

men and Americans late this afternoon, and for a time remained on the land.

The American advance at this point involved the capture of Le Mansard and filtration thru the wire and the Somme-Landres road. The opposition against the right centre of the Americans grew less powerful so that patrols were able to push northward and westward to gain a sure footing in Belaslin, Banterville and Banterville Wood.

Perhaps the most interesting development of the day was the fact that the Americans and the Germans too, fought with a ferocious stubbornness and tenacity, every holding any belief that their part in peace is a matter of the near future. The Americans are almost unanimous that the German proposal is not the one that they must severely punish. Many with whom the correspondence talked during a tour of the front, advised the attitude that they had perhaps only a little time in which to strike the enemy and wanted to make the most of it. Virtually every prisoner taken by the Americans today, and there were several hundred of them, was a machine gunner.

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GERMANY MUST FIGHT OR ELSE SURRENDER

London, Oct. 15.—"President Wilson deserves the gratitude of the civilized world for having saved the situation," says The Morning Post. "The effect of his declaration is that Germany now understands that unconditional surrender is an essential condition precedent to any further negotiations. Granting of an armistice implies nothing whatever with regard to the German line, now only two courses open to them—to go on fighting or to put up their hands."

REICHSZAT POSTPONED

Basel, Switzerland, Oct. 15.—Advices from Berlin say that the president of the Reichstag has postponed the sitting of the Reichstag which was to have been held tomorrow morning, reserving to himself the right to summon the legislative body at a later date.

CUT TO PIECES BY TRAIN

Windsor, Oct. 15.—John Kett, 40 years old, a truckman working in the Michigan Central tunnel, was cut to pieces by a train this morning. It is believed he fell from the runway of a passenger train. Kett lived in this city, and leaves a widow and two children.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

In France and Belgium the allies threw the weight of their attack yesterday principally against both flanks of the battlefield between the North Sea and the River Meuse and achieved fresh gains of territory. On the left flank in Belgium the British, French and Belgians had thick mud, and as the German line was broken, the British captured the crossings of the Lys, pushed forward along the Lys, and cut the railway. The French carried the plateau of Hoogevelde, Gils and Gilsberg and their cavalry crossed the Houlers road and advanced towards Lichtervelde. On the left the Belgians captured Thourout and advanced several thousand yards northward of the Handzede-Cortemarck line. The net result of all these operations is that the British achieved a fine success in the northern region, breaking the German centre, and cutting off all direct communication with Osend. The allies have now Bruges and Ghent in sight. They are about to turn Lille from the north. The German resistance appears to have collapsed towards the end of the day, for the cavalry began to ride on ahead. As for the German submarine bases at Ostend and Zeebrugge, now turned, the British navy had put these out of use for the enemy by its raids last summer and all the German destroyers and light craft have already fled from the coast. The spell of rainy weather (German time) to withdraw their heavy coastal artillery. The taking of ten or twelve thousand prisoners by the allies in the past two days signifies that they have roughly handled the 15 or 16 weak German divisions left to defend this front.

The Americans carried out the other attack on the extreme right wing of the battlefield in the region north of Verdun and their operations in wider areas of the breach in the second German line of defence, known as the Kriemhilde line. The Americans proceeded by methodical infiltration, attacking strong points, not frontally, but by working round to their flanks and rear. Thus they cut the barbed wire defences between the Villages of Georges and Landreville. St. Georges and advanced past St. Juvin. They also attacked several isolated peaks of 800 to 900 feet in altitude by working round them and attacking the garrisons. They captured in this manner Hills 258, 288, 299, and Cote de Chailion.

At other points in the battlefield, the pursuit, moreover, did not slacken, for the British in the region of Lens

ALLIED SIBERIAN FORCES OFF FOR VOLGA FRONT

Vladivostok, Oct. 15.—The Czechs are evacuating Samara. They hope to regain the town soon with the aid of brothers-in-arms who have returned from Siberia re-equipped and rested, and are now fighting on the Volga.

The Czechs in the Ural district have reported for the scene of the Volga fighting with all available British, French and Italian soldiers and a small unit of French artillery. French, Czech, British and Italian are rushing their meagre forces westward in an effort to maintain the east front, feeling that it would be disastrous to give up the footing of the allies in European Russia.

WARM WORDS USED AT BRANTFORD COUNCIL

Mayor Called for Policeman to Eject President of Patriotic Fund.

Brantford, Oct. 15.—Charges and counter-charges crossed the board at the city council meeting this evening, with the coal supplies of the city as the basis for the arguments. Mayor MacBride and ex-Mayor J. H. Spence, president of the Patriotic Fund here, disagreed as to the mayor's declared offer of coal to soldiers' wives early in the year, and the argument grew so warm that after a series of black-guarding and cowardly attack in the back had been exchanged, the mayor called for a policeman to eject Mr. Spence. The officer did not show up, and the heated ones cooled down, but by no means friendly.

Later Percy Walsh of the Walsh Coal Co. made the direct charge that in the city's coal dealings there had been a dollar a ton excess profit charge, and there was a raffle-off somewhere. He accused the mayor and Mr. Standish of the Standard Coal Co. of falsifying reports sent to the fuel administration. This was followed by the issuance of instructions by the council to commence an action against Mr. Walsh based on his remarks.

On top of this Mayor MacBride rejected the council's sanction to a resolution calling on the fuel administrator to investigate as to whether or not the Hurley Printing Co. of this city was using anthracite coal without authority and against the fuel regulations.

59 Ratepayers of Windsor Out of 4000 Eligible Voted

Windsor, Oct. 15.—Ratepayers of Windsor displayed little or no interest in two important bylaws voted on today, only fifty-nine eligibles appearing at the voting place out of the four thousand who are entitled to vote. A bylaw to authorize the borrowing of \$7,000 by a debenture issue, and a bylaw to amend a bylaw which no longer provided for the issue of bonds for a warehouse, was also carried.

TO SUPPORT MAXIMILIAN.

Basel, Switzerland, Oct. 15.—According to Berlin despatches received here the German Socialists have decided, in view of the general political situation, not to oppose Prince Maximilian of Baden retaining his post of imperial chancellor.

WAR SUMMARY

crossed the Haute Deule Canal on both sides of Pont-a-Vendin and captured Estaires, Merchion, Baevin. Further north, in the region of Lille, the British made progress to the northward, capturing three miles west of Lille. The British are from the south within striking distance of the western bend in the new German line of Lille, Valenciennes, Sedan and Metz. The French made their progress north of Laon, near Aisonville, and they also progressed along the southern bank of the River Oise to a point near Aisonville, and they also progressed along the southern bank of the River Serre as far as Pouilly-sur-Serre. In this fighting they took 200 prisoners, and the villages of La Selve and Nizy-le-Comte, the former in line with the British on their left in front of Le Cateau. In the Belgian region, breaking the German centre, and cutting off all direct communication with Osend. The allies have now Bruges and Ghent in sight. They are about to turn Lille from the north. The German resistance appears to have collapsed towards the end of the day, for the cavalry began to ride on ahead. As for the German submarine bases at Ostend and Zeebrugge, now turned, the British navy had put these out of use for the enemy by its raids last summer and all the German destroyers and light craft have already fled from the coast. The spell of rainy weather (German time) to withdraw their heavy coastal artillery. The taking of ten or twelve thousand prisoners by the allies in the past two days signifies that they have roughly handled the 15 or 16 weak German divisions left to defend this front.

In Since it now appears certain that the German higher command had decided to evacuate Belgium before despatching the peace offer to President Wilson, and so attempting to convert necessity into a virtue, Marshal Foch is speeding up his attack in Belgium for the purpose of working around to the new German line of Lille, Valenciennes, Sedan and Metz. The French made their progress north of Laon, near Aisonville, and they also progressed along the southern bank of the River Oise to a point near Aisonville, and they also progressed along the southern bank of the River Serre as far as Pouilly-sur-Serre. In this fighting they took 200 prisoners, and the villages of La Selve and Nizy-le-Comte, the former in line with the British on their left in front of Le Cateau. In the Belgian region, breaking the German centre, and cutting off all direct communication with Osend. The allies have now Bruges and Ghent in sight. They are about to turn Lille from the north. The German resistance appears to have collapsed towards the end of the day, for the cavalry began to ride on ahead. As for the German submarine bases at Ostend and Zeebrugge, now turned, the British navy had put these out of use for the enemy by its raids last summer and all the German destroyers and light craft have already fled from the coast. The spell of rainy weather (German time) to withdraw their heavy coastal artillery. The taking of ten or twelve thousand prisoners by the allies in the past two days signifies that they have roughly handled the 15 or 16 weak German divisions left to defend this front.

Britain's reported ultimatum to a Turkish request for peace to surrender unconditionally may result in the matter with General Allenby at any time. In Serbia the allies are clearing out the enemy with the utmost rapidity. The Serbians after entering Nish, have been pursuing the Germans so hard that the enemy has been compelled to send three new divisions to protect the retreat. In Albania the Italians have at last occupied Durazzo. The French have taken the Austrian administrator of Albania.

MILLION AND HALF TO ENDOW CHURCH

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CANADIANS VISITED IN DUTCH QUARTERS

Inspection of Interned Men at The Hague by Col. Birks.

Canadian Associated Press Cable, London, Oct. 15.—Col. Gerald Birks, Canadian Y.M.C.A. officer, has returned from a visit to the Canadian officers and men interned at The Hague. He has inspected with Major Hame Blake of Canadian headquarters, and found the Canadians housed in one of the best-classed industrial establishments, generally speaking, they were in much better shape than was anticipated, and feeling that something was required, he has endeavored to do his utmost to establish a cost of \$15,000 a special line where the men will be housed. The Canadian Y.M.C.A. officers have encountered Major Byng, the half-senior Canadian officer interned, and Major Cory of Toronto with his wife. They were both doing a lot of work for the British Red Cross.

Col. Birks says that the officers and men interned at The Hague are doing something useful on the lines indicated above. A good story is told of Capt. Albert, a member of the British Red Cross work. Major Edward Osborne of Toronto is commandant of all the Canadian prisoners. Major Palmer of Montreal is organizing classes in farming with Capt. Zittanyi of Montreal.

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MUST OVERTHROW HAPSBURGS ALSO

Italians Want Dismemberment of Austro-Hungarian Empire.

New York, Oct. 15.—President Wilson's latest note to Germany will be handed down from generation to generation as one of the historical documents of the world declared Baron Guido Carli, minister of foreign affairs, in a speech here tonight.

Expressing the gratitude of Belgium to the United States, which found us by the wayside, where we had been left half dead, the Belgian minister said: "The advertisement given by the war we have found one of our best friends. We have found America and America has found us. The advertisement has been posted, but for that result, at least, we shall be ever grateful."

Scap. Giuseppe Bevilone of the Italian army, former member of the Italian chamber of deputies, another speaker, asserted that Italy expects not only the overthrowing of the Hapsburg dynasty, but that of the Hapsburgs, with the dismemberment of Austria-Hungary.

Edouard de Billy, acting French minister, said: "The next speaker, said it was with a thrill that he had read President Wilson's message, and realized that it was to be published for all eyes."

Sir John Foster, British foreign secretary, declared that he was glad to have 2,000,000 British soldiers, 270,000 British sailors and 187,000 British airmen, and that he was not going to consent to a negotiated peace.

Have Taken Everything. M. Jonsescu spoke eloquently on the subject of his oppressed countrymen. "Remember," he said, "ever since December, 1916, two-thirds of my country have been occupied by the Germans, who have stripped the country of everything, without wheat, cattle and metals, especially copper. They have cut down the trees of our forests. They have left our peasants enough to keep them from absolute starvation. But at present, owing to a drought which has dried our crops, the situation is very great, indeed. Our population of 7,500,000 has been reduced by the war, thru casualties and typhus, to 5,000,000. In addition, 1000 doctors have died of this plague and often 1500 or 1600 men out of a regiment of 3000.

NO SALARY RAISES BEFORE YEAR'S END

Subcommittee of School Board Will Not Report on Matter Till Later.

Hamilton, Oct. 15.—That there was no possibility of a further salary increase to teachers being granted before the first of the new year was learned here tonight. Members of the principals' association, the women teachers' association and the public school janitors' association, who have been pressing for salary increases and are backing them up with arguments about the high cost of living, are known to be banking upon action by the school board.

The salary sub-committee of the internal management committee, it was further learned tonight, has not yet met, and will not be able to present a report until late in the year. This committee, it was stated, will set up several hundred thousand dollars in the next few months. The building program of the board of education will set up several hundred thousand dollars before 1918 expires, and it is pointed out that the teachers may have strong arguments to the board, must move warily if it is not to send the tax rate soaring.

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More Are Expected to Go Out in Freight Strike at Calgary.

Calgary, Oct. 15.—The C.P.R. yardmen of Alberta joined the strikers at noon yesterday, and the yardmen at the station are expected to join them at any moment. This will mean the tying up of thru freight and passenger traffic, the strikers maintain.

Ten organizations are now on strike in the federal house, and upon the call of the strike committee and may be called out at any time, while 14 more are taking strike votes and will be heard from this week.

Committees have been appointed to wait upon Major Lee Redman and T. M. Tweedie, Calgary's representatives in the federal house, and upon Messrs. Calder, Carvel and Newburn, the three cabinet ministers. The strike committee states there will be no let-up on account of the order-council.

Civic teamsters and local union 37 embraces all employees in the outside service of the city, will walk out tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, in sympathy with the C. P. R. freight handlers. Notice of the effect was sent the mayor and commissioners this morning.

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FAMOUS RUMANIAN LEAVES COUNTRY

M. Take Jonsescu, Well-Known Statesman, Tells of Hun Brutality.

By W. B. Thompson.

"No, I am not an exile as has been wrongly stated, from my country," said to me smilingly, M. Take Jonsescu, the famous Rumanian statesman, upon whom I called on the occasion of his visit to London.

"I left Rumania of my own free will, because I could not bear to live under a Boche regime. As a matter of fact, I should have left last December, but for the request of the entente ministers that I should remain at Jassy a little longer.

"True, the Germans were anxious for me to go, and Marshal Mackensen actually asked General Averescu, when the latter was prime minister, to clear me out. But the general declined to do so.

"Now that I am away and free to speak and write openly in defense of my oppressed land and the Boche brutality, I hear that Mackensen has lately repented having allowed me to depart by the 'Take train,' as it was nicknamed.

"A short time ago it was a quaint train, this with its 190 passengers, for the most part Rumanians, but also French officers and men, and British, Swiss, and Spanish diplomats, with its armed guard commanded by one German and one Austrian captain.

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FATE'S HAND BLAMED FOR LEINSTER'S SINKING

London, Oct. 16.—A despatch to The Daily Mail from The Hague quotes Matthias Erzberger, minister of finance in the German Government, as expressing regret over the sinking of the Irish mail steamer Leinster, but declaring that it was the hand of fate, for which Germany could not be held responsible.

The occurrence is exceptionally regrettable," Erzberger is quoted as saying. "I learned with deep sympathy of the disaster which has overtaken so many women and children. My attitude on such occurrences is well known. In 1915 I expressed regret over the many victims of the Lusitania. My regret is increased in this sad case to genuine pain. The hand of fate, for which we cannot be made responsible has governed here."

OUTSKIRTS OF COURTRAI REACHED BY BRITISH

London, Oct. 15.—The British army fighting in Flanders has reached Courtrai, on the Courtrai-Ingelmunster road, and has captured the Villages of Guldentien and Heule. The British have advanced to the outskirts of Courtrai.

This announcement was made shortly before midnight by the war office, which also corroborated the Belgian and French successes in Flanders.

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