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80 GUNS TAKEN BY FRENCH TROOPS

Petain's Forces Capture More Than 8000 Huns in New Drive Hun Troops Suffer Terrible Slaughter Defending Positions

276 ENEMY PLANES BAGGED BY BRITISH

Major-General Maurice Tells of the Great Toll Taken of Hun Air-fleets by British During September---French Success in Baffling Zeps Eulogized.

London, Oct. 24.—In the course of this weekly talk with the Associated Press today, Major-General Frederick Maurice, chief director of military perations at the war office, said:
"It is no discredit to the British men that they did not bring down a de zeppelin, while the French airbrought down five, in the course the zeppelin visit a few days ago.
French arman would think of aparing the attack on the zeppelins the night while the invaders were all fresh, to that made by the French

in daylight.

"Incidentally, it may be said, the British air service since the beginning of the war, has brought down 16 zeppelins under conditions far more untavorable than those under which the French were so successful the other

ssing the work of the British anes on the western front, he said: aring September our bombing ma-nes made 216 raids, dropping on German 7886 bombs representing 6 German 7886 bombs represently 5 tons of explosives. In the same priod the Germans dropped almost actly 1000 bombs on the British. ow, bombing is only a part of our By far the most imwork of the airmen is the

rection of the artillery.
"While most of the be ligerents have rertain air heroes, whom they advertories, the British air service have sever adopted this system. The British airmen agree that altho they are the west of Ireland is on the verge in a service which appeals to the ation of the general public they

are in no more dangerous or no more vital work than their comrades in the trenches, and they do not wish their deeds noticed in any different manner from that adopted in the case of their comrades in a less spectacular branch of warfare. And the number of planes brought down by our leading fighting men exceeds the record of similar

"During September we engaged and brought down 276 enemy planes, and this figure errs on the side of con-servatism, for our headquarters never allows airmen credit for a victory un-less the fall of the enemy is corro-

Commenting on the French victory along the Chemin des Dames, which lie characterized as a "very brilliant and very successful plece of work." General Maurice said:

forcing the colonials to bear the brunt of the fighting, so they have lately been trying to create a misunder-standing between the British and the French by alleging that the French were doing nothing, leaving the brunt to the British to bear. Yesterday's victory, which is the fourth French attack this year, is a good answer. "Of course, it is true that the British have had more of the fighting to do on the western front this year, than ever before. But the reason is apparent Remember that in the first months of the war we practically exhausted our little old army and we had to spend two years creating another. At the beginning year our new army was ready and we went into line with the idea of bear-ing the brunt and relieving the French of part of the burden which they had to bear exclusively while We were getting ready.

and British commanders understand each other thoroy and there is no lealousy or mis-anderstanding on either side."

TAKE BIGGER TOLL

as Compared With Eighteen Week Before.

Lordon, Oct. 24.—An increase in the tus of a combative force. loss of British merchantmen thru nes or submarines is noted in the admiralty report for the current week. venteen vessels over 1600 tons, and eight under 1,600 tons were sunk. The admiralty statement follows:

Arrivals, 2648; sailings, 2689. Brit'sh merchan'men over 1600 tons sunk by mine or submarine, 17; under

British fishermen sunk, none. British merchantmen unsuccessfully ttacked, including one previously, 7.

In the previous week, 12 British under that tonnage, and one fishing slective draft in the federal court here and is occiesiastical architecture not to

2,700,000 TONS COAL FROM U.S. FOR CANADA

Washington, Oct. 24.—Under definite allotment of Amer. ican coal for Canada, announced tonight by the fuel admin-istration, about 2,000,000 tons of bituminous and 700,000 tons of anthracite will be permitted to move across the Canadian rder during the next two

months. The allotments, which will materially increase the volume of exports, were arranged in consultation with the Canadian authorities, and after a review of statistics showing the Do-minion's fuel situation during the past year and the future needs of its industries and do-

WEST OF IRELAND

Sinn Feiners Express Utmost Confidence-Priests Oppose Rising.

Mail, who has been following the Sinn

quenca it, but I fear it has now gone "The Sinn Feiners are sublimely

conndent and say that Tuesday's depate in parliament shows plainly that the government is afraid of The correspondent adds that there is a ray of hope that the Sinn Fein congress, which opens in Dublin today, may result in checking the militant spirit.

borated either by an observer on the ground or by another airman flying in the vicinity."

The police are now arresting several local leaders in Cork and Limerick, but the Sinn Feiners say that these are small fry and do not matter. They boast that the authorities dare not arrest Prof. De Valera or Countess Markievicz. The Daily Mail editorially infers

that the point of irrepressible conflicts "Just as the Germans tried to crethat the point of irrepressible confrets
are lissension or ill-feeling between is being approached, and it does not
are lissension or ill-feeling between is being approached, and it does not the British and the colonials by cir-culating reports that the British were pay much attention to the warning of

DEMAND AN EARLY SEPARATE PEACE

Petrograd Council Wants Russia Extricated From Hostilities, and Quickly.

Petrograd, Oct. 24.-The Petrograd council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates on Monday adopted a resolution proposed by Leon Trotsky, president of its executive committee, and a leading Maximalist, declaring the salvation of the country, lies in the conclusion of peace as quickly as pos-

· The resolution contains declarations accusing Premier Kerensky of a desire to deliver Petrograd into the hands of the Germans and their im-perialist allies, and also of openly favoting the German emperor. The resolution demands that all power pass into the hands of the counci's of sil-Twenty-Five Sunk Last Week ders and workmen, and instructs the executive committee no propose an armistice to all the nations. As long as peace is not concluded, however, continues the resolution, the committee must restore the army to the sta-In consequence of this resolution the Petrograd council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates has decided to

> German Socalists Convicted Of Interfering With U. S. Draft

Sioux Falls, S.D., Oct. 24.-Twenty-seven German socialists of Hutchinson County, South Dakota, un indictment charging attempts at interference with theoperation of the sleeting dwelft in the operation of the

Large German Forces Come to Aid of Austrians for Big Assaults.

ON A 23-MILE FRONT

Specially - Constructed Gas Shells Poured on Positions of the Italians.

London, Oct. 24, - In the Austro-Italian theatre large German forces have reinforced the Austrian line and apparently a big battle is imminent over the 23-mile front from Monte Rombon, southeastward thru Flitch and Tolmino, and thence southward to the Bainsizza Plateau, which lies ABOUT TO REBEL about 10 miles northeast of Tolmino. The Germans began their offensive after an intense artillery fire in which

specially constructed gas shells were thrown at various places. According to the Italian war office rad weather intervened during the attack and the fighting died to some extent. The offi-cial communication adds that the Italians are unafraid as a result London, Oct. 24. — The seriousness of the situation in Ireland is insisted on by a correspondent of The Daily

Austrians in this region has not yet weeks. He declares that the whole of the west of Ireland is on the verge of armed rebellion, and continues:

"The young priests in Prof. De Valera's train have suddenly awakened to the danger of the spark they have been sent to the western to the western. helped kindle and are now trying to sibly have been sent to the western quenca it, but I fear it has now gone front, from which signals of distress front, from which signals of discress by the army commanders necessarily have been sent up as a result of the terrific poundings Field Marshal Haig and General Petain have given Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria and the German crown prince, in Flanders and along the Aisne, and before

Verdun. Strong Troop Concentration. Rome, Oct. 24 — The Austrians have concentrated strong forces on the Italian front for offensive purposes, army headquarters announced today. A large

The text of the statement says: us steady and prepared.

portions of the Julian front, and a French line. heavy bombardment, mostly with special gas shells, between Rombon and the northern portions of the Bainsizza Plateau marked the beginning of an attack. However, the hostile fire debad weather, together with violent bursts of fire from our batteries."

Liolain Farm was captured.

Most of the prisoners taken who, up to tonight, numbered approximate-

He Tried So Hard!



Th' Reprimending Dock: buryin' th' day, Josephus? Joe Th' Deleful: All my efforts to diform a revolutionary general staff for the defence of Petrograd. reports with side-stepping descriptions and by rainbow illuminations have failed. Th' Dock: I'm thinkin' oor ancient freen o' 'Th' Tely an' that chiel o' Th' Weekly Sun hae spilt ye're pail o' white-

wash, Josephus. Josephus Don't call my colors and my rainbows by that name, Doctor. And be recognized in any way?



Canadian troops resting in a shell hole on their way to the front line. One seems very interested in a Boche plane which was passing over.

HEAPS OF DEAD ARE FOUND

Casualties of Germans High in Newest Aisne Battle---French Losses Below Average---Tanks Figured Prominently---Positions Taken by French Were Very Strong.

With the French Armies in France, Tuesday, Oct. 23 .- (By the Associated Press).-General John J. Persning, proportion of these troops are Ger-mans, and the war material employed forces in France, was present throut commander-in-chief of the American is likewise largely of German origin. today's battle northeast of Soissons, The war office announcement de-clares the enemy's blow will find the Italian troops "steady and prepared." D'Esperey of the French army. When the splendid victory by the French "The enemy has concentrated strong had been accomplished the American forces on our front for offensive purposes. A large proportion of these troops and material are German. However, the blow of the enemy will find among other points the Vaurains Farm, which is more than a quarter "During the night the increased in-tensity of the artillery fire on various of a kilometre beyond the original

Several squadrons of tanks participated in the battle and did excellent work in company with the advancing infantry. It was by means of these creased towards dawn, owing to the most modern war implements that the

ly 8000, while others were still pouring out of the deep caverns, caught in quarries. One group, com-posed of 400 men, was led out to surrender by a German soldier who spoke French and who assured his comrades that they need not fear bad treatment from their captors, despite the assertions currently made to them by their officers that the French massacred prisoners. Another batch of prisoners fell into the hands of the French just as they alighted from motor trucks, in which they had been hurried to the battlefield as rein-

Victory Delights the French.

Paris, Oct. 24. — It would be hard to exaggerate the enthusiasm aroused thruout the length and breadth of vesterday's splendid stand that the instant in New to eased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Germans in New to eased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastation fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastation fire into the German positions along the Flanders by Ceased to pour a devastation fire in to exaggerate the enthusiasm aroused through the length and breadth of France by yesterday's splendid achievement of the French army on the Aisne front, falling on the antiversery of the recapture of Fort the Aisne front, falling on the anniversary of the recapture of Fort niversary of the recapture of Fort niversary of the recapture of Fort Douaumont by General Petain.

The blow apparently fell with all the force of a surprise, for it is understood that the German general staff held the opinion that after his incomple's success in the spring offind it advisable to resume offensive (Concluded on Page 7, Column 1.)

WINTER HATS FOR MEN.

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PRISONERS EXCEED 8000

French Also Capture 180 Guns of All Calibres in Successful Offensive.

Paris, Oct. 24.—The sweeping nature of the French victory yesterday north of the Aisne is indicated by the official announcement from the war office tonight which reports the capture of prisoners exceeding 8000, heavy guns exceeding 70, 30 mine-throwers and 80 machine guns. The text of the statement reads:

"North of the Aisne the German artillery was particularly active in the sector of La Royere-Les Bovettes, and in the region of Fort de Malmaison on our new front, which extends from Mont des Singes (Monkey Hill), which we have occupied in its entirety, to Chavignon. The enemy attempted no infantry action.

"Patrols sent out by us in the region of Chavignon and Voudesson have brought back a great number of prisoners.

"It is confirmed that tanks (chars d'assaut), played an important

"It is confirmed that tanks (chars d'assaut), played an important "The number of prisoners taken since yesterday exceeds 8000.

Of the material left in our hands, which we will not be able to inventory before several days, it has been possible up to the present role in yesterday's attack. to count only 70 cannon, 30 mennenwerfer and 80 machine guns.

"In Champagne, in the region of the Monts, we successfully car-

ried out two surprise attacks, the first northeast of Prunay, the second at Mont Haut, and brought back about 15 prisoners. On the right bank of the Meuse there were spirited artillery actions in the region of Samogneux, Vacherauville, Chaume Wood and west of

Allies Sweep Over Every Kind of Obstacle to Victory.

BRITISH GUNS BUSY

Field-Marshal Haig Reports Counter-Battery Work in Belgium.

London, Oct. 24.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—Telegraphing today from French headquarters Reuter's

correspondent says:
"The success of the new advance exceeded all expectations. Fresh captures are being signaled hourly. The attack is comparable to the brilliant operations at Verdun in October and

December.

"Yesterday's victory was due to the equally wonderful preparatory work of the artillery and the gallantry of the infantry. The latter often fought hardest before reaching their objectives, for the resistance in places was desperate, especially on the right.

right.
"The French advanced with great speed following a barrage of 75's which was extremely deep in order to which was extremely deep in order to simply swept over every kind of obstacle. There were innumerable feats of individual courage. As an officer of the high command remarked to me, 'one could kneel before give the most effective support.

ome of these."

Captured Some Prisoners.

London, Oct. 24.—The report from
Pield Marshal Haig in Flanders to-

night reads:
"We captured a few prisoners during the night in the course of patrol encounters southwest of Havrincourt,
"On the battlefront the hostile artillery was active this afternoon against our positions in the Houthulst forest. Our artillery carried out counter-battery work and a destructive bombardment at different points. In the Nieuport section a large explo-sion was caused behind the enemy lines by our artillery fire. The weather

Seven Counter-Attacks Fail. An official communication from British headquarters in Flancers

"Yesterday evening the enemy again attacked our positions in Houthulst forest. An attempt made against the point of junction of the British and armies was completely re-

Since our attacks on the morning of Oct. 22 the enemy has delivered seven counter-attacks against our new line without achieving material results at any point.
"A successful raid was carried out

by Gloucester troops last night south-east of Gavrelle. A number of the enemy were killed, several of his dugouts were blown up and a few prisoners and machine guns

MINING PROCESS

Demand Prohibitive Royalty.

Special to The Toronto World. Cobalt, Ont., Oct. 24.—In the course Hon. Frank Cocnrane, who was noin- clated Press) .- The consolidation of inated as win-the-war candidate for the positions won by the allies in forcements.

The losses of the Germans, were extremely heavy, as was testified to by the heaps of dead found beneath the ruins of quarries, which crumbled under the French bombardment. The French casualties were rather below normal.

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GERMANS CONTROL HUN OFFICER WAS SHOT BY HIS OWN SOLDIERS

Alien Enemies in New York British, in Their Flanders Advance, Find Fresh Evidence of Deterioration in Morale of the German Troops.

of an address here this afternoon, and Belgium, Oct. 24.—(By the Asso-Timiskaming, said that the use of the Monday's attack was being rapidly

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With the British Armies in France | was made. The British offensive was confined to operations along a nar-row front several miles north of Gheluvelt

Executed Their Own Officer. The report that British troops had ound a German officer who had been executed by his own soldiers, the hody having the hands bound behind the back, has been confirmed. The incident occurred at a redoubt south of Poelcapelle during the recent fighting.

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