, Maroing, Graincourt and Anieux and Neuf Wood have been captured by the British.

HINDENBURG SUPPORT LINE TAKEN.
The second system of German defences captured by the British is known as the Hindenburg support line. The British captured Benais, Lameau Wood, La Vacquerie, the defences known as Welsh Ridge and Ribecourt village. Their operations are continuing.

A COMPLETE SURPRISE.
London, Nov. 21.—The attack was begun yesterday by the third army. There was no artillery preparation, and the Germans were taken completely by surprise.

THE GERMAN REPORT.
Berlin, Nov. 21.—(Via London).—German reserves checked the British in the rear positions after ground had been gained by the attackers, says today's official communication. The loss is announced of Maroing, Graincourt and portions of the permanently established works.

FIVE THOUSAND PRISONERS.
London, Nov. 21.—The number of prisoners taken by the British thus far is given at about 5,000, in a dispatch filed at British headquarters by Reuters.

Officers and Soldiers Permitted To Attend Political Meetings

Montreal, Nov. 21.—By reason of a change in the King's regulations through an order-in-council at Ottawa, officers and soldiers will now be able to attend political meetings. Hitherto the King's regulations forbade an officer or soldier instituting or taking part in any meetings, demonstrations or processions for party or political purposes in barracks, quarters, camps or their vicinity, and under no circumstances could either attend such meetings wherever held if in uniform.

FORFEITURE OF PAY FOR INVALIDED MEN

Soldiers Who Are "Crimed" in Hos-
pital Punished This Way.

Non-commissioned officers and men who commit offences while they are patients in military hospitals or convalescent homes may suffer a forfeiture of pay as a punishment, according to an order-in-council recently issued and published in camp orders. Detention, field punishment, and confinement to barracks, involving fines and floggings, may not be awarded to such soldiers, and in the interests of discipline officers commanding units of the military hospitals commission command are permitted to award forfeitures of pay.

241ST OFFICER IS PICKED TO TAKE MILITARY VOTES

Capt. J. F. Reid has been appointed presiding officer to take the military and naval vote in Western Ontario (Military District No. 1) on December 17, according to a dispatch from Ottawa today. Capt. John Frederick Reid, who holds the honorary rank of captain in the Reserve of Officers, was a captain in the 241st Kiltie Battalion, and accompanied that unit to England last April. He was returned a few months later as a surplus officer. He held the rank of lieutenant in the 21st Regiment (militia), and was a member of the staff of the Chief Contracting Company before joining the staff of the 241st.

NOMINATION LINE-UP REMAINS UNCHANGED

Ottawa, Nov. 21.—With reports in from all constituencies where nominations occurred the clerk of the crown in hancery says there is no change in the political lineup today. The list of acclamations remains at twenty—twelve Laurier Liberals in Quebec and eight Unionists in the other provinces.

BE A BONDHOLDER OF THE UNION OF CANADA—BUY VICTORY BONDS