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Dashing Frenchmen Swam Lys and Surprised Foes.

NEW BATTLE IS BEGUN TEN THOUSAND CAPTIVES

tions Has Become Merely Desultory.

Canadian Press Despatch. FROM THE BATTLEFRONT (via

than for several weeks.
Two thousand French Cuirassiers

have distinguished themselves by a daring feat in swimming the River Lys, where it flows deep and swift. They completely outwitted the Germans, who were awaiting them on the other side with machine guns and GREAT BATTLE NEAR WARSAW. heavy artiflery
The French horsemen made a long

detour during the night. One man swam the river with a rope, then drag-ged over a cable which he attached to a tree. The others, holding to the rope, crossed singly with their horses thru the swirling waters. Charged German Flank.

Arrived on the opposite bank, the French drew up in line and charged the German flank at Merville, driving Germans back and opening the for the passage over the river of a division of the allied infantry, who later occupied Estaires. The present war differs from all previous wars, insmuch as no one knows just when a battle begins and when it ends. What ways on the German side of the fronis now known as the battle of the four 18 now known as the battle of the four rivers, the Scarpe, the Somme, the Olse and the Alsne, may be regarded as concluded, and a fresh stage of operations began with the fall of Antwerp and the renewed appearance of a strong allied army in Belgian territory, where it has made its presence felt by the capture of Ypres.

The minitary governor, of warsaw has informed the population that they may remain calm and reassured, as the defence of Warsaw is to be carried to the highest degree of tension.

the capture of Ypres.

Desultory Sieges.

Meanwhile the siege of the German positions further south has become merely desultory, some parts of the line where a perfect hail of shells was a fally companied by weeks ago are a daily occurrence five weeks ago, are now enlivened by artillery fire only at

The remainder of the very strong allied forces at these points are kept in reserve within measurable distance ready for any emergency. The cold and wet have made trench work very trying, but the allies are well provided with blankets and waterproof sheets. The soldiers are also combating the cold by means of sheets of parchment which they wear under their uniforms, and which are found

to resist the cold well.

Many Trenches Taken. Many of the advanced German trenches appear to have been abandoned, and the allies were able to make much headway where previously they had met with furious resistance. The idea prevails that the Germans are preparing to retire at the centre and concertrate—their energies further north, where it is supposed they intend to make another attempt to break

the ailies line. It appears evident that the commanders of both armies have been awaiting reinforcements where they are most needed, and, in the meantime, are feeling each other out. There is reason to believe that these fresh forces have arrived and have been assigned to their proper places, and a rapid development may be expected. The newly arrived German troops are thought to have come directly from Germany and are composed of second and third reserves, who need a period of pulling together before going to the

Noted British M.P. and His Brother Victims of Murderous Attack in Rou-

mania.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON. Oct. 16, 2.15 a.m.-A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Bucharest says:

"Noel Buxton (member of the British Parliament for North Norfolk), and his brother, Charles Roden Buxton. sons of Sir Thomas Powell Buxton, former governor of South Australia. who had been in Bulgaria to confer with Bulgarian politicians regarding Bulgarian attitude toward the ropean war, were both shot today by a young Turk, Pachel Hassan,

former Bulgarian premier, to attend the funeral of the king of Roumania when Pachel fired four shots at the party from a revolver. One of the

Invading Forces Reported Enthusiasm Was Unbounded Cut in Two After Desperate Fighting.

Russians Victorious Near Przemysl.

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Oct. 15.-A despatch from Paris), Oct. 16, 12.99 a.m.-Infantry Petrograd to The Evening Courier, and cavalry, after a period of com- says that reports from the Russian parative inactivity, have been doing more fighting during the last few days the for several weeks. en back on the Louz-Pietrokow-Kieice line, after two days of desperate nghting. The Russian advance is being rushed forward It is beneved that 10,000 Germans have been taken prisoners in these operations.

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. PETROGRAD, Oct. 15.—The streets of Warsaw are now filled with villagers, who, for protection, have fled into the city from the surrounding districts, bringing with them their horses and cattle.

The sound of distant cannonading is distinctly heard, and it is believed that a general engagement is in progress. If this is the case, it is expected that it will last for days, possibly weeks.

The Germans Lave been allowed to advance as far as the Polish River Vistula for strategic reasons. They are thus drawn away from, and will be unable to use, the network of rail-ways on the German side of the from the stuary transports are steadily discharging their cargoes amidst scenes are steadily disconstructed.

It is hoped that the enemy will be decimated by the blow and will be compelled to accept defeat. The military governor of Warsaw

AERIAL ATTACKS.

(Continued on Page 1. Column 1.)

When Debarkation of Canadians Began.

IMPRESSIVE SPECTACLE

Siege of Many German Posi- Aerial Attacks Beaten Off- Fine Appearance of Soldiers Commented Upon by Newspapers.

> PLYMOUTH, Oct. 16, 1.19 a.m. (Via London).-The Canadians received a debarkation order from the war office unexpectedly this evening. Despite the rain crowds evening. Despite the rain crowds of people turned out to watch the landing and entraining of the troops, which began with a contingent of Strathcona's Horse.
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> The various contingents were headed thru the streets by their bands and pipes. Owing to the difficulty of berthing the transports, in consequence of the neap tide, the debarkation of the Canadians is expected to be slow.

LONDON, Oct. 16-Extensive camps have been prepared for the Canadians on Salisbury Plain. The first contingents are expected to arrive from Plymouth during tonight. The movements of the troops will probably be conducted

charging their cargoes amidst scenes of the keenest enthusiasm. The surprise in this famous port was unbounded when the transports suddenly came into this harbor. From south to north the eye traveled up the Hamoze following what seemed an almost unending line of masts and funnels un-til it faded away in the dim light of the higher waters before taking a turn for Saltash bridge.

It was an unprecedented sight, one indeed without parallel in the history of the great western port. Never be-Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to
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LONDON, Oct. 15—Advices from the blage of this class of ship in the company of the great western port. Never fore has there been such an assumption of the great western port. Never fore has there been such an assumption of the great western port.

(Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

ALLIES MADE NOTABLE GAINS NEAR RHEIMS AND ST. MIHIEL; FRENCH REOCCUPY TWO TOWNS PRIESTS AS FIGHTING MEN



Sixty thousand men-of-the church are with the armies in Europe, acting in various capacities. Photo shows Belgian minister on the way to Alost

Turkish and Russian Fleets Are Said To Be in Action

Former German Cruisers Goeben and Breslau, and Other Turkish Vessels, Have Been Attacked in the Black Sea.

LONDON, Oct 15. - A despatch from Bucharest would

"Heavy cannonading has been heard off Kustendje, Rou-mania. It is believed that the It is recalled that the sudden

appearance of the Goeben and Breslau at Sulina caused something of a sensation. have been veritable will-o'-the wisps since hostilities started, but were thought to have been bottled up in Turkish waters. No sooner did they put into Sulina than the news was wirelessed to the Russian fleet, and it seems probable that the firing heard off the Roumanian coast is between Russian and the pseudo Turkish cruisers.

It is reported from Constantinople by Rome that the commander of the Goeben has been selected as acting admiral-in-chief of the Turkish navy, and that the sultan plans a raid on the Russian naval forces. Athens newspapers publish the statement that two German steamships have fallen into

Waverers Have Swung to Two and a Half Billion Dollars British Side - Strong Measures to Suppress Treason.

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Oct. 15 - Eighty of Lieut.-Col. Maritz's Boer rebels have been captured after a brief fight by the union forces.

Canadian Press Despatch.

CAPETOWN, Oct. 15, 10.15 p.m. (Via London).—As a result of Col. Maritz's rebellion in the northwest of the Cape provinces, Gen. Louis Boths premier of the Union of South Africa and commander of the troops of th union, is taking the fields earlier tha he originally intended to do. Gen. Botha is placing himself at the head of several strong Dutch commands, organized on the old burgher line, which are affiliated with regiments trained by the union defence force.

Commandants, field cornets and burghers who served under Gen. Botha in the South African war, are rallying to his call, irrespective of their political feeling, to fight alongside the English in defence of the appring English in defence of the empire, against which, twelve years ago, they were in arms. This fact has had a marked effect on waverers, who are now flocking to Gen. Botha's standard. The other rebels within the union Three-Quarters of a Million Spanish Newspapers Say Step strong supporters of the government considers itself not obliged to deal gently with them out of consideration for certain Dutch people, who, even they are not strong supporters of the government of the gover strong supporters of the government, are said to have drawn the line at re-

The government is also adopting stern measures by arresting promin-ent men who are suspected of sowing sedition, charging them with high trea-

Gen. Herzog, who has been one of Gen. Botha's most bitter opponents has placed his services at the disposal

IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

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Called for-Government to Provide Work.

Canadian Press Despatch. AMSTERDAM, Oct. 15, via London, 9.50 p.m.—The Telegraaf today publishes the following despatch from Berlin:

"The Prussian Government will ask the diet for a war credit of more than \$2,500,000,000.

"The government work on the railways and highways will be proposed n order to cope with the unemploy-ment situation and to give relief to small communities. At a joint sitting of the party leaders it was decided unanimously to support the government's program. The sitting of the diet will partake of the character of a war session and will last only a few days.

DUTCH TO RAISE \$20,000.000.

Canadian Press Despatch. THE HAGUE Oct. 15, by way of London, 6.35 p.m.—The first chamber oday passed the measure providing for the second war credit of \$20,000,000

Big Demand for Seats. When the box office at the Princess l'heatre opened yesterday morning there was a big demand for seats for the engagement of Maude Adams, who comes to that theatre next week in J.

M. Barrie's new play, "The Legend of orable to defensive operations.

Best Hat Values of the Season.

New shipments put the Dineen Co.,

140 Yonge street, in



without at this Twenty cases of smart soft hats from Canadian factories have just been opened, and they are certainly uncommonly good value at \$2. Most

of them are blue, with contrasting broad bands. Another shipment that will prove of supreme interest to the when Pachel fired four shots at the party from a revolver. One of the Buxtons was shot thru the lung. The timer was only slightly wounded.

"The assassin was arrested. It appears that he had just arrived here from Salonica. He had a passport which was vised at Constantinople, sept. 26."

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The harbor commissioners state, however, that only a few hundred bushels have disappeared.

The harbor commissioners state, has arrived for Spain to abandon her state of passive observation and prescal terms of the thefts in the field, they go on to say, the operations will not remain confined to Frankford, Ont., was the victim of a fatal accident this afternoon. He was only slightly wounded.

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New Tactics Have Been Adopted in Alsace-Lorraine, Resulting in Reoccupation of Muhlausen and Altkirch-Armies in Death Grip Near Metz, Where German Line of Communications is Threatened, if Not Broken-Movement From Verdun to Metz May Culminate in Complete Success for French-Germans Have Been Temporarily Checked Near Ostend-Rheims Cathedral Still Bombarded-Official Statements Tell of Successes in Dilferent Sections.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—Gaul and Teuton met in death grips today on the ground won Tuesday and Wednesday, commanding the roads to Metz, and it is said that the German line of communications to that base is seriously imperiled if not definitely lost. The French War Office will give no information on the subject, but it is stated in well-Office will give no information on the subject, but it is stated in well-informed circles that masses of French troops have been moving in the direction of Metz for several days. One report declares that the Germans in the district affected by this new change of tactics have been thrown back beyond Muhlhausen. To support this statement comes a cable from Rome, declaring that messages from Basle say the French have reoccupied Muhlhausen and Altkirch, both strong fortresses, and both taken by the French soon after the beginning of hostilities, evacuated and retaken, but finally relinquished because of pressure in the

ALLIES MAKE IMPORTANT GAINS.

The official communication issued by the French War Office tonight says: "The news of the day indicates gains at several points along the front.

"On the left wing, to the north of the Lys, we have taken Estaires. On the centre to the north and east of Rheims, we have

made an advance of nearly two kilometres (about a mile and a

"On the heights of the Meuse, and in the Woevre region, we GERMANS MARCHING WEST.

The war office made public the following communique this afternoon: "In Belgium, German troops coming from Antwerp are marching toward the west, and on the evening of Oct. 14 they reached the region of Bruges and Thielt (15 miles southeast of Bruges).
"On our left wing the enemy has evacuated the left bank of the

Lys. Between the Lys and the canal of La Bassee the situation shows "In the region of Lens and between Arras and Albert our pro-

gress has been marked. "Between the Somme and the Oise there has been no change. The Germans have cannonaded our line without, however, delivering any infantry attacks.

"On the centre, between the Oise and the Meuse, we have advanced in the direction of Craonne. To the northeast of the highway from Berry-au-Bac to Rheims, and to the north of Prunay, in the direction of Beine, several German trenches have been taken.

"Between the Meuse and the Moselle, after having repulsed on the night of Oct. 13-14 certain attacks to the southeast of Verdun, our troops advanced on Oct. 14 to the south of the highway from Verdun to Metz. "On our right wing the partial offensive movement undertaken by the Germans in the Ban-de-Sapt, to the north of St. Die, has been

definitely checked." COUP MAY MEAN SUCCESS.

The phrase "our troops advanced on Oct. 14 to the south of the highway from Verdun to Metz" is the significant portion of the communique. Judging from all reports, this movement has culminated in a great coup that may mean the complete success of the French on their left centre and left wings. That a formidable movement against Metz is taking place would seem established by a denial from high German sources of a report supposed to have been promulgated by the ailies that several of the forts at Metz have fallen. As a matter of fact, this is the very first intimation that fighting has taken place in the vicinity of that fortress, whose importance compares to Belfort or Verdun on the French lines. The German report also says that their troops in that vicinity have not lost any ground.

The situation in Belgium and northwestern France remains a

GERMANS OCCUPY BRUGES. A late message from Amsterdam declares that the Germans have

occupied Bruges, 13 miles from Ostend, and are now in force at a point two-thirds of the way between Ghent and Ostend. For two days the German occupation of the latter city has been thought inevitable and it was understood that no defence of the town would be attempted because of the flat country by which it is surrounded, extremely unfav-

But, whatever the cause, the kaiser's hordes have failed to put in an appearance, and it seems logical that they have met with either temporary or permanent check. Reports from the front tell of Anglo-French victories at many points of the line from Roye northward.
The fierceness of the fighting in this vicinity is indicated by the fact that Roye has been taken and lost no less than twelve times. It is now in the hands of the allies.

ALLIES COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL. Along the line of the Lys, allied troops were completely successful today, and forced the Germans to cede much ground, including heavily fortified positions. As a result of these operations, it is said the northwestern corner of France, which juts into the territory of King Albert. has been completely cleared of the German foe. Around Arras,

Albert and Bens, allied victories are officially confirmed. Lille seems to be the new concentration point of the German right, which is falling back from the Aisne and Oise lines, the scene of their long-continued and desperate resistance. In the neighborhood of Prunay and Beine, in the Craonne district, bayonet charges have wrested a large number of trenches from the kaiser's men.

Arras has been almost destroyed as the result of German artillery fire, one of the buildings which has vanished in smoke and as being

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seem to indicate that Turkish and possibly converted German cruisers, now under the Turkish flag, have met the Russian fleet in the Black Sea off the Rou-manian coast. The despatch

former German cruisers Goeben and Breslau, which now fly the Turkish flag, and yesterday undertook to escort from the Sulina (an arm of the Danube in the Dobrudja, district of Roumania) several transports laden with munitions, have attacked, or were attacked by the Russian fleet."

Bushels May Have Been Taken at Montreal.

Canadian Press Despatch. MONTREAL, Oct. 15 .- A large quantity of grain, said by some to be more than would fill two of the biggest

Was Taken Yesterday and Call for Some Action.

Special Direct Convrighted Cable to The Toronto World. MADRID, Oct. 15 .- While the minister of state remains silent on the of the premier. authenticity of the report that Portu-"tramps" plying out of Montreal, has authenticity of the report that Portu-been stolen from elevators owned by the Spanish newspapers say the debeen stolen from elevators owned by the Spanish newspapers say the dethe Buxtons were traveling in an automobile with a son of M. Guechoff, ormer Bulgarian premier, to attend the funeral of the king of Roumania been stolen from elevators owned by the Spanish newspapers say the dethe Montreal harbor commissioners. Claration was made today.

Liberal organs discuss at length the new situation created by Portugal's attitude and declare that the moment of the king of Roumania.