PTE. THOMAS HOLMES OF OWEN SOUND WINS THE VICTORIA CROSS

Youth Still in Teens Captured Pillbox Single-Handed.

YOUNGEST CANADIAN V. C.

Fourth Grey County Soldier to Win Coveted Honor.

OWEN SOUND, Jan. 15. — Pte. Thomas Holmes, who went overseas from here with the 147th Battalion, is the second Owen Sounder to win the Victoria Cross. He enlisted with the 147th Greys when a lad of 17, and is not yet 20 years of age. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Holmes, reside at 643 7th street east. This is the fourth Victoria Cross that has been awarded to Grey County.

The first to be granted to a Canadian in the present war was that given to Capt. Fred Campbell, a farmer near Mount Forest. The second for the county was that given Major W. A. Bishop of Owen Sound. The third is that of Lieut. Ferguson, and the fourth comes to this lad, still in his teens. A few weeks ago an elder brother, Pte. Roy Holmes, returned to Owen Sound from the front suffering from serious shrapnel wounds in the knee.

Pte. T. W. Holmes is reputed to be the youngest Canadian V. C. He received his award for capturing, single-handed, a German "pill box." He accomplished the feat by crawling to its rear and bombing the occupants out during the Canadian advance at Passchendaele. This allowed his platoon to advance unmolested by machine gun fire. He was with the 4th C. M. R.'s when he won his decoration.

$75,000 FOR HALIFAX FROM HERO LAND BAZAAR

$571,438 Raised for Entente War Relief Bodies.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The sum of $571,438 was raised for the various war relief organizations of the Entente Allies at the "Hero Land" bazaar recently held in this city, it was announced tonight. A check for $75,000 has been sent to the Canadian Government for the relief of Halifax, leaving $496,438 still to be apportioned.

ALL AT HOME SHOULD PREPARE FOR WAR.

The first test a man is put through for either war or life insurance is an examination of his water. This is most essential because the kidneys play a most important part in causing premature old age and death. The more injurious the poisons passing through the kidneys the sooner comes decay—so says Dr. Pierce of Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., who further advises all people who are past thirty to preserve the vitality of the kidneys and free the blood from poisonous elements, such as uric acid—drink plenty of water—sweat some daily and take Anuric, double strength, before meals.

An-u-ric is a discovery of Dr. Pierce, and can be obtained at drug stores. For that backache, lumbago, rheumatism, "rusty" joints, swollen feet or hands, due to uric acid in the blood, Anuric quickly dissolves the uric acid as hot water does sugar. Send 10 cents to Dr. Pierce for trial package.

Thorold, Ont.—"I think Anuric is the best I have ever taken. My kidneys had given me trouble for some time. I would suffer from bachaches and also swelling of the limbs. I took Anuric and it has entirely cured me of all my backache and has strengthened my kidneys, so I feel safe in recommending it to others who suffer." —Mrs. C. A. Clarke, Box 1179.

Toronto, Ont.—"For the last eight years I have suffered with kidney trouble and rheumatism. It began with pains in my back and finally left my back and went down into the foot. It developed into a chronic case. I tried every medicine I could hear of and consulted some good doctors, but still I kept on suffering. About a year ago a friend advised me to give Anuric a trial, and am happy to say I am today a well man—never feel any traces of my ailment no matter what the weather conditions may be. Anuric is a real kidney medicine in every sense."—E. F. Garrison, 5 Matilda street.

LOOK AT CHILD'S TONGUE IF SICK, CROSS, FEVERISH

Hurry, Mother! Remove poisons from little stomach, liver, bowels.

Give 'California Syrup of Figs' at once if bilious or constipated.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, it is a sure sign that your little one's stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once.

When peevish, cross, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, doesn't eat or act naturally, or is feverish, stomach sour, breath bad; has stomach-ache, sore throat, diarrhoea, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again.

You needn't coax sick children to take this harmless "fruit laxative"; they love its delicious taste, and it always makes them feel splendid.

Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. To be sure you get the genuine, ask to see that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

BRITISH LABOR FAVORABLE TO RUSS PRINCIPLE

Also Calls on German People To Force Their Will On Government.

AGAINST ANNEXATIONS

Want Africa and Asia Minor Governed by International Commission.

London, Jan. 15.—Of great moment on the political side of the war is a message issued to the Russian people by the British Labor Party. It is really a manifesto the German people. The message announces that the British people are one with the Russians on the principle of self-determination of peoples, and no annexations for the British Empire, particularly in the middle east, in Africa and in India.

It also calls upon the peoples of the central empires to force their governments to renounce annexations in Europe, "with the same good faith in which we are renouncing them in Asia," and not let them drive the British people, as they are driving the Russians, into the "terrible choice between continuing the war and abandoning the only principle that can save the world."

As for Turkey, the message says the sovereign independence of the Turkish people in their national home is respected, but that the Turkish Government's domination over the other peoples is a hindrance to the national development of the Turks themselves. The formation of an international organization to take over the responsibility of governing certain peoples of tropical Africa, such as the Arabs, the Palestinians and Armenians, is called for.

Pot Boiling in Germany.

The political pot in Germany continues to boil, with the militaristic element in the ascendancy and with the moderate section of the people still hotly opposing them. Notwithstanding the seeming impasse that has arisen in the peace negotiations between the Russians and the central powers, owing to objections by the Russians to the demands of Germany and her allies, announcement has been made in the Reichstag by the under-secretary of foreign affairs that no alteration has been made in the instructions given to the chief German representative in the pourparlers.

A meeting of the annexationist party in Germany has been broken up by the Independent Socialists, who passed a resolution declaring for a general peace by understanding, while at another meeting, in Frankfort, a resolution was adopted, declaring that a peace safeguarding Germany's vital economic interests would be possible only along the lines of the Reichstag peace resolution.

Meanwhile Admiral von Tirpitz, the father of Germany's submraine warfare, and one of the leaders of the Fatherland party, in speeches, is endeavoring to bolster up the case of the pan-Germans. In the latest address he still held to his dream of forcing Great Britain to seek peace as a result of Germany's submarine campaign and dwelt on the ability of von Hindenburg and his chief aide, von Ludendorff, to bring about a peace acceptable to Germany by force of arms.

WILL TELL CABINET ONTARIO REQUIRES 7,500 FARM HANDS

Deputation Going to Ottawa Today.

VARSITY GIRLS VOLUNTEER

Saskatchewan Will Put in Bid for 50,000 Men for Seeding.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

TORONTO, Jan. 15.—A deputation from the department of agriculture is going to Ottawa tomorrow to press the need for 7,500 farm hands for Ontario farms this summer. It is said that the suggestion will be advanced that some of the shortage be made up by calling upon a number of those exempted for active service overseas.

The University of Toronto female students have again offered to go back to the farms. To train them in churning, milking and other farm work a class will be started immediately for the young women on Sir Joseph Kilgour's Sunnybrook Farm near Toronto.

SASKATCHEWAN NEEDS 50,000.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—"If spring were to break in Saskatchewan tomorrow we would find ourselves 50,000 men short for the seeding operation. Between now and spring we may be able to pick up half of that number, but the rest are not immediately in sight unless very effective measures are taken to secure them." This is the news Hon. W. R. Motherwell, minister of agriculture for Saskatchewan, brings from that province.

Similar news will be brought by representatives of the other provinces, who will meet the Government to confer on the labor question tomorrow.

Representatives of organized labor will also be in Ottawa at the same time. The problem of overcoming the labor shortage in the Dominion is one of the greatest the Government has now to face.

GOVT. MAY UTILIZE RETURNED MEN FOR FARMS OF ONTARIO

Five Thousand Convalescents Available for Work Next Summer.

TORONTO, Jan. 15.—Sir William Hearst made the important announcement today that the Government was seriously considering utilizing returned soldiers on the farms to a considerable extent next summer. This will likely mean that 5,000 returned soldiers will go out on the farms next summer, and not only help increased production but also hasten their own convalescence. "As far as the Province of Ontario is concerned I think that the use of Chinese labor on the farms is neither advisable or practicable."

Secretary William Turley of the Ontario branch of the Great War Veterans' Association, who has been taking the matter up with the Government, states that at the rate the soldiers are now returning there will be from 7,000 to 10,000 soldiers available for farm work, but these will not be able to do all the work required of farm help.

STRUCK BY ENGINE.

Montreal, Jan. 16.—Adelaird Nadeau of this city was struck by a C. P. R. engine at Ville St. Pierre today while shovelling snow from the railway tracks, and was instantly killed.

38 Men Poisoned In Lumber Camp; German Arrested

Chore Boy, Newly Arrived Through Switzerland, Is Suspected of Deed.

MOUNTAIN, Wis., Jan. 15.—Thirty-eight men in a lumbering camp here are seriously ill, as a result of being poisoned Sunday night. Frank Zinback, a chore boy, has been arrested, and the federal authorities have been notified.

When arrested Zinback carried passports from Switzerland, countersigned by former German Ambassador von Bernstorff. It is said he is a German. He arrived in the camp two days before the men were poisoned.

CANADIANS DISCOVER OLD FAMILIAR UNIT AGAIN FACING THEM

Have Beaten Present Opponents in Two Battles.

MAKE IT HOT FOR FRITZ

Boys From Dominion Again Liven Up Trench Life in Lens Area.

[By W. A. Willison, Special Correspondend of the Canadian Press, Limited.]

CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, via London, Jan. 15.—After its weeks of comparative rest, the Canadian corps is giving the enemy a real taste of its mettle. On Sunday night, just after dark, a raiding party entered the Hun trenches just north of Lens, and captured nearly half its own strength without suffering a single casualty. The attack, which was not preceded by any artillery preparation or barrage, but only supported with a standing barrage on the adjacent trenches by stokes guns, was splendidly carried out. The enemy was taken completely unawares, and his resistance was easily overcome. Seven prisoners were captured.

Ambush Enemy Party.

On the same night, at almost the same hour, another patrolling party operating opposite Mericourt, crept right up to the enemy wire and lay in ambush for a hostile working party. When an enemy party of eight or nine strong came through the wire, our men opened fire with machine guns and rifle grenades. The surprise was complete. The enemy made a hasty retreat, leaving two dead and one mortally wounded behind.

Later in the evening another of our patrols, working in Lens itself, unloaded its whole supply of eighteen bombs amongst the enemy, who were standing to in their trenches. The effect of the bombs could not be seen, but it is believed casualties were inflicted, as the enemy confussion was noticeable.

Not Caught Napping.

On Monday morning an enemy reconnoitering patrol, endeavoring to reach our wire, was detected by one of our posts, and repulsed by rifle and machine gun fire.

Last night again the Canadians raided the enemy lines and captured two prisoners.

The result of the raids has been to show that part of the opposing lines is held by the 190th I. R. of the 220th Division, a unit well known to the Canadians, who have beaten them twice before in memorable engagements.

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W. C. T. U. Demanding the Impeachment of Judge In Winnipeg

Charge Laxness on Part of Judge Curran in Assault Cases.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 15.—A move for the impeachment of Judge Curran will be started on Thursday next at a special meeting of the sub-executive of the provincial W.C.T.U., according to Mrs. O. H. Oakes, the president. It is said that a large number of the women are indignant over a recent assault case, when Ralph Goodridge, a school teacher, was sentenced by Judge Curran to six months in the common jail. Goodridge was charged with a serious offence against a 12-year-old girl. The jury found him guilty of common assault only.

"The feeling amongst the women of the province is that not only did Judge Curran show a laxness in conducting this case," said Mrs. Oakes, "but that the same thing has been apparent in other cases along similar lines convicted before this judge."

STREETS DIMMED IN TORONTO AND HAMILTON

Business Thoroughfares Devoid of Illuminated Signs.

Toronto, Jan. 15.—Yonge street and the other less important business streets of Toronto were in semi-darkness tonight as a result of the recent order of Sir Henry Drayton, power controller, curtailing the use of electrical energy for advertising signs and street lighting.

For the first time in many years Eaton's and Simpson's display windows were unlighted. The theatre signs were dark in many cases. On the whole the merchants all over the city obeyed the order very well.

DIM IN HAMILTON.

Hamilton, Jan. 15.—Hamilton's great white way is dark tonight. Every alternate street light has been turned off, and all the shop windows are in darkness. Inspection of private houses is being made, and all unnecessary lights will be cut in the effort to conserve power for the munition factories. It is estimated that 3,000 horsepower will be saved.

DOMINION POLICE WILL ENFORCE MILITARY ACT FOR MONTREAL DISTRICT

Montreal, Jan. 16.—In future the work of enforcing the application of the military service act is to be undertaken by the Dominion police, acting under the direction of Col. Sir Percy Sherwood, subject to the minister of justice. This change of plans was decided upon today, and will go into force at once.

HERTLING PEACE OFFER WILL GET ICY RECEPTION FROM ENTENTE

Pan-German Triumph at Home Precludes an Acceptable Proposal.

TO SPEAK; THEN STRIKE

If Enemy's Offensive Fails, a More Conciliatory Offer May Be Expected.

[Special to The Advertiser by Frank W. Getty.]

LONDON, Jan. 15. — That hardy perennial, a German peace offer, seems about to bloom again. According to reports from Berlin, deliberations of the most important character have been proceeding there during the week-end with a view to an official reply to the Entente declarations of war aims. The "offer" probably will be made in the course of Chancellor von Hertling's speech before the main committee of the Reichstag, first set for Tuesday, then Wednesday, but later said to have been postponed.

It is doomed to meet with at least as chilly a reception from the Allies as that accorded by the enemy to President Wilson's and Lloyd George's declarations.

The feeling here, particularly in view of the fact that most reports declare the Pan-Germans have again triumphed, is that no offer acceptable to the Allies in any sense of the word will emanate from Berlin until the Germans have tried to play their last trump card—a great offensive in the spring.

Speak, Then Strike.

Lloyd George's speech is recognized as much of a peace offer as can be expected from the Entente at this time. Hertling's speech will be accepted on much the same basis. The gap between them is expected to be too great to admit of the possibility of negotiations. It is believed here that Germany will speak—then strike. If her offensive is successful, the Allies may have to back down; if the offensive fails, a more real and conciliatory offer may be expected from the central powers. On the result of the offensive hangs the whole balance of diplomatic moves.

If this opinion, which is widely held, is justifiable, then the anticipated offensive assumes a new and greater proportion than has been accorded it in many quarters.

Where Will They Attack?

Marcel Hutin, writing in the Echo de Paris, today on the much-threatened offensive, says:

"The question is, where will the attack be made? I still think the Germans will attempt to exert pressure on the Franco-British front generally, but that the real offensive will take on the two wings; first from St. Mihiel to the Swiss border; second, from Armentieres to the sea. The crown prince and Duke Albrecht of Wurttemburg cherish the hope that thereby they may capture Verdun and cut the main line to Bar-Le-Duc, so as to recapture that portion of Upper Alsace occupied by our troops. This dream dates back to 1916.

"As to the offensive, simultaneous or successive, on the British front, this will have for its object the capture of Calais and Dunkirk.

"The best strategy of the Germans would be to take advantage of the St. Mihiel spur so as to manoeuvre the extreme wings and bring about a general descent of the Teuton armies on Paris. Such is the conception of Ludendorff's colossal military dream of imposing peace—his peace—upon the recalcitrant Entente before the first million Americans can get into action."

May Be Mostly Bluff.

This is the idea of one of the foremost critics of the war, but from a moderate viewpoint—and everything these days is tending toward moderation—there is reason to accept the prophecy with a grain of salt.

In the first place there is the strong possibility that Germany is still using the prospective offensive both as a bombastic threat which costs nothing, and as a prop to support her war-weary and hungry population through the winter. As long as Germany can promise an offensive, her people will support her. The suffering may be great in Berlin—greater, perhaps, than what has been experienced in an Entente country—but the prospect of victory, held out as only a German press agent can hold it out, can still allay the pangs of hunger.

Let such an offensive, once undertaken, fail, and every German who is hungry and cold today will become starving and frozen tomorrow. It is pretty well recognized that Germany cannot be starved out today, and it is certain that she cannot be while the prospect of a great offensive, with the hope of victory, lies before the people. The best thing the Allies could do to starve Germany would be to smash her offensive.

Wheatless and Meatless Days To Be Enforced

U. S. Food Control Act Will Be Supplemented by Rigid Laws.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Stricter economy of food is to be required of the American people by new laws put in the making today in Congress. Food Administrator Hoover has approved them and they are expected to pass promptly as supplementary to the present food control act.

Wheatless and meatless days and other economies necessary that America may help sustain her co-belligerents would become mandatory by law instead of voluntary as at present.

Such new laws, the food administration holds, are necessary to protect the millions of loyal Americans co-operating in food saving against the wastefulness of a few individuals and of public-eating houses, which are said to handle probably 50 per cent of the food supply

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CRISIS CONTINUES AT GERMAN CAPITAL OVER CONDITIONS OF BREST PEACE TALK

A Compromise Between the Militarists and Socialists Expected.

London, Jan. 15.—No authoritative information has reached London on the progress of the political struggle in Berlin, but it is confirmed that Chancellor von Hertling's speech before the main committee of the Reichstag has been postponed for a few days. According to a Reuter's Limited dispatch from Amsterdam the crisis continues to rage around the fixing of Germany's attitude in the new phase of the Brest-Litovsk negotiations.

The correspondent in Berlin of the Kolnische Volks Zeitung believes that a satisfying compromise will be reached, and that it will avert any political or military changes.

Attack von Kuehlmann.

Pan-German newspapers continue to attack Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann violently. The Westfalische Zeitung remarks ironically: von Kuehlmann would win the prize for showing how a brilliant military position may be utterly ruined. The question is whether the struggle at Brest-Litovsk will be a victory for Germany or for the clever advocate Trotzky, who fully reveals his intellectual superiority over the representatives of the central powers. General von Hoffmann alone saved the situation, but it can only be saved permanently if he is supported from Berlin."

Reventlow's Views.

Count Reventlow in the Tages Zeitung admits the strength of the peace movement, and says it would inevitably ruin Germany's future. He declares it is no secret that the entire body of Social Democrats, with a considerable portion of the Liberal and Centre parties, and a still more considerable part of German diplomacy, hold the view that the submarine war cannot accomplish its aim and can only delay peace. He adds that the so-called majority are exerting every effort to force from the leaders of the empire a fresh German peace offer as a reply to the speeches of President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George.

ROGERS' CANDIDATE DEFEATED IN WINNIPEG

[Special to The Advertiser.]

WINNIPEG, Jan. 15.—North Winnipeg today in a by-election elected Robert Jacobs to the Legislature by five hundred and seventy majority, defeating Levinson, choice of Hon. Robert Rogers. Both men are barristers.

GALLANT CAPT. SKELTON.

Montreal, Jan. 16.—Capt. Ralph Skelton of this city of the Royal Field Artillery has been awarded the Military Cross for gallantry and devotion to duty during the battle of East Ypres on July 31 and August 1. Capt. Skelton is a graduate of McGill University and of the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont.

Single Command Is Absolutely Necessary To Success of Allies

[Special to The Advertiser.]

PARIS, Jan. 15.—Hillary Belloc, special war writer for the New York Tribune, cables his paper tonight an article representing high official belief that a single command, or generalissimo, is absolutely necessary to the success of the Entente Allies' arms.

M. Belloc states that delay in this matter and the forwarding of American troops in large numbers is dangerous.

The article adds that France wants American troops used with the French.

ANOTHER AIR RAID INTO GERMANY BY BRITISH AVIATORS

LONDON, Jan. 15.—An official statement of aerial operations says:

"Following upon the successful daylight raid over Germany on Monday another raid was carried out the same night, the objectives of which was the steel works at Thionville, midway between Luxemburg and Metz, where a ton of bombs were dropped. A further half-ton of bombs were dropped on two large railway junctions in the neighborhood of Metz.

"The anti-aircraft gunfire and searchlight barrages were considerable around the objectives. All our machines returned in safety."

WAR BRINGING STATES, BRITAIN AND DOMINION INTO A CLOSER UNION

Sir Edward Kemp Now Real Champion of Reciprocity.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—Sir Edward Kemp, writing to the Pall Mall Gazette says that whatever may be the outcome of the war in other respects, one thing is plain, viz., that there will be unity and accord between Great Britain, United States and Canada.

"As their interests and aspirations prove to be the same, there is no doubt that Canada and the United States are anxious to reach terms of intimate relationship," says Sir Edward, "and moreover, in my opinion, they must co-operate for defensive purposes."

OTTAWA TO BE SCENE OF PLOWING CHAMPIONSHIP

OTTAWA, Jan. 15. — The annual plowing match of the Ontario Plowmen's Association will, in all probability, be held in or near Ottawa in October this year. At a largely attended meeting of representatives from the Dominion experimental farm, the various branches of the department of agriculture and the Ontario department of agriculture it was decided to send a strong deputation to Toronto next month, when the annual meeting of the Ontario Plowmen's Association takes place, to ask that the match be held here.

BECK AGAIN ATTACKS ELEC. DEV. COMPANY WITH HOLDING POWER

Power Controller Discovers Piece of Intrigue.

TWO GENERATORS OFF

Province Will Borrow $1,250,000 to Make Extensions for Commission.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

TORONTO, Jan. 15.—Rather than have the hydro-electric commission appeal to the public for assistance in the shape of a popular loan, the provincial treasurer has made arrangements with the Bank of Montreal to advance $1,250,000 to construct the pipe line and install turbines and generators in the Ontario Power Company's plant at Niagara Falls, costing $1,800,000. Sir Adam Beck made this announcement today at a meeting of representatives from every municipality in Western Ontario.

"We will finance the remaining $550,000 out of the surplus derived from the operation of the Ontario Power Company's plant and we will pay back in two years of operation the money borrowed from the bank. With this extension we will have an additional 50,000 horsepower under our control," he said, after he had gone into detail on the emergencies of the situation of the Chippewa Creek development, which caused the suggestion to be seriously considered of putting before the public a loan of $15,000,000.

He said that he believed that the Chippewa Creek canal would be completed a year before the time fixed before the war. Labor would be eliminated by the use of efficient equipment, and he hoped that the new equipment ordered would have precedence because of war requirements.

Sir Adam said that the British forgings company was now taking 23,000-horsepower from the commission. Seventy thousand horsepower which was to have come from the other Niagara companies to the commission had never been materialized. Since December 29 the average daily reduction of hydor power was thirty thousand horsepower.

He charged that the Electrical Development Company had taken off two of their generators, and that this had been discovered by the power controller when he investigated the matter.

Assails Opposition Company.

"The same company, which is allied with the Toronto Electric Light Company, has shut down its steam reserve plant, which has always operated up to 30,000 horsepower in winter. Further, the Electrical Development Company is exporting power to the United States rather than give it to the hydro. Their excuse for this was that the conditions of our system damaged their generators. We offered to compensate them, leaving it to the power controller, but we are still minus the 20,000 horsepower. This morning we hear that two of their generators are out of business. This time they cannot blame it on the hydro, since they are hooked up to a Buffalo firm," said Sir Adam.

ITALIANS DRIVE FOE BACK CONCURRENTLY FROM TWO SECTORS

Gains in North and on Lower Piave.

GOOD HAUL OF PRISONERS

Canadians Make Another Successful Raid North of Lens.

LONDON, Jan. 15. — After days of inactivity, due to heavy snows and very severe cold, the Italians have again attacked the Austro-German front in the Monte Asolone region and made goodly gains of ground. Likewise, along the Southern course of the Piave River they have added materially to their bridgehead East of Capodile, pushing back the enemy from several trenches, which are now held by the Italians, in spite of furious counter attacks.

In the hill region the Austro-Germans offered strong resistance, but the Italians, who were ably supported by their artillery, would not be denied, and in addition to inflicting extremely heavy casualties, captured eight officers and 283 men.

Canadians Are Active.

On the other fronts the fighting, except for the artillery, continues below normal, though the Canadians again have raided German trenches North of Lens, blowing up their dugouts and taking prisoners and a machine gun.

Probably with the purpose of laying further plans to meet the anticipated stroke of the reinforced armies of the Germans on the Western front there will be an early meeting in plenary session at Versailles of the supreme Allied war councils.

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