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## Slight Advance Near Ypres; No Further Gain Near Cambrai

**British Report Says no Change on Front There; French Hold Firmly; Enemy Fail in Great Encircling Attack Against Italians**

London, Nov. 23—The British have advanced their lines slightly in Flanders, southeast of Ypres, so the war office announces. The situation on the Somme front southwest of Cambrai is unchanged. The announcement follows:

"Southwest of Ypres we advanced our lines slightly during the night. Hostile raids attempted in the night south of Neuve Chapelle, northwest of St. Quentin and northwest of Pontrue were repulsed, leaving prisoners in our hands."

"There is no change on our front south west of Cambrai."

### OUR CASUALTIES "INCREDIBLY SMALL"

British Headquarters in France Thursday—Reuter's Ottawa Agency—We have not yet reached the limit of our victory. The success grows hourly. The total of prisoners is approaching 9,000. Great stretches of new country and new villages are captured, besides increasing in depth the wedge is spreading at the base.

The weather continues most unfavorable, a heavy mist preventing aeroplane operations. Nevertheless the airman continue to fly over the battle-ground, penetrating far into the enemy territory at the level of the troops. The latest village captured is Cambrai. The troops are now in the neighborhood of Bourdon and Meuse, while fighting is promising in the region of Rumilly.

The enemy attacked, only a few small counter-attacks between Rumilly and Noyelles with troops held up for the moment, but all were easily repelled.

At Cambrai, and beyond, Misericorde was broken into sections of the last line of the defense by the Hindenburg with the famous tunnelling where the counter-attacks have been heavy and pressed with great determination. But we hold every position.

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**With the Armies**

London, Nov. 23.—The official statement on aviation activities issued last night reads:

"The latest details received show that attacks made on Tuesday on the enemy's infantry and transports by our low flying pilots including flights of Australian squadrons were most successful."

On Wednesday the weather was even more unsuitable for flying than on the previous day, but successful reconnaissances over the enemy's lines were carried out at the expense of fuel.

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**French Report**

Paris, Nov. 23.—Another German attempt to recapture ground taken by the French in their recent attack on the Aisne front was checked at Frenay. The war office reports—"Active artillery firing continues in the sectors of Cerny and Juvincourt. In this region our fire checked an enemy attack against the positions of the 10th division which we captured on November 21."

"Our patrols in operation near the Aisne brought back prisoners and inflicted losses on the enemy. Night attacks on Kheude and the Champseneau raids on our small posts were without result. On the right bank of the Meuse the artillery fighting continued in a spirited manner during the night. There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front."

**Italian Front**

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Nov. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Heavy fighting continues on the northern line, along the low mountains above Monte Grappa. The successive mountains are proving to be the same kind of natural fortifications which the Swiss adopted, and the successive rivers interpreted before the Plave was reached. Before the enemy looms, capped Grappa, a really formidable obstacle should the lower ranges be taken.

The fighting today between the Plave and Brenta rivers, while heavy, brought no material change in the positions of the opposing forces.

Rome, Nov. 23.—A great encircling attack was attempted yesterday by the Austro-German forces against Monte Melet, but the Italians were held in the positions, it was announced today by the war office.

### WALL STREET NOON REPORT

New York, Nov. 23.—(Wall Street, noon)—The market opened without a tremor, the dull first hour on alternate decline and recovery. Prices showed more stability later when United States Steel and other consolidations rose one to two points. The motor and steel industries as Linseed, Corn products, Leathers, Oils and Sugars, Railroads failed to share in the movement, even reading losing some of its early advantage. Call money was easier, but Italian exchange continued weak.

### LIEUT. COL. ANDERSON IS ORDNANCE OFFICER HERE

That Lieut.-Col. A. H. Anderson of this city, who has been for some years the officer in charge of the ordnance stores here, has been appointed as ordnance officer for Military District No. 6.

Lieut.-Col. Anderson is at St. John under the supervision of Lieut.-Col. Panet, the senior ordnance officer for Military District No. 6.

Lieut.-Col. Panet arrived in the city yesterday morning to take command of the ordnance office for Military District No. 6.

Lieut.-Col. Anderson is continuing his plans for carrying on the duties of ordnance officer for this district.

### Electoral Reform in Prussia

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**AMERICAN TRANSPORTS  
IN EXCITING TIME  
IN THE WAR ZONE**

A French Port, Nov. 23.—The latest American transports to reach the war zone came through the submarine zone. During the first night in the zone transports collided. One was slightly damaged while the other had a small hole in her bow and a few projecting guns damaged. Temporary repairs were made and the ships proceeded ahead and succeeded in reaching port safely. There the collision damage was repaired.

**GIFTS TO CANADIANS  
AND BRITISHERS AT  
FEDERATION MEETING**

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 23.—A subscription of \$10,000 to the Canadian Victory fund issue was announced by President Samuel Gompers at the convention yesterday, and the delegates from the American Federation of Labor yesterday, and the delegates from Canada and Great Britain were given gold watches and rings as mementos of their visit.

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### THREE ST. JOHN MEN WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR ALL



PRIVATE D. T. MOWERY, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Amorous Mowery, East St. John soldier whose death was announced in Times yesterday.  
PTE. CLOVIS J. COLLETT, Brother of Mrs. Whitlock of Brussels street. Announced killed in action, in yesterday's Times.  
PRIVATE ALCORN PETTIGREW, Brother of Mrs. Whitlock of Brussels street. Announced killed in action, in yesterday's Times.

### TWENTY THOUSAND MEN OVERSEAS BY JANUARY 1

#### SOME OF THE TANKS MET MISHAP BUT WORK WELL DONE

Direct Hits Knocked Out Several, Others Were Overturned By Shell Fire—Greatest Number Ever in Any One Action

London, Nov. 23—Nothing has been announced here officially or unofficially concerning the number of machines constituting what the correspondents designate as the "grand army" which is to follow in Turkey's advance, but the number apparently has been greater than in any previous action. Casualties, of course, were inevitable, and the tanks are agreed to be of small scale, but the special department agrees that they are not great. Some even describe the tank losses as light.

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Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 23—"I feel it is my duty to get 20,000 men overseas by the end of January."

This was the important statement made by Major General Mewburn, minister of militia and defence, to a mass meeting of women yesterday afternoon. He declared that the fifth division, with not more numbers less than 10,000 men, and would probably have to be "wiped off the slate" in order to recruit men on the fighting line. For that reason, he said, the government is going to spend much time electioneering; his chief duty was to get men overseas.

Sir George E. Carver and Hon. N. W. Rowell both maintained that there was only one issue before the electors, that issue being whether Canada should finally forget old differences.

Urgeing similarities of party differences for the sake of the men at the front, and appealing for unity so that the war might be vigorously prosecuted. Sir George E. Foster, Lt.-Gen. Sir Edward Bowring, and Hon. N. W. Rowell delivered stirring speeches at a mass meeting here last night. Nearly 2,000 were present.

Hon. Mr. Carver

Hamilton, Nov. 23—Hon. F. B. Carver, minister of public works, and Hon. A. K. MacLean, minister of agriculture, arrived yesterday from the maritime provinces and will return east today. Both appeared to be confident that the union government would make a good showing in the elections.

Quebec, Nov. 23.—The Quebec provincial government today subscriber one million dollars to the Canadian Victory Loan.

Toronto, Nov. 23—According to an announcement late last night at dinner headquarters, subscriptions amounting to \$16,571,000 have been received to date throughout the dominion for the Victory Loan. The number of subscribers is given as 150,456, of which nearly 75,000 are in Ontario.

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The Victory Loan Campaign is still in full swing in St. John and the canvassers still feel that the great amount of time spent in getting the subscriptions is up to the mark. Colonel E. M. House authorized the following statement:

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**LONDON POST MAKES  
ATTACK ON VATICAN**

London, Nov. 23—The Vatican is accused in an editorial in the Morning Post, of using the influence of the Pope to interfere in politics.

The post declares that the Pope's influence in politics is not to be condoned.

The newspaper calls on the British government to look into the matter, and demands that the Vatican declare definitely on which side it stands.

**CORN PRICES HARDEN;  
OATS HIGH AGAIN**

Chicago, Nov. 23—Unfavorable weather conditions tended to make corn prices higher. Damppness and mild temperatures prevailed whereas a large portion of the new crop never came into dry cold to render the quality of the grain desirable.

The weather has been bad, but actively, espoused the cause of neutrality.

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**Rain or Sleet**

Fresh to strong winds, quite cold and partly cloudy, yesterday and on Saturday, with some light snow falls or flurries.

Ottawa, Nov. 23—Fresh to strong northwesterly winds, quite cold today and Saturday with some light snow falls.

Gulf and North Shores strong breezes to moderate gales, east to northeast winds yesterday and on Saturday with some light snow falls.

St. Lawrence Valley—Fresh to strong northwesterly winds, quite cold today and Saturday with some light snow falls.

Great Lakes—Strong to moderate gales, northwesterly winds, quite cold and partly cloudy, yesterday and Saturday.

Lake Superior—Moderately cold and fair.

Saskatchewan and Alberta—Generally clear yesterday and Saturday, with stationary or low pressure systems.

New England—Snowy, fair, fresh to light; Saturday, probably fair, fresh to moderately north winds.

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"Without Trace"

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The normal average in peace times, he added, was fifteen vessels yearly.

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**PRO-GERMAN GREEKS  
TO BE SHOWN DOOR**

Athens, Nov. 23—About 130 Greeks have been arrested, charged with espionage, propaganda and diffusion of false news. They will be expelled.

Detroit, Nov. 23—It was announced here today that Henry Ford has subscribed for \$500,000 worth of Canadian Victory bonds.

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