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GERMANS BOMB LONDON IN BIG NIGHT RAID

Another Violent Battle Proceeds at Verdun With Repulse of Germans

FRENCH LEAVE LINE TO MEET FOE'S ASSAULT

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 Bezonaux and near Beaumont were also repulsed with sanguinary losses, according to the statement of the war office tonight. The text reads:

"On the Aisne front the artillery action was very spirited in the neighborhood of Bray-en-Laonnais, Cerny and Hurlébas. We repulsed a surprise attack against our small posts north of Bray.

"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 kilometers. The attack was carried out by four battalions, supported by special assaulting troops. Disorganized by our fire, the enemy was unable to reach our lines or the greater part of the front of the attack. In some trench elements 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 the positions.

"Secondary Attacks.

"At the same time two secondary attacks were delivered, one north 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 were carried out against our trenches in the Bois-le-Chaume region, 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 neighborhood of this action.

"Eastern theatre: The artillery was quite active on the Verdun front, around Douran and the Germans. On September 23 the Germans succeeded in gaining a temporary foothold in a work in the first line east of Lake Preebe. They were driven out almost immediately by a Russian counter-attack.

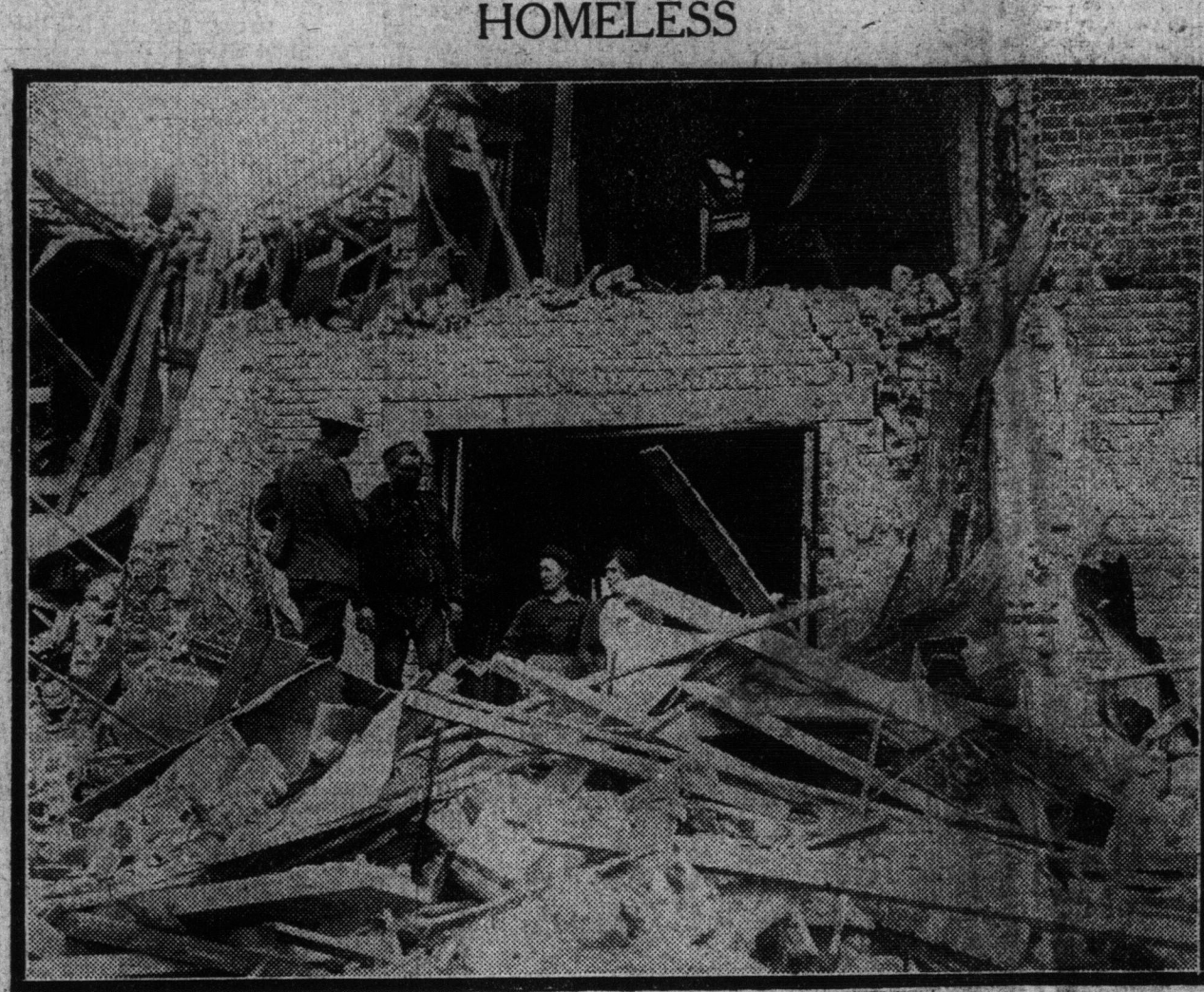
The text of the French day statement reads:

"Violent artillery actions occurred in the region of Bray-en-Laonnais, the Friedmont Farm and Hurlébas. An enemy surprise attack on the last-mentioned point failed. In Champagne we repulsed the German lines east of Teton.

"On the left bank of the Meuse enemy reconnaissances which attempted to reach our lines were dispersed 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-le-Chaume and the Bois-le-Chaume. Everywhere else the night was calm.

"Enemy airplanes last night bombarded the region of Bar-le-Duc. Several bombs fell on a camp of German prisoners, two of the prisoners being killed and several wounded.

"On September 23 our pilots brought down six German airplanes."



A Frenchman returns to his home in Flanders to find his house in ruins. Two women and three 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, but 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 airbases.

"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.

Kingston, Ont., Sept. 24.—Quite a sensation was caused in local political circles this afternoon when W. F. Nickle, Conservative, who has represented Kingston in the house of commons for the past six years, announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election. He made the announcement in a letter to the newspapers. In his statement, he said:

"I urge on you that the differences of the past be forgotten, that we count as nothing the opinions that may have been expressed in this party or that but that as Canadians we in this loyal electoral division unite in selecting from among us as our representative a man who commands the support of all, in whose judgment 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 necessary reinforcements for those who have so nobly fought for us in France and Belgium. Let us ignore insignificant differences and unitedly stand for reinforcements for our men at the front and the vigorous prosecution of the war to a victorious conclusion and abiding peace.

Deplores Discord.

"An election becomes inevitable due to the refusal of a substantial number of the Canadian members of parliament to occur in a further extension being granted. To me it is a matter of regret that at a critical time in our history like the present, there should be discord and difference in place of harmony and co-operation.

"The questions before the Canadian people for consideration and determination are vital. Canada in this election will not reach her decision on the domestic problems that have in times past interested and influenced us. The necessity for reinforcements and the vigorous determination of the war take priority."

Prior to going to the Ottawa house, Mr. Nickle served a term in the Ontario legislature for Kingston. He is a leading lawyer here, a member of the firm of Nickle, Farrell and Day, and previous to entering politics was active in municipal affairs, serving many years as alderman. He has long taken a prominent part in the welfare of this city.

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 frequent.

AIR ATTACK ON LONDON CONTINUES 45 MINUTES

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 injured.

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 received.

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 panic.

German zeppelins also appeared across the coast of Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. The result of their visit has not yet been learned.

ANNOUNCE BIG ISSUE OF U. S. TREASURY BILLS

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 bond 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 3 1/2 per cent interest.

The total of certificates in advance of the second liberty bond issue now amounts to \$1,250,000,000.

Those of the preceding offer, the new certificates will be convertible into liberty bonds at par, and will be exempt from all income taxation, except the surtax on incomes of more than \$5,000.

GERMANS FINANCE PEACE PROPAGANDA

Thirty Thousand Dollars Offered Chicago Pacifist for Influence.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—J. J. Tobias, chancellor of the Chicago Law School, once leader of the Friends of Peace, an organization at one time active in liberating peace talk, told today he had received an offer of \$30,000 to work for an embargo on munitions and to favor of peace with Germany.

The offer, he said, came from a man calling himself E. J. Thyme, a banker from Stockholm, Sweden.

The \$24,000 with which the convention of the Friends of Peace, Sept. 6, 1915, was financed, also was raised by 55 local Germans and German-Americans, according to Dr. Tobias, and the money which supplied funds for the organization's mail propaganda, came 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. In this effort the attacking forces suffered heavy losses, according to today's war office announcement.

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