

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.

With the French Army in France, Oct. 15.—The German continues to resist stoutly on the two wings of the French front, making as usual liberal use of machine guns and gas projectiles.

Gen. Gouraud resumed his attacks northwest of Argonne Forest this morning, crossing the Aisne and taking Oilly and Termes west of Grand Pre.

The loss of one line of communication after another has left the Germans with only two railroads by way of Hirson and Metz, and to supply their five armies. This compels the Germans to make a desperate defense on their left wing, and to redouble their efforts to retard an advance by the allies elsewhere. The allied positions along the Meuse are dangerously near the pivot of Metz, upon which the entire German operation westward depends.

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REICHSZAT POSTPONED

Basel, Switz., 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 Houliers-Lichterfelde. On the left the Belgians captured Thourout and advanced several miles northward of the Handzenc-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 that interrupted this offensive gave the Germans 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 success in widening 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 256, 258, 299, and Cote de Chatillon.

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-guard 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 administration 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 carried by 41 to 181. The second bylaw, empowering the city to sell land for a warehouse, was also carried.

TO SUPPORT MAXIMILIAN.

Basel, Switz., 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.

crossed the Haute Deule Canal on both sides of Pont-a-Vendin and captured Estaires, Merchion, Baevrin. Further north, in the region of Lille, the British made progress to the neighborhood of Haubourdin, 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 along the Champagne, from Laon to the river Aisne, and then to the bank of the River Oise to a point near Aisonville, and they also progressed along the western bank of the River Serre as far as Pouilly-sur-Serre. In this fighting they took 2000 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 Nizy region the French have crossed the road from Grand Pre to Vouziers, taking 400 more prisoners.

In view of 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 has the task of protecting the German communications and the Belgian mineral basin in Lorraine, in retreating, the enemy is attempting to get behind the barriers of his own frontier, like the German fleet in harbor and canal behind the coast. The German has to have his submarines renew an unexampled campaign of horror next winter. The allies are attempting to assist the German retreat so effectively as to weaken the German army so much that when it arrives at its own frontier it will be ready to collapse. The matter will remain to be seen whether Germany will collapse or still stand defiant at the moment when the allies begin their real invasion.

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

Methodist Conference Decides to Launch Campaign to Raise That Sum.

Hamilton, Oct. 15.—The Methodist general conference this afternoon dealt with several important proposals, the most important of which was to launch a campaign to raise a million and a half dollars for the endowment of the Methodist Church in Canada. The superannuation fund of the church is to be assessed from 1 to 4 per cent, and it was estimated that 115,000 would be required to restore the Methodist churches in Halifax. The Methodist churches in Canada will be asked to subscribe that amount.

The conference decided unanimously the following cable to Sir Arthur Currie:

"The general conference of the Methodist Church gives heartfelt thanks to the officers and men, who have never failed to reach their objective, never lost a position, and have broken the Hun, and given Canada a new day."

The election of officers was the chief business of the conference. The conference this morning was held in the afternoon, and was presided over by the Rev. Dr. J. D. Simpson, of Toronto. The Rev. Dr. J. D. Simpson, of Toronto, was elected moderator, and the Rev. Dr. J. D. Simpson, of Toronto, was elected secretary. The Rev. Dr. J. D. Simpson, of Toronto, was elected treasurer. The Rev. Dr. J. D. Simpson, of Toronto, was elected clerk. The Rev. Dr. J. D. Simpson, of Toronto, was elected delegate.

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 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 demanding 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 not recommend until further full and complete information has been received. 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 the board must move warily if it is not to send the tax rate soaring.

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, chief Canadian Y.P.C.A. officer, has returned from a visit to the Canadian officers and men interned at The Hague, Holland. The inspection 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, the Canadian Y.P.C.A. is about to establish a canteen of 15,000 special huts where the men will be housed. The Canadian Y.P.C.A. has 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 in charge of the classes in farming with Capt. Zittanyi of Montreal.

Major McCuaig of Montreal with Mrs. McCuaig and her two children, Toronto were showing great activity in sports among the interned. Capt. F. V. Jones was doing Red Cross work. Victor Maclean, Vancouver, an advertising manager of a newspaper, was giving the British news for the benefit of the prisoners. Capt. Northwood of Winnipeg was doing Red Cross work. Major Edward Osborne of Toronto is commandant of all the Canadian prisoners. Major Palmer of Montreal is in charge of the classes in farming with Capt. Zittanyi of Montreal.

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 Caron, 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."

TEN ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOW ON STRIKE

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.

TO GET WAR BONUS.

Hamilton Hydro Employees Will Receive Twenty Per Cent.

Hamilton, Oct. 15.—Employees of the local hydro department are to receive a war bonus. Chairman T. J. Stewart, stated today that the board had agreed to a war bonus of 20 per cent to all women employees of the board, drawing bonus a year, and the same bonus to all men employees receiving less than \$200 per annum; that is, ten per cent of their last year's bonus, which was ten per cent, to all receiving less than \$200. The bonus dates from Oct. 1, and is for a period of one year.

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"No, I am not an exile as has been wrongly stated, from my country," said to me smilingly, M. Take Joneescu, 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 army aviators, Swiss, and Spanish diplomats, with its armed guard commanded by one German and one Austrian captain.

"The appointments were fairly good, but the train was breadless, and the Austrian officials studiously polite, but the French officers and army aviators, who were left our peasants enough to keep them from absolute starvation. But at present, owing to a drought which has ruined our crops and the fact that our population of 7,500,000 has been reduced by the war, thru casualties and typhus, to about 6,000,000, 1000 doctors have died of this plague and often 1500 or 1600 men out of a regiment of 3000.

Bulgar Brutality.

"But the Boches are the worst plague and by their conduct, they have succeeded in making themselves more hated than our hereditary foes, the Magyars. Of our prisoners in German camps, 60 per cent have died, and of those who have returned home, half are now consumptive. Only Bulgar brutality can equal German. In Bulgaria, Rumanian officer prisoners, even captives, have been stripped and publicly flogged in the market places for refusing to work as navvies, after being deprived of food for three or four days.

"You ask me how the Germans behaved in the great cities, like Bucharest. Well, here like everywhere, didn't hesitate to loot private houses. My own house experienced quite a spate of treatment. The Germans entered Bucharest at noon. At 4 p.m., on the same day there remained of my house nothing but the bare brick. My books had been torn and thrown into the street below my furniture, tapestries, pictures, and other valuables, sent to Berlin. The ceilings and floors all disappeared with the axe. Mackensen, a person, came to gloat over the ruins. Still, I shall not complain. The Boche, no doubt, owed me a grudge.

"I only hope that when the allied armies reach Germany, they will apply a little of the same treatment there and teach the German people what war is as waged by Germans.

"This war, like every other war in history, will, and must, end on the battlefield. Blockades and famine are

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TURKEY TAKES STEPS TO DEFEND COUNTRY

Basel, Switzerland, Oct. 15.—At the opening of the Turkish Parliament the sultan in his speech from the throne, in the most difficult situation, which Turkey has been placed in by the defection of Bulgaria, according to a Constantinople despatch received here, the sultan declared that he had taken the necessary steps for the defense of the country.

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.

OUTSKIRTS OF COURTRAI REACHED BY BRITISH

London, Oct. 15.—The British second 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.

DIAMONDS

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