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PROBS Northwest winds cool and showery at first then gradually clearing.

180 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 Zepps Eulogized.

London, Oct. 24.—In the course of his weekly talk with the Associated Press today, Major-General Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, said: "It is no discredit to the British airman that they did not bring down a single zeppelin, while the French airmen brought down five in the course of the zeppelin visit a few days ago. No French airman would think of comparing the attack on the invaders with the night while the invaders were still fresh, to that made by the French in daylight."

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

Washington, Oct. 24.—Under a definite allotment of American coal for Canada, announced tonight by the fuel administration, about 2,000,000 tons of bituminous and 700,000 tons of anthracite will be permitted to move across the Canadian border during the next two months.

ENEMY BEGINS AN ATTACK ON ITALY'S LINES

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 Comba, southeastward thru Filth and Tolmino, and thence southward to the Bainsizza Plateau, which lies 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, the fighting died to some extent. The official communication adds that the preparations of the Austrians and Germans and that the enemy will find them "steadily and prepared."



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.

FRENCH GAINS EXCEED FIRST EXPECTATIONS

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 counter-attacks are being signalled 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.'"

HEAPS OF DEAD ARE FOUND BY FRENCH IN HUN LINES

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

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WEST OF IRELAND ABOUT TO REBEL

Sinn Feiners Express Utmost Confidence—Priests Oppose Rising.

London, Oct. 24.—The seriousness of the situation in Ireland is insisted on 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 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 helped kindle and are now trying to quench it, but I fear it has now gone too far. "The Sinn Feiners are sublimely confident and say that Tuesday's debate in parliament shows plainly that the government is afraid of them." 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. "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 is being approached, and it does not believe that the Sinn Feiners are any more than a warning of Premier Lloyd George.

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 Maximist, declaring the salvation of the country lies in the conclusion of peace as quickly as possible. "The resolution contains declarations accusing Premier Kerensky of a desire to deliver Petrograd into the hands of the Germans and their imperialist allies, and also of openly favoring the German emperor. The resolution demands that all power pass into the hands of the council of soldiers and workmen, and instructs the executive committee to 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 status of a combative force. "In consequence of this resolution the Petrograd council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates has decided to form a revolutionary general staff for the defence of Petrograd. "German Socialists Convicted Of Interfering With U. S. Draft. Sioux Falls, S.D., Oct. 24.—Twenty-seven German socialists of Hutchinson County, South Dakota, were found guilty on three counts of an indictment charging attempts at interference with the cooperation of the elective draft in the federal court here tonight.

HE TRIED SO HARD!



The Reprimanding Dock: Fa are ye burin' th' day, Joseph? Joe Th' Deleul: All my efforts to dis-ject public attention from the profits in bacon by decorating the commissaries' reports with side-stepping descriptions and by rainbow illuminations have failed. Th' Dock: I'm thinkin' or ancient freen' o' th' 'Tely an' that chist o' Th' 'Weeky sun hae split yer' pair o' whitewash, Josephus. Josephus: Don't call my colors and my rainbows by, that name, Doctor. And little did I think that Waldron would forget my friendly turns in uplift work and its ecclesiastical architecture not to be recognized in any way?

GERMANS CONTROL MINING PROCESS

Alien Enemies in New York Demand Prohibitive Royalty.

Special to The Toronto World. Cobalt, Ont., Oct. 24.—In the course of an address here this afternoon, Hon. Frank Cochrane, who was nominated as win-the-war candidate for Timiskaming, said that the use of the flotation process in Cobalt mines was very important, and the attention of the government to disclosures regarding the ownership of the patents. "I understand that the flotation patents are still controlled by Germans in New York, and they are demanding such a royalty on the process that the mines in this country cannot use it," said Mr. Cochrane. "It will be my business to see Sir Robert Borden on this question" when I return to Ottawa with a view to bringing the patent owners to their senses and try to get him to cancel these patents for the benefit of the mining community. "We must, however, be fair in the matter, for I believe in being fair even to an enemy alien, and the mines must be prepared to pay a fair royalty if it is proven that the patent owners were not German controlled. "Hon. Mr. Cochrane asked the mine operators to submit to the government what would be a fair and reasonable charge for the use of the flotation process, and he was decided that the patents should not be annulled.

HUN OFFICER WAS SHOT BY HIS OWN SOLDIERS

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

With the British Armies in France and Belgium, Oct. 24.—(By the Associated Press).—The consolidation of the positions won by the allies in Monday's attack was being rapidly completed today under a bright sun, which is mitigating somewhat the difficulties of the work in the morass. Artillery fire marked the night in the region to the east and north of Ypres. The British big guns have never ceased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders battlefield, and the enemy has responded vigorously. Last night the Germans directed a heavy fire against the sector between the Ypres-Menin highway and the Ypres-Roulers railway, and also concentrated on Abraham Heights, which are on the Gravelines ridge, south of Pasmendeale. Shortly before dark last evening the enemy launched a counter-attack against the British to the south of Houthulst Forest, near the junction with the French. But this was repulsed with machine gun and rifle fire. Both the French and British were holding their new positions in this difficult territory on the edge of the forest strongly. The assertion in the German official statement that the British on Mont Ghelvelt and were repulsed is entirely erroneous, as no such attack was made. The British offensive was confined to operations along a narrow front several miles north of Ghelvelt. Executed Their Own Officer. The report that British troops had found a German officer who had been executed by his own soldiers, the body having the hands bound behind the back, has been confirmed. The incident occurred at a redoubt south of Foeiastelle during the recent fighting. There were fourteen German soldiers and young officers holding this place. When the British troops stormed this redoubt the German soldiers surrendered and the British found the dead officer, with five bullet wounds in his body. The reason for his execution was that the men desired to surrender and he refused to give up his stronghold without a struggle. This affair is another link tending to substantiate statements made by prisoners that the German officers commanding certain bodies of troops were in control over their men. There is no doubt that there has been a very considerable deterioration in the morale of many of the German troops in this region. But the German fighting machine is recognized as still being a powerful one. One non-commissioned officer here.

TAKE BIGGER TOLL OF BRITISH SHIPS

Twenty-Five Sunk Last Week as Compared With Eighteen Week Before.

London, Oct. 24.—An increase in the loss of British merchantmen thru mines or submarines is noted in the Admiralty report for the current week. Seventeen vessels over 1600 tons, and eight under 1600 tons were sunk. The admiralty statement follows: Arrivals, 2548 tons, 2538. British merchantmen over 1600 tons sunk by mine or submarine, 17; under 1600 tons, 8. British fishermen sunk, none. British merchantmen unsuccessfully attacked, including one previously, 7. In the previous week, 12 British merchant vessels over 1600 tons, six under that tonnage, and one fishing vessel were sunk.

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