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## BRITISH HOLD ALL GAINS AFTER YESTERDAY'S DRIVE

### Situation on the Western Front Satisfactory, Says Ex-Premier Asquith

## ANZAC RIDGE IS CRITICAL SECTOR IN RECENT ADVANCE OF BRITISH

### Haig's Forces After Week of Preliminary Artillery Bombardment, Assail One of the Most Important Points in Teuton Line

By Courier Leased Wire  
London, Sept. 20.—(By the Associated Press)—The scene of the present British offensive includes one of the most important and strongest parts of the German line in this section and has been marked by some of the most bitter fighting of the war since the Allies seven weeks ago began their drive, which has become known as the battle of Flanders. The wooded elevations east and southwest of Ypres, among which are such dominating positions as Glencorse Wood and Inverness Copse, were the vital points and the Germans had made their defenses as nearly impregnable as they were able, being determined to retain them without regard to the cost. The battles of the past few weeks bear witness to the strength of the defenses at these points.

The crucial sector may be said to begin with the ridge known as Anzac, which lies a mile west of Somerhoek, southwest of Anzac is Nuns Wood and just east of this is the famous forest known as Polygon wood. When the British in August fought their way forward to Polygon wood, they found Nuns Wood so flooded that they were forced to go around it and the ground here still presents great difficulties to the movement of troops because of its swampy condition. Nuns Wood merges into Glencorse Wood on the south and a little further down and inside the Ypres-Menin highway is Inverness Copse, of undying fame. Between Glencorse Wood and Inverness is an open stretch of ground of some 400 yards and here on the Fitz-Clarence Farm, the Germans had built great steel and concrete redoubts whose machine guns dominated the southern part of Glencorse Wood and the northern section of Inverness.

Below Inverness are Dumbarton Lakes, and the ground about them is pitted with shell craters, which are filled with water. The paths and trenches here were wiped out by artillery fire, and the shell holes are so close together that there is no space to walk around them. In most places the mud and water are knee-deep. Still further south is Shrewsbury Forest, through which the British line ran and the ground in front of the British trenches is a mass of tangled barbed wire. Just below Shrewsbury Forest is Belgian Wood, which lies near Hollebeke. There are many other little forests scattered through this section, most of them in marshy ground which was rendered still more difficult by the devastation wrought by the shells.

Between Hollebeke and the River Lys, the country is more or less open and is dominated by Mesines, and North of Ypres. The railway of the country presents the same difficulties from marshy ground, although there are a few wooded stretches.

The British began an intense artillery preparation on the night of Sept. 18, and this continued with unabating fury until today. Counter battery work resulted in a large number of German guns being silenced, and many enemy ammunition dumps near the battery were blown up by shell fire. The entire front over which the attacks were to be made was searched out by high explosives, and as an additional precaution the British gunners kept putting down a heavy barrage fire, first in one place and then in another and sweeping the whole country before them.

The German guns, of course, have not been silenced, but their fire was comparatively weak. All this artillery preparation by the British was vital if there was to be hope of success, for they had to lead the strength of this front before and knew that their infantry faced a task that would try their mettle to the fullest. In previous attacks the shell hole warfare conducted by the Germans in this region has proved a grave embarrassment, and it was only by a bombardment such as was conducted, that could wipe out these concealed positions. It was impossible that the Germans should not have known that an offensive was being prepared, but it appears from statements by prisoners that there was much doubt as to the exact position where the British would strike. For the past fortnight the policy of the Germans has been one of inaction, although they undoubtedly made every effort to improve their positions since the offensive in August.

WEATHER BULLETIN  
Toronto, Sept. 21.—Since yesterday morning a few scattered showers have occurred from the lower lake region to the Maritime provinces, otherwise the weather in Canada has been very fine.

## ASQUITH TO TELL TRUTH ABOUT WAR

### Ex-Premier Will Set Public Mind Right on the Military Situation.

### COMBAT PACIFICISM

By Courier Leased Wire  
Montreal, Sept. 21.—A special cable to The Gazette from London says:

Mr. Asquith has returned from a visit to the western front where he had been the guest of Sir Douglas Haig, and will on Wednesday next speak at Leeds at a meeting arranged by the war aims committee, of which the late premier, together with the present prime minister, Lloyd George, are presidents. Asquith's speech is looked forward to by the whole country. The necessity of an authoritative and indisputable lead for public opinion here at this particular juncture is everywhere recognized, for a small peace at any price party is getting a more sympathetic hearing in various parts of the country than it has received in the past.

A counter propaganda which as yet has not attained the dimensions of that which it designs to offset, has been begun by the war aims committee. Asquith is expected to set the public mind right in regard to the character of the operations on the western front and particularly to remove the impression which exists in some quarters that Sir Douglas Haig's offensive this year were failures, in the sense that they did not break through the German lines. The highest military authorities are of opinion that the results achieved during the summer.

## HUNS SOUGHT TO BUY NEUTRALITY OF UNITED STATES

### Amazing Disclosures by Washington of Teuton Intrigue.

By Courier Leased Wire  
Washington, Sept. 21.—Secretary of State Lansing today disclosed to the series of disclosures covering German intrigue in America and elsewhere, a message sent by Count von Bernstorff in January of this year to the Berlin foreign office requesting authority to pay out \$50,000 to influence Congress through an unnamed organization, apparently known to the Berlin authorities.

Count von Bernstorff indicated in his message that money had been paid this organization on former occasions to perform the same work.

Whether the State department is in possession of other evidence has not been revealed, but it is the fixed belief that additional chapters will be added.

The reference to avoiding war is taken as an indication that knowledge of his government's intention to proclaim a merciless widespread submarine warfare and that he was equally confident that the United States Government could not easily be placated by mere promises.

It has not been assumed that the ambassador actually attempted to bribe or personally influence any member of Congress.

Fifty thousand dollars, it was pointed out, would go but a short way towards buying the influence of congressmen, judiciously expended, however, it might do much in compensating paid agents, such as are now known to have belonged to the elaborate machine Bernstorff had so carefully built up for the production of propaganda and for purposes of espionage.

## OFFENSIVE IN FLANDERS ALLED RESPONSE TO GERMAN PEACE MOVE

### AGITATION IN GERMANY FOR REVOLUTION

### Malcontents Issue Manifesto Inciting Populace to Civil War.

By Courier Leased Wire  
Amsterdam, Sept. 20.—According to the Berlin Vorwaerts, the following manifesto has been circulated throughout Germany:

"Citizens! The fatherland is in peril. It is in worse peril than three years ago. To-day the enemy is in our midst and he is at work."

"It is not enough that the whole world is fighting us. The men who are responsible for this manifesto being issued also want to war against their own people. The civilian trustee over, let us have a civil war. Very well let them have it! But the Reichstag must see to it that nothing shall interfere with the people's defense against the civil war agitators."

## ONE DEAD, FIFTEEN INJURED IN WRECK

By Courier Leased Wire  
Benton Harbor, Mich., Sept. 21.—An all night search of the wreckage resulting from the collision last night of a passenger and a freight train on the Pere Marquette Railroad at Riverside, 7 miles east of here, failed to add to the list of one dead and about 15 injured. Two of the injured trainmen early today were in such a serious condition, however, that it was not believed they could recover.

The crash occurred about 350 yards north of Riverside station, as the southbound passenger train was rounding a curve at high speed. The locomotive telescoped, freight brakeman L. G. Grand of Grand Rapids, being crushed to death. According to the train dispatcher here, the freight train was to have waited at Riverside for the passenger train.

## ITALIAN RED CROSS CAMPAIGN IS WELL UNDER WAY TODAY

### Business Men's Teams Canvass Central District of the City With Good Results—Flag Day to be Held Tomorrow

Confident that Brantford's goal of \$6,000.00 for the Italian Red Cross Society will be reached—a fund to aid in alleviating the sufferings of the Italian and Allied troops under the Italian and Allied troops under the Austrian front—the business men's teams led by President Logan M. Waterous of the Board of Trade are in the midst of their canvass in the business section to-day.

These teams, supported by the workers from the "A. R." Club who will have charge of the canvassing of the employees in shops and manufacturing plants and the Italian citizens who will be appealed to through a committee headed by P. Battaglia, are confident that they will succeed in raising \$5,000.00 through their combined efforts.

The house to house canvass and "Italian Flag Day" sale on the streets to-morrow under the auspices of the Women's Patriotic League, aided by Brant and Dufferin Rifles chapters of the Daughters of the Empire, with Mrs. W. C. Livingston, president, will be the feature of the Italian Red Cross campaign here.

The goal of the women workers is \$1,000.00, which they expect to have in hand to-morrow night. From the chairman of the women's committee at Stratford where between 150 and 200 women held their "Italian Flag Day" last Wednesday, President Mrs. P. J. Murray telephoned to the local Southern and Western Ontario Division headquarters in the Temple Building that their collection that day netted \$836.00. Over \$2,800 has been raised at Stratford, according to Treasurer W. F. Scully and Rooms.

Why Not Save? If you need a new mattress, Crompton's Special Mattress sale will do it. See them in the Carpet and Upholstery Rooms.

## TURMEL HIMSELF ASKS LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

By Courier Leased Wire  
Paris, Sept. 21.—The report of the special committee approving the appeal for the authorization of legal proceedings against Deputy Louis Turmel, was adopted by the Chamber of Deputies last night after a raising of hands, without discussion and in the deepest silence. The report expressed astonishment at the delay shown in taking up the case. The resolution authorizing the suspension of parliamentary immunity was read by the President of the chamber, Paul Deschamps.

Deputy Turmel was closeted with the special committee for almost two hours in the afternoon, during which time he offered his explanations concerning the finding of the Swiss bank notes in his locker room, and concluded by asserting himself with the demand for the authorization of legal proceedings.

## DETAILED REPORTS CONFIRM COMPLETE BRITISH VICTORY

### Number of Strong Points Near Langemarck Taken by Haig's Men; Advancing Germans Wiped Out by Concentrated Fire

By Courier Leased Wire  
London, Sept. 21.—Field Marshal Haig, in later reports regarding the British offensive on the Belgian front to the east of Ypres yesterday, when the British troops pushed through the German lines for a distance of more than a mile, says that the completeness of the British success is confirmed by detailed accounts of the battle.

The British war office after the receipt of Field Marshal Haig's report, to-day issued this bulletin:

"More detailed accounts of yesterday's battle confirm the completeness of our success.

During the evening local attacks delivered by us in the neighborhood of Tower Hamlets and northeast of Langemarck, cleared up a number of strong points and completed the capture of our objectives in these localities. It is now established that in the many counter-attacks delivered by considerable forces of the enemy during the afternoon and evening, his casualties were unusually great.

"The clear light of the day enabled our troops to obtain warning of impending attacks, and in every case the advancing lines of German infantry were destroyed by the concentrated fire from our rifles, machine guns and artillery.

The obstinacy with which the enemy constantly repeated his attacks only added to his losses and destroyed for him any of the valuable ground which he had won.

"Exhausted by his previous efforts, the enemy made no counter attacks during the night and our troops were able to consolidate the positions undisturbed.

"Our own losses in the battle are light.

"In the course of the night, small hostile attacks were driven off west of Havrincourt and west of Lens."

## YOUR DUTY--"SIGN THE FOOD SERVICE PLEDGE"

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