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British Are Off Again on Drive at The Huns; Borden Succeeds in Forming Union Cabinet

GIVING ENEMY NO REST; HAIG HITS HARD AGAIN NEAR YPRES

British Renew Attack On Germans on Six Mile Front

Satisfactory Progress is Early Report—Haig's Charge Follows Heavy Rainfall; Another Effective Air Raid; German Failures on French Front

London, Oct. 12—The British troops in Flanders attacked the Germans this morning on a front of about six miles northeast of Ypres. They are reported to be making satisfactory progress. Rain fell heavily during last night.

AN AIR RAID ALSO

London, Oct. 12—Another air raid over Belgium was reported officially today. The statement follows: "Naval aircraft dropped many bombs on the Sharappelhoek air-drome yesterday afternoon, despite heavy clouds and rain. All our machines returned."

ON FRENCH FRONT

Paris, Oct. 12—"The night was marked by great activity of the artillery and by a series of German efforts at various points on the front," says today's official statement. "West of Cerny we repulsed an enemy attack, while a detail operation carried out by us north of Noisy Farm enabled us to bring back prisoners. An enemy surprise attack west of Maisons de Champagne, and three German efforts in the region of Auberville and Souain, came to nothing. "On the right bank of the Meuse artillery fighting continues in the region of Bezonvaux."

ALL GOES WELL

British Headquarters in France and Belgium, Oct. 12—(By the Associated Press)—By 7.45 o'clock this morning reports were received that everything was going well with today's British attack in Flanders. The troops along a wide front had pushed forward to a depth averaging 800 yards or more. Prisoners are beginning to come in early, although slowly, owing to the condition of the ground.

British Front in France and Belgium, Oct. 12—Indications are that trouble was impending, as about four a. m. a large number of gas shells were fired by them along the British front.

"The British steam roller goes up hill very slowly, but it is now going down hill and battles are following each other more and more rapidly," said Major General Maurice, director of operations at the British war office yesterday in London. The truth of this assertion was driven home less than twenty-four hours after it was made by the beginning, this morning, of another British attack in Flanders. Only three days had elapsed since the last attack, made on Tuesday. Tuesday's push was launched after a four-day pause, the last previous drive having been carried on the preceding Thursday.

Unusually intervals of a week or more had elapsed between the British attacks. Good progress was reported early by Field Marshal Haig along the six mile front northeast of Ypres on which today's assault is being delivered. Apparently the objective is the remainder of the ridge commanding the Flanders plain over the dominant points of which the British have already passed and are driving downward. Another notable fact in connection with the present series of drives is that each now is apparently being made regardless of weather conditions.

WEATHER MAN GIVES HOPE OF FINE DAY FOR SATURDAY GAME

Chicago, Oct. 12—Fair, with slow rising temperature, was the weather forecast for tomorrow's baseball game between the Chicago White Sox and New York Giants.

ASKS HIM TO LEAD NEW SWEDISH CABINET

Stockholm, Oct. 12—M. Widon, a moderate Liberal, has been asked by King Gustave of Sweden to form a new ministry.

BODY OF YOUTH IS RECOVERED IN HARBOR

When Commissioner Russell was notified of the harbor tragedy this morning he assigned several men from the harbor department with three sets of grappling irons to aid in the search for the body. Up to the time of going to press no sign of the body had been found. The body was recovered a little before three o'clock this afternoon by John Miller and a companion named Coran, who were grappling for it near the spot where the young man sank.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

George Smith and Robert Campbell 50 Years Masons

New Brunswick Lodge Celebrates the Event and Presents an Address to Each—Interesting Programme Follows

For half a century George Smith and Robert Campbell have been members of New Brunswick Lodge, F. & A. M., and in recognition of their jubilee they were guests of honor at the meeting of their lodge in the Masonic Temple last evening.

R. J. WALSH DEAD

Prominent in Business And in Good Works

Passed Away This Morning After Long Illness—A Worthy Citizen Whose Death Will be Mourned by Many

Richard J. Walsh, a well known and highly esteemed citizen, passed away at an early hour this morning at his residence in Clarendon street, after an illness extending over a year. He was in his 56th year.

REPORT SHOWS LESS DISEASE IN CITY THIS YEAR

Figures for Quarter Submitted by Medical Health Officer LESS THAN HALF

Absence of Deaths From Acute Notifiable Diseases Establishes a Record—Death Rate Decreases But Tuberculosis Figures Disappointing

The following are extracts from the quarterly report of the chief health officer, Dr. Melvin. The report shows a very considerable improvement in health conditions in the city since last year.

Table with columns: Month, Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever, Typhoid, Measles, Tuberculosis, Totals. Rows for July, August, Sept., and Totals.

The September quarter again shows a decrease in typhoid cases, this time all the more necessarily in view of the very favorable figures of last year. This is the fifth of such terms showing a consecutive decrease, the figures being 1913, 49; 1914, 17; 1915, 15; 1916, 8; 1917, 7.

A still further reduction can hardly be reasonably looked for as long as disease continues beyond the city limits and then imported. No doubt some typhoid cases are not reported; but the reports this year are, at least, as complete as in previous years and so the comparison holds good.

LIQUOR SEIZED IN EXPRESS COMPANY'S FREDERICTON OFFICE

Fredericton, Oct. 12—The first seizure of liquor here under the provincial prohibition measure was made last night when five packages and two barrels of spirituous liquor were taken from the Dominion Express Company's office by Chief of Police Finley and Policeman Jones.

ACIDENT

While working in the conveyor to the Water street elevator this morning Joseph Lepie, an Italian, aged 58 years, fell eight feet and injured his arm and leg. He was taken to the General Public Hospital and an X-ray taken. Up to the time of going to press it could not be said just what his injuries were.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Miss Susan Allan took place this afternoon from her late residence, 169 Douglas avenue. Services were conducted by Rev. R. P. McKim. Interment was made in the Church of England burying ground.

REGULAR CAR FERRY SERVICE ABOUT TO START

Finishing Touches Being Given To Terminals

A MISCALCULATION

Possibility of Trouble in Docking and Consequent Inability To Maintain Schedule—Further Dredging Work Considered Necessary

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Oct. 11—This week the car ferry steamer is expected to begin her regular service between Pt. Borden, P. E. I., and Cape Tormentine, N. B., thus ushering in a new era in transportation in this province.

REVIVAL SERVICES

The good number that braved the storm last evening to attend the Coburg street Christian church revival shows the interest manifested. The singing group led the song service; Rev. J. A. B. Appel led in prayer; the revivalist took his text from Rom. 5:7-8. His theme was "Why Must Christ Die?"

COUNTY HOSPITAL SUPPLIES

Contracts for supplies for the county tuberculosis hospital have been awarded to F. E. Williams Co., Ltd., for canned goods and vegetables, and to George Anthony for milk.

Phelix and Pherdinand WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, Chief Meteorological Service

Synopsis—The depression which was over Minnesota yesterday morning is now centered over Lake Huron, with increasing energy, while the cold wave has drawn southwards to Dakota. In the west the weather has been fair and cold. Elsewhere in Canada rain has fallen in nearly all localities.

FORECASTS

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong winds and gales, westerly to northerly, colder with rain, turning in some localities to sleet and snow. Saturday decreasing westerly winds, fair and cold.

ONE ST. JOHN MAN IN THE OFFICIAL LIST

Ottawa, Oct. 12—Casualties: INFANTRY Killed in Action Corporal C. E. McLaughlin, St. John, N. B. Wounded F. H. Conrad, Rose Bay, N. S.

SERVICES

G. W. Sutherland, Belmont, N. S.

NOVA SCOTIAN APPOINTED

Rev. Gordon H. Baker, B. A., B. D., pastor of the Temple Baptist church, Outremont, Quebec, has presented his resignation to the church, to accept the appointment as general secretary of the Province of Quebec. Mr. Baker is a native of Nova Scotia. In 1904 he was graduated with B. A. degree from Acadia University.

Hon. J. D. Hazen Retires And Will be Chief Justice of Province; No One in Yet From New Brunswick

Ottawa, Oct. 12—The definite entry of five additional Liberals into the cabinet followed a morning of protracted negotiations. There was a continual passing to and fro of members of the old and the new administration.

At a quite early hour, Frank Carvell, the Liberal member for Carleton, was in evidence, and went into consultation with the prime minister. Within a few minutes, he was followed by Premier G. H. Murray, of Nova Scotia; A. K. MacLean, Liberal M.P. for Halifax, and the western Liberals.

About noon the eastern men left the conference, strictly non-communicative as to their attitude. Doubts are expressed, however, whether Premier Murray will join the cabinet as was indicated last night. The name of Mr. MacLean is suggested in his stead, but here again some doubt is felt. The conferences will continue throughout the day, however.

An official statement on the final composition of the new government will probably be issued this evening.

The portfolios so far allotted provide, it will be noticed, for the division of the portfolio of the interior, Hon. J. A. Calder, taking immigration and colonization, formerly in this department, as a new portfolio. Hon. Martin Burrell becomes secretary of state and minister of mines. Hon. Arthur Meighen becomes minister of the interior. With the two sworn in last week—Col. Ballantyne and Hugh Guthrie—there are now seven Liberals in the cabinet.

Of the old administration, Sir Robert Borden, Sir Thomas White, Hon. Arthur Meighen, Sir George Posters, Sir Edward Kemp, Sir James Longhead, Hon. Frank Cochrane, Hon. J. D. Reid, Hon. C. J. Doherty, Hon. M. Burrell, Hon. A. Seville, and Hon. P. Blondin remain in the government, as well as Hon. C. C. Ballantyne and Hon. Hugh Guthrie, who became members last week.

The new members are Hon. A. L. Sifton, premier of Alberta; Hon. Jas. A. Calder, minister of public works, Saskatchewan; L. A. Creerar, Winnipeg; General McWhurn, Hamilton; N. W. Rowell, leader of the Ontario provincial Liberal party.

Hon. F. B. McCurdy, parliamentary secretary of militia and defence, and Hon. Hugh Clark, parliamentary secretary of the department of external affairs, retain their respective offices.

Hon. Frank Cochrane, who retires from the department of railways and canals, is without portfolio, and will soon take the chairmanship of the board of management of the Canadian Northern Railway.

The members retiring from the cabinet are Hon. J. D. Hazen, who will become chief justice of New Brunswick; Sir George Perley, to accept the high commissionership in London; Hon. Dr. Roche, to the chairmanship of the civil service board; Hon. T. W. Crothers, who will accept a judgeship; Hon. Frank Cochrane, who resigns his portfolio, but remains as a member of the privy council; Hon. Robert Rogers and Hon. E. L. Patenaude retired from the cabinet some months ago.

LIKELY TO SUCCEED PREMIER SIFTON

Edmonton, Alb., Oct. 12—Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of public works, is said to be a practical certainty as successor to Hon. A. L. Sifton as premier of Alberta. Mr. Sifton is entering the union government.

NOVA SCOTIAN CHIEF JUSTICE DIES SUDDENLY

Halifax, Oct. 12—Sir Wallace Graham, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia, died suddenly this morning while at the breakfast table. He was taken ill and passed away before medical assistance reached him.

Sir Wallace was sixty-nine years of age, and was born at Antigonish. He is survived by his wife, one son, Bruce Graham, barrister of this city and one married daughter in England.

NEW YORK HARBOR TIE-UP THREATENED

New York, Oct. 12—The newly organized marine workers affiliation of the port of New York, in a letter to tugboat owners today, threatened to "tie-up" every tug, barge, ferry boat and lighter in the harbor, unless the workers are granted a substantial increase in wages by November 1.

Big Property Deal Has Been Effectuated

Fredericton, Oct. 12—The purchase of the Halifax Lumber Company by Fraser Companies, Limited, is announced here as having taken place on last Wednesday. The capital stock of the company has been purchased by Fraser Companies. The purchase includes 288,000 acres in soil right, with seven mills on it. The purchase price is not announced, but it is less than one million dollars.

A premature announcement of the purchase of this property was made some weeks ago but the sale did not take place until Wednesday. Archibald Fraser, Donald Fraser and W. Mathieson, officials of the company, R. B. Hanson, solicitor, and G. A. Taylor, manager of the Fredericton branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, went to Halifax a few days ago to close the transaction.

The property acquired is located near Ship Harbor in the southeastern portion of Nova Scotia. It is considered improbable that the new owners will operate it at present.

DELAYED NEWS OF A LIBERAL VICTORY

Regina, Sask., Oct. 12—Word reached the city today that J. O. Nolin, Liberal candidate in Isle La Crosse, provincial election held on September 20, was returned by a majority of 195, his opponent losing his deposit. Mr. Nolin has been a member of the Saskatchewan legislature since the formation of the province.

URUGUAY HAS BROKEN BONDS

Amsterdam, Oct. 12—The Uruguayan charge d'affaires in Berlin has notified the German foreign office that relations between Uruguay and Germany have been severed, according to a despatch received from Berlin. The despatch adds that the charge also requested his passports.