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## KAISER'S TROOPS ON RIGA ISLANDS; MAY OPEN A PATH TO RUSS CAPITAL

Oesel and Dago Occupied By German Forces Which Can Strike at Muscovite Flank On Mainland, Or Directly Attack Petrograd.

London, Oct. 13 .- The Germans have landed troops on the islands of Oesel and Dago, in the Gulf of Riga, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd.

The islands are at the entrance to the Gulf of Riga, and provide easy access to the mainland over small intermediate islands. They are off the coast of the Russian province of Esthonia. Dago Island is about 200 miles from Petrograd. Its position derives additional importance from the fact that it is almost at the mouth of the Gulf of Finland at the head of which is Kronstadt, which defends Petrograd.

Oesel Island is nearly 100 miles north of Riga, which the Germans captured recently. The landing of German troops in Esthonia would threaten the outflanking of the Russian line and probably compel a retreat on a wide section of the front, if indeed it did not open the way to Petrograd itself. A railway line follows t'e coast all the way from Hapsal, opposite Dago Island, to Petrograd. Cesel Island, the largest of the two, is 45 miles long and has an area of 1,010 square miles and a population of about 60,000. It has a difficult coastline in the form of precipitous limestone cliffs.

# BRITISH READY

Indications That the Promised FOOD MINISTER IS Raids Are About To Be Carried Out.

**CALLED A FAILURE** London, Oct. 13 .- The morning newspapers suggest that the Government is ready to begin carrying out reprisal air raids on Germany. This belief is based on the assignment of Lieut.-Gen. David Henderson, director-general of military aeronauties, to special work and the sending of Major-Gen. W. S. Brancker, director of air organization for the army, to a command abroad,

WILL CONTROL SHIPPING AND SHIPBUILDING FOR TWO YEARS AFTER WAR

London, Oct. 12—According to the Central News the Government intends to retain control of shipping, shipbuilding and kindred industries until one or two years after the war, instead of six month. It is understood, says the news agency, that one of the reasons for this is to prevent Germany from obtaining ships from British shippards through neutral orders until the requirements of Great Britain and her allies are fully met.

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allies are fully met.
Already the shipbuilders are loaded
with orders for after-war delivery.
During the present week alone orders
for one hundred ships were received by
northeast coast and Clyde shipbuilders.

WAR LABOR CANDIDATE FOR NIPISSING DIST.

North Bay, Oct. 13.—At a meeting held here last evening of representatives of all the different labor organizations of the district it was decided to place a war Labor candidate in the field to contest the riding of Nipissing in the coming federal elections. A convention will be held in the town hall November 1 to select a man.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES BY GERMAN CHAMPION Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 45; lowest, 38.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 41; lowest, 37.

TOMORROW-FAIR AND COLD. Toronto, Oct. 13—8 a.m.
Forecasts.
Today — Decreasing northwest to
southwest winds; partiy fair and cold,
with a few passing showers or rain or

snow.
Sunday-Moderate to fresh west to southwest winds; fair and cold. 

New York, Oct. 13.—High tribute to the daring displayed by his British enemies is paid by the German champion air fighter, Major Baron von Richthofen, in an interview with Baron Ompeteda, a German novelist, printed in Die Woche of Berlin and summarized in the London Dally Mail.

According to the descriptions of his private headquarters on the western front, Major von Richthofen concentrates most of his thought and energy upon the British Flying Corps. The walls of his lair are decorated with trophies from British planes.

"I am a great believer," he said, "in taking and retaining the offensive. Airmen must attack. Once we are jockeyed into the defensive it is devilish difficult to turn the tables. Above all else, we have to outwit the English in this respect Their airmen are simply dare-devility personified. They hardly ever take time to study the situation, but are always ready, even under most unfavorable conditions, to attack. This often results in their coming woefullty makes

HON. C. S. HYMAN, named by Sir Whfrid Laurier as soldiers' vote scru-

BY MONTREALERS

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THOUGH LACK OF MILK

80,000 Children in Canada

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in a school here last night for the

discussion of the high cost of liv-

ing, Food Controller Hanna was de-

nounced as a failure. It was sug-

gested by Miss Hall of the university

settlement, and Mrs. Rose Hender-

son, that if the manufacture of

cheese for the soldiers was causing

a lack of milk supply for children,

as seemed to be the case, something

should be substituted for cheese,

and the bables saved from death.

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How Unfavorable the

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Montreal, Oct. 13.—At a meeting

## HAIG ANNOUNCES **GERMANS UNABLE** TO STRIKE BACK

Statement Says No Counter-Attacks Yet at Ypres Front.

BATTLING FOR CRESTS

All Day Friday British Fought Through Bogs Foot by

London, Oct. 13 .- "There was a heavy rain throughout the night, which is still continuing," says today's official stateenemy have developed thus far on the battlefront. On the rest of the British ley, ront there is nothing to report."

British Front in France and Belgium, Oct. 13.—(By the Associated Press).— All day yesterday British fought their way doggedly, foot by foot, over the mud-locked battlefield, northeast of ypres. They are still clinging with grim determination to the task at the latest reports, and had made appreciable gains in the face of almost inconceivable difficulties along the six-mile front. OF OVERSEAS' BALLOTS

Fighting For Crests. The greatest advance appears to have been along the crest of the Passchendaele ridge, where the at-tacking troops had pushed forward to an extreme depth of perhaps 1,200 yards from the starting It was reported several hours ago

that observers had seen a small body of Haig's men at the crest, which lies almost on the outskirts of the village of Passchendaele. The three years of war have produced few such days of hardships. Not since the world conflict began, however, has there been a more wonderful display of courage by the British. From the start it has been a merciless struggle against the odds presented by the hideous morasses for which Flanders is

MORE CLOSE WORK. British Front in France and Bel-gium, Oct. 12—(By the Associated Press).-There has been more rifle and havenet work today than in the last battle or two in Flanders The machine guns, however, played an important part of the German defence. The enemy fought better than usual in some places, but in others he has shown a lack of fight-

Germans Prepared. The Germans evidently guessed in advance that the attack was to be launched at daybreak. During the night, they shelled the communicating roads and front lines heavily, and as early as 2 o'clock this morning they threw a large number of gas shells along the British forward positions. When the attack began the enemy maintained a heavy nachine gun barrage over large sec-

tions of the front.

Charged With Bayonet. On the right of the advance, which roughly was in the direction of Passchendaele, the British were faced with the greatest difficulty. About the Ravesbeek River, the ground was awful. In addition, there were numerous strong German positions along the slopes of the Passchendaele Ridge, which dominated the advance and made it possible for the enemy to pour heavy machine gun fire into the approaching troops. The Germans, knowing that the attack was coming, were ready with a merciless fire when the British pushed forward. In the wood southwest of Passchendaele there was a concrete pill-box, and many machine gun forts impro-vised out of debris. The British charged this place with the bayonet, and hard hand-to-hand fighting followed. The enemy holders of the position finally were killed or captured or forced to flee. Here and at other points along the battlefront many Germans were killed with cold

Bellevue, 1,500 yards west of Passchendaele, was another point that held up the British advance with machine gun fire. Believue is located on a spur which rises above the surrounding ground, and there were many German pill boxes packed on this elevation. The fire from these strongholds was incessant. There was also hard fighting about the Copse just to the northwest of

Believue.
North of Wallemollen the depth of the attack gradually tapered off as it swung northwestward toward the Houtholst forest. Here grave difficulties were encountered along the Lekkebotberbeke and Broenbeek rivers, where the ground was a horrible mass of seemingly bottom-

less mud.

he latest reports received where to the effect that the British had driven the Germans from their brewery stronghold in the eastern outskirts of Poelcapelle and had pushed on beyond. Just how far they continue to advance it is impossible to say at this hour.

MANY BOATS TIED UP BY STORM ON LAKES



This snapshot, sent by Capt. T. A. Mosley, chaplain, to Mrs. T. Yerex, 302 This snapshot, sent by Capt. T. A. Mosley, chaplain, to Mrs. T. Yerex, 302 in coughout the night, which is still lided street south, shows the burial of her son, Pte. Royden Reed, in the Canadian soldiers' plot in Brookwood Cemetery, London, England, on September 13. Capt. Mosley, who was a Methodist pastor from Winnipeg, was in charge of the British there is nothing to report."

This snapshot, sent by Capt. T. A. Mosley, chaplain, to Mrs. T. Yerex, 302 in the shows the burial of her son, Pte. Royden Reed, in the Canadian soldiers' plot in Brookwood Cemetery, London, England, on September 13. Capt. Mosley, who was a Methodist pastor from Winnipeg, was in charge of the funeral. Accompanying the picture was a tribute from Capt. Mosley, who would be proved and the last post sounded. The little party returned to the special train for London feeling that they had honored a hero of tender years, and one who had been buried with the sure and certain here.

certain hope of a glorious resurrection."

Relatives of the young London boy serving in the C. E. F. were present at the funeral, which was met by a company of the 5th London Rifle Brigade, from which the firing party and buglers were provided.

Pte. Reed was only 17 years of age at the time of his enlistment in the 91st Battalion at St. Thomas. He was just 18 on the day of his funeral.

## COMPLICATIONS ARE LOOMING UP FOR BORDEN'S "UNION" CABINE IN THE MATTER OF NOMINATIONS

Ottawa, Oct. 13.—The probable effect of Union Government on nominations is a matter of much speculation. There has been no official intimation from Government sources as to which plan it is proposed adopt, and it is understood that the Conservative and Libe to adopt, and it is understood that the Conservative and Lines members of the cabinet have not discussed the matter excent in the energy and with the understanding that preference will be given to stiting members of cither party in the event of their declaring willingness to support the Union Government.

In vacant constituencies, including the newly-created constituencies in the west, unionist candidates will be nominated in the usual way to

oppose straight Liberal or Independent candidates. It is fully realized that in constituencies where both parties have already nominar d candidates, both of whom would be willing to support the Gov. Inment, complications will arise which will have to be straightened out.

Await Action of Municipali-

ties First.

## BEING HELD P **UNABLE TO ACT** BY COMMISSION IN COMING VOTE

Overseas Scrutineer, Named L. and P. S. Operators Will by Sir Wilfrid, Cannot Accept Position.

Hoft. C. S. Hyman was offered some time ago the position of scrutineer of to decline, owing to business reasons. Sir Wilfrid Laurier nominated him for one of the posts, but Mr. Hyman, after looking into the situation from every possible angle, was compelled to decline.

Any Valuation, Pending Municipal Aid, Might Prejudice Case, Says Beck. the overseas vote, but has been forced

cnne.
"I could not accept for business reasons," said Mr. Hyman.
It is not known who will be given the position.

## GIANTS AND CHICAGO START FIFTH GAME

Comiskey Park, Chicago, Oct, 14.—
On a field swept by frosty winds, the at this time, particularly for the publication of the p New York Giants and Chicago White lic," said Sir Adam Beck. "The com-Sox swung into action today in the pany has a definite offer to scrap the fifth engagement of the world's series road, as I understand it. We should campaign that now nears its end. not make a valuation at this time, as Some 30,000 spectators saw the cham- we might prejudice that offer. If we pions of the National and American should place a lower estimate on the Leagues come to grips. The two clubs line than the amount of the offer, that would not be right and fair to the comstand even as to games won. The players at early practice were pany. On the other hand, we would

The players at early practice were jacketed in sweaters.

"It will be colder among those present if we win today's game," said Captain Herzog of the Giants, "and we expect to do it. The Sox have played out their string of pitchers, and the Chicago club is on the run."

The Giant's had neither Sallee or Ben't to send against the Sox Sallee works best in warm weather. It seemed certain that either Cicotte or Russell would get the Sox's assignment for box work.

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THE MEATLESS RULES

Washington, D. C., Oct. 13.-More than 16,000 hotels and restaurants in Canada have by the institution of meatless days reduced consumption of bacon 51 per cent and beef 40 per cent, as compared with the preceding months. They also have made considerable econies in wheat and flour by substitution of other cereals and by actual cutting

The food controller of Canada, according to the food administration here, has Duluth, Minn., Oct. 18.—Many boats are kept tied up here as a result of a 52-mile gale, the swept Lake Superior Thursda.

Only a few to clear and but 13 arrived.

23 degrees.

In the food administration here, has a new test of a nanounced that after November 1 the net profits of Canadian millers will be limited to a maximum average of 25 cents per barrel of flour, the by-products to go to the mill.

## CARVELL JOINS **BORDEN CABINET** OTTAWA REPORT

Carvell Takes Public Works and Ballantyne Goes to Marine.

MURRAY FOR STATE JOB

Govt. Organ Says That Rowell Will Run for a Toronto Seat.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Oct. 13.-F. B. Carvell at 12:30 this afternoon was sworn in as minister of public works. C. C. Ballantyne goes to marine and fisheries. Premier George Murray will probably come in as secretary of state next week.

[Canadian Press.] Ottawa, Oct. 13.-It is practically cer ain that either Premier Murray of Nova Scotia or Hon, A. K. MacLean will be-

Scotia or Hon, A. K. MacLean will become minister of labor to succeed Hon. T. W. Crothers.

WHERE THEY WILL RUN.
Ottawa, Oct. 13.—The Evening Citizen says that in the approaching elections Hon. N. W. Rowell will run in one of the Toronto seats, Hon. J. A. Crerar will likely replace Hon. Dr. Roche as member for Marquette, Hon. A. L. Sifton will contest Battle River, Hon. J. A. Calder will run in Regina, and Hon. C. C. Ballantyne in the St. George-St. Lawrence division of Montreal. When the date of the election is fixed, or earlier, the Government will issue a state of the season has seemed and seemed and sand. The total was out of all proportion to that transported in peace time, and there is not the slight-est doubt that the Germans are making direct use of this to our detriment. The Germans are using enormous-quantities of gravel and sand. The total was out of all proportion to that transported in peace time, and there is not the slight-est doubt that the Germans are making direct use of this to our detriment. The Germans are using enormous-quantities of concrete in pill boxes, dug-outs, and in many other ways.

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## SURPRISE ASSAULTS ON FRENCH DEFENCES **COSTLY TO GERMANS**

Fail To Gain, Although Preceded by 36-Hour Bombardment.

Paris, Oct. 13.—German forces last night made several attacks on the French position north of the River Aisne. The official statement issued this afternoon by the French war office says that all the assaults

Paris, Oct. 12 (delayed) .- The official tatement issued by the war office tonight reads:

"During the day the artillery was very active in the sector of Moulin de Case, Says Beck.

The London Railway Commission, at a meeting at noon today, decided to make no offer for the purchase of the Lake Erie Traction line pending the result of negotiations between the municipalities interested and the company. This will be decided in a week's time, and then the commission will make a proposition if the council designs.

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SIR JOHN SIMON **GOES TO TRENCHES** 

London, Oct. 13.-Sir John Simon, former attorney-general the Dally Mail announces, been given a commission in the army, and has joined the British forces in France. Sir John gives up a legal practice said to be worth £20,000 a year.

### THE WAR SITUATION THE WAR SITUATION.

While the British offensive has come to a momentary pause, with the gains effected yesterday everywhere held, a situation latent with big possibilities has developed on the Russian front. The landing of German troops on

armies in their admittedly disorganized state.

In Flanders the heavy rain which stopped Fleid Marshal Halg's drive yesterday before all his objectives were attained, was continuing today, increasing the depth of the mud through which the British have been struggling in their advance. The mud evidently was hampering the Germans equally for they falled to deliver a counterattack during the night.

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## CAPELLE'S FINISH IS PLACED TO FAILURE **OF PIRACY CAMPAIGN**

which we repulsed, show that we carried out by heavy effectives, and were preceded by a bombardment of 36 hours. Three attacks were made by detachments of about 140 men each, including shock troops and pioneers. They were received by our artillery fire and the machine guns. These attacks resulted in lively engagements in which we clearly showed our superiority. The memy left ten prisoners in our hands. The enemy's losses were very heavy."

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INAFRICAN RETREAT

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Washington, D. C., Oct. 13.—News of the resignation of Vice-Admir

REPRIEVE FOR MOKE

# we may be able to purchase it at a figure that will justify us, aceping it, or part of it in operation, continued Sit Adam. "That will all come out shortly." "The council will tell the company that it cannot pay 60 cents on the dollar of the bond issue," declared Mayor Stevenson. "If they want us to make another bid, then we can take it up." Thus the matter rested. The conference between the company and municipalities of take place during the company and fit we may be able to purchase it at a figure that will all come out shortly." Thus the matter rested. The conference between the company and municipalities of take place during the company and municipalities of the bond issue. The conference between the company and municipalities of take place during the company and municipalities of take place and the place of the bond issue. The conference between the conf

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Lord Robert Cecil Declares That Germany Is Building Its Belgian "Pill Boxes" With Sand and Gravel Supplied From Dutch Sources.

London, Oct. 13.-The prohibition of all commercial cable communication with Holiand until such time as the Netherlands Government places an absolute restriction on the transit of sand gravel and scrap metals through Holland from Germany to Belgium, was explained to the Associated Press today by Lord Robert Cecil, the minister of blockade.

Helping the Germans.

"The Dutch in recent months." he said. "have been allowing the Germans to transport across waterways from Germany to Belgium vast quantities of

command.

Season Too Late.

The lateness of the season has seemed to preclude any attempt by the Teutons to make a drive toward Petrograd this year. It has been pointed out, however, that such a move could probably be carried out with comparative ease at present, with the Russian armies in their admittedly disorganized state.

STATEMENT BY HOLLAND. The Hague Oct. 13.—The Dutch foreign office today issued the following official statement concerning the proofficial statement concerning the pro-hibition of the use of British cabies by Holland:

Holland:
"The Netherlands Government can
the the British desire to stop the "The Netherlands Government can satisfy the British desire to stop the transit of sand and gravel to Belgium only when the British Government can show, despite the declaration of the German authorities and the investigations of Dutch officers, that the materalish are used for war purposes. The Dutch minister at London has been instructed to ask the British Government to communicate any proofs it may possess in this respect."

## TRIGGER SLIPPED, IS A **NEW YORKER'S EXCUSE** FOR SHOOTING SPOUSE

But Authorities Hold Him On a Charge of Homicide.

New York, Oct. 13.—With a laugh and kiss and an oath—which he says was "playful," James F. Woods killed his wife last night. He pointed a revolver at her and he says "the trigger slipped."

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"It was an accident," he said but Coroner William F. Flynn found many vague points and many contradictory ones in the evidence that piled up hour by hour, and he committed Woods to the Broix Counfy jail on a charge of homicide.

There was a visitor at the Woods home last night, Mrs. Ethel Waters, of No. 4 West 128th street. She and Mrs. Woods were to go to a theatre. In the living-room Woods was fooling with the revolver.

"You'd better put it away, dear," "Mrs. Woods said, nervously.

"And I just pointed it at her kind of playful," Woods told the police. "I wasn't mad at her at all. I had just kissed her good-bye. But I pointed the gun at her and said, You damn little Polak," not meaning anything, of course, and just then the trigger sort of slipped."

He carried her to the street and ran two blocks with her to the office of Dr. Alfred Rashe. "Call an ambul-He carried her to the street and rain two blocks with her to the office of Dr. Alfred Raabe. "Call an ambulance," ordered the physician. Woods would not wait. He stopped a baker's wagon that was passing lifted his wife in, and ordered the driver to go to Lebannon Hospital. There Dr. Kliman said the woman had been dead for some time.

WINGHAM ALDERMAN HAS SERIOUS MISHAP