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TERRIFIC FIRE REPELS GREATEST RAID ON LONDON Germans Lose Heavily in Attack on British North of Ypres FOE'S HEAVY ASSAULTS REPULSED BY BRITISH

Germans Sustain Big Losses in Attacks North of Ypres and East of Polygon Wood—Enemy Occupies Two Advanced Posts.

London, Oct. 1.—Several heavy attacks were delivered by the Germans today against British positions north of Ypres and east of the Polygon Wood, according to the official communication from British headquarters tonight. All the attacks were repulsed with heavy casualties, except near the southeast corner of the Polygon Wood, where the enemy entered two British advanced posts.

Attacks Renewed. "In the course of the next three hours the enemy twice renewed his attacks with strong forces on the same front, and again was repulsed at all points except the southeast corner of the Polygon Wood, where he succeeded in occupying two of our advanced posts.

ATTACK AT DAWN. London, Oct. 1.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in France telegraphs today: At dawn this morning the Germans developed a heavy counter-attack on our positions in the neighborhood of Tower Hamlets on a stretch of the front for which the enemy has already fought his hardest. A bombardment of great intensity preceded the attack. Our guns responded in considerably greater violence.

Battered to Pieces. The first infantry attack was launched at 6.15 a.m. astride the Menin road on a wide front. The first and second waves were so badly battered by the artillery that they never reached our positions. The third wave got into actual contact with our infantry, but met with such a steady and devastating volume of rifle and machine gun fire that it broke and fled back.

OFFER HALDIMAND TO MICHAEL CLARK

T. R. Lalor, M.P., Offers Red Deer Member the Nomination.

Dunville, Oct. 2.—The following telegram was sent this evening by T. R. Lalor, M.P., for Haldimand, to Dr. Michael Clark, Red Deer, Alberta: "Referring to your conversation in Ottawa I am still willing to withdraw my nomination to a great winter convention in Haldimand County. Your patriotic stand as a pronounced Liberal in favor of the war policy of Sir Robert Borden entitles you to the support of every loyal Canadian. I feel sure the people of Haldimand would be honored in endorsing you as their candidate if endorsed by convention, as I feel sure you would. I will support you and guarantee your election by a substantial majority."

British Spoils in September Nearly Fifty-Three Hundred Germans and Many Guns Captured, Haig Reports.

London, Oct. 1.—Gen. Haig, in his official report says: "During the month of September we captured a total of 5296 German prisoners, including 146 officers. We also captured during the same month eleven guns, including three heavy pieces, 57 trench mortars and 377 machine guns."

BRITISH AIRMEN RAIN BOMBS UPON GERMANS

More Than Eleven Tons of Explosives Dropped on Airdromes and Biltets—Four German Machines Downed

London, Oct. 1.—The following official communication dealing with the aerial branch of the army at the front, was issued tonight: "The visibility improved Sunday and a great deal of artillery and photographic work was accomplished by our airmen. Bombing continued without respite day and night. Over eleven tons of bombs were dropped on enemy airdromes and hostile billets and communications in the battle area and on a diked and headed area near Cambrai. The enemy also carried out many bombing raids during the night, but did little damage of military importance. A photograph taken of the results of our bombing at the Gontrode airdrome shows that Saturday night one shed of the airdrome was hit. The same photograph shows three large German machines which landed in a field five miles south of the Gontrode airdrome. Two of these machines clearly were damaged, and reconnaissance today showed all three machines still lying in the field. A large airship which is now used for the accommodation of Gotha airplanes at this airdrome is reported to have been set on fire last night. "The enemy aircraft were not very active yesterday, but a few large formations were encountered. Four German machines were downed and eight driven down out of control. Five of our airplanes are missing."

PRICE OF FLOUR HAS TAKEN DROP

Fixation of Price of Ontario Wheat Has Important Result.

BASED ON MONTREAL

Net Return to Farmer Will Depend Upon Cost of Freight.

The most important result of the fixation of the price of Ontario wheat, as announced yesterday at \$2.22 in Montreal, from a public standpoint, was that the price of Ontario flour, as decided upon by the Toronto Board of Trade price committee, dropped 40 cents per barrel. The price of flour is based on the new price for wheat, and indicates that the millers in Ontario will in most cases be able to procure wheat at lower prices than was formerly the case. This is due to the fact that the new fixed price for wheat is based on Montreal, and this price which the farmer will receive will depend altogether on how far he is distant from this point. In other words, the farmer who lives in western Ontario will be paid the fixed price less what it will cost to ship to Montreal, which will mean that he will get \$2.22, less about 10 or 11 cents for freight. In Toronto and local points the farmer will get in the neighborhood of \$2.14. Up till the end of last week, the millers have been forced to pay up as high as \$2.25 to the farmer. With the price fixed on the present basis it will be seen that the farmer cannot receive more than \$2.22, from which the freight charges to Montreal must be deducted.

Local grain dealers report that, generally speaking, the farmers have not been anxious to sell their grain, but with the price fixed as it is, there will be no advantage in holding off as might have been the case had the price been dependent on the law of supply and demand.

TO SUPPRESS SEDITION State Safety Commission Asks That Those Who Make Disloyal Statements Be Punished.

Concord, N.H., Oct. 1.—State and federal authorities were urged in a resolution today by the state safety commission to punish speedily those in high office who make disloyal or seditious utterances. The resolutions refer to reported utterances of Senator Lafollette and the mention of Judge Cohnon, of New York, in recent disclosures by Secretary of State Lansing.

FRENCH REPEL SHARP ATTACK ALONG MEUSE

Paris Reports Bitter Struggle Between Bois le Chaume and Bezonvaux.

ROAR OF HEAVY GUNS

Artillery Fighting of Formidable Character on the Aisne Front.

Paris, Oct. 1.—Heavy artillery fighting is reported by the war office tonight on the Aisne front. There has also been infantry fighting of a stubborn character on the right bank of the Meuse, where the Germans attacked the French line, but were eventually repulsed. The text of the statement reads: "On the Aisne front there were quite spirited artillery actions in the sectors of Laffaux and Allis, and in the region between the Miette and the Aisne. North of Bray-en-Laonnois, one of our detachments, composed of an officer and twelve men, carried out a surprise attack on an enemy trench and brought back, without having suffered any losses, thirteen prisoners."

"On the right bank of the Meuse, after a violent bombardment, the Germans delivered an attack between the Bois le Chaume and Bezonvaux. A stubborn engagement ensued in our advanced elements, which the enemy had succeeded in entering, and ended to our advantage. Our line was completely re-established, and we took about fifteen prisoners."

"Belgian communication: On September 30 and October 1 the regions around Ramscappelle, Oostcappelle, Rouge Dame, Loo, and Knocke have been exposed to the enemy fire; many of our advanced posts have been violently bombarded. We repulsed the Diksmuide and Clewken and retained numerous German organizations. Our artillery has bombarded enemy communications and cantonments in reprisal for numerous attacks thrown at different points on our rear zone."

"The aviators have been very active during the course of the last two days, carrying out numerous missions of reconnaissance, chase and

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COAL SHIPMENTS TO CANADA STOP

Movement From U. S. Lake Ports Forbidden by Fuel Controller.

RESULT OF PROTESTS

Northwestern States Declare They Are Facing Grave Coal Shortage.

Washington, Oct. 1.—All shipments of coal into Canada from American lake ports were ordered stopped tonight by Fuel Administrator Garfield, to divert coal from these ports to meet fuel shortage in the northwest.

The order also directs that producers shall fill contracts for delivery of coal for Lake Erie ports for transshipment, directs all handling agencies to expedite shipments and forbids the transfer of coal to any point in either the United States or Canada, other than the northwest. Dr. Garfield has been for weeks receiving bitter protests from the northwest.

When the diversion of coal to Canada first was protested against Dr. Garfield announced that the exports shipments to Canada without consultation with the fuel administration. The Canadian buyers continued to drain the lake ports of their coal, however, and of 180,000 tons shipped daily on lake carriers only about 50,000 tons have been reaching the northwest. To meet the needs of the section the daily shipments should average 150,000 tons.

Today Senator Kellogg, of Minnesota, had a long conference with the administrator, and urged that drastic action be taken immediately. There followed the order that which Dr. Garfield, exercising the unlimited power over coal conferred upon him by the president under the Food Control Act, embargoes shipments to Canada and directs the movement of coal in the United States.

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LONDON'S GUNS DIRECT HOT FIRE AT RAIDERS



GERMANS IN TRENCHES The above picture, found by Pte. Sam Lawn of the 3rd Canadian Battalion in France in a trench taken from the Germans, shows Hun soldiers attending to their toilet. Pte. Lawn is back in the trenches after being wounded last October. His wife and two little girls reside at 19 Wardell street.

LAURIER'S RETIREMENT PERSISTENTLY RUMORED

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, Oct. 1.—Dissolution of parliament by formal proclamation is expected tomorrow or Thursday, with a probability that the election date will not be fixed at the time, but considerably later.

The projected reorganization of the cabinet, in part at least, is expected in the course of a few days. The proclamation which will be issued dissolving parliament will set forth that "whereas we have thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of the privy council, to dissolve the present parliament, we do for that end publish this royal proclamation, and do, hereby, dissolve the said parliament accordingly, and the senators of the house of commons are discharged from their meeting and attendance."

Laurier to Retire? The rumored retirement of Sir Wilfrid Laurier from the leadership of the party is persistently heard in Ottawa and from outside points, where it is reported that advice is being given to the party not to pledge

themselves to any "win-the-war" or union candidates pending a reorganization of the Liberals themselves. Sir Wilfrid is in Montreal today. One story was that his visit was purely for purpose of organization, and another that he went to sound his lieutenants on the question of party reconstruction, including the leadership. There is a more or less divided opinion among the Liberals as to whether, everything considered, they would be better off in the election with or without Laurier as leader. If he should retire, a complete reorganization will follow, and notice of an election the latest sizing up of the situation suggests that the election may be deferred until after the new year. So far, no details incidental to the new election acts have to be worked out that an early vote seems impossible, and while dissolution will take place this week, and notice of an election thus be served, the writs may not issue till near the end of the month.

Canadian Heroes of Lens

By Stewart Lyon. Canadian Headquarters in France, Oct. 1.—(Via London.)—The Military Cross has been awarded the following officers for gallantry during the battle of Lens:

Acting Major D. R. Charleson, and Lieuts. Herbert Bloxham Abbott, Ray Holland Wilson, Geo. Gordon, W. H. Allsopp, D. B. Weldon and G. G. Earley, of a British Columbia battalion; Captain D. B. Martyn and Lieutenants John B. Wood and Harold Robertson, of a Manitoba battalion; Lieutenants Harry Beaumont and R. J. Goodman, of an Ontario battalion; Capt. Benjamin Ethelbert Nicholls, also of an Ontario battalion, has been awarded a far to his military cross. His conduct was particularly gallant. His company, during an attack, was held up by an enemy strong point, in which were many guns and bombers. Altho wounded, Capt. Nicholls led a party which charged and captured the position. He himself shot four of the defenders

Four Groups of Planes Attack Coast Towns Before Moving Upon Metro-polis --- Numerous Bombs Dropped in Thickly Populated Districts --- Terrific Barrage is Reponse

London, Oct. 1.—The strongest air attack yet attempted on London and the coast towns by the Germans was carried out tonight by four groups of hostile airplanes. Some of the machines got thru to London and bombed the southwestern district. A terrific barrage was sent up from the defence guns, and the roar of battle lasted intermittently for two and a half hours. The Germans bombed coast towns as they passed over and proceeded towards London. Two of the groups succeeded in getting a number of machines thru the sky barrage. Numerous bombs were dropped on the southwestern district, which is thickly populated with the homes of the upper and middle classes. The fire from the defending guns was longer and louder than ever before. A rain of shrapnel fell in all sections of the town, and the streets were virtually deserted except for a few police.

Lord French's Report. Lord French, commander of the home defence tonight issued the following report dealing with tonight's raid: "A group of hostile airplanes crossed the Essex coast at 7 o'clock this evening and proceeded across Essex towards London. "This group of machines was followed at about a quarter of an hour's interval by a second group, which hurled the same course. "The first attack on London was delivered from the east about 7.45 p.m. Most of the raiders were turned back but one or more of the machines penetrated the defences and dropped bombs in the southwestern district. "About 8.15 p.m. the second group of raiders attempted to cross the defences at various points in northeast and north London, but without success until shortly after 9 o'clock, when a few of the machines passed across London and bombs were again dropped in the southwestern district. "Meanwhile a third group of raiders crossed the Kentish coast and dropped bombs at various places. This group did not penetrate very far westward. "A fourth group of enemy machines crossed the Essex coast about 8.50 o'clock and proceeded toward London, which was approached shortly before 10 o'clock. They did not penetrate farther than the northeast outskirts of London, where some bombs are reported to have been dropped. "No reports of casualties or damage have yet been received. "Weather Favors Fo. The weather was perfect for air operations, as there was a bright, full moon, with no clouds or wind. The people of London expected a raid and were waiting for signals. Soon after 7 o'clock motors of the volunteer corps sped thru the streets blowing their sirens and displaying an illuminated notice, "Take Cover." The telephone exchanges notified their subscribers and other measures were put into execution to inform the populace of the pending air raid. Many of the theatres were continuing their performances, and the audience and stage hands to vote on the question of continuing the night performances. All voted in favor of carrying them on as usual."

U. S. SHIPPING BOARD IS NOW COMPLETED

Commission to Control Chartering of All Merchant Vessels.

Washington, Oct. 1.—Organization of the shipping board's chartering commission was completed today with the appointment of J. D. Simon of New York as a member. The other members of the commission are Welding Ring, chairman, and Daniel Bacon, both of New York.

The commission will have in charge the chartering of all merchant vessels in the United States either for government or private account. On October 15 the shipping board will commandeer the charters of all American ships, placing them in the hands of the commission. In future foreign as well as American ships chartered here must be chartered through the commission.

Berlin Deutsche Zeitung Has Again Been Suppressed

Amsterdam, Oct. 1.—The Berlin Deutsche Zeitung, which recently was suppressed for a day, has again been suppressed, according to the Vossische Zeitung, for drawing persons away of the supreme army command into the current political discussion.