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French Attack Strong Positions; Make Gain

Numerous German Soldiers Gathered In as Prisoners

SLIGHT BRITISH SETBACK

Enemy, Succeed in Forcing Back Troops Slightly At One Point—Americans Ready To Take Place in Line, Says Washington Report

Paris, Oct. 22.—The French war of-

front reports: "This morning at 5.15 o'clock after artillery preparation for several hours, our troops assaulted the powerful German positions in the region of All-

mont and La Malmaison, northeast of Soissons. On the whole front of attack we made good progress, and we took a number of prisoners.

"Northwest of Rheims there was rather heavy artillery fighting in the night. Three surprise attacks against our small posts west of Bernicourt and east of Neuville were without result.

"In the Argonne an incursion into German trenches at Cheppy Wood enabled us to inflict losses on the enemy and bring back prisoners.

"On the right bank of the Meuse, Verdun front, the artillery action became violent late in the night in the region north of Hill 84."

The British Advance.

London, Oct. 22.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in Belgium wires:—

"The advance on Monday was carried out in a dense mist resembling a London fog. The ground is still terribly heavy.

"Up to midday we had advanced about 1,000 yards, carrying our left wing well up to the fringe of the Houtholst Forest. It is also rumoured that we occupied the Pockelsee brewery, Minster House and Helle House.

"The heaviest resistance was experienced on our left center, where the machine gun fire was so hot that our progress was checked.

"The enemy counter-attacked in the forenoon astride the Ypres-Staden railway, but was repulsed with heavy casualties. The weather cleared as the day advanced.

"The operation, however, does not seem to be of major importance, like the recent battles."

Slight German Success.

London, Oct. 22.—The Germans last night attacked one of the newly captured British positions in Flanders in the southern part of Houtholst Forest and forced back a short distance the troops holding it. Elsewhere the British gains of yesterday have been maintained and consolidated.

Rain fell again last night, and the weather has been stormy and unsettled.

Americans Ready.

Washington, Oct. 22.—Secretary of War Baker's weekly review of war operations discloses the belief of the war department that potency of material and men will enable the British and French commanders to triumph over natural obstacles and continue forcing the enemy backward without waiting for spring.

The review declares that the men of the American expeditionary forces in France, after three months' intensive training are in efficient fighting trim and splendid physical condition.

Min dwelling upon the importance of the battle of Flanders and its effect upon the morale of the Germans, Mr. Baker declares it apparent that the German high command is in a state of confusion and that the British and French are in a position to take the offensive at any time.

By extending her lines in the east he adds, Germany has merely added to the length of her line of communications and increased confidence in the final allied victory.

IRISH AFFAIRS IN THE COMMONS

London, Oct. 22.—The House of Commons today occupied itself with Ireland. John E. Redmond opened a debate on a motion which he announced on October 16. It reads:—

"This house deplores the policy which has been pursued by the Irish executive government and the Irish military authorities at a time when the highest interests of Ireland and the empire demand the creation of an atmosphere favorable to a successful result of the deliberations of the Irish convention."

There already has been much talk outside parliament as to Sinn Fein domination and the questions will be thoroughly threshed out.

PREVENTED DESTRUCTION OF ZEPPELIN

French Workman Held Up Captain Just In Time

HE WILL BE REWARDED

Allies Now Have Opportunity To Learn Some of German Secrets As Captured Airship Is Of Latest Type And Is Intact

Bourbonnet Les Bains, France, Oct. 22.—(By the Associated Press)—The only Zeppelin to fall into the hands of the allies intact, struck its colors to the shotgun of a local workman named Boiteux, Lieutenant Lafargue, of the "Crocodile" squadron, winged the Zeppelin, forcing it to land.

About 9.30 o'clock on Saturday morning Boiteux was walking in a field with a dog and gun, when he heard the sound of motors. He looked up and saw the Zeppelin surrounded by airplanes, which were peppering it. The monster was flying very slowly and very low. Suddenly the bows dipped into a clump of trees and the airship came to a standstill, subsiding gently across a narrow ravine in the bottom of which runs a brook.

"Immediately," said M. Boiteux, "the fifteen men of the crew clambered to the ground. The last to leave, I afterwards found he was the captain. I lined them up in good order and said something to them, probably his last instructions. He then fired a pistol into the envelope.

"I at once grasped that he intended to set fire to the Zeppelin. I rushed forward to stop him at any cost. I was about thirty yards away from him. I loaded my gun with buckshot and shouted: 'Stop that or I will do some shooting.'"

"The threat was enough, the captain dropped his gun, threw up his hands and (Continued on page 2, sixth column.)

HERE ON MISSION IN THE INTERESTS OF THE RETURNED SOLDIERS

Professor F. H. Sexton of Halifax, vocational officer for Quebec and the maritime provinces for the Military Hospitals Commission is in the city arranging the reorganization of the vocational training work in the local convalescent home. Some changes have been necessitated by the change from the Parks estate to the army and these are being completed.

One of the problems is the arrangement of the class for motor mechanics. This has been one of the most popular classes among the returned men and more recent board members have been particularly interested in the practical affairs and so hastening their recovery, as well as fitting them to earn better livings when they are discharged, the authorities have made a certain amount of regular work compulsory. The men are given two half-hour periods of physical training and four and a half hours of vocational work each week, with excellent results.

Professor Sexton is beginning to prepare for the establishment of educational and vocational classes in Fredericton when the new convalescent home is opened in the old government building. The local institution accommodates only 125 men while that in Fredericton will have room for 450, making the vocational work there of much greater scope. A separate building is being erected to house the class of the work.

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New England—Rain tonight and tomorrow; Wednesday, somewhat warmer tonight, colder Wednesday; fresh southeast winds becoming northwest.

Germans Fail In Attempt at Second Landing On The Russian Coast

Invading Force Driven Off In Petrograd Report

Stated That Germans Believe Allies' Fleets Will Make Attempt to Get Ships to the Aid of The Russians

Petrograd, Oct. 22.—The Germans have made an attempt at a second landing on the Estonian coast. The war office announces that they were driven away by the Russian navy. The attempt was made near Moisekul Manor, eight miles north of Weder, on the Estonian coast.

The landing of German troops reported yesterday by the Russian war office was effected on the Weder peninsula. No naval engagement occurred in connection with this maneuver. German warships were observed off Kuivast, Moon Island.

The Germans have evacuated more trenches on the northern end of the battle front. They were occupied by the Russians. Trenches in the sector north of Hilsenberg were taken by the Russians after an engagement.

The Kaiser Heard From Again

Amsterdam, Oct. 22.—After his return from Constantinople, Emperor William telegraphed to Prince Leopold of Bavaria, commander on the northern front in Russia, his own and the fatherland's thanks for the successes achieved in the capturing of Oesel, Moon and Dago Islands in co-operation with the navy. He said that never since the war began had he felt so proud of the navy's operations as "fresh proof of the preparedness of my navy."

Allied Fleet to Rescue?

Stockholm, Oct. 22.—The military critic of the Svenska Dagbladet, assumes that Germany is anticipating an attempt by an Entente fleet to force an entrance into the Baltic in consequence of the German successes in the Gulf of Riga. He says that never since the war began has such a number of German destroyers and submarines been stationed in the Baltic as at present. He points to the sounds between the Islands of Denmark and the sound between Denmark and Sweden.

CAR SHORTAGE THREATENS TO CAUSE BIG FOOD LOSS

Boise, Idaho, Oct. 22.—Southern Idaho is threatened with enormous loss through freezing of apples and potatoes because of inability to secure freight cars for their transportation, according to telegrams sent today to the food administration in Washington asking that steps be taken to relieve the situation.

FIFTEEN MORE

Fifteen men applied for medical examination to the standing medical board this morning. Of this number eight were put in Class A, one in Class B, none in Class C, two in Class D, and four in Class E.

Two Navy Men Drowned

Ottawa, Oct. 22.—The naval department announces that two British sailors of Liverpool, Eng., a petty officer in the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve, and William J. Barry, of Valcarlos, Que., a seaman, also in the reserve, have been drowned.

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DENIED THAT CONSCRIPTION PLAN WILL BE ABANDONED

Ottawa Says No Truth in Montreal Newspaper Report That Number of Exemption Applications Will Cause Giving up of Project

Ottawa, Oct. 22.—It is positively stated in official circles that there is no foundation for stories that the government will abandon conscription because of the large number of applications made for exemption. The military service board is proceeding with its work with the full expectation of carrying out its plan to have the first drafts called out for service on December 10. Exemption boards will have a big task to deal with all the applications for exemption, but there is no reason to believe that it cannot be successfully accomplished.

Montreal, Oct. 22.—The Montreal Herald today publishes under an Ottawa date line a despatch which said that conscription would be abandoned, and that the government was planning a masterly retreat. The despatch contended that even the warmest advocates of the measure have become frightened at the number of applications for exemption. It was stated that the retreat would be made strategically and that the dates of the sittings of the exemption boards would be postponed. The excuse that would be given would be that the work was too onerous for the boards to undertake during the election campaign and to finish before Christmas.

RECRUITING IN CAPITAL BETTER

Exemption Applications Many—Business And War News of Fredericton

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 22.—Local recruiting shows a marked improvement. Seven were enlisted here yesterday.

A local committee to assist in the matter of food control was appointed last night at a public meeting. The speakers were: E. A. Schofield, of St. John, and Dr. W. C. Kierstead, of Fredericton. The committee is composed of Mrs. R. Pittendrigh, Mrs. Hayslock Coy, Mrs. G. W. Hodge, Mrs. J. S. Shaw, W. M. Burns, and Rev. Mr. MacNess. It will meet soon to arrange for the distribution of pledge cards.

The provincial committee on greater production and increased efficiency in the agricultural office this afternoon, Mr. Schofield is here to attend.

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 22.—The local tribunal under the military service act received 42 applications for exemption. Upwards of 100 others have been made at the Fredericton post office.

The Victoria Mill operated in this city by Fraser Companies, Limited, completed its season's operations yesterday.

ANOTHER STRIKE BY THE TELEGRAPHERS TALKED OF

Toronto, Oct. 22.—The discharge of several telegraph operators in Montreal by the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company is alleged by the officers of the telegraphers' union here to be a retaliatory measure against the men who were successful in forcing the company to accept the award of the board of conciliation. The labor department at Ottawa has been appealed to and union officials say it is possible there may be another strike within the next few days.

German Losses Heavy In The Sea Fight With Russians

Two Dreadnoughts, a Cruiser, Twelve Torpedo Boats and a Transport Put Out of Action

Petrograd, Oct. 22.—The admiralty staff says that the Russian navy fought excellently against the superiority of the Germans in the recent sea battle. "The task of our fleet," says the statement, "with the organized position of Moon Sound as a base, was to prevent the enemy attempts to seize the Gulf of Riga and Moon Sound. So long as the German fleet employed only elements of minor importance in such operations as in 1915, namely two dreadnoughts, our forces could cope with them.

"In the recent operations the enemy employed the major part of his fleet, and his overwhelming superiority enabled him to carry out his operations rapidly and successfully. Our fleet only was able to do its best to hinder these efforts and to inflict maximum losses.

With this object we delivered a series of attacks, using all the naval resources in our possession.

"As a result of these operations the enemy lost through mines, submarine attacks and artillery fire two dreadnoughts, one cruiser, twelve torpedo boats, one transport and numerous mine sweepers, all of which were put out of action. Their ultimate fate is unknown. We have established the actual loss of only six mine torpedo boats, two of which were of the small type and were sunk by gunfire from our position on Moon Sound. The other torpedo boats were sunk in combats or blown up by mines. The wreck of the torpedo boat T-20 is visible on a sand bank in Kasar Bay. Further, our coast batteries sank four enemy torpedo boats.

"Our losses are the ship of the line Slava and a large torpedo boat destroyer of the Grom type. The efficiency of our other ships has been maintained completely."

THE CONTRACTS FOR EQUIPMENT OF THE HOSPITAL POWER HOUSE

That the county council will not award contracts for the equipment of the General Public Hospital power house on the tenders called for under F. M. Hoadley's plans, was the statement made this morning by H. R. McEllan, warden of the municipality.

The committee in charge of the work recently issued a second call for tenders for the equipment, the first having been far beyond the estimate. Tenders have been received but no action has been taken. Before any tender could be accepted it would have to be confirmed by a meeting of the county council. As the next regular meeting will not be held for about two months, it was expected that a special meeting would be called to deal with the matter.

Warden McEllan said this morning that he had not been asked to call such a meeting, and he did not intend to do so, as he regarded it as a waste of the \$150 which a special meeting costs. However, he explained, a special meeting can be called at the request of any four of the councillors.

In explanation of his attitude, the warden said that their previous experience with Mr. Hoadley's plans was not satisfactory, and he was especially unhappy that Mr. Hoadley's plans for electrical equipment, as he lacked faith in his practical knowledge, all that line.

The warden added that, if the matter came to a head and a majority in favor of accepting the plans and the tenders could be found in the council, he would not hesitate to seek another injunction to prevent their acceptance.

FORTUNATE IN GETTING MR. CARVELL INTO GOVERNMENT

BREAKFAST FOODS TO BE BY THE POUND

Retail Package System Banned By Food Controller

EFFECTIVE ON DECEMBER 1

Elimination of Wastage and of Extra Cost to Consumer—November 1 Set as Date on Which Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Men Must Register

Ottawa, Oct. 22.—In order to eliminate the waste in packages and the increase in cost to the consumer involved in the trade in small packages of breakfast foods, cereals, and other products, an order-in-council has been passed on the recommendation of the food controller, prohibiting the sale, after a specified date, unless licensed, of such foods in original packages of less weight than twenty pounds.

In special cases the food controller may license the sale in smaller packages if necessary in the interest of the public.

Manufacturers and wholesale dealers are given until November 1 to dispose of their stocks, but on and after that date they must not offer for sale in Canada "any food known as breakfast foods or cereals, or flour, or other products which are the product of wheat, oats, barley, rye, rice, peas, beans, buckwheat, Indian corn (maize), or lentils in original packages of less weight than twenty pounds."

In the case of retail dealers, the prohibition of sale is to be effective on and after December 1. The order-in-council requires that all the food enumerated "shall be sold by the pound or ton and shall be net weight to the purchaser."

"Violation of the regulation is made an offense, and the penalty provided is a fine of not less than \$10 and not exceeding \$500, or imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months, or both fine and imprisonment.

Must Register

Ottawa, Oct. 22.—It was announced yesterday that all wholesale dealers in fruit and vegetables must register with the food controller's office by November 1. Dealers failing to register make themselves liable to a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment for three months, or both fine and imprisonment. The term "wholesale dealer" includes all handling fruit and vegetables between the bonafide grower and the bonafide retail dealer. Wholesale dealers in fruit and vegetables who have not already received registration cards may secure them upon application to the food controller's office.

SOLDIER WHOSE DEATH THE TIMES REPORTED YESTERDAY

At Red Deer

Red Deer, Alta., Oct. 22.—It is expected that this afternoon's convention of the "veteran-war" league at which Dr. Michael Clark will receive the nomination for the federal constituency of Red Deer, will be the largest gathering that has ever taken place in this constituency.

Soldier as Candidate

Port Arthur, Ont., Oct. 22.—Union government and the general desire of the people to avoid war time elections received enthusiastic endorsement last evening at a largely attended meeting called by the Liberal-Conservative Association, the outcome of which was the appointment of fifteen delegates to meet a similar number from the Liberal and labor parties in an effort to agree upon a win-the-war candidate. Col. J. J. Carriek, M.P., having expressed his willingness to retire if the nomination was given to such a man as Col. D. M. Hagarth, D.S.O., now overseas, the meeting passed a resolution endorsing the latter as their candidate.

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Chicago, Oct. 22.—Enrollment of every physician and surgeon in the United States, without regard to the state of his finances or dependents, for employment in some form during the war is a probability, according to discussion which preceded the opening of the eighth annual meeting of the Clinical Congress of Surgeons here today.

More than twenty-five hundred surgeons, prominent in this country and in Great Britain and France, are in attendance at the clinic, which is to discuss how the United States may best care for its men injured during the war.

Winnipeg, Oct. 22.—Speaking of the personnel of the union cabinet at a meeting in the industrial bureau last night, Hon. Mr. Calder said they had been fortunate to get in Mr. Carvell. They had almost got Premier Murray. He stood four square in support of union government, prepared to support it through thick and thin. Mr. Rowell was also a great source of strength. It was regrettable that the number of ministers appointed to the west did not permit the inclusion of Hon. A. B. Hudson, attorney-general for Manitoba, who had worked so devotedly to bring about union.

A union government, said Mr. Calder, meant better administration, more energy and less waste. He believed it would cut the very heart out of the patronage evil in Canada. "Unless these things are done," said Mr. Calder, "I will not stay in a union government."

"We held out from the start for a real union, and we also insisted that we must not be held responsible for the acts of the old government. It was on that understanding we went in. I am not deserting Liberalism. I have simply consented to union for the purpose of this war. Union has only been achieved by each side agreeing to sink, for the time being, a purely domestic problem."

Mr. MacLean's Position

Montreal, Oct. 22.—Hon. A. K. MacLean will become a member of the Borden government today, says an Ottawa despatch to the Gazette. He will not be assigned a particular department for some time, but will become chairman of one of the important cabinet committees forecasted in the prime minister's manifesto. It is probable that he will head the committee which will consider the domestic problems arising out of the war.

For Union Government

Regina, Oct. 22.—"We, as an executive of the Regina City Liberal Association, declare our intention of supporting the union government." Thus reads a resolution passed unanimously last evening.

A second resolution unanimously adopted expressed confidence in Hon. J. A. Calder, minister of immigration and colonization, and "trusts that he will allow his name to be placed in nomination as a candidate for the federal constituency of Regina, and should he do so we pledge him our hearty support."

Confidence in Laurier

North Bay, Ont., Oct. 22.—At a meeting of Liberals representing all parts of the district of Nipissing, held here yesterday, a resolution of confidence in Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his policy, was passed. The meeting also expressed itself as strongly opposed to the union government.

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