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BRITISH MASTERS OF LANGEMARCK CANADIANS TAKE STRONG POSITIONS CANADIANS DESTROY FOURTH DIVISION OF PRUSSIAN GUARDS French Make Progress in Region of Steenbeek River

More Than 3100 Germans Have Been Taken Captive In General Haig's Drive

FOE ONSETS IN MOLDAVIA GAIN NO ADVANTAGE

Russo-Rumanian Resistance Brings Hun Advance to a Halt. RECAPTURE OF HEIGHT Allies Redress Lines in Region of Pantziu—Battle on Suchitza.

London, Aug. 17.—The Austro-German offensive in southwestern Moldavia, has shown up before the stubborn resistance of the Russians and Rumanians. The latter are still fighting desperately in the area of Fokshani and the Sereth River, and Field Marshal von Mackensen has made no further appreciable progress. Petrograd reports the repulse of several attacks in this area. A Petrograd despatch intercepted by the British admiralty, per wireless press, says: "Western (Russian) front—Fustulides were most animated in the region of Jacobstadt and in the direction of Ylva. Renewed Offensive. "Rumanian front—in the direction of Oens since Thursday morning the Austro-Germans have renewed their offensive. Their most energetic attacks were in the region of Sialia and in the neighborhood of the factory at Stoklers and north and south of it." (Concluded on Page 5, Column 3).



Scene of yesterday's airplane wreck, near Bedford Park road, which resulted in the death of United States Flight Cadet Stephen H. J. Dorr, whose plane collided with another while in flight.

INCOME TAX MEASURE PASSED BY COMMONS

Borden Meets Criticism by Virtually Promising Larger Levy at Next Session—C. N. R. Reproduction Cost to Be Fixed Upon Pre-War Basis.

Ottawa, Aug. 17.—The house today, after a brief discussion, passed the income tax bill. Several Liberal members objected that the tax was not sufficiently high upon large incomes, and complained that it was intended to take the place of the business tax on war profits. Sir Thomas White and Sir Robert Borden, however, both protested that the government intended in the future, as in the past, to levy abnormal taxation upon abnormal profits, and the prime minister practically promised that a larger tax upon incomes would be levied at the next session. There was also some discussion in committee of the Canadian Northern Bill, and the Liberals continued to pursue a policy of obstruction. They insisted they could not go on without more information, and further consideration of the bill was finally postponed until Tuesday. Several notices of amendments were given by Sir Thomas White. One of these requires the arbitrators, in fixing the value of the common stock, to estimate the reproduction cost of the road not upon a war-time basis but upon the prices of labor and material which prevailed before the war. White's Amendments. When the house went into committee on the Canadian Northern railway bill Sir Thomas White gave notice of several amendments. One is to section three of the bill, which gives the government wide powers to pay off and adjust all claims against the Canadian Northern. The proposed amendment restricts such payment to \$25,000,000 unless further authority is procured from parliament. This amount, Sir Thomas said, would be sufficient to pay interest charges falling due, and to take up some of the short-time obligations which would soon mature. Another amendment to section four requires the arbitrators, in computing the reconstruction cost of the road, to estimate such reconstruction cost upon the average price of material and labor prevailing before the war. This meets an objection urged with great force to the bill at yesterday's sitting by Mr. Bennett, of Calgary. Another amendment provides for the payment to the stockholders of whatever award they may obtain from the board of arbitration in cash out of the consolidated revenue fund, instead of by issuing to them government securities. Laurier's Suggestions. Sir Wilfrid Laurier thought the arbitrators should have more information as to the liabilities about to be assumed by the company. He especially wanted to know what were the commitments of the C.N.R. in respect to the Mount Royal tunnel and the Montreal terminals. He pointed out that the Canadian Northern would have to have two stations in Montreal. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 1).

EXPORT OF FLOUR TO U.S. STOPPED

Embargo to Remain in Force While That on Wheat Continues.

HANNA TAKES ACTION

United States Will Follow Lead Under Plan of Close Co-operation.

Ottawa, Aug. 17.—An order-in-council has been passed at the instance of the food controller for Canada prohibiting the export of Canadian flour to the United States for a period for which the export of Canadian wheat to the United States has been prohibited, subject to the proviso that the food controller may issue licenses permitting the export of flour in proper cases for such export as he deems necessary and expedient. This action was taken owing to the situation which has developed since the board of grain supervisors for Canada set a maximum price for No. 1 Northern wheat of \$2.40 per bushel. Fort William, on August 1, to cover the balance of the old crop. While the price was fixed in Canada, in Minneapolis it has since reached \$3.10 for No. 1 Northern spring wheat with a corresponding increase in the price of flour. With Canadian wheat at \$2.40 and the price of flour not fixed, certain of the Canadian millers have been shipping to the American markets to get the benefit of the higher prices over there. U. S. to Follow Suit. In order to secure as much as possible of the balance of our Canadian wheat and flour for our consumption and that of Great Britain and our allies overseas, the food controller has prohibited the shipping of Canadian flour during the period of prohibition of wheat export. The effect of this is to bring wheat and flour on a par to the Canadian consumer and the allies overseas. The action taken by Canada will be followed by the United States. There will be close co-operation between the two food administrations. The central committee of the United States millers appointed by Herbert Hoover has the matter under consideration and has been notified of the Canadian embargo. (Concluded on Page 2, Column 7).

ALLIES IMPROVE LINE IN REGION OF YPRES

NO DRIVE IN BALKANS EXPECTED BY BALFOUR

Front Does Not Lend Itself to Operations Such as Those Carried Out in West, He Tells Critic in House.

London, August 17.—Replying to a criticism of military inactivity in the Balkans in the House of Commons today, Foreign Minister Balfour agreed to the importance of preventing German schemes for expansion of the war in the east from coming to a successful issue, but he could give no information on the subject, because it depended on the result, not of diplomatic counsel, but upon the fortunes of the belligerents over the world-wide front. Alluding to the great difficulties attending operations on this front, which clearly indicates it is not a front for attack on the western side, he said it seemed to him that it was very unlikely that any extensive operations could be expected in the immediate future.

THREE FOE TRENCHES TAKEN BY CANADIANS

Dominion Men Complete Destruction of German Guards Division, Then Win Important Success at Lens Railway Embankment.

By Stewart Lyon. Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, Aug. 17.—In fair, stand-up, hand-to-hand fighting on the eastern slope of Hill 70 last night our men beat off two more counter-attacks in which the last available battalions of the Fourth Prussian Guard division were broken and destroyed as a fighting force. In the despatch of Thursday night the story was told of the impetuous charge by which our line was pushed forward east of the Hill. Prisoners state that at the very moment when our assault was launched the Guards Battalion were assembling to attack Hill 70. They came under our barrage and suffered severe loss in their positions. Notwithstanding this punishment they proceeded to the trenches from which their attack was planned to come, and shortly after seven o'clock they advanced with such determination that our forward posts were driven in, and for a time the enemy secured possession of our advanced line. At nine o'clock another and more serious assault was undertaken against our main line in the newly acquired ground, accompanied by very heavy shelling. It failed utterly, and our men once more went forward on the heels of the enemy and re-established their outposts on the former advanced line, which thus remained in our possession after five hours of the most determined fighting experienced by veteran troops of the original expeditionary force who took part. By midnight affairs had quieted down, and this morning Hill 70 is an extinct volcano, with our incomparable infantry in undisputed occupation. Struggle Renewed. The struggle was renewed on that part of the front south of St. Laurent at four o'clock this morning, when an Ontario battalion went forward to attack a strong position along the railway embankment, which, now forms the boundary of the enemy line west of Lens. Strong opposition was encountered. After bombing their way into a nest of trenches, our men were themselves bombed out. More troops were put in and the area of the attack was extended to the north by the participation of another battalion. For several hours the struggle went on and the Canadians finally won their objectives, which were three trenches, from which observation could be secured upon the recently won front. The feature of today's struggle was the free use of aeroplanes by the enemy in support of his infantry. Taking a leaf out of our book, the German airmen flew over the trenches and engaged the occupants with their machine guns. There were many (Concluded on Page 2, Column 7).

French Progress in Area of Steenbeek River—British Consolidate Gains, Retain Langemarck, Take Two Thousand Prisoners—Canadians Advance Again.

London, August 17.—French troops in the Ypres area progressed in the neighborhood of the River Steenbeek. On the British portion of this front, according to the official report from British headquarters in France tonight, there has been no change and the Germans have ceased their counter-attack. The French and British troops have captured 24 German guns. The number of prisoners taken by the Canadians in the Loos-Lens sector has now reached a total of 1120. The Canadians have organized and made secure the positions captured yesterday and have made an advance west of Lens. The statement reads: "On the Ypres battlefield our allies have improved their position slightly in the neighborhood of the Steenbeek and have taken further prisoners. Otherwise the situation has not changed. No further counter-attacks have been attempted by the enemy. Twenty-four German guns, including a number of heavy guns, have been captured by the allies. "On the Loos battlefield we have secured the positions captured by us yesterday afternoon and have gained further ground west of Lens. The number of prisoners taken in this area since the commencement of our attack now totals 1120, including 23 officers." Hun Claims False. The official press bureau denies that the Germans have recaptured Langemarck, Belgium. Concerning the report in the German official communication that the forces of Crown Prince Rupprecht had retaken the town, which was captured by the British Thursday, the official press bureau this evening issued the following communication: "The German wireless official communication today contains a series of misstatements. The right flank of the allied attack of Thursday was on the Ypres-Menin road. There was no attack between this road and the River Yps. The enemy therefore nearly doubled the length of the front of attack. "The enemy has not recovered Langemarck, nor did he make any attempt to do so. A British staff officer reported at six o'clock today that he had just returned from Langemarck, where he had been for five hours. "The British troops hold not only Langemarck, but a considerable length of the German offensive position, 500 yards north of Langemarck." "The reference to Poelkapelle obviously is intended to give the impression that the British failed to reach some imaginary and distant objective, just as in the German official statement Thursday, it was implied that the British objective on the Lens front was Venin-le-Viel. It is sufficient to state that the British troops gained all their objectives not only north of Lens on Wednesday, but also from St. Julien, northwards, on Thursday." The statement also points out that the German claim that the attack on Wednesday was made with four Canadian divisions, was an exaggeration. Consolidating Gains. Telegraphing from British headquarters in France today, Reuters' correspondent says: "Today's chief business has lain in the consolidation of our gains and the clearing out of various enemy-occupied rocks and corners and advanced positions. The artillery was reciprocally active and the air-men had the advantage of high visibility. Signs are apparent that the Germans are relieving their badly (Concluded on Page 2, Column 4).

FURTHER CHANGES IN MINISTRY OF BRITAIN

Hodge Succeeds Barnes as Minister of Pensions and Roberts Becomes Minister of Labor—A. C. Geddes New Minister of National Service.

London, Aug. 17.—John Hodge, minister of labor, has been appointed minister of pensions, in succession to George Nicholl Barnes, who was appointed to the war council to take the place of Arthur Henderson. Other changes announced officially tonight were: Minister of labor, George P. Roberts; minister of national service, A. C. Geddes; parliamentary secretary to the board of trade, George J. Wardle. A. C. Geddes, the new minister of national service, is Brigadier-General Geddes, and a brother of Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, first lord of the admiralty. He has been director of recruiting, but under the ministerial pledge that recruiting should pass into civilian control, he drops his military rank on entering the ministry of national service, which will have charge of recruiting.

Metin to Succeed Cochran As Minister of Blockade

Paris, Aug. 17.—Albert Metin, under-secretary of finance, has been nominated as under-secretary of foreign affairs in charge of blockade. He will succeed Baron Denys Cochran, who resigned several days ago. M. Metin was minister of labor in the Doumergue cabinet in 1913, and in the Briand cabinet of 1915.

WHEAT PRICE IS FIXED BY GRAIN SUPERVISORS

Two Dollars and Forty Cents Per Bushel for August Contracts.

Winnipeg, Aug. 17.—The following order is promulgated by the board of grain supervisors for Canada: "It is hereby ordered by the board of grain supervisors for Canada that until the 31st of August, 1917, inclusive, the price of wheat, basis No. 1 Northern, in store at public terminal elevators at Fort William and Port Arthur, shall not exceed nor be less than two dollars and forty cents (\$2.40) per bushel. This applies to all wheat, whether of the old or of the new crop, in store in public terminal elevators at Fort William and Port Arthur, up to and including August 31, 1917. Holders of warehouse receipts which hold date prior to and including August 31, 1917, will be entitled to the above basis price of \$2.40 per bushel. No. 1 Northern wheat, only on condition that they sold the wheat at Fort William and Port Arthur, and delivered the receipts therefor not later than noon on August 31, 1917. (Signed) "Robert Magill, Chairman, "A. R. McDonald, Secretary."

The Crops of Ontario.

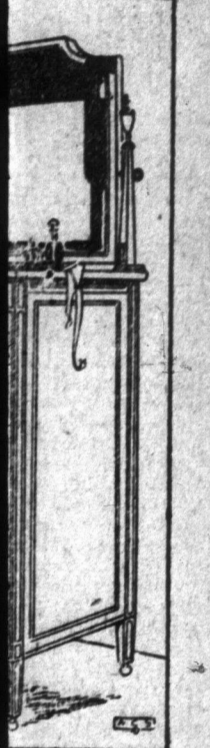
The binders are busy all over Ontario in the wheat, oat and barley fields; many mowers are also going on the balance of the hay crop. Corn and roots are rushing ahead ahead, the widespread rains. Potatoes promise a big yield. The corn is still backward. Labor is scarce, but harvesting is fairly under way. Threshing machines are at work on the oats; there is much need of horse feed. Every team that can be spared from the harvesting is put at plowing for the sowing of fall wheat. There is lots of good pasture for cattle and sheep. There is a good demand for old hay in the towns and cities. DINEEN'S MEN'S HATS SALE. There is always something offering in men's hats at Dineen's on Saturdays. This Saturday a clearance sale is in progress, and all summer straws and Panamas are being cleared out at half price. Although it is mid-summer, Dineen's are holding an end-of-the-season sale, and prices are reduced to much less than cost. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

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