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BRITISH CAN AGAIN IN YPRES REGION

U. S. LIKELY TO TAKE OVER VAST REVERSED PORTS OF UNITED STATES; ALLIES HAVE 23,000,000 TONS

Washington, D. C., Sept. 26.—Within a little more than a year the United States will have an ocean-going merchant fleet of more than 1,600 ships, aggregating 9,200,000 tons, the shipping board announced today in a statement giving details of the Government's shipbuilding program.

Washington, Sept. 26.—It was stated today that an agreement might be reached shortly by the export administrative board and the state department for placing a large part of the neutral tonnage into active service. The administrative board is observing strict secrecy in regard to whatever progress is being made in the negotiations, but it is known that real headway is being made with both Norway and Holland.

More than 1,500,000 tons of neutral shipping is being tied up, its use made unavailable to either America or the Allies on account of the Government's maritime activities. The use of this tonnage is badly needed by the powers at war with Germany for war trade or to replace other shipping which could be employed in the war trades.

OSTEND AGAIN SHELLED BY THE BRITISH

Another Hammering for Foe's Naval Base—Two Airplanes Downed.

London, Sept. 26.—The German naval base of Ostend, on the Belgian coast, was bombarded yesterday by British naval forces. British aerial patrols over the fleet encountered six hostile airplanes and downed two.

INTENSE BATTLE WITH BATTERIES ON VERDUN LINE

French Report Successes in Several Minor Engagements.

Paris, Sept. 26.—Intense artillery fighting occurred last night on the Verdun front, between Beaumont and Bezonvaux, the war office reports.

"Brief and violent artillery actions occurred on the Aisne front in the sector between St. Eloi and Craonne. An enemy attack on our small posts north of Jussy was repulsed. Our detachments penetrated the German lines south of Cerisy, northwest of Berniercourt, and in the Champagne near Tardieu. We brought back 10 prisoners."

"On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the artillery fighting was continued with intensity between Beaumont and Bezonvaux."

"It is confirmed after the interrogation of prisoners, that the fruitless attack made by the Germans against our position north of Chaumoulin on September 24, cost them very heavy losses. The number of prisoners left in our hands has reached 122, of which 4 are officers."

"Everywhere else the night passed calmly."

TWO EVER-POPULAR FIGURES



Queen Alexandra and David Lloyd George, taken while viewing the march of American troops at Buckingham Palace gate, when the Queen Dowager took Queen Mary's place beside the King, and the democratic prime minister adjourned a cabinet meeting to attend.

STATES LAYING PLANS FOR PROLONGED WAR

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Washington, Sept. 26.—American officials believe there is no immediate chance of a revolution in Germany to overthrow the Kaiser. While official advisers indicate a growing discontent within the empire, particularly among women, authorities have concluded that the Germans, so used to the Kaiser's domination, will cause no upheaval until further casualties open their eyes to the stupidity of living under a murderous autocracy. On this theory Secretary of War Baker, Secretary of the Navy Daniels and others engaged in shaping America for a war against this autocracy are laying their plans with two or more years conflict in mind.

Meantime official advisers indicate the Kaiser is waiting for America "to see the light." It is convinced that the Kaiser cannot be overthrown, and believes American people will not stand for such sacrifices as the Allies already have had. The holy see believes there can be no "victor's peace," and predicts either a stalemate or a world revolution before both sides exhaust themselves.

THRILLING BATTLE IN CLOUDS SAVED LONDON FROM RAIDERS; BRITISH ROUTED THE INVADERS

German Air Squadron Moving On London At Great Height and Great Speed, Met, Broken Up and Turned Back By Flocks of British Fliers.

London, Sept. 26.—Six persons were killed and sixteen injured in the southeastern outskirts of London in last night's air raid.

London, Sept. 26.—Although details are lacking, it is reported that a thrilling battle occurred between German and British planes in the clouds over London, which probably accounts for the fact that last night's air raid caused so little damage. The German planes, although they crossed the coast, were met and continually harassed by a large force of British machines.

Whether any of the raiders were brought down has not been learned, but according to early reports the formation of the German fleet, which was coming toward London at a great height, was broken up by the British fliers, the raiders all except one turning back, closely pursued. So effective were the measures taken to intercept this lone intruder, that he was unable to penetrate beyond the outskirts of London.

No panic in London.

While the anti-aircraft guns boomed constantly, establishing a barrage fire around the city, as on Monday night, the raid, had increased their activity, and audiences in theatres and at the opera at the time for the most part were indifferent and unaffected. Some theatres and moving picture places, anticipating the raid, had increased their advertising in the evening papers with special announcements as to the bombing shelter.

Many persons went to parks and other open spaces to see the "Hun air show," while others went about the streets, waiting to take to cover under the stairways, platforms and underground stations, where the most cautious, including thousands of women and children, sought shelter.

The scenes in these sheltered places were similar to those of Monday night, with people laughing and joking, and others reading newspapers, magazines and books with which they had provided themselves, apparently for a siege. The crowd in some places were having such a good time that the police found difficulty in dislodging them when the "All clear" signal was given. The morning newspapers devoted more space to descriptions of Monday night's raid than that of last night, all agreeing that the latter was a failure. The few papers containing editorial comment on the raid repeat the demand for reprisals and call for warnings of night raids the same as day.

LONDONER'S SON IN FRANCE WITH C. F. A. FOR OVER A YEAR

London, Sept. 26.—The son of a Londoner, who has been overseas for more than a year, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Christian of 8 Brock Avenue, and came originally from British Guiana, South America. He enlisted in Toronto, before he came to London.

HAIG SMASHES HINDY AGAIN; DRIVES Foe FROM HIGH LAND IN THE REGION AROUND YPRES

EXTRA GERMANS WILL LEAVE BELGIUM

London, Sept. 26.—Germany has agreed to evacuate Belgium on certain conditions, it is declared in a German official statement, according to a dispatch from Berne today, given out by the Wireless Press.

Germany, it is stipulated, must have the right to develop her economic enterprises freely in Belgium, especially in Antwerp.

SYMPATHY STRIKE OF OPERATORS MAY DEVELOP THROUGH STRIKE-BREAKERS

Men May Ask All Telegraphers in Canada To Walk Out.

GOVT. IS INVESTIGATING Company Says the Immigration Laws Have Not Been Broken.

Montreal, Sept. 26.—The charge that strike-breakers have been brought in from the United States and were being employed in place of G. N. W. telegraphers, which operators who walked out on Monday was being investigated today by the immigration authorities.

L. Hume, district superintendent of the G. N. W., today said that no men had been sent to Canada by the Western Union and that the Alien Immigration Act had not been violated.

Montreal, Sept. 26.—The feature of the strike of the telegraphers, linemen and automatic printing operators of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company here last night was the reported arrival in this city of F. A. Butterfield, New York, who is designated by the strikers as "a spotter" for the Western Union Telegraph Company, accompanied by a number of American operators, variously estimated at from 12 to 20 men.

The strikers declare that if the G. N. W. Company makes use of strike-breakers from the U. S. telegraph operators throughout Canada will be asked to go out in a general strike as a protest.

BOTH SIDES CONFIDENT.

Toronto, Sept. 26.—The whole situation is better today than on Tuesday, was the assertion at noon today of S. J. Konekamp, president of the International Commercial Telegraphers' Union, in regard to the G. N. W. employees' strike. Mr. Konekamp says that the strikers are "stuck" and have been reinforced by many tickler girls and others.

Although there are rumors here of considerable interruption in the business of the company, the officials of the G. N. W. say they are continuing to carry on and will do so in spite of the dissatisfaction of a portion of their staff.

FRENCH STEAMER SUNK IN TERRITORIAL WATERS AFTER PROLONGED FIGHT

Paris, Sept. 26.—(Delayed)—The French steamer Admiral De Kersaint, 5,570 tons gross, was sunk on September 24 after a long and bloody fight with a submarine in Spanish territorial waters. The submarine opened fire from the sea, and the steamer was sunk just outside territorial waters. The captain was taken prisoner, and the crew were killed or have died of wounds.

TAFT DENOUNCES THE AMERICAN PACIFISTS, GERMANS, LAPOLLETTE

Montreal, Sept. 26.—Scathing denunciation of the pacifists and the pro-Germans in the U. S. was voiced by William H. Taft in an interview this morning. The ex-president expressed the conviction that it was unfortunate that no means had been found of punishing such men as Senator La Follette.

"The pacifists and pro-Germans," said Mr. Taft, "are an example of that kind of persons of no importance whatever, in a time of stress, succumb by virtue of the noise they make, in gaining a great deal more attention than they are entitled to."

British War Office Reports New Advance In Flanders This Morning Extending Over a Wide Front, and Reports Good Progress Made, Enemy Being Pushed From Elevated Positions.

London, Sept. 26.—The British made an attack this morning on a wide front in the Ypres region. Good progress is reported by the war office. The statement follows:

"We attacked on a wide front on the battle sector northeast and east of Ypres at 5:50 o'clock this morning. Our troops are reported to be making good progress."

London, Sept. 26.—In their new attack this morning the British pushed back the Germans over the high ground east of Ypres, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters reports.

TERRIFIC STRUGGLE PROCEEDING.

British Headquarters in France and Belgium, Sept. 26.—(By the Associated Press).—Along the northern half of the battle line, to the east of Ypres, where Field Marshal Haig resumed the offensive this morning, the British have advanced at numerous places for a distance of from 1,000 to 1,200 yards. An early report, which was somewhat vague, indicated that the British infantry was fighting along a line only a few hundred yards west of Zonnebeke.

The Germans are resisting desperately, and along a front of some thousand yards astride the Ypres-Menin road a terrific struggle is proceeding.

The line of the present battle is between points to the east of St. Julien and southwest of Gheluvelt. The Germans already have been pushed out of many important positions.

The British appear to have been extremely successful throughout the northern line of attack. No news is available from the sector of Polygon Wood and the region of that forest.

FIGHTING FOR ELEVATION.

The most important points involved in today's fighting are the strongly held elevations between the Ypres-Roulers railway and the Ypres-Menin highway. Australian, Scotch and English troops were today pushing out into forbidden country over ground still sodden from rains, among concrete and steel redoubts, over elevations, through bits of woods choked with quick-fires. They might fall of their object and yet cover themselves with glory.

GERMANS ATTACK RIGHT.

It seems that much sanguinary fighting is to follow. The Germans knew the attack was coming and their recent counter-attacks were attempts to frustrate the British plans. They have been bringing up reinforcements for several days for the battle which began this morning. The main efforts of the Germans today were directed against the right of the offensive.

PEASANTS RALLYING AROUND KERENSKY; WORKMEN'S CONGRESS IS LOSING STRENGTH

Russ Premier Will Not Recognize Convention To Form Government.

Petrograd, Sept. 26.—Premier Kerensky will return to Petrograd today. His secretary said he would not recognize as official the Democratic congress called by the Soldiers and Workmen's Delegates, which will meet on Thursday, although he might address it.

The chief problem before the congress will have to do with the plan, which possibly will be backed by a majority, to bring about the formation of a cabinet responsible only to the congress. Mr. Kerensky, former minister of the interior, explained this project to the peasant delegates in a patriotic speech, in which he said Russia must fight Germany resolutely if it desired to avoid avoidable surrender. The project of the congress was indicated by a message sent by the Soldiers and Workmen's Delegates to Premier Kerensky begging him to postpone formation of a cabinet until the congress has met.

The premier's secretary, who is one of the leaders of the Peasants' Delegates, across the Bolsheviks will develop a majority, owing to the fact that this party is straining every nerve to rally to the Socialist program of June 21. Such a boycott of the congress has been proclaimed by the Constitutional Democrats, by some professional organizations and also by many newspapers, and some, from which are pouring in telegrams to Premier Kerensky expressing confidence in him.

"I believe many moderate Socialists, revolutionaries and Mensheviks remain having approved the plan for the congress," said the secretary, "but it is a new day."

VATICAN DENIES IT.

Rome, Tuesday, Sept. 25.—The Vatican denies reports that Pope Benedict XV. intends to make proposals for peace negotiations involving mediation by King Alfonso of Spain.

FIRST STATEMENT THAT GIRL STILL LIVES MADE TODAY

Aunt Who Remains in Jail, Rather Than Tell Whereabouts, Says So.

CONFINEMENT TELLING Miss Thompson, However, Persists in Stand That She Will Never Obey Order.

"Miss Margaret Thompson, 390 Victoria street, to spend the balance of her life in the county jail because she refused to obey the order of a high court judge and, as a consequence, was sentenced for contempt."

Miss Thompson is being held in the county jail because she is following the dictates of her conscience in not giving up a child that she cared for and "educated for years."

These questions were asked today by a citizen who has taken a great interest in Miss Thompson's case since she was sentenced.

According to several local lawyers the case is closed as far as petitions for release are concerned. They maintain that the question of Miss Thompson's release will be decided by the court, and that she will be released if she can secure her liberty in one hour.

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FORMER MEMBER OF LONDON DEPARTMENT IS NOW FIRE MARSHAL

Ex-Chief Howard of Peterboro Secures Plum.

SALARY IS DOUBLED Will Get \$2,000 More Than Before Resignation Stopped Probe.

Peterboro, Sept. 26.—Ex-Fire Chief Howard of this city yesterday received official notice of his appointment as a deputy provincial fire marshal. Ex-Chief Howard is arranging to dispose of his business in Peterboro, and in a few days will take up residence in Toronto.

The ex-chief, who is a former member of the London Fire Department, will work in conjunction with the provincial fire marshal, Mr. J. H. Heston. The salary will be \$2,000 more than he received as chief of the Peterboro fire department.

Ex-Chief Howard's recent resignation forestalled a council investigation into the department and into the allegations of the chief's activities in other spheres than the department.

SAMMIES IN LONDON BOMBED BY RAIDERS; HURL BACK DEFIES

American Soldiers Take In the Show of Last Night's Attack.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]

London, Sept. 26.—Upwards of 100 American soldiers and sailors took the first taste of war during the air raid of the past two nights on London. The sound of the anti-aircraft guns bringing to them the first warning of the raid was greeted with a cheer. They marched out into the street from the Y. M. C. A. hut, where they were playing cards and pool, singing: "We're coming, Kaiser Bill." After the raid, they jolped the British in denunciation of the "baby-killers."

The American soldiers and sailors brought under the fire of the raiders wanted to rush into the street to see the attack at the first sound of the guns. The sergeant in command ordered them first to remain where they were, then he commanded them to form in line, two abreast. The sergeant sent his little detachment forward, and they marched out and across the street to cellars. While shells were bursting high overhead and lights sweeping the skies, the voices of the Americans were raised in their song of defiance to the Kaiser.

A score of Americans accompanied the sailors to the cellars, prepared for refuge during such a raid. They were just as cool as the men. When the "All clear" signal was sounded, indicating the Germans had been driven off, the Sammies and sailors emerged from their cellars and returned to their games in the Y. M. C. A. hut.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—SHOWERS.

Toronto, Sept. 26.—8 a.m.

Moderate to fresh southeast to south winds; fair and warm today; some scattered showers during the night and on Thursday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Toronto	52	36	Fair
Calgary	50	36	Cloudy
Winnipeg	48	34	Cloudy
Port Arthur	54	46	Cloudy
Perry Sound	72	46	Clear
St. John's	50	46	Clear
Kingston	50	42	Clear
Ottawa	50	42	Foggy
Montreal	50	42	Clear
Quebec	50	42	Clear
Salt Lake	50	42	Clear

Weather Notes.

A few light showers have occurred since yesterday morning in Manitoba and over Lake Superior, while rain has fallen heavily along the British Columbia and Nova Scotia coasts.