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AND ONB LONDON IN BIG NIGHT RAID

Another Violent Battle Proceeds at Verdun With Repulse of Germans

Five German Attempts Fail to Advance Front on Meuse.

BATTLE FOR WOODS

Allies Inflict Heavy Punishment for Rash Enemy Attacks.

Paris. Sept. 24.—The Germans made repeated attacks against the French lines today, particularly north of Verdun, where they were driven back under the French fire along a front of about a mile and a quarter. Secondary attacks north of Bezonvaux and near Beaumont were also reand near Beaumont were also re-culsed with sanguinary losses, ac-cording to the statement of the war tonight. The text reads:

"On the Aisne front the artillery action was very spirited in the neighborhood of Braye-en-Laonnois. Cerny and Hurtebise. We repulsed a surprise attack against our small posis porth of Braye. posts north of Braye.

"On the right bank of the Meuse "On the right bank of the Meuse, following the bombardment reported in the morning communication, the Germans attacked our trenches north of Bois-le-Chaume along a front of about two kilometres. The attack was carried out by four battallons, supported by special assaulting troops. Disorganized by our fire, the enemy was unable to reach our lines on the greater part of the front of the on the greater part of the front of the attack In some trench elements in the centre, where the enemy had succeeded in gaining a foothold, violent fighting ensued, which ended to our advantage. Our soldiers, after inflicting heavy losses on the adversary, remained masters of their positions.

Secondary Attacks. *

*At the same time two secondary that we are delivered, one north of

attacks were delivered, one north of Bezonvaux, the other southeast of Beaumont; these likewise suffered sanguinary check by reason of the valor of our troops, who, leaving their own trenches, advanced fiercely to

meet their assailants.
"In the course of the afternoon two new attempts carried out against our trenches in the Bois-le-Chaume resulted in only augmenting the number of losses suffered by the enemy, without gaining for him the slightest advantage. We took about fifty prisoners in the course of this action.

"Bastern theatre: The artillery was could active on the Vardar front

quite active on the Vardar front. around Doiran and the Cerna Bend. On September 22 the Bulgarians succeeded in gaining a temporary foot-hold in a work in the first line east of Lake Presba They were driven out almost immediately by a Russian counter-attack."

The text of the French day state-Violent artillery actions occurred

in the region of Braye-en-Laonnois, the Friedmont Farm and Hurtebise-An enemy surprise attack on the last-mentioned point failed. In Cham-pagne we raided the German lines

persed by our fire. On the right bank the artillery actions took on a character of extreme intensity during the night in the neighborhood of the Bois des Fosses and the Bois-le-Chaume. Everywhere else the night was calm.

DISSOLUTION OF

Proclamation at Beginning of cant differences and unitedly stand of this city. Next Week is An-

ticipated.

By a Staff Reporter.
Ottawa, Sept. 24.—Parliament will be dissolved next week, probably at the beginning. The formality simply is that the prime minister in such a case recommends to the governorgeneral that parliament should be dis-solved, and the latter issues a proclamation to that effect.

October 7 is the last day of the life of the present parliament, which was extended lone year. However, it is certain that the prime minister, who is expected back in the city on Monday or Tuesday, will not wait until When the general election will take place is problematical. Most agree that it will be held during the first fortnight of December, but there are those who believe that it will not take place until spring or early summer. frequent. HOMELESS



A Frenchman returns to his home in Flanders to find his house in ruins. children were buried beneath the house. None were killed.

British Down Fourteen Aircraft

Aerial Fighting in Flanders Completely Destroys Eight German Machines.

London, Sept. 24—An official communication respecting aviation operations, issued tonight, reads:

"On Sunday again there was a slight lull in the aerial operations, the our airplanes and balloons continued to observe for our artillery. Successful bombing raids also were undertaken, in the course of which the airplanes dropped 167 bombs on hostile billets, hutments and airdromes. "In the air fighting, eight enemy machines were brought down and six were brought down out of control. Another machine was brought to earth on Saturday in addition to those already mentioned. Three of our machines are missing."

W. F. NICKLE DECLINES TO SEEK RE-ELECTION

Conservative M. P. for Kingston Calls Upon Parties to Unite in Electing Candidate on "Win the War" Platform.

Special to The Toronto World. sensation was caused in local poli- the war to a victorious conclusion tical circles this afternoon when W. and abiding peace. presented Kingston in the house of commons for the past six years, an- to the refusal of a substantial number

papers. In his statement, he said: brought down six German airplanes." the support of all, in whose judgment war take priority."

for reinforcements for our men at the Kingston, Ont., Sept. 24.—Quite a front and the vigorous prosecution of

Deplores Discord. "An election becomes inevitable due

enemy reconnaissances which atnounced that he would not be a cantempted to reach our lines were disdidate for re-election. He made the didate for re-election. He made the ment to concur in a further extension announcement in a letter to the news- being granted. To me it is a matter of regret that at a critical time in our opens. In his statement, he said. history like the present, there should be discord and difference in of the past be forgotten, that we place of harmony and co-operation.

"The questions before the Canadian Everywhere else the night was calm.

"Enemy airplanes last night bombed the region north of Bar-le-Duc. have made us members of this party

"The questions before the Canadian people for consideration and determination are vital. Canada in this Several bombs fell on a camp of or that but that as Canadians we of election will not reach her decision on ers being killed and seventeen or man prisoners, two of the prisoners two of the prisoners being killed and seventeen this loyal electoral division unite in the domestic problems that have in times past interested and influenced selecting from among us as our reounded.

"On September 23 our pilots presentative a man who commands and the vigorous determination of the

and impartiality we have confidence; a man who will place first the promotion of the war and the securing by the Military Service Act of the necestary of the firm of Nickle, Farrell and Day, PARLIAMENT NEAR the Military Service Act of the necesther firm of Nickle, Farrell and Day, and previous to entering politics was active in municipal affairs, serving have so nobly fought for us in France many years as alderman. He has long and Belgium. Let us ignore insignifi- taken a prominent part in the welfare

CANADIANS HOLD POST UNTIL CARTRIDGES FAIL

Valiant Fight Made for Wrecked House Near Lens-Bethune Road-Many Aerial Combats Fought Over Coal Town.

By Stewart Lyon. Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, Sept. 24.—The Canadian front is still inactive, except for occasional outpost affairs. A small party of our men, who held a wrecked house near the Lens-Bethune road well beyond the front, were attacked last night by a much more numerous enemy group. They held on till their ammunition was exhausted, and then they made their way back, thru a heavy fire, to our lines. German aviators are active along the front, and aerial combats are

Sir George E. Foster Intimates Union Government Yet May Come.

THE SUPREME ISSUE

in Election Will Divide Upon That One Question.

perhaps on that account the elections may be deferred for four or five GERMANS FINANCE features of an interesting address delivered to the Ward 5 Conservatives in the new riding of North Toronto, by Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce, last night. The meeting was held in the auditorium of the school house connected with the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, at the corner of St. Clair and Bracondale avenues, and the hall was taxed to capacity. Hon. Thomas Crawford presided and Attorney-General Lucas, Mayor Church, W. K. Mc-Naught and other prominent Conser-

vatives were in attendance.
Sir George intimated at the outset that he did not intend to make a partisan speech, He said that thousands of Liberals were supporting the Borden government—he believed the majority of the Liberals in Toronto—and certainly nothing was said to wound the sensibilities of the most sensitive Liberal. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his record were handled gingerly, and there were only a passing reference. and there was only a passing reference to the French-Canadians. Higher ensions to the soldiers, and votes for all the women were promised as two the first measures to be passed by the next parliament, should the Borden government be returned to government be returned

Sir George, upon rising, was greeted with cheers. He said that were he not a candidate and the elections so near at hand, he would be inclined to caution his audience to take the eulogy of the chairman upon him with a grain of salt. Personally he was sorry that we were to have a war-time election. It would divide the people of Canada from ocean to ocean when all their energies should be united in winning the war. The war, he said, was by no means won. The enemy was fered heavy losses, according to tostill in possession of nine-tenths of day's war office announcement.

Belgium and one-ninth of France, and was penetrating into Russia. He did not doubt ultimate victory, but we had to stay on the job until it was finished could say which was the most im-

Canada's Contributions Sir George then reviewed the wonerful contribution already made by anada towards the winning of the war. He did this he said, in no boast-

(Concluded on Page 7, Column 1.)

AIR ATTACK ON LONDON CONTINUES 45 MINUTES

Street Scenes!

The Canadian electors are coming up to a general election, ten weeks hence, in ho pleasant frame of mind. Most of them have been sorely tried by the war and the cost of living. Many of them will take a crack at someone, especially a public man or official of some kind, or a newspaper, as a more or less appropriate head to knock. And the government at Ottawa will be one of the outstanding marks. Sir Robert Borden will find it hard to carry Sir Joseph Flavelle, the head of the meat and provision trade and high prices n Canada, as chairman of the British Munitions Board; or W. J. Hanna, the leading representative of the Standard Oil Co. in Canada, as food controller. great American oil trust to look after the great Canadian meat trust will not go with our people, our soldiers, or their yomankind. Sir Joseph can stand it; so ean Mr. Hanna; but can the Borden gov. ernment stand these two, worthy as they

may be in some things? The Toronto Star's Joe is avoiding the acon situation in a very smooth way y telling all about what Mr. Hanna had or breakfast, and how a Star reporter joined in the Hannanian oatmeal and cream, eggs, coffee, jam, toast. Sir Joseph does not appear in the two-column bill of fare or in the journalistic treacle handed out to the reader. The two Joes are as smooth as Mr. Hanna, and they walk on either side of him. Can Sir Robert and Sir Tom follow behind them, and meet the Canadian people coming the other

ANNOUNCE BIG ISSUE OF U. S. TREASURY BILLS

THEN Amount, Four Hundred Million Dollars, is Largest Yet Offered.

Washington, Sept. 24. - The fourth series of short time treasury certificates of indebtedness issued in anticipation of the second liberty wond issue was offered to the public today by the treasury department. The issue, \$400,000,000, is larger than any yet offered by the department, and bears interest at a higher rate, four per cent., as authorized in the war credits law signed today. Previous issues have not borne higher than

3½ per cent. interest.

The total of certificates in advance of the second liberty bond issue now amounts to \$1,250,000,000. That Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues still hope for union government in time to avert a "party contest pure and simple," and that perhaps on that account the about the about the account the about the simple.

PEACE PROPAGANDA

Thirty Thousand Dollars Offered Chicago Pacifist for Influence.

from the German committee in New

York, he said.

Dr. Tobias said he became suspicious and withdrew from activity in the organization when he was convinced it was becoming pro-German.

AUSTRIANS DRIVEN BACK.

Rome, Sept. 24. - The Austrians made a counter-attack yesterday on the position which the Italians recently captured in the Marmolada region.

DINEEN'S MEN'S HATS.

stik hats—English, American and defensive to the offensive with troops will be destroyed, is the axiom from French blocks, \$6 to \$8. Dineen's, 140 occupying thicklier-held positions in Yonge street.

German Raid on Large Scale on Points in Kent, Essex, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire During Night---Six Persons Killed and Twenty Injured, Says Early Report.

London, Tuesday, Sept. 25.—Hostile airplanes attacked the southeast coast of England last evening. According to the official announcement the raiders came in different places in Kent and Essex. A few of them followed the Thames and attacked London. Bombs were dropped at several points. The casualties so far reported are six persons killed and about twenty

The raid on London occurred between eight and nine o'clock and lasted about 45 minutes.

Hostile airships early this morning appeared off the coasts of Lincolnshire and Yorkshire. An official announcement says the raid is still in progress and that no details have yet been re-

British airmen engaged the raiders, but with what results is not yet known. The Germans used a number of aerial torpedoes.

Raiders Scattered.

The German planes appeared over the southeastern district of London soon after eight o'clock and the engagement lasted until nearly half past nine. The raiders were scattered and did not come in compact formation. Many star shells were used by the defence guns, giving the appearance of spectacular fireworks. The scream of the torpedoes used by the Germans

was distinguishable easily from the explosions of guns or bombs. The people of London behaved extremely well. They followed police instructions for taking cover and there was no

German zeppelins also appeared across the coast of York-shire and Lincolnshire. The result of their visit has not yet

been learned. Bent on slaughter, there being perfect weather Monday night for air operations, Londoners expected a visit from German craft and their expectations were fulfilled. Shortly after eight o'clock last night, guns were heard fixing in the suburhs, and the metropolis had a repetition of the experience to which it has become accustomed.

Between eight and nine o'clock the noise of battle was heard thruout the city. Anti-afreraft guns were being fired from numerous points and bombs could be heard dropping. Searchlights played over the city and the rocket-like bursts of shrapnel furnished an interest-

The purpose of the Germans apparently was the indiscriminate slaughter of the civilian population. As far as investigations of the Associated Press, up to two o'clock this morning, were able to dis-

cover, the casualties were few The Germans did not attack any points of military importance, but dropped their bombs, as usual, on the residential districts, mostly upon the dwellings of the poorer classes.

In Three Squadrons.

The performances in the majority of the playhouses proceeded without a break. The second night of the grand opera in Drury Lane was on and the program was carried thru to the end, only a few

people leaving the house. Many persons living in the neighborhood of the underground railways took refuge in the stations. The work of the police, firemen, civil constables and Red Cross, as well as the women's auxiliaries

No reports of any serious casualties have been received by the press association, altho the suburbs have not been heard from. The latest report indicates that the Germans came in three squadrons. The first warning was given in the outlying districts at

7.20 o'clock and the police announced "all clear" about 10.20 o'clock.

GERMANS LOSE BATTLE FROM ITS BEGINNING

London, Sept. 24. — (Via Reuter's) "But how are men echeloned Ottawa agency).—Telegraphing from depth towards the rear to be hidden

for an embargo on munitions and to influence sentiment in this country in favor of peace with Germany. The offer, he said, came from a man calling himself E. J. Thyme, a banker from Stockholm, Sweden.

The \$2,400 with which the convention of the Friends of Peace, Sept. 6, 1915, was financed, also was raised by 25 local Germans and German-Ameri-25 local Germans and German-Americans, according to Dr. Tobias, and the money which supplied funds for the organization's mail propaganda came built on sand and concrete proved. view. In a recently captured enemy

says, depends on the possibility of hiding the means of defence. Trenches, ganized craters is to be thrown into

Under such fire it is hopless to atter and which the enemy can there-They are becoming scarce, are these fore destroy, there must be one sub-English hard and soft felt hats, but stituted. A zone of defence, organized afford no clue to the situation of the needed, namely, men, muintions, money, transport and food, and no one are still givaliable. Christy hard felts, the rear. This system, with its dethe absolutely genuine, in the new style blocks, \$2.65, regular three-fifty value. Soft felt hats, \$2.50 and \$2.65, including some splendid English The foremost store in Canada for ought to enable us to pass from the Istered by our airmen's cameras it

Chicago, Sept. 24.—J. J. Tobias, chan-cellor of the Chicago Law School, once leader of the Friends of Peace, an or-ganization at one time active in fur-thering peace talk, told today of hav-ing received an offer of \$30,000 to work

Ottawa agency).—Telegraphing from from observation of our airmen and gunners, which admittedly is the all-important thing? The order explains that this is to be done by abandon-ing the trenches and retiring to shell German high command to revise its chambers. The chambers are carried on timbers like galleries in a mine into fallacious hopes their sides and where possible connecting with one shell hole with another built on sand and concrete proved.

"The document regins by plainly recording the fact that the German point being that seen from above there lines are regularly battered to pieces shall be nothing to distinguish them by our artillery before the actual battle begins. Power of defensive, it says, depends on the possibility of the many of the thousands of shell craters surrounding them.

"The earth burrowed out of the or-

shelters, machine gun emplacements the neighboring unused craters, or if and batteries once photographed by the Anglo-French airmen are doomed to certain destruction by their artillook like ordinary shell craters and will be safe from air observation. If the ground is so wet that it is im-In this effort the attacking forces suf-fered heavy losses, according to to-new principle of defence is needed and possible to dig galleries, the troops must be content with such shelters as "For the old system of positions on unimproved craters provide. The front which the enemy artillery can regis- line, or organized craters, should be protected by wire entanglement in an

> "The importance of the docum progressively denser towards the rear of our airmen. If a thing can be reg-

npany nited