# GERMANS IN FULL RETREAT ON NORTH RUSS FRONT

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# MORE GAINS MADE BY THE FRENCH

## GERMANS RETIRING TO THE DVINA LINE; RUSSIANS REPORT A GREAT RETREAT

### Hindenburg's Forces Falling Back On North Russian Front, Destroying Bridges, Roads and Buildings.

Petrograd, Oct. 25.—The German retreat on the northern end of the front continues. The war office reports that the Russian vanguards lost touch in some sectors with the retiring Germans, who destroyed all bridges, roads and buildings.

On Tuesday the Germans were reported to be on the Rodenpois-Turkaln line.

This line indicates an extensive retreat by the Germans, who are now back nearly to the Dvina River region. Rodenpois is on the Great Jaegel River, about twelve miles north of the Dvina. Turkaln is on the Little Jaegel, seven miles from the Dvina.

**LANDING FRUSTRATED.**

Petrograd, Oct. 25.—German attempts to make another landing on the Werder Peninsula in the region of Tomba were frustrated yesterday by Russian artillery fire, the war office announced today.

The Russian statement says that the Germans who left their advanced positions so far have retired about fifteen miles in the Riga region, near the Pskoff Highroad, and in the sector of the Little Jaegel River.

## ALL WEST IRELAND REPORTED AS ON VERGE OF REBELLION; SITUATION GROWS "VERY GRAVE"

### London Mail Correspondent Finds Sinn Feiners Openly Talking War.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 25.—There are no new developments today in connection with the arrest of Dr. Patrick MacCarton, the alleged Sinn Feiner. The military authorities will not give out any information regarding his detention or what disposition is to be made of him. It is believed he is being detained aboard a British ship and under guard.

London, Oct. 25.—The seriousness of the Irish situation is insisted upon by a correspondent of the Daily Mail, who has been following the Sinn Fein doings in Ireland for several weeks. He declares that the whole of west Ireland is on the verge of armed rebellion, and continues:

"The young priests in Professor De Valera's train have suddenly awakened to the danger of the spark they helped to kindle and are now trying to quench it, but I fear it has gone too far. The militant Sinn Feiners are at the top of their stride. They have been allowed to carry their program to a pitch which it seems almost hopeless to break by pacific means.

"The Sinn Feiners are sublimely confident and say Tuesday's debate in Parliament shows plainly that the Government is afraid of them."

**A Ray of Hope.**

The correspondent, however, adds that there is a ray of hope in that the Sinn Feiners campaigns which opened in Dublin yesterday may result in the checking of the militant section, for though the military Sinn Fein camp is large, it is not omnipotent.

The police are now arresting several local leaders in Cork and Limerick, but the Sinn Feiners say they are small fry and do not matter. They boast that the authorities dare not arrest Professor de Valera or Countess Markievicz.

**Extreme Gravity.**

Editorially the Daily Mail emphasizes the "extreme gravity" of the Irish situation as revealed in Tuesday's debate in the House of Commons. It infers that "the point of irrepressible conflict is being approached," and it does not believe that the Sinn Feiners will pay much attention to the warning of Premier Lloyd George. The newspaper believes that the warning may have to be enforced unless at this late hour some scheme can be devised by which to make Irishmen themselves responsible for the preservation of law and order. The Daily Mail, accordingly suggests that the convention be invited to take upon its responsibility for nominating a small body of Irishmen to carry on the government in Ireland until the convention has either reached an agreement or adjourned indefinitely. The great need of the moment is to get the management of Irish affairs into Irish hands, as whatever is done by English authority is sure to be misunderstood, and resented."

## FASHIONABLE CLUB IS RAIDED AT VICTORIA AND "CIDER" SEIZED

Victoria, Oct. 25.—The Pacific Club, of which all the provincial ministers are members was raided yesterday by the police and several dozen bottles of Devonshire cider seized for the purposes of analysis, to see if it contained more than 2½ per cent of alcohol, and therefore, is being sold in contravention of the prohibition law. Another raid was carried out on the Westholm Hotel, where 60 dozen bottles of cider was secured.

**BANK BARN BURNED.**

Belgrave, Oct. 25.—Through the explosion of a lantern the bank barn of Peter Routledge was destroyed by fire with all its contents, which included the season's crops and numerous farm implements.

## ENGLISH NATION BEST HATED BY GERMAN PEOPLE

### Kaiser Not Adored as Formerly, Says Escaped Italian Soldier.

### MICHAELIS IS DISLIKED

### No Sugar, Coffee, Wine or Salted Meat Can Be Bought In Germany.

Rome, Oct. 25.—Luigi Bellomo, an Italian, who has succeeded in escaping from a concentration camp in Germany, says that the pope's peace proposal aroused great hopes among Germans, which the people believe Michaelis has dashed.

The Germans detest the Italians, but hate the English more than any other nation, as England is supposed to be the nation which prolongs the war. The kaiser is not adored with blind faith as before, but is still venerated and respected. The three men most liked by the people are the kaiser, the crown prince, and Hindenburg.

The anger of the people is chiefly directed against Michaelis, who is accused of delaying peace.

No sugar, coffee, wine or salted meats can be bought in Germany. The only thing allowed and recommended is sleep.

**"HUNGER TYPHUS" IN GERMANY.**

Amsterdam, Oct. 25.—It is learned that the schools of Cologne are closed on account of the increase in what is called "hunger typhus," a type of dysentery caused by the bad quality of food, especially the bread produced within recent months. There are tens of thousands of cases all over the country. Vienna reports an increased number of cases of this malady.

Official notices published in German papers show that "the domestic front" is sustaining the greater food scarcity. The pressure of the price of bread is increased everywhere, as from today it is officially admitted that there is practically no fish obtainable throughout the country; nor are there even faintest hopes of this state of affairs being remedied in the future. Fruit is extremely scarce; sugar has gone up fifty per cent in price; the milk supply, together with that of butter, is also highly unsatisfactory.

A traveler from Switzerland, who stayed one day en route to Frankfurt, tells of the largest hotel in the city having no coffee, tea, sugar, milk, or butter for breakfast.

## HOOVER ELIMINATES EXCESSIVE PROFITS FOR FOOD BROKERS

### Commissions Must Be Same as Under Normal Conditions.

Washington, Oct. 25.—Elimination of excessive commissions to brokers, commission merchants and auctioneers of food is provided by special regulations, which go into effect November 1 under the federal licensing system to be operated by the food administration. Licenses will not be permitted to charge directly or indirectly more than ordinarily and customarily prevail during normal conditions in the particular locality and trade.

## WORLD'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION IS OPENED AT AMERICAN METROPOLIS

New York, Oct. 25.—The World's Sunday School Association, representing 35,000,000 students in 350,000 Sunday schools, including Canada, opened its annual convention here today. Field work in all parts of the world was considered and plans were discussed for having a representative of the association at all army cantonments and navy stations, in co-operation with activities of the Young Men's Christian Association.

A text from a Testament in which a German bullet had been imbedded was to be read at the opening services by John Wanamaker. The Testament was one of 1,300,000 sent to soldiers in the field by Sunday school students.

## THOUSANDS OF WOMEN HAVE REPLACED MEN IN MINES OF GERMANY

Washington, Oct. 25.—The extent to which women are taking the place of men in the mines of Germany is disclosed in a Government report just issued. During the last quarter of 1916 there were 37,563 women so employed, compared with 7,265 employed in the same period of 1914. Youths employed in mines also show increases of 31,290 in 1914, and 43,095 in 1916.

Wages show increases but have not kept pace with the increased cost of living.

## EMPIRE CONFERENCE OVER MEAT SUPPLIES

London, Oct. 25—Via Reuter's Ottawa agency.—Leading representatives of the dominions have been in conference with the board of trade regarding the Empire's meat supplies. Those present included Sir George Perley, Canadian high commissioner; Messrs. Schreiner, high commissioner for South Africa; Chiappini, trades commissioner for South Africa, and also Australian and New Zealand representatives.

## LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE AT 3 BILLION STAGE, AND TWO DAYS MORE

Washington, Oct. 25.—With only three days left in which to complete the five billion maximum of the second Liberty loan, workers throughout the country, cheered by the tremendous stimulus given by celebration of Liberty Day all over the land, resumed their drive today with renewed determination.

Complete returns from yesterday's flood of subscriptions to the loan had not been compiled at the treasury department early today, but it was believed that a minimum of $3,000,000,000 had been attained. Many outdoor celebrations and parades were postponed until today on account of inclement weather throughout the east. The enthusiasm aroused from these was expected to swell the aggregate by many millions of dollars.

About two billion dollars must be raised between now and Saturday night, when the campaign if the $5,000,000,000 goal is reached.

Officials here are agreed that a lot of hard work still is ahead to raise this amount.

**COTE DISCHARGED.**

Montreal, Oct. 25.—Alfred Cote, one of the band of anti-conscription orators, arrested here on a charge of sedition, was this morning discharged by Judge St. Cyr. The judge took into consideration that though Cote had contended in a speech that he had the right to tell his friends not to go to war, he had also warned them that he did not favor revolutions.

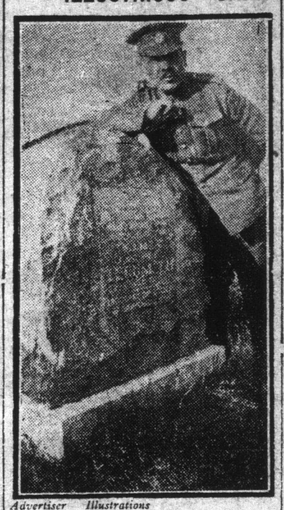
Paul E. Mongeau, Fernand Villeneuve, Alphonse Bernier and Anatole Grenier, other orators under arrest for alleged seditious utterances, were committed for voluntary statement.

## Medical Examinations To End of Last Week, 89,270—Class A, 43,201

Ottawa, Oct. 25.—The calling up of the first class of men under the military service, has resulted in a large increase in medical examinations. Last week 25,656 submitted themselves for medical examination and of these 18,221 were placed in medical category "A". The total of men examined up to the end of last week was 89,270, of whom 43,201 are classed as "A" men.

Toronto led last week in the number of medical examinations, with Montreal second.

## GREAT INDIAN SNIPER BESIDE MONUMENT TO ILLUSTRIOUS CHIEF



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PTE. GEORGE STONEFISH, Moraviantown reserve, one of the first Indians to enlist for overseas service, and who is now returned to Canada. Pte. Stonefish has a son who has been wounded in France, and has a brother and nephew in khaki. His record as a sniper is one of the best yet made in the Canadian forces, it is claimed.

The picture, taken by Miss Duncan of Thamesville, shows the Indian sniper beside the Tecumseh monument, on the Longwoods road, near Thamesville Village.

## AD CLUB READY TO AID FIRM TO SECURE LICENSE

### Wholesale Grocers Also May Take Action in Behalf of Corn Flakes Company.

### 200 RETAILERS TO LOSE

### Director of City Firm Says That Many Will Suffer Monetary Loss Through Order.

Although no further developments in regard to the situation brought on by the passing of the order-in-council, prohibiting the distribution of cereals in less than 20-pound packages have occurred locally, the Advertising Club and the Wholesale Grocers' Association may take up the case for the benefit of the Battle Creek Toasted Corn Flake Company and the grocers monetarily effected by the measure.

T. P. Elliott, president of the Advertising Club, stated today that the club would do everything possible to insure that the Corn Flake Company will secure a license to continue business as formerly.

**Says Action Is Farce.**

"I think the action of the food controller is a farce," Mr. Elliott said. "He is not hitting the nail on the head at all by his order-in-council.

"It stands to reason that perishable goods, such as corn flakes, cannot be distributed in bulk, and I have no doubt that the measure will be modified if the Government has any common sense at all. I cannot say what action we will take in assisting those involved in the situation, but we will use our influence for the benefit of the grocers and manufacturers."

J. M. Dillon of the Wholesale Grocers' Association could not say definitely what action the association would take.

"We are waiting for the Toronto grocers to do something before we decide definitely what to do. I cannot say whether we will send a deputation to Ottawa or not."

**Going to Conference.**

R. K. MacIntosh, manager of the Battle Creek Toasted Corn Flake Company, will go to Ottawa tonight to be on time for the meeting of manufacturers and distributors of cereals who wish to voice their arguments in regard to securing licenses, with the food controller, Saturday.

According to Lieut.-Col. William Spittal, a director in the Corn Flake Company, approximately two hundred grocers of the city will lose money because of the order-in-council passed by the Government.

## PERSHING IMPRESSED WITH BRILLIANT FEAT OF FRENCH SOLDIERS

On the French Front, Oct. 25—(By the Associated Press).—Gen. Pershing, who was present at the French offensive on the River Aisne with the French commanding general, today expressed enthusiasm over the thorough artillery preparation and brilliant execution of the French attack. The American commander was especially interested in the advance of the French infantry, and besides going forward to the second German line with the French commander, he remained some time with the French engineers. These men are working close behind the infantry, arranging positions and rebuilding roads. Gen. Pershing was greatly impressed by the zeal of the engineers in doing hard, manual labor and by the indifference to enemy missiles. As they worked their own artillery and machine guns kept up a terrific fire over their heads.

## ONLY ONE FRENCH SHIP SUNK DURING THE WEEK

Paris, Oct. 25.—Only one French vessel was sunk by a submarine or mine during the week ending Oct. 21. The vessel lost measured under 1,600 tons. Four vessels were attacked unsuccessfully by submarines.

## ENEMY TAKES 6,000 IN DRIVE AGAINST ITALY

### Vienna Reports Big Catch at Opening of Teuton Offensive.

London, Oct. 25.—Six thousand prisoners were taken by the Austro-German forces on the Italian front in the beginning of their offensive yesterday, according to Vienna advices sent by the Central News correspondent in Amsterdam.

**ROME'S REPORT.**

Rome, Oct. 25.—Taking advantage of their bridgehead of Santa Maria and Santa Lucia, the Austro-German forces, which yesterday began an offensive on the Isonzo front, brought the battle on to the slopes of the right (west) bank of the Isonzo, says today's official statement.

## BRITISH, FRENCH AND AMERICAN COLLEGES TO DESTROY KULTUR

### Inter-Ally Educational Exchange Will Boycott Hun Universities.

Easton, Pa., Oct. 25.—Plans for the overthrow of German "kultur" at the end of the war by an inter-Ally educational exchange were announced here today by Dr. Lyman Powell of Hobart College and Francois Monod, secretary of the French high commission. Dr. Powell has just returned from France, where he represented the Association of American Colleges in conferences for the furtherance of the program. In brief, said Dr. Powell in outlining the plans, the idea is to cut away from the before-the-war habit of sending American young men to the graduate schools and universities of Germany and to abolish absolutely the old system of exchange professorships between America and Germany, and to substitute therefor a system giving Americans, French and British easy access to the colleges of the three nations.

## CIVIL POPULATION LEAVES KRONSTADT AND RUSS CAPITAL

### Russia Continues Civil Evacuation of Baltic Fortresses.

Petrograd, Oct. 25.—The evacuation of the civil population of the naval base of Kronstadt has begun.

The removal of civilians from Kronstadt, which is the most important Rusian naval base, probably is a military measure. The civilian population is moving from Petrograd, from which the Government will also go to Moscow. The evacuation of Reval, another important port on the Gulf of Finland, was reported last week.

## PRESIDENT POINCAIRE PRAISES CANADIANS

Ottawa, Oct. 25.—The Government has received cable advice that the Canadian military mission to France was officially received on October 18 by President Poincare. President Poincare, in the course of a lengthy talk with the members of the mission, spoke feelingly of Canada's participation in the war, and made an allusion to the work done by the Canadian army corps in recovering and burying the bodies of the French soldiers who had fallen in the area now occupied by the Canadians. President Poincare, in conclusion said: "Canada was no stranger to us before the war. Her origins mingle with our own history. She is doubly dear to us now that she gives us most valuable assistance on the field of battle in our fight for justice."

The members of the Canadian military mission to France are Brig.-Gen. Lord Brooke, Major Reginald Geary, Major Oliver Asselin, Capt. Alain Joly De Lotbiniere.

## REV. DR. THOMAS DEAD

Toronto, Oct. 25.—Rev. Dr. D. B. Thomas, perhaps the best loved man in the Baptist convention of Ontario and Quebec, died this morning, aged about 75, at his residence in Grimsby, where he had lived retired for some years.

A Welshman by birth, a son of a clergyman, he was educated for the ministry at Haverford, in his native land.

At the age of 25, Dr. Thomas came to America. Pennsylvania, with its Welsh colony, claimed him, and for three years he was pastor at Pittston in that state. Then he served eleven years at the Fifth Baptist Church in Philadelphia. Then he came to Jarvis Baptist Church, Toronto, where he preached for 21 years. He was twice president of the Baptist Union of Ontario and Quebec, and was the author of several religious books.

## PETAIN'S WARRIORS PUSH ON ADDING TO AISNE SUCCESS AND WRECK 25 AIRPLANES

### French Troops Make Further Progress Along Line of Tuesday's Great Advance, Capturing Another Defence of Germans and Taking Prisoners.

Paris Oct. 25.—Further progress was made last night by the French on the Aisne front, between Chavignon and Mont-des-Singes. The French war office statement issued this afternoon, says the farm of Rohay was captured by the French, and that a number of prisoners were taken.

**Twenty-five Planes Downed.**

Twenty-five German airplanes were brought down by French pilots last night or compelled to land in a damaged condition.

The announcement follows:

"North of the Aisne the situation in the sector between Braye-en-Laonnois and Chavignon was not changed during the night. On the front between Mont-des-Singes and Chavignon our troops made further progress and reached Rohay Farm. The number of prisoners taken up to last night in this region exceeds 500.

**Attack Repulsed.**

"There were vigorous artillery engagements in the region of Cerny-en-Laonnois, especially in the sector of Vauxmaisons. We dispersed German patrols which attempted to approach our lines east of Cerny. An attack on the Sapineul bridgehead, which the enemy made after a violent bombardment was repulsed.

"On the left bank of the Meuse there was heavy artillery fighting in the sector of Chaume Wood. In the region of Eparges we carried out a detailed operation which enabled us to bring back prisoners.

"German aviators threw down two bombs on Nancy. There were no casualties."

## ENEMY CREST LINE NEARLY ALL CARRIED BY PETAIN'S TROOPS

### Dominate Valleys Which Lead To Fortress of Laon.

London, Oct. 25—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—Telegraphing from French headquarters, Reuter's correspondent says:

"The strategic intention of the high command in the Aisne battle was finally to completely thrust the enemy off the crest line. We now hold practically the entire line of the crest between Craonne and Vauxillon. In addition we have got a commanding view of the Ailette Valley from end to end and also a view up the Ardon Valley at the head of which stands Laon, and a view northward across the plain over the enemy communications to Anizy, in the upper Coucy forest. It will not be long before the full strategic fruits of the victory are garnered.

"Seventy tanks co-operated very effectively despite the breakneck ascents, accomplishing all that was required of them."

## FERNIE MINERS ARE OUT, BUT TROUBLE IS LIKELY TO BE QUICKLY SETTLED

Fernie, B. C., Oct. 25.—The miners of this camp quit work yesterday morning in pursuance of their notice that they would do so on that date unless their demands for settlement of dispute as to minor matters pertaining to the agreement entered into when they returned to work in August are satisfied, and the non-unionists join the union. Abounine thousand men are idle in consequence of this action. It is thought that matters between the company and the men can be adjusted with little difficulty when Fair Wage Officer Harrison arrives from Calgary today. There being so small a number of men outside the union, not more than a dozen, as stated by local union officials, not much trouble along this line is anticipated.

## THE WEATHER

**LOCAL TEMPERATURES.**

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 42; lowest, 38.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 41; lowest, 38.

**TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILDER.**

Toronto, Oct. 25—8 a.m.

**Forecasts.**

Today—Fresh northwest winds, clearing.

Friday—Fair and milder.

**Temperatures.**

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

| Stations. | High. | Low. | Weather. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Victoria | 54 | 48 | Cloudy |
| Calgary | 48 | 30 | Fair |
| Winnipeg | 38 | 22 | Cloudy |
| Port Arthur | 40 | 22 | Fair |
| Parry Sound | 44 | 24 | Cloudy |
| Port Stanley | 42 | 38 | Cloudy |
| Buffalo | 40 | 32 | Snow |
| Toronto | 44 | 34 | Rain |
| Kingston | 42 | 36 | Rain |
| Ottawa | 44 | 34 | Rain |
| Montreal | 42 | 36 | Rain |
| Quebec | 42 | 36 | Cloudy |
| Father Point | 46 | 36 | Cloudy |

**Weather Notes.**

Since yesterday morning the Atlantic coast storm has moved almost due north, causing heavy easterly gales with rain in the gulf and Maritime Provinces, and strong northerly winds with rain in Eastern and Southern Ontario. The weather is now fairly mild in the western provinces.

## RAISE MORE HOGS

Ottawa, Oct. 25.—To encourage farmers to raise as many hogs as possible and to derive a profit from doing so, the department of agriculture has issued a pamphlet on "the feeding and housing of swine." In addition to feeding and housing, the pamphlet deals with the questions of breeding and care of the animals at different seasons of the year. It also gives specifications and plans, not only of a large piggery, but of a cheap and portable cabin. It may be obtained free at the publications branch, Department of Agriculture.

## GOVT. WARNS G. N. W. DISMISSED EMPLOYEES MUST BE REINSTATED AND FAITH BE KEPT

### Company Is Informed It Has No Excuse for Dismissals.

Ottawa, Oct. 25. — Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, yesterday sent a letter to George D. Perry, general manager of the G. N. W. Telegraph Company, making it clear that girls and boys who were among the strikers and were later dismissed by the company must be reinstated. Mr. Crothers also insists that these former employees, when reinstated, must be paid the salary provided in the award made in the case of the employees against the company.

**No Manner of Excuse.**

The minister states in his letter that, in his judgment, there is no manner of excuse for the action taken by the company in dismissing the girls and boys, especially in view of the fact that there was a distinct understanding that this should not be done. The course being pursued, he says, is calculated to produce the very discontent which should have been permanently allayed. Such treatment might not unreasonably be expected to result in these employees going to any length to remedy such apparent injustice and breach of faith.

Mr. Crothers insists that the dismissed employees must be reinstated at once and paid the salary provided for in the award, not only from the date of reinstatement, but also from the time of their dismissal. He states that he is prepared to go to any length to prevent any injustice being done to them.

## HON. A. G. MACKAY FOR THE ALBERTAN GOVT.

### Former Ontario Liberal Leader May Be Provincial Secretary.

Calgary, Oct. 25.—It is stated here on good authority that Hon. C. W. Cross, attorney-general in the Provincial Government, will retire in a short time, and that his place will be taken by A. G. MacKay, an Edmonton lawyer. Mr. MacKay will not take the post of attorney-general, but will be provincial secretary, the present minister of education, J. R. Boyce, becoming attorney-general, and a new addition to the cabinet, George P. Smith of Camrose, Alta., taking over the department of education.

## REGISTRATION REPORTS STILL SHOW MAJORITY ASKING FOR EXEMPTION

Brantford, Oct. 25.—To date 299 eligibles in class one, military service act, have reported at the postoffice, only 12 reporting for service, the remainder all asking for exemption papers.

**HALIFAX DISTRICT.**

Halifax, Oct. 25.—The total registrations in the Halifax district to date are 3,702. Of this number 3,132 have made application for exemption and 570 have reported for military service.

**WINNIPEG'S SCORE.**

Winnipeg, Oct. 25.—Up to 2 p.m. yesterday 912 class one men here had filled in the report for service forms, while 6,675 have made applications for exemption, according to the latest figures given out by Registrar Chapman.

**SIR WM. HERSCHEL DEAD.**

London, Oct. 25.—Sir William James Herschel, discoverer and developer of the system of identification by finger-prints, died yesterday.

Sir William James Herschel served in the civil service in India from 1872 to 1878. He discovered the use of finger-prints in 1859 and in 1878 initiated this means of identification for civil purposes in Bengal. He was the author of the "Origin of Finger Printing."

Sir William was born in 1833. He was the grandson of Sir William Herschel, the English astronomer, and the son of Sir John Frederick William Herschel, whom he succeeded in the baronetcy in 1871.

## HAIG REPULSES NIGHT COUNTER

### Germans Again Lose in Fight South of Houthoist Wood.

London, Oct. 25.—The war office today announced that another German counter-attack south of Houthoist Wood was completely repulsed. The unsuccessful assault came after extensive artillery preparation last night, the statement says.

## SKOBELEFF DEMANDS ALLIED PEACE TERMS; AGAINST ANNEXATION AND ALL INDEMNITY

### Soldiers' Delegate to Paris Conference Has Radical Program.

Petrograd, Oct. 24.—M. Skobeleff, delegate of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Councils to the inter-Allied conference at Paris, declared at a meeting of the Congress of Peasant Deputies today that the Paris conference must frankly state the conditions on which the Allies are willing to make peace, and that the war must be finished in the shortest possible period. The formula of peace without annexations and indemnities, he added, must be expressed clearly.

Russia, M. Skobeleff said, must settle all her internal quarrels before the conference. Otherwise the conference, knowing the weakness of Russia, might make conditions which would be unacceptable.

"I do not wish the shame of unfavorable conditions of peace," he said, "to be laid at the door of the revolution."

**HELSINGFORS NOT MENACED.**

Helsingfors, Oct. 23—(Delayed).—There has been no naval action in the Baltic or in the Gulf of Finland during the last two days. The Russian fleet is guarding vigilantly the entrance to the Gulf of Finland.

It is not believed that Helsingfors is menaced by the German successes in the Gulf of Riga. No measures of evacuation have been taken, except that the families of officials have been advised to leave the Finnish capital owing to the scarcity of provisions.

**MAY BANISH ROMANOFFS.**

Petrograd, Oct. 25.—The Russian preliminary Parliament, according to the newspapers, shortly will discuss the fate of the Romanoff family, now imprisoned near Tobolsk, Siberia. Particular attention will be paid to the question of eventual banishment abroad of the former emperor and his immediate relatives.

## AN EQUAL DIVIDE FOR THE UNIONISTS AT PRAIRIE POINTS

### Unionist Members of Last Parliament To Have the Preference.

Calgary, Oct. 25. — Sir James Lougheed and ex-Premier Sifton held a long conference here yesterday, the provincial political situation and the apportioning of seats to the parties being discussed. It is understood that the unionists have decided upon a fifty-fifty division in candidates west of the Great Lakes. That would mean for Alberta seven Liberals and five Conservatives. In all conferences throughout the Dominion the rule has prevailed that unionist members of the late Parliament will get the preference in the selection.

It is understood that the Conservative unionists will contest both seats in Edmonton and Calgary. In Calgary R. B. Bennett and T. M. Tweddie will likely be the unionist candidates.

**WATCHMAN HELD.**

Montreal, Oct. 25.—Charles McCurley, watchman of the yacht Orient, on which Mrs. Mary Ferguson, 42, was burned to death yesterday, was arrested last night by the police, and will be held until after the inquest on the body. He says the woman's death resulted from a lantern exploding.