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GERMANS, SOUNDLY BEATEN, MAKE NO EFFORT TO WIN BACK GROUND LOST ON TUESDAY

Content To Send Over Shells During Last Night

British Hold Their Gains; German Attack in Argonne Beaten Off by French Fighters; American Aviator Has Nine Air Fights in Two Hours

London, Oct. 31.—The Germans made no attempt during the night to regain the ground won yesterday by the British on the Ypres front. The official statement says: "The German artillery developed some activity during the night on the battle front against the positions captured yesterday, but no counter-attacks occurred. "There was nothing of special interest on the remainder of the front."

HUNS FAIL IN ATTACK ON FRENCH

Paris, Oct. 31.—A German attack in the Argonne last night was beaten off by the French. An artillery battle is in progress over the front of the recent French attack north of the Aisne. The announcement follows: "North of the Aisne there was artillery fighting on the whole sector between Vauxaillon and Pinon, and along our new positions in the region of Froideval which attempted to capture our small posts north of the Louve, in the region northwest of Rheims. "In the Argonne, in the region of Bourcelles, the Germans made a surprise attack. After a spirited engagement they were compelled to return to their lines, having suffered considerable losses. "There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front. "Enemy aviators threw down thirty bombs last night on Danikir. Neither seems nor important material losses have been reported up to the present."

WAS KEPT BUSY

Paris, Oct. 31.—Nine flights in the course of a two hour patrol fight is the record established by Sergeant D. M. Peterson, of the Lafayette Flying Squadron. He drove one of his adversaries to earth.

KERENSKY STAYS DEATH PENALTY

Petrograd, Oct. 31.—The ministry of war has been authorized to provide armaments for passenger and freight trains because of a report that stations and freight trains had been looted and passengers robbed. The request of the Siberian Cossacks that they be given representation on the jury which will try General Kornilov, leader of the recent abortive revolt, has been granted by the government. The request was based on the ground that the general's father was a Siberian. A supplementary inheritance tax has been approved by the minister of finance. It is estimated it will produce about fifty million rubles additional revenue annually. Alexander D. Protopopoff, former minister of the interior, and one of the chief reactionaries of the imperial regime, has been removed from the post of St. Peter and St. Paul to a hospital on account of ill-health. After his removal he was threatened with lynching by a group of soldiers who broke into the hospital and demanded to be assured of the truthfulness of reports that his condition was serious. The hospital authorities succeeded in placating the soldiers and Protopopoff was not harmed. Petrograd, Oct. 31.—The newspaper Rabotchnaya Gazeta reproduces the text of a telegram sent by Premier Kerensky prohibiting until further orders the carrying out of death sentences at the front.

WON MILITARY MEDAL

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. May of Hoyt Station, N.B., have received word that their eldest son, Corporal Arthur M. May, has been awarded the military medal for an act of bravery while at the front in France. Corporal May, who was with the C. P. R. at McAdam before enlisting, went overseas with No. 1 construction battalion and was in France for fourteen months. He was wounded about four months ago and still was in the hospital when the award was made. His only brother went overseas at the same time.

BRITISH BOMBS DROPPED INTO GERMAN TOWN

London, Oct. 30.—"Twelve British machines yesterday attacked Pirmasens, twelve miles beyond Saarbrücken, Germany," says an official statement issued last night on aerial operations. "Bombs were seen to burst on factories and gas works with excellent results. "Last night British machines bombed the railway station and lines around Saarbrücken."

THOUSAND NATIVES AT DURBAN DROWNED

London, Oct. 31.—(Bulletin)—One thousand British-Indian natives are believed to have been drowned at Durban, Natal, according to a Central News despatch from Johannesburg today. No details have been received from any source to indicate the nature of the calamity reported in the Johannesburg advices.

WIDESPREAD DAMAGE IN GALE THAT ONE TIME WAS OF 64 MILES VELOCITY

Ballast Wharf Is Wrecked In Storm
FREIGHT CARS OVERTURNED
Much Other Damage Along Waterfront And Elsewhere In City—Reports From Outside Places Tell of Devastation Wrought

A wind and rain storm, which swept over the city last night, combined with an unusual high tide, caused thousands of dollars' worth of damage along the harbor front. The wind, which had been blowing a gale during the early part of the night, increased in violence about eleven o'clock and maintained a velocity of forty-four miles an hour. At twenty minutes after eleven it increased to sixty-four miles, but remained at this velocity for only a few minutes and continued to vary from thirty-four to forty-four miles. The storm in itself was not considered very severe, but combined with the exceptional high tide, brought conditions which were not to be repeated along the waterfront for many years. The wharves along the entire eastern side of the harbor were all more or less damaged, and the planking on nearly all was torn loose and some washed away. Ballast Wharf

At the Ballast wharf many thousands of dollars' damage was done. The large cranes crashed into the wharf, and the harbor and stripped the outer sea wall, leaving the wharf a wreck. More than \$10,000, it is estimated, will be required to repair the damage. The wharf is at the most exposed place in the harbor for a storm from that direction, and the wind and waves spent their full fury on the structure. The fact that the inner wall had been heavily ballasted with rock from the sugar refinery excavations, saved it from being swept into the harbor. As it was, the entire sea wall on the southern side of the wharf was torn to pieces and swept away. Many of the heavy timbers were dashed up on top of the wharf, and there today as mute evidence of the force of the waves. The destruction of the outer portion of the wharf allowed the waves to sweep under the supports for the rails, which run down the wharf. There was a string of about a dozen freight cars on the wharf, and those at the outer end crashed over on their sides. Others were carried off the torn and twisted tracks, but managed to remain upright. The task of getting the cars out of the way will, in itself, be a difficult one. The wharf is owned by the dominion government.

Across the slip the new sugar refinery wharf also shows the effects of the storm, where tide and waves lifted the top of the structure at one place. The city wharves along the eastern side of the harbor also felt the effect of the storm, and today torn timbers and missing planking are evidence of its force. The extreme end of North Market wharf was damaged the most. The chief damage was to the top planking, and it is estimated that the cost of replacing the planks will be about \$2,000. Lawton's wharf, so-called, at the foot of Duke street, Pettigrew's wharf, and the Reed's point wharf also suffered damage to the decks of the wharves, about \$3,000 worth of damage being done. It will take about \$1,000 each to put the east and west side ferry wharves in good condition again. The only loss the city suffered at the West St. John was some damage to the top planking of No. 1 wharf. Kane & Ring's work of reconstruction at No. 5, West St. John, escaped without damage. In lower cove, Quinn's wharf, owned by the city and leased to George Dick, was badly smashed up at the outer end, one of the warehouses on the wharf also suffering damage. About \$2,000 will cover the loss. The extensive damage to harbor properties led to much discussion around the city today regarding the need for better reconstruction at No. 2, fifth column. (Continued on page 2, fifth column.)

Governor Of Province Dead

Hon. G. W. Ganong Passed Away Early Today

ILL BUT FEW WEEKS
Ead Came at Half Past Two, Following Ill Turn Early Last Evening—Successful in Business and Politics—Was Born in Kings County 68 Years Ago

(Special to Times)
St. Stephen, N. B., Oct. 31.—Governor Ganong passed away at his home, Lionora Hall, this morning at 2:30 o'clock, after an illness of little more than two weeks. He was seized with illness on Sunday, the 14th instant, and Dr. Deinstadt was called in. As his patient did not improve, he called in Dr. Hamilton, of Montreal. The disease was pronounced intestinal toxemia with kidney complications. Governor Ganong made a brave struggle, some days with marked improvement, and other times his case seemed critical. Last evening about six o'clock he was seized with a sinking spasm and did not rally. He leaves his wife, who was Miss Maria Robinson, daughter of the late John B. Robinson, of this town, and a sister, Mrs. Perkins, of Ottawa. J. E. Ganong, of Toronto, Professor W. F. Ganong, A. D. Ganong, of this town, and W. K. Ganong, of St. John, are nephews. Gilbert W. Ganong was born in Kings county, N. B., sixty-eight years ago, and with his brother, James Ganong, arrived in St. John more than forty years ago, and since then he has been a prominent figure in the business life and activity of this place. He had been president of the firm of Ganong Bros. confectionery firm for a number of years, and to his ability as an executive head was marked. Hundreds of people have been recipients of his many acts of his generosity. Mr. Ganong served this county one term in the House of Commons, and in last July was sworn in Lieutenant-Governor of this province, which office he held at the time of his death. He was a regular attendant of the Union street Baptist church, and in politics was a Conservative. No funeral arrangements have yet been made.

THEFT CHARGE BRINGS STORY OF CONSPIRACY TO ORGANIZE STRIKES

"Doctor" Edwards Says He Was Offered \$1,000 a Week to Make Labor Trouble in States and Canada

New York, Oct. 31.—"Doctor" Carl Van Edwards, on trial here on a charge of having stolen \$35,000 in jewelry and \$800 in money from Mrs. Minnie K. Strangman, wife of a Buffalo, N. Y. brewer, testified yesterday that he had been offered \$1,000 a week to undertake a mission of strike organization in the United States and Canada in behalf of the German government. The man who made the offer, he declared, was known to him as Carl Hanemann, who was described as secretary to Count Von Bernstorff.

KING'S APPRECIATION OF FIRST SUPPLIES FROM CANADA FOR TROOPS

Montreal, Oct. 31.—At a banquet held here last night in celebration of the third Canadian national fish day, one of the speakers was Major H. A. Green of the quartermaster-general's staff with the Canadians, officer in charge of fish supplies to the imperial forces. He had a letter from King George expressing appreciation of the efforts to supply the troops with fish, and also his royal approval of a sample which had been supplied for his personal consumption.

GERMAN PATENTS IN STATES AVAILABLE FOR U.S. MANUFACTURERS

Washington, Oct. 31.—The vast store of German scientific information in the United States was opened yesterday to American manufacturers. Regulations issued by the federal trade commission provide that enemy-owned patents and copyrights will be licensed for manufacture by citizens of the United States. When the regulations had been made public, the commission met a group of medical men to consider licensing the manufacture of certain drugs, principally salvarsan, used in virulent blood diseases and non-toxic substitutes for local anesthetic, the supply of which in this country has run dangerously low since the war interrupted commerce. Approximately 20,000 patented and copyrighted articles are said to be affected by the commission's order.

BRITISH STEAMER LOST IN FIVE MILLION DOLLAR FIRE

Incendiary Work Near Baltimore Causes Loss of Vessel, Piers and Goods and Probably Four or More Lives

Baltimore, Oct. 31.—A disastrous fire last night, which wrecked two of the finest of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway terminal piers at Locust Point, spread to a British steamship which had just docked and caused it to burn and explode with loud reports when the ship took fire and it was not long after the ship had been towed into the stream that she sank. Chief of Police Leigh of the Baltimore & Ohio Railway began an investigation of the report of the pier watchman that he saw five or six men jump from Pier No. 9 just as the flames broke out. The piers have been under armed guards for some months. Baltimore, Oct. 31.—The ten stevedores who had been on the ship and were thought to have gone down, were all accounted for today.

HEAVY SNOWSTORMS

Quebec, Oct. 31.—A severe snowstorm swept the whole of the North Shore last night after hitting Quebec and the district and at many points the telegraph wires are down, so that no reports are available. A rumor said the schooner Daisy, Captain J. Blais, of Lauson, had been lost, but reports came today that she is safely harbored at Whale Head, below Father Point.

GERMANS GUARDING COLOGNE CATHEDRAL

Amsterdam, Oct. 31.—Stained glass windows of the Cologne Cathedral, according to German newspapers, are being replaced with plain glass as a precaution in case of air raid.

SAYS ELECTION IN FIVE OR SIX WEEKS

Vancouver, Oct. 31.—In an address here Hon. Mr. Burrell said the elections would be held in five or six weeks.

SUNBURY MAN IS NEARLY 107 YEARS OLD

Fredericton, Oct. 31.—Patrick Farrer of North York, Sunbury County, says he is the oldest resident of New Brunswick. If he lives until next April he will have completed 107 years. Mr. Farrer is a native of Ireland and says he is a veteran of the Crimean War.

LOOK FOR MERRY TIME IN WASHINGTON TONIGHT

Washington, Oct. 31.—At midnight the national capital goes dry. Washington is planning a farewell celebration and the usual carnival scenes probably will be enacted as the closing hour approaches.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service
Synopsis.—The storm which was centered in Ottawa Valley yesterday has moved with great rapidity, and has almost disappeared over Labrador. The weather is cloudy near the Great Lakes and fair over other parts of the dominion. Light snow has fallen in Ontario.
Forecast
Lower Lakes, Georgian Bay—Fresh southwest and west winds, cloudy with a few snow flurries; Thursday, fair with much the same temperature.
Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Moderate to fresh westerly winds, mostly fair today and on Thursday.
Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Decreasing westerly winds, mostly fair today and on Thursday.
Fair; Cooler
Maritime—Fresh southwest and west winds, mostly fair today and on Thursday; a little cooler.
Lake Superior—Fresh westerly winds, a few local snow flurries, but mostly fair today and on Thursday.
Western Provinces—Generally fair and mild.
New England—Fair and continued cold tonight and Thursday; fresh west winds.
Fair; Cooler

HON. MR. GRAHAM SAYS HE WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE

Sends Letter To Liberal Association Announcing Retirement

TORONTO GLOBE'S VIEWS

Paper Makes Statement of Its Position—Political Matters From Several Parts of Canada—Union And Party Candidates

Toronto, Oct. 31.—A Mail and Empire despatch from Brockville says: The Brockville Recorder, the personal organ of Hon. G. P. Graham, announces that the former minister of railways will not be a candidate for re-election in South Renfrew, having announced his retirement in a letter to the president of the Liberal Association. The Recorder learns that a strong effort has been made to have Mr. Graham reconsider his decision, but so far without success. Will Support Meighen.

Portage La Prairie, Man., Oct. 31.—The Liberals of the provincial constituency of Portage La Prairie and Lakeside are prepared to pledge their support to Hon. Arthur Meighen if he should be a candidate in Portage La Prairie at the coming federal election. Liberal for Union.

Calgary, Alberta, candidate for Bow River, announces himself as a supporter of the union government. It is probable he will be selected as union candidate for a committee to meet with the Conservative executive to arrange for a union government in the near future.

Milverton, Ont., Oct. 31.—Doctor J. P. Rankin of Stratford, was yesterday chosen by an almost unanimous vote as Liberal candidate for North Perth.

Wingham, Ont., Oct. 31.—James Bowman, who since 1911 has represented East Huron in the House of Commons as a Conservative, was yesterday nominated as a supporter of the federal union government in the new riding of North Huron.

Lethbridge, Alta., Oct. 31.—The Liberal executive of New Brunswick until we saved our country," declared Ferdinand Villeneuve, one of the anti-conscriptionist speakers at a meeting of the St. James-Lafontaine Club last night. He followed this up by saying that "by saving the country we may win the war." He urged his fellow French-Canadians to appear before the courts in exemption, as otherwise they might lose their votes in the general elections, and if Laurier were returned to power the conscription law would likely be repealed.

Alphonse Bernier, one of the anti-conscriptionists out on bail pending trial, reaffirmed his unalterable opposition to conscription.

Bernier and Gaston Pilon were selected as delegates to a meeting in Quebec on Saturday night for the organization of a labor party.

Toronto Globe Position.
Toronto, Oct. 31.—Replying to the criticisms of "a subscriber of forty years standing," the Globe editorially today comes out squarely for the union government. It says: "The difference between the Globe and Sir Wilfrid Laurier is on a question of principle. But the winning of the war is the supreme issue in Canadian public affairs today, and the Globe has reluctantly come to the conclusion that the principle of voluntary enlistment, for which Sir Wilfrid still stands, will not provide the men needed to maintain the Canadian army in France as an effective fighting force. In that conclusion the Globe finds itself in the best of company. The Globe stands with the union government for the winning of the war and for the dedication to that great cause of the country's wealth and resources as well as its manhood."

Straight Party.
Winnipeg, Oct. 31.—At a meeting last night the Laurier Liberals of Centre Winnipeg affirmed their determination to stand by the platform of the next general election, as they did last August. They decided unanimously against supporting a union government. (Continued on page 2, seventh column.)

BELIEVE THAT CADORNA WILL HOLD HIS OWN

Italian Military Headquarters in London Hopeful

Enemy Drive Continues—Is As Much Political As Military—U. S. Shows Confidence By Making New Loan

London, Oct. 31.—Confidence in General Cadorna will be able to hold his own is felt in Italian military quarters here. The capture of Udine caused no surprise, as it is pointed out that the Italians evacuated Udine some days ago. The Austro-German drive continues. According to news received here from Italy, it is as much political as military. It is pointed out that for weeks the Austrians have been inundating the Italian lines with bombs filled with leaflets. Numbers of pamphlets and all sorts of literature were dropped from airplanes as well as quantities of pictures showing Italy under the power of Great Britain and France. The soldiers were urged to follow the Russian example and retreat, and then a separate peace might be made.

Loan to Italy
Washington, Oct. 31.—Substantial evidence of the faith of the United States in Italy in the hour of her trial was given at the treasury yesterday in the form of a loan of \$200,000,000. This brought the total of credits extended to Italy to \$485,000,000, and the grand total of loans to the allies to \$5,091,400,000. With this money Italy will pay for vast quantities of coal and other supplies purchased here for her armies and industries.

A Brave Garrison.
Paris, Oct. 31.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Rome says: "The most devoted courage and hardihood is shown by detachments garrisoned in isolated positions. One of these, belonging to the troops operating between the Piave (Fitzsch) and Tolmino, was besieged and completely cut off. It sent out a carrier pigeon with the laconic message 'We will never surrender.' The detachment is provided with provisions for twelve days, as there is every likelihood of its fulfilling its mission. The position held is one of prime importance, and it is probable it will play an important part in a counter-offensive."

Fight to Victorious End
Washington, Oct. 31.—The Italian ambassador, Count Dicciere, in a message today to America's Italian population, declares that the people of Italy and their army are firm in their determination to carry on the fight against the Austro-German invaders to a victorious end. The message, which was prompted by requests from Italian citizens in the United States for information regarding the Italian situation, has been sent to all Italian consuls for distribution, as well as to all Italian language newspapers in the country.

CROWN LAND LEASES.
Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 31.—C. E. Keith, today at the crown land office, purchased the right to cut all classes of merchantable timber on six lots on Cranberry Brook about ten miles north of McAdam, at the crown land office. The price was \$1,850. E. A. McNeil purchased the rights on two square miles of crown lands at the head of McBean's Brook, Nashua River, at \$65 a mile.