

### War Summary By W. H. Stewart

The British army in the past week landed some good blows on the organization of the German war machine, causing it to reel backward and bringing it nearer the precipice over which it will fall when the allies unite for their general shove.

The fighting was in Belgium and in Artois. The Canadians opened the engagement by a brilliant attack against Hill 70, a gentle elevation east of Loos, rising about 215 feet above the level of the sea, and a little less above the general level of the land in this low country.

The Canadians not only captured the hill, but in two later advances they moved forward to a depth of 700 yards on a 1000-yard front, and they then, after defeating two fresh German counter-attacks, making their successful repulses of the enemy twelve in all, advanced and captured three trenches on the railway embankment west of Lens. These gave the Germans observation over the hollow captured east of Hill 70. This action recalls the great fight which caused the birth of the Loos salient, twenty-three months ago. Then Kitchener's First Hundred, rendered immortal by the genius of Lord Haig, went to its doom. The Highlanders swept forward to the western slopes of Hill 70, and they established their line within 300 yards of the summit, forcing the Canadians a convenient jumping-off ground for their assault of the other day.

#### Other Allied Effort

The other big effort was carried out on the front east of Ypres. The British, supported by the French on their right flank, advanced against a section of the German front, nine miles wide, from the Menin road to Dixmude. The attack prospered on the front section north of St. Julien, and the British carried Langemarck and advanced half a mile beyond the high ground about the Menin road, however, the enemy made a fierce resistance, especially in the Polygon Wood, opposing Irish troops with particular fury. In this little area the Germans recaptured some of the lost ground.

The British and French artillery continued its bombardment on the day after the advance, while the allied troops were cleaning up the captured ground and shooting up with their artillery the remaining nests of Hunns who refused to surrender.

A noteworthy new point about this fighting has been the great precision and power attained by the allied artillery barrage. It renders impotent the German reply. Witnesses describe it as a veritable wall of steel. The French have invented a new barrage with their 75's that is awe-inspiring for the enemy.

The advance in depth varies from about 1000 to 2000 yards.

#### Industrialized Warfare

Sir Douglas Haig these days is exemplifying in Artois and Flanders what is known as industrialized warfare. He is producing victories as a great manufacturer would produce automobiles, locomotives or machinery, on a vast scale. Each of these actions demands great previous preparation, the special training of soldiers, the drawing of military supplies, the raw material of military success from the four corners of the world, and lastly, the accumulation of shells by dint of vast industrial organization in the fields, mines and workshops of half the globe. So vast is the work of preparation for a battle of trenches that until the present weeks had elapsed from the determination to fight in a particular spot till the actual launching of the attack.

The British war machine, schooled in many combats, has almost attained perfection in the precision of its massed tactical operations, and in the support of the artillery. The British tactics have advanced to a point where their working combinations that the troops can now advance at a run, instead of a slow walk, and can, therefore, cut their casualties. The Canadians stormed Vimy Ridge and reached their last objectives as their timetable called for in 42 minutes in April last. They stormed the almost equally important Hill 70, a gentle and formidable slope in just 25 minutes, the other day. To the seeing eye this increase in the efficiency of the attack portends a further advance to come, for the chief reason for the tying down of the army to the fighting of these shallow tactical battles has disappeared.

#### Expert Conclusions

After the offensive at Loos, in September, 1915, recalled by this recent Canadian action, had spent its force, a committee of experts studied the results of the action. Their conclusions profoundly affected British tactics and strategy during the past 23 months. One finding was that it was impossible to break through the German defences in a single day, and that it was accordingly impossible to effect a breach in the German front before the undertaking of a long and costly campaign of attrition and the fighting on an expensive action, comparable to Mukden, but ten to twenty times greater.

The lessons learned from the many offensive actions fought between that day and this have brought about a remarkable improvement in the manner of the attack, and consequently in the rapidity of the advance. The more rapidly the men move forward the greater depth they can penetrate in a single action. The growing feebleness of the Germans also permits a second and a third advance the day after the primary one.

The newspaper correspondents at the front keep suggesting when any attack is made on, that the battle may extend into something really extraordinary in this most extraordinary of wars. The reason for their expectations is plain. They are familiar with the vast preparations which are proceeding in the rear of the allied fronts, and they perceive what these portend. The Germans have collected enough information to make them apprehensive. They have inspired their controlled press at Berlin to speculate on future allied actions. They have inspired peace offers from unexpected quarters, they have inspired intrigue in London, Paris, Petrograd, Rome and Washington to further their ends and to suggest peace, partly because they want peace and partly because they half believe that they can weaken the allies by creating divisions, so that they can compel the peace desired by China.

#### the clique which aspires to world-power or downfall. Shortens Tenure in Lens

The actions on the British front in the past week speak for themselves. The loss of Hill 70 by the enemy dooms the future in Lens. He had determined to make an old guard sort of stand, to be a last ditcher, so to speak. He utilized cellars for rifle and machine gun pits, he massed debris of destroyed houses, shops, factories and public buildings in ways convenient for serving as obstacles to the British advance, but now the Canadians show signs of surrounding the ruins and a little further progress north and south of the city will compel the enemy to seek more salubrious quarters. He, however, will cling to the eastern half of Lens to the last.

The Anglo-French advance in Belgium merely continues what the two armies so brilliantly began two weeks ago, and had to suspend till the heavy rains ceased. The French operation is merely subsidiary to the British operation. The British right got on well enough and drove a salient half a mile beyond Langemarck, but the British centre also set in motion.

On the main road, encountered strong resistance from the beginning. Although it made progress it did not attain its objectives. The Germans had massed great forces in this difficult wooded country, dotted by Polygon Wood and its offshoots, so that they kept up a stream of counter-attacks. This system is proving extremely costly. It results in a frightful massacre of enemy troops as they strive to advance, and the it sometimes results in brief gains of territory, it usually happens that the enemy cannot hold for any length of time territory thus regained.

The discovery of thick masses of German troops in the Polygon and neighboring woods will bring down on these regions a great deluge of British artillery fire. It will also invite application of the boiling oil treatment. This will burn the wooded areas bare of trees, together with any barbed wire, together with any barbed wire for their inhuman use of burning pitch and flame tractors against the allies. German public opinion approved this weapon when introduced. German troops will have to experience how it works when applied to them on a wholesale scale.

#### More Severe Strain

The advance into Belgium, coupled with the advance on Lens gives added severity to the strain on the German war machine. The German army organization has enjoyed the reputation of being the most efficient in the world, but even it is subject to strain and fragility. The enemy made the blunder a while ago of picking over his divisions and of combing out his best individual soldiers to become shock troops. He is still laboring under the delusion of crack regiments, and the speed with which they possess some magic in their composition that makes them superior to ordinary troops. The allies on the contrary do not hold to the predilection for elite troops. They train as far as possible every division to be of uniform efficiency and of uniform good fighting quality.

The effect of the German system has been to weed out the best individual soldiers from their divisions and to organize them in cohorts that bear the brunt of the attack and suffer correspondingly heavier losses. The consequence is that the residue after the departure of these best men sinks lower than ever in military capability. The same thing happens as would happen if you picked the best pitcher, catcher, first baseman, or batter from the baseball teams in a league. The result would be a great lowering in the playing capacity of the team, a lowering by a larger percentage of efficiency than the eleven per cent represented by the numerical withdrawal of a single man.

#### Dissolution Hastens

Thus, the enemy is hastening his own disintegration by degrading the general level of his army so far as fighting quality is concerned. He has also reduced his effective striking force to a limited number of divisions of the elite. The multiplication of points for attack at widely separated points, as before Lens and beyond Ypres, severely handicaps his resisting powers. The increase in the strain on his war machine is greater than merely double the strain imposed by an assault on one point. The effects of this strain do not become visible to the naked eye immediately, but they hasten the day when the break-down of the enemy will come.

General Korniloff has assured the rest of the allies that Russia will fight a vigorous winter campaign this year and the next. He has wonderfully imitated the army in discipline and morale in the brief period since he has assumed supreme command. This welcome news assures relief for the western allies from the handicaps previously imposed by the dilatoriness and inertness of the Russian armies.

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#### INTERMISSION

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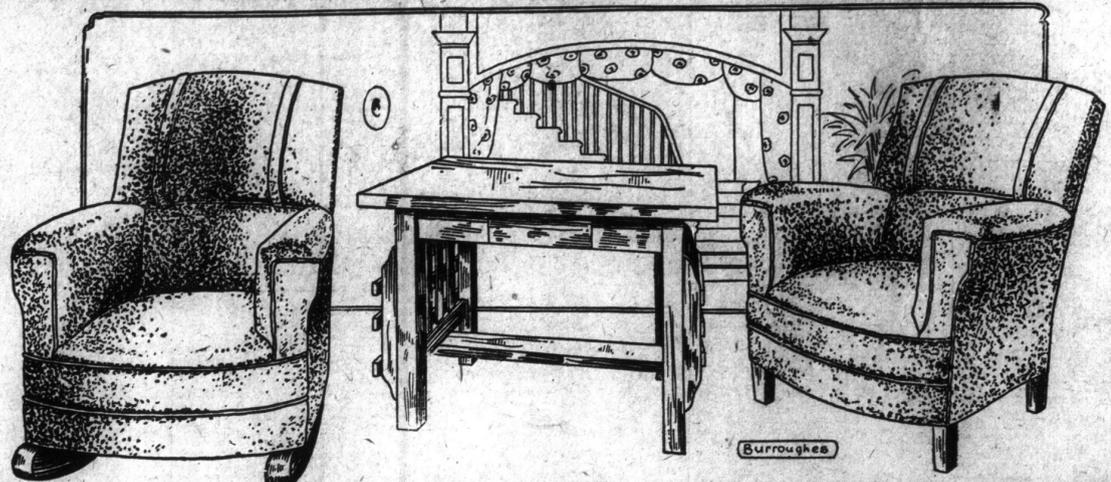
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#### GERMAN ADMIRAL DEAD.

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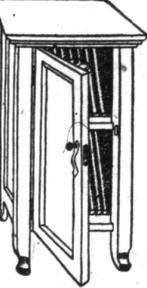
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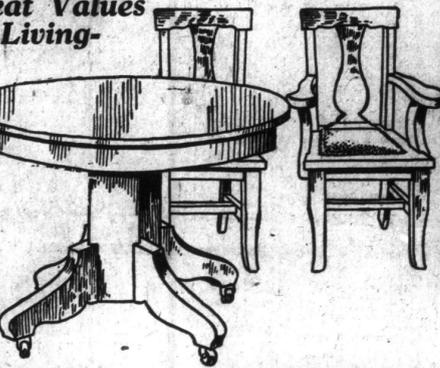


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### GRAND DUKE MICHAEL REFUSES TO DEPART

Given Chance to Go to England, But Decides to Stay in Russia.

Petrograd, Aug. 18.—Grand Duke Michael, according to The Bourne Gazette, has rejected the suggestion that he go to England to live, declaring he could not leave Russia until the constituent assembly has determined the future form of government. It will be remembered that Grand Duke Michael made at the beginning of the revolution a provisional renunciation of his claim to imperial succession declaring he will only accept the throne if called by the people.

The Bourne Gazette says there were persistent rumors a few days before the transfer of ex-Emperor Nicholas from Tsarko-Stepo that Grand Duke Michael had departed for England. Investigation proved he had been given the option of going there, but refused to do so until the question of regime was settled.

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Paris, Aug. 18.—A revision court-martial has rejected the appeal of the Dutch dancer, Matahari, who recently was condemned to death as a spy. She still can ask that her case be heard by the supreme court.

### WARDLE'S APPOINTMENT WELCOMED BY PRESS

London, Aug. 18.—The appointment of George J. Wardle as parliamentary secretary of the board of trade is welcomed by the press opposed to the Stockholm socialist conference as indicating that he accepts the attitude of the government with regard thereto. His acceptance of the office is regarded as the more significant as he accompanied Arthur Henderson, who recently resigned as member of the war council, and James Ramsay MacDonald, ex-chairman of the labor party, on their recent famous visit to Paris, since which time he has not declared his views. The appointment of George H. Roberts as minister of labor necessitates his seeking re-election at Norwich. Other appointments do not incur the obligation of reappointing to their constituents.