

ARMIES DEADLOCKED WHEN RAINS MAKE CONDITIONS UNFAVORABLE FOR BATTLE

A Movement Towards Calais Receives Most Severe Check.

Russian Advance is Slow but Sure, Say Despatches.

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 Nieupoort and Dixmude, the fighting was limited to artillery exchanges.

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Public Safety First When Spy System Is Still Flourishing

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Nov. 16.—Several interviews with members of parliament demanding the appointment of a committee of public safety to take necessary measures to prevent any further mischief from German spies, are published here to-day.

There probably are many spies among the Belgian refugees and even in the recruits for the new army. The Daily Express says: "The spy at present is able to be serviceable because it is nobody's business to deal with him. Three government departments are concerned—the war office and the admiralty—and the result is inaction, hesitation and all manner of mischief. There should be a committee of safety, directly responsible to parliament and the people."

FLOODS CUT LARGE PART OF ENEMY'S FORCES OFF-- ATTACKS ARE NOW TRIVIAL

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Nov. 16.—In consequence of the heavy work-and-spend of the Star, it is rumored that a big force of Germans around Dixmude has been cut off by floods.

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 Russians.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Nov. 16.—The diminishing intensity of the German assaults in Flanders is 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 Nieupoort and Dixmude is a vast swamp in which guns and ammunition wagons abandoned by the Germans 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, and is expected to send an occasional shell to the French trenches.

So far as equipment is concerned, the infantry on both sides are equally well supplied. At the beginning of the war, 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 inconceivably superior. They are not likely to retain that superiority, however, 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.

ONE GREAT EFFORT TO REACH THE COAST IS STILL EXPECTED

[By Special 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 fate of the war depends now, says Col. Feiler, an eminent Paris military writer, essentially on the return of men that the armies are able to bring up.

ALLIES COULD NOW MAKE GERMANS RETREAT BUT DO NOT WANT TO SACRIFICE THE MEN--LONDON'S OPINION THIS AFTERNOON.

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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 announcement made to-day by Lieut.-Col. Muir. The four officers chosen to go from Brantford with the contingent are Captain William Reginald 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 Minnema, J. Stratford and Gordon Cockshutt, the latter three to qualify as lieutenants.

"BOBS" WAS DEAD--ON A VISIT TO INDIAN TROOPS IN FRANCE

Lord Roberts' Life in Brief Born at Cawnpore, India, Sept. 29, 1832 Entered Bengal Artillery, Oct. 1851 Promoted to Major, June 3, 1857 Married in Ireland, May 11, 1859 Promoted to Captain, Nov. 12, 1859 Brevetted Major, Nov. 13, 1860 Brevetted Lieutenant-Colonel, 1871-1872 Aug. 15, 1868 Senior Staff Officer, Lushai campaign, 1871-1872 Brevetted Major-General, 1871-1872 Commanded Kuram Field Force, Afghanistan, 1878-1879 Commanded Kabul Field Force, 1879-1880 Received thanks of Parliament, 1880-1885 Commander-in-Chief, India, 1885-1888 April, 1893 Created Baron Roberts of Kandahar (created Field Marshal), 1893 Commander-in-Chief, India, 1893-1895 Oct. 1, 1895 Commander-in-Chief, South Africa, 1895-1900 Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, 1901-1904 Chairman Imperial Defence Committee, 1904-1905

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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 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."

WAS SALUTED IN DEATH BY EVEN THE ENEMY

Lord Roberts' Died at 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 offer.

It is stated that there will be a funeral service in the field before the body is removed to Folkestone, where it is expected on Monday. The arrangements for the funeral here have not yet been announced, but it is naturally anticipated that the services will be at Westminster Abbey or St. Paul's, probably St. Paul's, where those who were in the field with Lord Roberts, and many other of Great Britain's greatest naval and military men were held. It is reported, however, that the widow wishes a private funeral at the Field Marshal's home in Ascot, in which case a public ceremony will be abandoned.

BERLIN HEARS CHEERFUL NEWS

[By Special Wire to the Courier] 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 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.

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 Gerson, Franklin, Kekewich and Carlington. PRAISED BY GERMANS. BERLIN, Nov. 16, via London 7.45 a.m.—The Lokal Anzeiger, in an editorial on the death of Lord Roberts, says: "On the occasion of the death of Lord Roberts the whole German press expresses itself alike appreciatively about the fall of the enemy. Even in war, moments occur when the fighter salutes the enemy with the salute of striking him with it. Such a moment has arisen with the departure of Roberts."

"BOB" 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 Lord 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 among concerning the work and brave deeds of the British troops.

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.

PRUSSIAN CASUALTIES INCLUDE 10,500 NAMES COPENHAGEN, Nov. 16.—The 75th list of Prussian casualties contains 10,500 names, and the last actions referred to therein were those fought in northern France between October 2 and 14. Hitherto the German lists have contained 535,000 names, but this heavy figure does not include the losses sustained during the retreat through Poland or those which followed the last months of the hard fighting in Belgium.

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"

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