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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 attempts in the night south of Neuve Chapelle, northwest of St. Quentin and northwest of Postruet were repulsed, leaving prisoners in our hands. "There is no change on our front's southwest of Cambrai."

OUR CASUALTIES "INCREDIBLY SMALL"

British Headquarters in France, Thursday, via 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 fresh villages are being captured, besides increasing in depth the wedge is spreading at the base. The weather continues most unfavorable, a heavy mist preventing all plane observation. Nevertheless, the air-men continue to fly over the battle-ground, penetrating far into the enemy territory at the level of the troops. The latest village captured is Cantouin and the troops are now in the neighborhood of Bourbon and Moore, while fighting is proceeding in the region of Rumilly. The enemy attempted only a few small counter-attacks between Rumilly and Nouelles with troops hurried for the purpose, but all were easily repulsed. At Cantouin and beyond Minieres we have broken into sections of the last line of the defence and now hold the Hindenburg line, our low line, a tunnel, where the counter-attacks have been heavy and pressed with great determination. Our casualties are almost incredibly small. The troops are most cheerful, and are resting over new and fertile country, where villages have not been destroyed and tilled fields abound. With the Airmen. London, Nov. 23—The official statement on aviation activities issued last night reads: "Further details received show that attacks made on Tuesday on the enemy's infantry and transport, our low flying patrols including pilots from the Australian squadron, were most successful. On Wednesday the weather was even more unfavorable for flying than on the previous day, but successful reconnaissance over the enemy's lines was made to keep in touch with our infantry. No enemy airplanes were encountered. None of our machines is missing."

French Report. Paris, Nov. 23—Another German attempt to recapture ground taken by the French in their recent attack on the line. The war office reports: "Active artillery firing continues in the sectors of Cerny and Juivecourt. In this region our fire checked an enemy attack against the positions on our left which was captured on November 21. "Patrols in operation near the Allier brought back prisoners and inflicted losses on the enemy. Northeast of Rheims and in the Champagne 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 barrier to the enemy's swift advance that the successive rivers interposed before the Piave was reached. Before the enemy looms the snow-capped Grappa, held by the Italians, which would be a really formidable obstacle should the lower ranges be taken. The fighting today between the Piave and Brenta rivers, while heavy, brought no material change in the positions of the opposing forces. Home, Nov. 23—A great encircling attack was attempted yesterday by the Austro-German forces against Monte Veltro, but the Italians held all the positions. It was announced today by the war office.

WALL STREET NOON REPORT

New York, Nov. 23—(Wall street noon)—The market was without definite trend during the dull first hour, on alternate declines and recoveries. Prices showed more stability later when United States Steel and other equipments and such specialties as Linsend, Corn products, Leathers, Oils and Sugars, Ralls failed to share in the movement, even Reading losing some of its early advantage. Call money was easier, but Italian exchange continued weak.

BEARING PEACE PROPOSALS FROM CENTRAL POWERS

Russian Diplomat Said to Be on Way From Stockholm To Petrograd

Stockholm, Nov. 23—According to the Tidningen, a Russian diplomat left Stockholm yesterday for Petrograd with orders to hand to the Russian revolutionary government proposals for peace by the Central Powers. London, Nov. 23—Leon Trobky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, according to a Reuter despatch from Petrograd, announces that the Russian secret diplomatic correspondence is in his possession, and will be published immediately. It is reported, the despatch adds, that the revolutionary committee at Moscow has seized the branch state bank there. It is said that 100,000,000 rubles recently were transferred there from Petrograd. London, Nov. 23—The all-Russian congress of peasants' delegates, according to a Reuter despatch from Petrograd, is transferring its headquarters from Petrograd to Mohilev. The congress is reported to fear Maximilian intervention and the transfer is to enable the soldiers at the front to participate in its meetings. London, Nov. 23—Another general strike has been declared in Finland, according to Reuter despatch from Helsinki under Wednesday's date. It is being called by the Finnish workers to compel the substitution of the diet dissolved in July, which had a socialist majority, for the existing diet, where the socialists are in the minority. Minor fighting is reported in various parts of the country. Reducing Russia's Armies. (Petrograd, Nov. 23)—A reduction of the Russian armies, beginning with the units of residence, the rental of which is 2,400 rubles or more yearly, are required to furnish one blanket and one article of clothing in good condition.

AMERICAN TRANSPORTS IN EXCITING TIME IN THE WAR ZONE

A French Post, Nov. 23—The latest American transports to reach here had an exciting trip through the submarine zone. During the first night in the zone two transports collided. One was slightly damaged while the other had a small hole torn in her bow and a few projecting guns damaged. Temporary repairs were made and the ships proceeded. On the following night a submarine attacked the transports. The wake of a torpedo was seen off the bow of one of the vessels, but no conning tower or periscope was visible. The transports raced ahead and succeeded in reaching port safely. There the collision damage was repaired.

LEUT. COL. ANDERSON IS ORDINANCE 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 the senior ordnance officer for Military District No. 7, was the information received in the city this morning from Ottawa. Lieut.-Col. Anderson for some years has been acting ordnance officer in 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 this morning to assist Lieut.-Col. Anderson in making his plans for carrying on the duties of ordnance officer for this district. Electoral Reform in Prussia. Amsterdam, Nov. 23—A despatch from Berlin says Emperor William has approved bills for Prussian suffrage reform and for changes in the composition of the upper house of parliament. The despatch adds that the bills will soon be introduced in the diet.

THREE ST. JOHN MEN WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR ALL



PRIVATE D. T. MOWERY, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Armour Mowery, of 93 Harrison street, whose death in the war was announced last evening. PTE. CLOVIS J. COLLETTI, East St. John, soldier whose death was announced in the Times yesterday. PRIVATE ALCORN PETTIGREW, Brother of Mrs. Whitcomb of Brussels street. Announced killed in action, in yesterday's Times.

EGG PROFITEERS WANT GOVERNMENT HELP IN UNLOADING AT HIGH PRICE

Audacious Proposal Made to Food Controller's Department But no Suggestion of Lowering Prices to People. Montreal, Nov. 23—A despatch to the Gazette from Ottawa says: "Certain dealers in eggs, who have accumulated for export, stocks estimated at several million dozens, and who now find it impossible to ship the goods out of the country, have been engaged, it is said, in negotiating with a branch of the food administration with a view to furthering a scheme for marketing their holdings in Canada. The plan suggested is understood to have been that the government should purchase the eggs at a price to be determined by the government, and the merchants should contribute \$100,000 to encourage the consumption of eggs as a substitute for meat. Apparently a reduction in egg prices was not contemplated by the dealers."

KING MAKES BYNG GENERAL; PROMOTION FOR GREAT WORK DONE

London, Nov. 23—King George has promoted Lieutenant Colonel Byng to the rank of general, in recognition of his distinguished services in the field in the recent operations. The promotion was announced today. "This will be pleasing news for the Canadians, for he was their former leader. London, Nov. 23—The Vatican is accused, in an editorial in the Morning Post, of being implicated in a propaganda which the newspaper says was largely responsible for the recent Italian reverses. Reviewing what it describes as Vatican machinations, the Post declares that its point activity during the war "can by no sophistry be regarded as consistent with the principles of neutrality. "From the beginning the Vatican has leaned to Austria's side, and lately has furiously, but actively, espoused the Austrian cause." The newspaper calls on the British government to look into the matter, and demands that the Vatican declare definitely on which side it stands.

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GIFTS TO CANADIANS AND BRITISHERS AT FEDERATION MEETING

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 23—A subscription of \$100,000 to the Canadian Victory Loan was announced by President Samuel Gompers at the afternoon session of 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.

PREPARE THE GERMANS FOR NEWS OF LOSS OF JERUSALEM

Amsterdam, Nov. 23—The German newspapers are preparing the public for the loss of Jerusalem. The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says that to elope to places "which would bring us no military advantage would be tantamount to the useless sacrifice of numerous Turkish forces, and our own troops and would likewise involve serious losses."

COLONEL HOUSE IMPRESSED BY BRITISH ORGANIZATION FOR CARRYING ON THE WAR

London, Nov. 23—Prior to the departure of the American mission for Paris, Colonel E. M. House authorized the following statement: "I have been impressed by the wonderful machinery you have created here at the heart of your empire to control your part of the war. You have given the world an example of the efficiency of democracy, which will be of lasting value. The glorious victory of the Somme is the beginning of the realization of this efficiency and will hearten every lover of democracy throughout the world. "We also are creating in Washington a vast new machinery of government to bring our resources to bear, and we shall profit by what we have seen here."

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—The disturbance which swept over the Great Lakes yesterday is now covering the Atlantic states with reduced energy. Fresh to heavy gales have prevailed on the Great Lakes, attended by snow. Snow has also fallen heavily in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence valleys and rain in the maritime provinces. Storm signals have been lowered on the Great Lakes. Forecast. Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh to strong winds, quite cold and partly fair today and on Saturday, with some light snow falls or flurries. Ottawa Valley and Upper and Lower St. Lawrence Valleys—Fresh to strong northerly winds, quite cold today and Saturday with some light snow falls. Gulf and North Shore—Strong breezes to moderate gales east to northeast winds today and on Saturday. Rain or Sleet. Maritime—Strong breezes to moderate local gales, easterly, rain or sleet today and Saturday. Lake Superior—Moderate to fresh northerly winds, fair and quite cold today and on Saturday. Manitoba—Moderately cold and fair. Saskatchewan and Alberta—Generally fair today and Saturday, with stationary or lower temperature. New England—Snow and colder tonight; Saturday, probably fair, fresh to moderately north winds.

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 encountered in the "grand fleet" of tanks employed in Tuesday's advance, but the number apparently has been greater than in any one previous action. Casualties, of course, were inevitable in an operation of such a scale, but the special despatches agree that they are not great. Some even describe the tank losses as slight. One writer says that "a number" were knocked out by direct hits from German big guns. Another says that some were overturned by shell fire and others were bogged. One or two buried their noses in the soft earth or turned over in trying to climb steep banks. One fell into a canal, but it is evident that the great majority plunged ahead un hindered.

Militia Minister Says He Considers That His Duty

Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 23—"I feel it is my duty to get 20,000 men overseas by the first of January." This was the important statement made by Major General Mewburn, minister of militia and defence, to a mass meeting of women here yesterday afternoon. He declared that the fifth division now numbers less than 10,000 men, and would probably have to be "wiped off the slate" in order to reinforce men on the fighting line. For that reason, he said, he was not going to spend much time electioneering; his chief duty was to get men overseas. Sir George E. Foster and Hon. N. W. Rowell, both ministers, said that there was only one issue before the electors, that issue being whether Canada should continue in the war, or should call a halt and finally forget her obligations. Urging the sinking 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, Major General Mewburn and Hon. N. W. Rowell delivered stirring speeches at a mass meeting here last night. Nearly 3,000 were present. Hon. Mr. Carvell. Ottawa, Nov. 23—Hon. F. R. Carvell, minister of public works, and Hon. A. K. MacLean, minister without portfolio, arrived here 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 and was the majority of the constituencies; but they were not disposed to minimize the strength of the opposition forces in the eastern provinces.

VICTORY LOAN REPORTS GOOD

Toronto, Nov. 23—According to an announcement late last night at Dominion headquarters, subscriptions amounting to \$15,711,200 have been received to date throughout the dominion for the Victory Loan. The number of subscribers is given as 120,486, of which 97,288 are in Ontario. Quebec, Nov. 23—The Quebec provincial government today subscribed one million dollars to the Canadian Victory Loan. The Victory Loan Campaign is still in full swing in St. John and the canvassers still feel that before the allotted time of gathering in the subscriptions is up that St. John will have subscribed well up to the \$4,000,000 mark. The special canvass of the business houses yesterday proved very successful, as more than \$100,000 was subscribed. The canvassers were much pleased with the result as in some cases where business firms had subscribed previously they put in another application. The result of today's work was not known at the time of going to press, but from reports everything looked encouraging.

DUTCH REAPING WHAT THEY SOWED

Allowed Damaged German Destroyer To Repair and go Home—Now She Sinks Dutch Vessels. London, Nov. 23—In the last few days the Germans have sunk five Dutch fishing boats, three outside the harbor from Amsterdam. The German destroyer V-89, which shares in the destruction, was damaged in a fight with British warships in last January. It was repaired at Ymuiden, Holland, and allowed to return to Germany.

U-BOATS LOOKED FOR OFF BRAZIL IF NOT ALREADY THERE

Rio Janeiro, Nov. 23—A resident of Rio Janeiro, well known in Brazilian society, has been arrested for photographing sections of the coast, especially near the German colonies. A search of his house revealed extensive plans for the operation and subsistence of submarines in Brazilian waters. The authorities are of the opinion that it is the intention to operate German submarines along the Brazilian coast, if indeed they have not already arrived. As a result all navigation lights along the Brazilian coast have been shut off, and vessels are navigating without lights. Fishermen and passengers on coastwise vessels report having seen a submarine near this port, and Brazilian warships have been seeking it. FORD TAKES HALF MILLION IN BONDS. Detroit, Nov. 23—It was announced here today that Henry Ford has subscribed for \$500,000 worth of Canadian Victory bonds. They will be expelle.

Increasing Number of Vessels Sunk "Without Trace"

London, Nov. 22—In the House of Lords today Admiral Lord Charles Bessford called attention to the increasing number of ships that are "missing without trace," and to the disclosure in the communication of Count Von Lottburg, former German minister to Argentina, of Germany's plans for the sinking of vessels in this manner. Lord Lytton, civil lord of the admiralty, replying to Lord Bessford, said that in the three years ending with October last 122 vessels had been lost "without trace." The normal average in peace times, he added, was fifteen vessels yearly. As the result of inquiry, Lord Lytton said, he had no reason to believe that such disasters were increasing.

BUY VICTORY BONDS AND HELP WIN THE WAR