

Third phase of the German offensive in Flanders bids fair to be as desperate as those which have gone before, but seems likely to be more of an artillery duel. The German infantry has suffered such terrible punishment that even those hardy soldiers hesitate now to come forward with the old rush in the face of the machine guns and the vicious seven-calibre of the French, which are rapidly developing into the most effective gun of any army now engaged in the war. The French and British engineers have worked out an elaborate system of gun positions by which a good part of the allied front is entrenched, and it is next to impossible for infantry to deliver a successful attack.

A Seething Battle. Verdun is once more the centre of a seething battle. There is activity in the Argonne and the Vosges. Most important of all, the French forces on the eastern frontier have broken through the German lines and are now laying siege to Arneville, only ten miles from the great fortress of Metz. It is said that Arneville is being rapidly reduced to ruins by artillery fire. The town is one of the beautiful picture villages which are characteristic of French villages, having surrendered as a result of the debacle in 1870.

Every report from Belgium by way of Holland shows that the Germans are bringing up reinforcements and guarding that there is no indication as to where the blow is to be delivered. It will doubtless be a heavy one backed up by all the men, guns and other machines of war, of which the Germans seem to have such unlimited supplies.

The allies have made every preparation to meet this assault. At the same time preparations have been completed for the defence of the east coast of England, for the opinion still holds here that if the Germans fall in their latest plans they will attempt a raid on England with ships and transports, for which German submarines are trying to prepare the way.

A despatch from northeastern France says that a German aeroplane dropped a bomb on the town of Valenciennes, killing three persons and wounding several Belgian soldiers in ambuscade.

The same message says that the Germans continue to bombard Bethune twice daily from 12 to 13 and from 13 to 14 o'clock.

Latest reports received here say that four of the bombs dropped by British aviators on the German lines last Saturday struck the Zeppelin works there.

OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

FRENCH.

The following official communication was issued last night:

"The war is quiet. There was no alteration of any part of the entire front."

A general review of operations along the allied front in France is furnished by the French communication of the afternoon.

"From the North Sea to Ypres there have been no infantry attacks. Between Langemark and Zonnebeke we have captured territory. In the vicinity of La Bassée the Indian troops captured from the enemy certain trench works which were taken from them the evening before. From La Bassée to Soissons there has been complete calm."

"We have made some slight progress near Berry-au-Bac, and in the Argonne. At Behmendorf, near Verdun, a German attack has been repulsed. A suspension of hostilities, requested by the enemy, has been refused."

"In the region of Pont-a-Mousson our artillery found it possible to bombard Arneville. Nothing has happened in the Vosges."

GERMAN.

In the official communication issued by the German general staff, the Germans claim to have made progress at Arras, France; to have repulsed all the Russian attacks in East Prussia, and to have checked the Russian counter-attacks in Russian Poland.

The text of the statement follows:

"Yesterday the German troops did not repeat their expedition against the coast of Northern France."

"In East Prussia our troops repulsed all the Russian attacks."

"In the counter-offensive of the Russians from the direction of Strykow, Strykow and Brestany, they failed."

"In the district of Ciesnochowa, all Russian attempts also broke down before our front."

AUSTRIAN.

"The battle in Russian Poland, in spite of the bitter cold, is being energetically continued. Our troops have captured several bases of operation and are pressing, especially toward Wolodrom and on both sides of Pilica. Numerous prisoners have been taken."

"At other places the situation is unchanged."

RUSSIAN.

The following official communication from the Russian general staff was given out here last night:

"The fighting near Lodz still continues. The large German forces which on Nov. 20 broke into the region of Strykow, Brestany, Kulski, Ragow and Tuszyn—all these places are in the hands of the Russians."

"The south of Kulski station some scattered units are roaming about. We captured prisoners, some heavy ordnance and field guns."

"The outcome of the battle of Nov. 24 was to our advantage."

"In the fighting near Ciesnochowa and Gracow, our troops manifestly have the upper hand."

"Beyond the Carpathian passes we are surrounding large bodies of Austrian troops in the vicinity of Mesolaborce. In this region we captured a general, forty officers, more than 3500 soldiers, and convoys and machine guns. Near the pass giving access to the Hungarian plain we occupy the City of Homonna."

"That the Turkish forces are still retreating before the Russian troops is recorded in the following statement from the general staff of the Russian army in the Caucasus, made public here to night:

"In the direction of Erzerum our troops continue to advance before the Turkish forces. We are capturing many prisoners and much ammunition."

"The roads along which the Turkish troops are retreating are strewn with frozen bodies of their dead."

"The prisoners taken are unanimous in declaring that the defeated army is making haste with a view of seeking shelter behind the forts at Erzerum and Davi Boyun."

"The situation elsewhere remains unchanged."

MUCH DAMAGE DONE IN BELLEVILLE FIRE

Lister Block Suffers to Extent of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars.

OTHER LOSS SUSTAINED

Cheap Power Offer to Kingston—New Street Railway Agreement Advised.

Special to The Toronto World. BELLEVILLE, Nov. 25.—The damage to the Lister block in this city, to the extent of \$25,000, and burned out the new Balmoral Hotel, conducted by Johnson and Bottum; J. B. Bishop's restaurant and confectionery store, and S. Amodeo's fruit store. C. Bishop's seed store, adjoining, suffered loss by water and the burning of a large electric motor. The guns and inmates of the hotel were all rescued, but lost their effects. The fire did not reach the ground floor, where the bar and office was situated, but tons of water were poured into the building. The loss to the proprietor, Mr. Johnson, is partly covered by insurance. Mr. Bishop's loss is double that of insurance. Mr. Amodeo's loss is covered by insurance, as is also Mr. Bishop's loss. Upwards of \$10,000 damage was done to the block in which the business places were situated.

CHEAP POWER OFFER.

Special to The Toronto World. KINGSTON, Ont., Nov. 25.—The utilities committee has under consideration a proposition from the Kingston Electric Light and Power Company, thru J. M. Campbell, to supply power to the city from Kingston Mills at three-quarters of a cent per kilowatt hour.

F. A. Gaby, chief engineer of the Hydro-Electric Commission, at the request of the utilities commission, has submitted a report on Mr. Campbell's offer. He reports favorably on the offer, providing the agreement is made with the street railway company. At the present time the company has a contract with the street railway company to supply power at the rate of 1.25 cents per kilowatt hour, which is practically a bonus to the company. The street railway company makes about 61 per cent of the power turned out at the local plant. Mr. Gaby points out that it would not be economical for the city to purchase current from Mr. Campbell unless new arrangements are made with the street railway.

Scarcity of Water.

At several places bordering on the Kingston river, there is considerable dearth of water. Glenburnie, Glenvale, Dufferin, Pittsburg and Kingston Mills are confronted with the serious problem of wells becoming dry owing to the inadequate rainfall, so far this fall. Some springs and wells are already dried up and in order to obtain sufficient water for the use of cattle as well as for household purposes they have been compelled to dig for water from their neighbors, some miles distant. Unless a heavy rainfall soon comes, the water supply will be considerably reduced, and it will be short of the amount allotted to them.

Our Hundred Prisoners.

At the present time the prisoners of war are interned in Fort Henry, 114 being Turks. Kicking a football is the universal pastime of the prisoners. The tug Shamley, owned by the Sowards Coal Company, was almost totally destroyed by fire. The damage is estimated at \$4000. The Shamley was purchased three years ago from the Polish Iron Works, Toronto. She was formerly used by the government and did service on the Rideau River.

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By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 25.—Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance, returned today from New York, where for the past four days he has been conferring with Sir George Paish on the general international financial situation. He expressed great appreciation of the Paish in Canadian affairs. Mr. White added that the interest of the people of New York in the war was very great. Women are knitting uniforms and wristlets for the troops just as they are in Canada. The Canada society is providing for the families of soldiers who have left New York from the front. They are also purchasing articles of clothing, among others, 1500 pairs of socks, which will be forwarded soon.

What he had stated to New York to raise a loan was entirely without foundation. He had seen no bankers or financiers other than Sir George Paish.

RUSSIAN VICTORY APPEARS DECISIVE

Germans Between Vistula and Warthe Reported in Full Retreat.

SUPPLIES ABANDONED

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It and turn the flanks of the main German column.

The great jubilation in army circles here, officers expressing the conviction that the enemy has received a crushing blow, which is likely to prove decisive in the campaign in Poland.

German Corps Failed.

One detachment of German troops, which the reports arriving here assert was cut to pieces by the Russians, is said to have been on the point of executing a coup disguised as Russians. It is alleged that they wore the Russian peaked caps which form part of the Caucasian regiments' uniform. They were detected as they were about to turn the Russian flank. Russian officers, who noted, thru their field glasses, slight differences in the uniform and equipment of the Germans, according to the story.

CRACOW INVESTED?

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Nov. 25.—Reports from the Russian theatre of war are entirely satisfactory. It seems apparent that Grand Duke Nicholas is bent on holding the left wing of the German offensive in check, while concentrating against the enemy's right. There is a lapse of about 48 hours in the receipt here of authentic information from the front. The reports from the east, and last reports give ground for optimism. The German advance is effectively checked by this writing. It is certain that the advance of General Von Hindenburg between the Russian front and the German front, and the more optimistic incline to the belief that his army is in full retreat. There are many rumors of this retrograde movement.

Desperate fighting is under way in the region of Lodz. The German advance is making excellent headway and all ground won in East Prussia is being held.

The Germans are blowing up all railroad communications, dynamiting the roads to make them impassable and destroying all provisions to prevent their falling into the hands of the Russians.

Colossal Defeat.

A despatch to The Giornale D'Italia, at Rome, says that in the new German retreat from Poland, the Russian army has achieved a colossal victory. Communication between the Austrians and German army has been broken off and the Russians are marching on Breslau, Posen and other cities.

The despatch says that the Austro-German defeat is assuming colossal proportions and will undoubtedly prove decisive.

It is officially admitted in reports from Vienna that a Russian detachment has entered the territory of Galicia and occupied the region of Ungarisch Sempfen.

Prisoners Taken.

The Giornale D'Italia, says that the Russians have occupied the outer forts of Posen. The Austrians have abandoned these positions for the purpose of destroying the Russians when they occupy the city.

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THE END OF ALL SPIES



A French Spy Shot and Branded as a Traitor by His Comrades in Arms at Rheims.

KING GEORGE IS A HARD WORKER

Mastery of Immense Amount of Detail Necessitated by War.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Nov. 25.—The part which King George is playing in the war has been met with great interest here to return to Sweden at once. While no reason is assigned, it is believed that the King is being called upon to perform a duty of great importance.

A continuous round of increasing activity has been going on since the King's departure from the front. The King is busy in his study, and by the time his advisers and helpers appear he has the contents of the despatches and documents of the early delivery, mastered their contents and perhaps made numbers of marginal notes in readiness for the forthcoming conference.

The very sight of the contents of the numerous despatches would intimidate most men. Admiralty, war office, home office and Indian office, all contribute their daily quantum, while from the government comes a tremendous amount of pressing business which cannot be settled without the King's sanction, but happily controversial matters have sunk into oblivion and there are no difficulties of this sort to contend with.

Solicitous About Troops.

The war is many and great, but nothing is too intricate for the King.

"His majesty is also extremely solicitous as to the comforts of his fighting forces and making continual visits to the front. He is seen in the front lines, and the little extra that goes to the maintenance of their health and spirits. The King's interest in the army is not only a matter of duty, but of the deepest sympathy."

CAPTAIN BREAKS PAROLE RECEIVES IRON CROSS

Commander of German Cruiser Sunk by British Escaped on Dutch Steamer.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Nov. 25.—A captain of the auxiliary cruiser, Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which was sunk off the coast of Africa by a British cruiser the latter part of August, has been decorated with the Iron Cross of the first class. In a statement made to The Berliner Tageblatt Captain Aye says he managed to return to Germany as stoker on a neutral vessel.

A despatch from Las Palmas, Canary Islands, on Nov. 12, said that ten officers who were on parole, had escaped in a Dutch steamer. The men had been lodged on a German steamer moored in the harbor at Las Palmas.

DJEMAL PASHA LEADS THE TURKS IN EGYPT

Canadian Press Despatch. PARIS, Nov. 25.—(12.25 a.m.)—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Athens says private advice received in the Greek capital from Constantinople are to the effect that Djemal Pasha, former Turkish minister of the interior, has been appointed commander-in-chief of the Turkish forces operating against Egypt.

SWEDEN RESERVISTS SUMMONED HOME

Country Supposedly Mobilized to Be Ready in Case of Emergencies.

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SEDITIONARY PAPERS TO BE SUPPRESSED

Irish Anti-British Press Not Considered Dangerous by Government.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, Nov. 25.—Right Hon. Augustine Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, was called upon several times in the course of the last night to answer questions relating to the anti-British press campaign which is going on in Ireland.

Mr. Birrell replied: "The government are well aware of the position, and contents of the publications—publications which appear to have an unusually large foreign circulation in England."

Mr. Birrell answered: "I have been reading these papers for the last six weeks."

Mr. Joynton Hicks: "And did nothing?"

ZEEBRUGGE IS AGAIN BOMBARDED BY BRITISH

Canadian Press Despatch. AMSTERDAM, Nov. 25.—Via London, 3.25 a.m.—The Maasboode says that reports received by it from Aardenburg state that heavy continual gun-firing has been heard there since yesterday at noon, and that the British fleet was still bombarding the German positions near Zeebrugge.

OTTAWA BOOKIES ARRESTED

OTTAWA, Nov. 25.—The Ottawa police have inaugurated a campaign against the local bookies, and today took five into custody. Other arrests are expected. The Ottawa police are said to have been doing these men in a very open manner for many months past.

Hamilton Hotels.

HOTEL ROYAL

Every room furnished with new beds, new carpets and thoroughly redecorated January, 1914.

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HAMILTON ASKED FOR LARGE LOAN

McKittick Syndicate Wants to Borrow Over Hundred Thousand Dollars.

NOT TO PAY INTEREST

Highlanders Ordered by Ottawa to Give Up Platoon System of Drill.

By a Staff Reporter. HAMILTON, Nov. 25.—A conference was held yesterday afternoon in the board of control room at the city hall between the controllers and representatives of the board of trade and Hamilton United Belles Association, when the city was urged to grant a loan of from \$100,000 to \$150,000 to the McKittick syndicate for the purpose of carrying on the improvement work at its properties. The board of trade delegates informed the members of the board of control that if the city would grant this loan for a term of four years, without interest, the McKittick people would go ahead with the work immediately. This would mean that hundreds of the unemployed men would be given work and that orders would be given to several factories in the city for the manufacturing of the material required for the work. The controllers and Mayor Allan favored the proposition, but could not tell how the city was going to be able to make such a loan. City Engineer McKittick was asked to make a report on all the work that could be done right away and an effort will be made by the city officials to make arrangements so that the loan can be financed, and another conference will be held shortly.

Revert to Old Drill.

The 91st Highlanders held their last drill under the platoon system last night. For orders have been received from the militia department asking that the regiment revert to the old style of drill effective by the 1st of January.

At the regular parade of the regiment there was a turnout of 400 members. After a short march out the regiment returned to the barracks. The 91st Highlanders were ordered to revert to the old style of drill, and to give up the platoon system of drill.

Arrested at Armories.

Ellis Jackson of Brantford was arrested at the armories last evening charged by Lieut.-Col. Rennie with willful damage and with carrying on a seditious campaign.

Elks Hold Banquet.

The members of Elks Lodge held a successful banquet at Prince Albert Hotel last night.

Death of Mrs. Berry.

Mrs. William Berry, 72, died at her residence, 115 Elgin street, last evening. She had resided in Hamilton for many years and was well known.

Marching Orders Received.

By the end of this week the last of the Hamilton contingent will have departed for the front. The contingent will be made up of the 2nd Canadian contingent, which has left this city. Word has been received by the officials of the 2nd and 3rd hawtler batteries to be ready to leave some time today, and it is probable that they will be sent to the front grounds at Toronto this afternoon.

While A. H. E. Coo's Refusal.

While A. H. E. Coo's refusal to make any statement concerning his future action in connection with his appointment as a police commissioner, it was announced at the city hall yesterday that the police commissioners would have the charges. Judge Snider recommended the dismissal of the charges, which is referred to by the police commissioners, of which Judge Allan and Judge Macdonald are members.

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EGYPT LIKE VOLCANO SAYS ITALIAN PAPER

Canadian Press Despatch. ROME, Nov. 25.—(2.25 a.m.)—The Giornale D'Italia today publishes correspondence from Alexandria, Egypt, which says that Germany is reviving, after 115 years, but with much wider scope, the game played by Napoleon in Egypt, and that the natives can now be compared to a volcano from which anything may be expected.

Meanwhile, the correspondent says, Great Britain is preparing to give the Egyptians a new Khedive from the person of Hussein Kamel, son of Ismail Pasha, Khedive from 1868 to 1879, and uncle of the present khedive.

TWO THOUSAND HOUSES DESTROYED IN TERMONDE

Damage Done by Germans in That City Reaches Eighty Million Francs.

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. AMSTERDAM, Nov. 25.—The Termonde correspondent of The Times says that 2500 former inhabitants of that ill-fated city, have returned. The damage is placed at 80,000,000 francs. Two thousand three hundred houses were destroyed by the invaders.

Food is scarce throughout Belgium and hunger riots are being reported. It is regarded as possible that the people, in some places have begun a revolt against the Germans.

ANOTHER RAID MADE.

Canadian Press Despatch. BERLIN, Nov. 25.—Via London 3.10 p.m.—The British aviators who attempted to destroy the Zeppelin headquarters at Friedrichshagen on Saturday are said here today also to have made an attack on the buildings at the west end of Friedrichshagen, which are used for the housing of dirigibles. This attack was without result.

LABOR MEN CAN'T PICK CANDIDATES

Council Had Warm Session Discussing Municipal Politics.

HELD MCCARTHY OVER

Instead of Nominating a Slate, Labor Men Endorse Others.

The statement that the special meeting of the Toronto District Labor Council last night for the purpose of deciding upon the advisability of nominating candidates for municipal elections in the coming election would be a lively one was by no means exaggerated. To say that it was lively, was putting it mildly. Although the meeting lasted for practically four hours it was unable, owing to the discussion among the members, to conclude the endorsement of municipal candidates. Very little discussion was required to decide the majority against the nomination of candidates, and to carry a resolution in favor of merely endorsing the members of the council already nominated. It was in this part of the program that the trouble arose.

Began With McCarthy.

When the proposal to endorse candidates for mayor was made, Secretary T. A. Stevenson presented the name of Connelley J. O. McCarthy as an ideal man for the office, from a labor standpoint, as he had voted in favor of every labor measure which had been brought before the city council during the past year. It was decided, however, to take no action in regard to the endorsement of McCarthy. The present time, owing to the fact that it was still unknown whether a labor party would be run for the office, was considered to be an unsuitable time for the endorsement of McCarthy.

Name of Alderman W.D. Robbins.

The name of Alderman W.D. Robbins was suggested for endorsement in Ward 2. After considerable discussion the meeting voted in favor of him. During this discussion delegates Hall emphatically opposed his endorsement on the ground that he had more than once voted against measures which were favorable to the Trades and Labor Council.

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TASK IS DIFFICULT, SAYS VON BUELOW

Significant Admission Made by German Statesman—British Did Wonders.

Canadian Press Despatch. BERLIN, Nov. 25.—The Berliner Tageblatt prints a letter from Prince Von Buelow, the ex-chancellor, in which he expresses the fear that the war will "prove a very difficult task for Germany. Of course, the prince winds up by affirming his belief in the ultimate triumph of the German arms, but several times he repeats that victory will be won only with great difficulty.

There is also an eulogy of the British troops, written by a high German officer at the front. He handsomely admits that the British army have done wonders, especially around Ypres. "Their regulars are among the finest troops in the world," he writes, and "there must be something after all to say for the Englishman's love of sport, for nothing but well trained and particularly fit young fellows could stand as well as the new troops the English kept bringing up. They are all first-class fighters, and scouting. They are simply marvelous."

The writer concludes that the British may be successful in the war, as they are well worth the money they draw.

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