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wards Calais Receives Most Severe Check.

Russian Advance is Slow but Sure, Say Despatches.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Nov. 16 .- 10.20 a.m. -The armies of the allies and of Germany remain deakdlocked in West Flanders to-day, along the battle line, where the snow is now ankle deep with the prospect of another week of intermittent artillry duels and infantry clashes, which for more than a month, have been swinging back and forth have been swinging back and forth and the adverse shifts of men in the trenches, and there will be an incrase of sickness, especially in lung and throat affections. In short, trench warfare, already la-borious and exhausting, will daily become a great ordeal.

The Germans have not abandon-The Germans have not abandoned their attempt to reach the French coast towns, and yet they have not advanced. To-day, according to the claims of the allies they are back on the right bank of the Yser, having been forced to release their grip on such points on the left bank held so stubbornly the them last week. This retire-

described in the official communication given out in Paris last night as "the noteworthy incident of the day," and it shows how little change there has been elsewhere, either in Belgium or in France.

In the meantime the Germans are putting the finishing touches to the defences stretching row after row from Ostend to the Dutch border and should their present lines he broken they probably sent lines be broken they probably will endeavor to winter in these snug and carefully prepared posi-

In the eastern arena of the war, the Germans are making and ex-cuting similar plans in the face of the Russian advance. It is said that great German forces are be-ing concentrated at Thorn, Posen and Breslau with the idea of keep-ing the Russians out of important ing the Russians out of important districts in the provinces of Posen

and Silesia.

A word of caution to the allies comes from Petrograd. This is that they must not expect the Russians to sweep onto Berlin, Russians to sweep onto Berlin, overnight, as it were, as this may take months and even longer. The Germans occupy the defences they have been prparing for years, and in addition to this they may be able to spare even more men for the operation on their eastern the operation on their eastern front. Russians armies seem to be gradually converging on Cracow, and the siege or investment of this place appears not to be far off. It is suggested that the Austrian garrison of Cracow might surrender to avoid a bombardment, but this can be called noth-

ing more than a suggestion.
In East Prussia the Russian forward movement seems to continue and it is said that the Russian generals are imposing on the captured town fines in proportion to those levied by the Germans on the cities of Belgium. These fines correspond with the population of the town taken. The British operations against the Turks have the town taken. The British op-erations against the Turks have spread the conflagration to the southern entrance of the Black Sea, where Indian troops assist-ed by a British warship have taken a Turkish fort. In the Caucasus the Russians and the Turks are still at grips, both sides claiming victories.

rictories.

The spy agitation in England again has flared up. To-day all persons leaving London for the continent must depart from a designated railroad station, where the person and baggage of every traveller is subjected to a search for maps and drawings and anything else that might be intended for the use of the enemy.

STRINGENT MEASURES

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The British authorities are adopting strongest measures to prevent the leakage of military news to Germany. Charing Cross station has been closed for continental traffic until further notice. All trains for Flushing or for Dieppe for Paris will start from Victoria station and all bassengers will be searched before they enter the trains and all luggage will be overhauled. It is understood that this step has been taken to prevent spionage and the passing of drawings, photographs and plans or information to the enemy. STRINGENT MEASURES

A Movement To- FRENCH OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO-DAY TELLS OF ALLIES REGAINING SOME POINTS OF SUPPORT THAT WERE LOST

[By Special Wire to the Courier] PARIS, Nov. 16 .- 2.51 p.m.-The French official announcement given out in Paris this afternoon says that yesterday along the Yser canal between Nieuport and Dixmude, the fighting was limited

to artillery exchanges. The text of the communication

The text of the communication follows:

The Germans, who endeavored to cross the Yser canal between Dixmude and Bixschoote, were driven back, and a German regiment was destroyed south of Bixschoote. Two German attacks near Ypres were repulsed, and the French have taken the offensive and driven the enemy from positions, taken by them several days ago.

On the remainder of the line there have been artillery exchan-

on the remainder of the inches there have been artillery exchanges and engagements of relatively minor invortance.

"During the day of yesterday, along the Yser canal, from Niethers the country up the river

along the Yser canal, from Nieth-port to the country up the river from Dixmude, the fighting was limited to artillery exchanges. "The country having been fur-ther inundated, the submerged territory now stretches to the south of Dixmude to a point five

kilometers (3 miles) to the north of Bixschoote.

"The forces of the enemy which endeavored to cross the canal between the region of Dixmude and Bixschoote, all were driven back beyond the bridges. A German regiment was completely destroyed at a point to the south of Bixschoote.

"To the southeast of Ypres, two "To the southeast of Ypres, two other German attacks were repulsed. On our part we have taken the offensive and reconquered certain points of support which the enemy some days ago succeeded in capturing.

"Between the Lys and the Oise these have been only operations of

there have been only oprations of minor importance and partial pro-gress made by our advance posi-

"In the region of the Aisne and in the Champagne country there have been artillery exchanges without result.

"In the Argonne the town of St. Hubert has again been attacked by the Germans, but without suc-"In the region of St, Mihiel, a surprise attack undertaken by the enemy against Apremont, resulted in failure.

"There has been little activity in the Vosges."

Allies Could Now Make Germans Retreat But Do Not Want to Sacrifice the Men-London's Opinion This Afternoon.

[By epecial Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Nov. 16 .- (2 p.m.) - Fast and furious fighting, both in the eastern and the western arenas of the war, is expected by English military observers to make this coming week memorable, even in a war each week of which has witnessed deadly fighting equal in carnage to the great battles of history. And at the same time hints from the front encourage them to expect that the present week will see also the beginning of the ebbing of the German tide through Flanders toward the coast towns of Dunkirk and Calais. The chief note sounded by the French official announcements of yesterday, indicating that Ypres, Armentiers, Bethune, Arras and other inland gates to the sea coast, remain so far impregnable barriers to all the German assaults, is doubtless responsible for this optimism. While the vigor of the German offensive may have slackened, there is at the present moment little, if any, indication of a resolve on the part of the German commanders to abandon the plans which already have cost them so dearly. At least one more comprehensive attempt to break through the allied lines, therefore, is expected before the next phase of the operations opens. This, it is thought in London, granted that the German advance is not continued, will be the siege of the trenches carefully prepared by the Germans in the rear of their present lines.

The forecasts of these strategists point out that the Allies are under no compulsion to force the issue at the present stage, although they contend this could be done if the Allies were prepared to pay the price in men. They consequently anticipate a development of holding tactics, with the view of keeping the German armies in the eastern arena busy while the Russian masses, a thousand miles to the eastward, are moving forward to the struggle for the possession of Silesia, Posen and East Prussia.

Brant Dragoons to Send Strong Force

The 25th Brant Dragoons, 115 strong, will form part of the cavalry force with the second contingent to leave Canada for active service. This was the announce-ment made to-day by Lieut.-Col. Muir. The four officers chosen to go from Brantford with the con-tingent are Captain William Reg-inald Patterson, son of Mayor Patterson of Paris; Lieut. Harvey Cockshutt, Lieut. J. E. Lattimer and Lieut. Leonard Bishop, all well known to Brantfordites. Just when they will depart is hard to say, as definite orders in this regard have not yet been received.

In the meantime recruits are wanted for the Dragoons, and four officers are leaving for Stanley Barracks, Toronto, to secure their certificates. They are as follows: Lieut. J. H. Pearce, to qualify as a captain; Lieut. Tom Mintern, J. Stratford and Gordon Cockshutt, the latter three to qualify as lieutenants.

Public Safety First When Spy System Is Still Flourishing

ATTACKS ARE NOW

Heavy Rains in Flanders Have Stopped Fighting of the Germans-Reserve Forces Will Count For Great Deal.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—In consequence of the heavy week-end rains, says the Rotterdam correspondent of the Star, it is rumored that a big force of Germans around Dixmude has been cut off

GERMANS ARE DONE PARIS, Nov. 16.—The diminishing intensity of the German assaults in Flanders to due to assaults in Flanders to due to some extent to severe weather conditions. The flooded section is increasing in area as a result of the continuance of heavy rain, and the country between Nieuport and Dixmude is a vast swamp in which guns and ammunition wagons, abandoned by the Germans, lie embedded, and in which float countless corpses. The Germans have been washed out of their trenches in several places, says an eye-witness, who has just returned from the front, but they continue to send an occasional continue to send an occasional shell to the French trenches.

It is not probable that the Germans will make further attempts in this section of the front, but a fierce effort is to be

front, but a fierce effort is to be expected from Dixmude to Arras as soon as the German troops have recovered from their tremendous exertions of last week, and new men can be brought up to fill the gaps in the ranks.

The fate of the war depends now, says Col. Feyler, an eminent Paris military writer, essentially on the reserve of men that the armies are able to bring up,

and in this respect, according to military opinion here, Germany appears to be in a state of inferiority. Not only does the Russian offensive prevent Germany from transferring men from the eastern to the western front, they point out, but troops that are now being instructed in the interior will necessarily be sent against the Russias.

It is also pointed out that Germany has to operate on fronts totallying nearly 1,000 miles with twenty-five active army corps, while the allies have at their disposal twenty-nine army corps

Germans.

So far as ruipment is concerned, the infinitry on both sides are equally well supplied. At the beginning the Germans were much better off with quick firers, but the allies have now caught up by intensive production in the arms factories. In the artillery, the allies are said to have the advantage as far as light pieces are concerned, but the German heavy artillery is incontespieces are concerned, but the German heavy artillery is incontestiably superior. They are not likely to retain that superiority long, since both the French and British arsenals are beginning to deliver big guns, and the allies have plenty of trained men to serve them, irrespective of the Japanese gunners: 'whose early arrival at Marseilles is announced by rumor.

Berlin Hears Cheerful News

BERLIN, Nov. 16 .- (By wireless to Sayville) .- According to information given officially to the press to-day, reports reaching Berlin from Geneva set forth that the British torpedo boat destroyer Falcon, the cruiser Brilliant and the sloop of war Rinaldo have been disabled by German guns on the Belgian coast.

SIXTY BATTERY MEN GIVEN SEND-OFF ON DEPARTURE TO-DAY

Sixty men of the 32nd Battery of Brantford left this afternoon at 2.45 on the Brantford and Hamilton radial for Hamilton where training for active service will be prosecuted under more favorable circumstances than could be obtained in Brantford. At the Drill Hall, prior to departure the men were given ford. At the Drill Hall, prior to departure, the men were given a hearty send off, Colonel Ashton, Mayor Spence and many representatives of the Women's Patriotic League being present. With to-day's contingent over 100 men have left from the battery, alone, and a fine body of men they have all appeared on their departure.

The following are those who left to-day:

Corporal A. Smith—237 . Marlboro street, single, age 21. 32nd Battery, C.F.A. Corporal's certificate, gun

Corporal S. Allen-29 Rawdon street, married, age 28. 32nd Battery C.F. A., 2nd Northumberland Impl. Fus-liers, Eng., 3 yrs. Bombardier's cer-

tificate.

Gr. J. Pinnell—22 Jubilee Avenue, single, age 18. 32nd Battery C.F.A. Course at Kingston.

Gr. E. Goldstraw—81 West Mill St., single, age 34. 32nd Battery, C.F.A. Course at Kingston.

Gr. H. Catterall—2 Walker street married, age 24. 32nd Battery C.F. A.

Lord Roberts'

Life in Brief

Lord Roberts, Died at the Front - Arrangements For Burial.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Nov. 16, 6 a,m .-Westminster Abbey has been offered as a burial place for Field marshal Earl Roberts, subject to the usual condition that the body

must be cremated. Lady Roberts, it is announced, is unable to accept the officer.

The body of the distinguished soldier will be brought to England in a few days. It is understood that Earl Roberts wished to be buried at All Saints' church at Ascot, near his home. A definite announcement regarding definite announcement regarding the burial place is expected

definite announcement regarding the burial place is expected shortly.

According to Paris despatches Earl Roberts was advised not to go to the front until the weather moderated, but he refused to postpone the programme arranged for him.

Earl Roberts is the eighth distinguished officer of the British army and navy to die since the beginning of the war. The list includes Generals Grierson, Franklyn, Kekewich and Calrington.

PRAISED BY GERMAS.

BERLI, ov. 16, via London 7.45 a.m.—The Lokal Anzeiger, in an editorial on the death of Lord Roberts, says:

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"On the occasion with the fall of the enemy. Even in war, moments occur when the fighter salutes the enemy with the sabre instead of striking him with it. Such a moment has arisen with the departure of Roberts."

"BOBS" WAS INTERESTED.

LONDON, Nov. 16—The correspondent of a French newspaper, who saw Earl Roberts just before he started for France, writes to The Times, stating that Earl Roberts told him he intended to speak to General French about to great secrecy which to his mind, was kept by the military authorities at the front and at home, concerning the work and brave deeds of the British troops.

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He considered that while military movements should be kept
absolutely secret, the knowledge
of how the British soldiers were
fighting against great odds would
greatly stimulate recruiting in
England.

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The following are those who left to-day:

Sergt. J. Smith—60 Superior street. married. age 36, Army Service Corps, Eng. 3 yrs. 86 H. Battery, C.F.A.

R. F. A. 44th Battery R.F.A. 3 yrs. South African King and Queen medals. Bom. certificate 32nd Battery, C.F.A.

Sergt. H. Moon—357 St. Pauls Ave. Single, age 20. Kent Fortress Engineers, Eng., Iyr 32nd Battery, C.F.A. Course at Kingston.

Include 10, 500 NAMES

COPENHAGEN. Nov. 16.—The age 25, Devon Hussars, Eng., 3 yrs. 32nd Battery, C.F.A.

Gr. F. J. Smith—8 Victoria street, single, age 22, 32nd Battery, C.F.A.

Gr. A. E. Flower—1 Salisbury Ave., married, age 32, 3rd Middlesex R. F.A. Eng., "South Africa" 71 Yeon mamery, 4 yrs. Terr., 32nd Battery

C.F.A. Course at Kingston.

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Contracted Pneumonia and Expired in Short Time.

Was 82 Years Old and England's Best Loved Warrior.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Nov. 16.—The official Press Bureau issued the fol-

'Lord Kitchener announces with deep regret, which he knows will be shared by the whole army, that he received on Saturday the following telegram from Sir John French, the commander of the British forces in France:

"I deeply regret to tell you that Lord Roberts died at 8 o'clock this (Saturday) evening.'

"Lord Roberts was on a brief visit to France in order to greet the Indian troops, of which he is colonel-in-chief. He contracted a chill on Thursday, and succum-

a chill on Thursday, and succum-bed after a short illness to an at tack of pneumonia."

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It is stated that there will is funeral service in the field betthe body is removed to Folltone, where it is expected on M day. The arrangements for funeral here have not yet is announced, but it is naturally ticipated that the services will at Westminster Abbey or Paul's, probably St. Paul's, withdise for Wellington, Nelson greatest named and military me were held. It is reported, how ever, that the widow wishes a private funeral at the Field Marshall home in Ascot, in which case public ceremony will be abandon

AGE A CONTRIBUTORY

His age—he was 82 on last September 30—was 2 contributory

September 30—was 2 contributory cause of death, although he had been in his usual health lately, which was exceptionally good for a man of his age.

His death will have purely a sentimental effect upon the situation. Since the outbreak of the present war he has been working hard imploring young men to realize their country's danger, and to effer their services in the present war. For wears he has been preaching the doctrine of British military unpreparedness, and when he retired from active service in 1905 he devoted his time in attempting to arouse all England to the urgent necessity of adopting compulsory military training and service. Several times since the end of last July he has conferred at the War Office with Lord Kitchener.

No date has yet been set for

No date has yet been set for the funeral of Lord Roberts. The people of Ascot, Lord Roberts' home, have asked that the body be interred there.

WAS ABOUT TO RETURN.

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Lord Roberts left England on Wednesday with his daughter, Lady Aileen Roberts, and his sonin-law, Major Lewin. The party had a rough trip across the channel, but the aged General felt no ill-effects and went through with his programme on the Continent, In fact he was about to return home when his death occurred

ent, in fact he was about to turn home when his death occurred.

Earl Roberts had motored to the British bases and camps, had reviewed the Indian troops and had conferred with the leading officers. It was not until about dinner time, Friday evening that he complained of a slight chill. As he was subject to more or less trifling chest troubles, he followed his usual course and went to bed early. As his temperature increased medical men were called in and pronounced his condition critical. They relieved the general of what pain he was suffer ing, and he fell asleep. His death occured during sleep.

The passing of the great warrior has created profound grief throughout the country. At all churches, and in camps where the soldiers are training, touching references were made Sunday to his death, and the "Dead March inSaul" was played.

SIR JOHN FRENCH'S MESSAGE.

In a telegram to Lady Roberts
Field Marshal Sir John French,in
the name of the army serving in
France, expressed deep sympathy, saying: "Your grief is shared
by us who mourn the loss of a
much-loved chief. As he was
called it seems fitter to the ending of the life of a great soldier