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# Mists a Hindrance to Advance of Allies

## Allies Are Crumpling Up Enemy On the Belgian Coast

### MISTS HINDER PROGRESS OF ALLIED ARMY

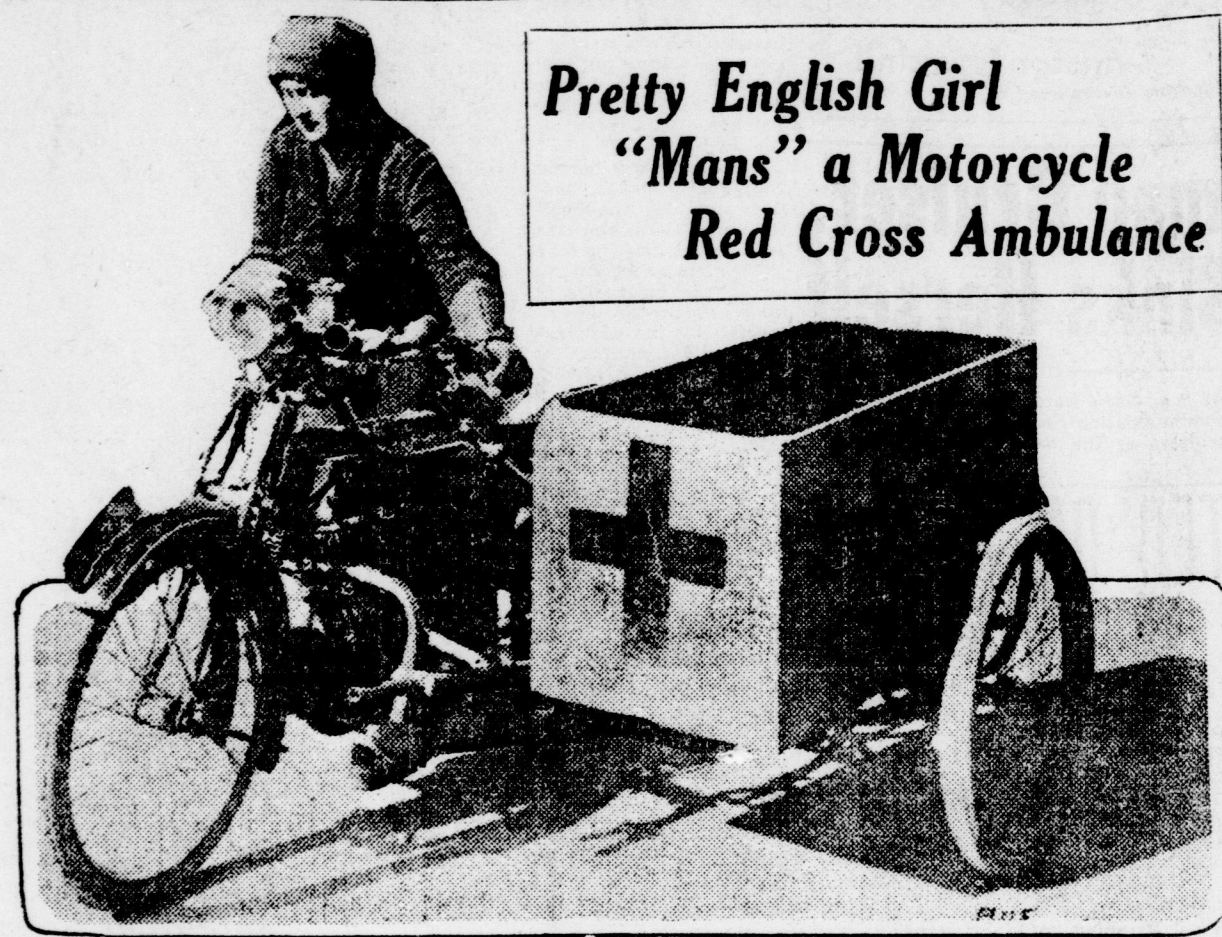
Make Accurate Artillery Work Impossible and Impede Aerial Activity.

MACHINE GUNS IN ROOMS

Enemy Places Them There To Command Approaches Through Window.

SPLENDID CAVALRY WORK

Enemy Driven Out of Strong Position On High Bridge.



Pretty English Girl  
"Mans" a Motorcycle  
Red Cross Ambulance

Advertiser Illustration MISS NEWMAN, AN ENGLISH GIRL, WHO HAS GONE TO THE FRONT IN BELGIUM.

### U. S. A. DEMANDS RELEASE OF STANDARD OIL VESSEL

Washington, Oct. 23.—The United States has decided to formally protest to Great Britain against the seizure of the Standard Oil ship, the *Platuria*, demanding her release from British detention at Stornoway, a port in the Lewis Islands, Scotland.

### HIGH TREASON TRIAL MAY FOLLOW SHIP'S CAPTURE

Lowther Range Strongly Suspected of Supplying Coal to German Cruiser—Leaving U. S. A. Port For Australia, She Was Off Route.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Oct. 23.—There may be a trial for high treason as the result of the capture of the British registered ship *Lowther Range*, captured by a British cruiser, and suspected of furnishing coal to German warships. The naval service department says that the *Lowther Range* started with a load of coal from Southampton, on the Atlantic coast of the United States, cleared for Australia through Magellan Straits. The boat was caught away off her route at the mouth of the Gulf of California, with her long line considerably higher than her papers indicated that it should be, if she had not parted with a considerable amount of coal of Poonah steam coal. The crew are held to tell their story to a prize court in Victoria.

### WANT KARLSRUHE AND EMDEN TAKEN

British Chambers of Commerce Agitate For Sweeping Naval Operations.

NO DECISIVE BATTLE YET

Britain Believes Decimation of Ranks Must Show Result Soon.

[Canadian Press.] London, Oct. 23.—1:59 p.m.—The only rock-bottomed fact which London is able to point to today as a basis for the belief that the climax has been reached in the sea, land and air battle across the channel is that armies, however numerous, cannot indefinitely face the decision of their ranks, which has marked this, the latest phase of the great campaign.

For nearly a week now this tripartite combat has raged with unabated fury between forces up to the present time so equal in strength that the fronts have swayed back and forth without either being able to register a decisive victory.

Many Reports. That the slaughter in these fierce efforts and counter efforts to break through the opposing lines transcends anything heretofore seen in this campaign is admitted on both sides. English news dispatches make sweeping claims of annihilating successes. German advisers assert continued progress and Russian telegrams report great victories, but well-defined evidence to support these various contentions is lacking and the real facts appear to be that in neither the eastern nor the western arenas of war has the tide yet turned decisively.

Come as Rude Shock. The sinking of merchant ships by the German cruiser *Karlsruhe*, confirmed from Las Palmas, has been a rude shock to the people who have contended that the Atlantic ocean was held safely by the British navy, but it is pointed out that the fleet cannot at the same moment convey hundreds of transports and safeguard every merchant ship. The sinking of merchant vessels without loss of life, it is remarked, involves no military injury, while the capture of a group of transports would be a disaster.

Chambers of commerce, however, are agitating for a sweeping operation sufficiently wide to net both the German cruiser *Emden*, in Indian waters, and the *Karlsruhe*.

### STRUGGLE WAGED IN AIR, LAND, SEA

First Time in War That Aeroplanes and Warships Help the Army.

FRESH GERMAN TROOPS

Reinforcements Hurrying Forward With Heavy Guns Toward Belgian Coast.

[Canadian Press.] London, Oct. 23.—10:30 a.m.—Vessels from the French navy, having swept around the coast, were today standing by the British monitors, which are hurling shells landward between Ostend and Nieuport, on the Belgian coast, a continuation of the fierce battle between Germany and the allies for the possession of the North Sea and the channel ports.

For the first time since the war began, air craft and warships are aiding simultaneously in the movements of land forces; thus the struggle is being waged in the air, on the sea, and on the land at the same time.

The Germans are hurrying forward fresh troops and heavy guns, the latter to make reply to the damaging fire from the ships, and although they have been pushed back at certain points they appear to be holding their line between the sea and La Bassée, without, however, making noteworthy progress.

The fight, so far as Belgium is concerned, has now resolved itself into a terrific artillery duel, in which it is claimed that the allies, by reason of their long-range guns, have been having the advantage. The muddy roads and the ever-present canals doubtless have hindered the invaders in getting their guns of equal or greater range into position; when they do accomplish this, the situation will be even more acute.

Albert, King of the Belgians, appears to be actually at the scene of fighting. This information is on the authority of the British admiralty.

### "JOKER" TO KEEP OUT MARRIED MEN

When Joining R. C. H. Artillery Are Asked To Sign Away Their Wives' Rights.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, Oct. 23.—Some married men eager to enlist in the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, recruiting for which is going on here, though headquarters are at Kingston, were surprised and angered when asked to sign a declaration that their wives had no claim on them, and who were told that they were satisfied to have their husbands enlisted as single men.

Several men who had passed the medical examination angrily refused to sign this document, as it meant that their wives could get no part of their pay.

### CONTRACTS ARE POURING INTO THIS COUNTRY

Allied Nations Ready To Purchase All Canada Can Produce.

NEED ARMY EQUIPMENT

British Government Will First Offer To Spend Money Here.

GOOD FOR THE WORKERS

Surplus Labor Will Be Given Employment, Says Hon. Mr. Rogers.

[Canadian Press.] Winnipeg, Oct. 23.—Contracts aggregating many millions of dollars for war supplies for the allies have been placed in Canada, and other large expenditures in this direction among factories and other producers are being made by Great Britain, France and Russia in near future.

An era of activity in many manufacturing industries surpassing anything ever known in Canada is promised.

This information was conveyed to the west by Hon. Robert Rogers, who arrived in Winnipeg yesterday. Mr. Rogers said he was in the west in reference to grain bought by the Government.

Will Take All Supplies. "Business conditions are improving all over the Dominion," observed the minister. "This is especially true among manufacturers of articles required by the armies of the allies for the Ottawa Government has been assured that all the supplies this country can offer will be utilized by the armies of England, France and Russia."

The west will secure, in fact, has already secured, a generous share of these orders. Many millions of dollars' worth of equipment for the cavalry, such as saddles and bridles, have already been awarded all over Canada. Winnipeg and points as far west as Vancouver have benefited by these contracts.

Other goods, such as metals, clothing and agricultural products, will be exported in large quantities to the armies of the allies, and Canada is being given first call for these supplies. One purchasing depot and inspector will be located in Winnipeg.

"Canada can be assured of a good price for everything she has to export for some time to come."

Take Up Surplus Labor. "Yes, I find a decided improvement commercially and industrially in Canada," continued Mr. Rogers, "and this extra manufacturing will give employment to much surplus labor. The British Government is determined to take abroad for war supplies as far as this country can fill the bill. In this France and Russia are actively co-operating."

"Reports we have received show an unusual increase in the fall plowing acreage, and that argues much more land is to be seeded next year on the prairies."

### DREAM OF JULES VERNE REALIZED

Aerial and Submarines in Use Near His Birthplace—Enemy's Attack Repulsed.

[Canadian Press.] Paris, Oct. 23.—The struggle on the length of the line extending into Belgium, now called the Battle of Flanders, gave rise to an engagement along the coast as near as possible to the birthplace of Jules Verne, in which aircraft and submarines participated, realizing for the first time, in the same context, the dreams of the great Frenchman.

The British monitors offshore did great execution on the German trenches among those reported killed being Gen. Von Tripp and his staff. While the allies' airmen cleverly directed the aim of the marine guns, the German submarines, lying in wait, attacked the monitors, but without result, because the latter were so far in shore.

Here again the critics remark that the attempt of the Germans to turn the allies' left and reach the French coast has been defeated, and the Germans again have been forced to resort to frontal attacks.

The gains made by the allies on the road to Metz, it is thought, must draw the attention of the Germans seriously to a quarter where they are menaced. The news from Bordeaux today indicates that Parliament is not to be called to meet there, but in Paris. The employees of both the Chamber and the Senate have been notified that they may return to Paris at the end of the month, which is taken as a sign of confidence in official circles and is making a good impression.

### GERMAN COAST ARMY BEING ROLLED UP LIKE A RIBBON

ROYAL BELGIAN CHILDREN IN ENGLAND FOR SAFETY



Advertiser Illustration

The three bright children of the King and Queen of Belgium are now being cared for in England, whether they were sent shortly after the capture of Brussels. Their mother, who was said at one time to have joined them, now appears to be bravely staying at her husband's side in the war zone. At the top is Prince Leopold, Duke of Brabant, the heir to the throne. He is twelve years old. Prince Charles, the second son, is ten years old, and the beautiful little Princess Marie Jose is eight.

### FRESH TROOPS HELP GERMANS IN ATTACK

Giving Increased Vigor to the Assaults On the French Right.

[Canadian Press.] London, Oct. 23.—3:20 p.m.—A dispatch from Paris to Reuters' Telegram Company says that, according to trustworthy accounts received at the French capital, the momentum of the German army of occupation in Flanders brought up by the Germans have enabled them to deliver attacks with increased vigor on the French right wing, where the battle has been of a ding-dong character, with alternate gains and losses.

### German Destroyer Captured By Allies

[Canadian Press.] London, Oct. 23.—4:15 a.m.—A dispatch from Peking to the Exchange Telegraph Company reports that the allies' warships have captured a German destroyer, which escaped from Kiau Chow Bay.

### 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, 69; low, 42.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 52; lowest, 42.

TOMORROW—SHOWERY.

Forecast. Oct. 23-24 a.m.

Today—Moderate winds and fine, Saturday—Becoming showery.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Station. High. Low. Weather. Victoria. 51. 39. Cloudy. Winnipeg. 42. 30. Clear. Calgary. 56. 42. Cloudy. Port Arthur. 54. 46. Cloudy. Parry Sound. 69. 26. Clear. Toronto. 67. 40. Clear. Ottawa. 56. 32. Cloudy. Montreal. 54. 24. Cloudy. Quebec. 46. 28. Clear.

Weather Notes. The weather continues fine throughout the Dominion, except near Lake Superior, where it is showery, but disturbed conditions are indicated both south and west of the Great Lakes, and a storm is not unlikely to develop.

### General Staff Leaves Ghent and Severe Defeat of Enemy is Rumored—British and French Leaving Belgian Towns For Holland.

[Canadian Press.] London, Oct. 23.—"The German general staff has left Ghent and there are strong rumors of a severe German defeat," says the Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily Mail. "Messages from different points of the northwest frontier agree that the German coast army is being rolled up like a ribbon."

"The German cavalry has been unable to manoeuvre in the tangled dike country and the German big guns are stuck in bogs. By a magnificent attack, it is stated, the Franco-British forces have cut the German line south of Ostend."

The correspondent of the Times in Northern France, on the other hand, states that there is no foundation of the report that Bruges has been evacuated by the Germans. He says the Germans are still in force in the neighborhood of Ostend and that the reported retirement in the direction of Bruges is in the nature of a precautionary measure, which the allied activities to the south and southwest have rendered necessary.

### BRITISH AND FRENCH LEAVING

[Canadian Press.] London, Oct. 23.—A Rotterdam dispatch to the Daily Telegraph states that the English and French still in Ostend and other Belgian coast towns have been ordered to leave within two hours. They are obeying the mandate and are crossing the Dutch frontier.

### THIRTY THOUSAND RETREAT

[Canadian Press.] London, Oct. 23.—A dispatch from Dunkirk, France, to the Chronicle, says: "Seven hundred German dead have been buried near Nieuport as a result of the fierce fighting there. The total German casualties in the channel coast fighting are estimated at 10,000."

"Thirty thousand Germans, who had entrenched themselves between Ostend and Nieuport, retired to Ostend, leaving behind a great quantity of equipment."

"It is reported that during the British fleet's bombardment of the German line the Germans lost a convoy eight miles long, which was wrecked by shells."

### ALLIES MAINTAIN POSITION FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORT

[Canadian Press.] Paris, Oct. 23.—3:55 p.m.—The official announcement given out at the war office this afternoon says: "On our left wing the very considerable forces whose presence was reported yesterday have continued very violent attacks in the entire region between the sea and the canal of La Bassée."

"Generally speaking, the situation of the allied forces has been maintained. If the allies have had to recede at certain points, they have advanced at others. The enemy also has evidenced very great activity in the region of Arras and on the River Somme. To the north and to the south of this stream the enemy has been particularly active in the region of Roosbeke."

"In Santerre, in the region of Verdun, and in the region of Pont-a-Mousson we have had some serious reverses. On the road from the front there is nothing to report."

### BRITISH FLEET PREVENTED SUCCESS OF GERMAN PLAN

Made Occupation of Northern French Coast Towns Impossible—Enemy's Connected Front Pierced By the Allies—Retreat Very Probable.

New York, Oct. 23.—The Herald's military critic today says: "If the enforced retreat of the German army of occupation in Flanders has been indicated by the general reports of the fighting in western Belgium, Gen. Von Kluck, the ubiquitous strategist of the Kaiser's army, will again have to exert his remarkable military skill and energy in extricating his command from a precarious situation. From the past few campaigns, there appears little likelihood that the German retreat will degenerate into a rout, or even assume the semblance of disorder."

"History holds no better example of a masterly generalship than the tactical formation from disastrous retreat to a vigorous defensive at the Aisne. This was made possible by the efficient and effective construction of field works by the German engineers, who undoubtedly have subsequently been occupied in constructing similar lines at advantage positions behind the battle front."

Different Country. "In Belgium, however, the nature of the terrain, especially in the west, does not lend itself to the throwing up of strong defensive works, while the entire retreat from the Dutch frontier south has been rendered untenable to the Germans by the British naval forces. If the German general staff contemplated an aggressive operation against the coast towns of Northern France, the allies' British fleet in co-operation with the land forces has effectively deflected the project."

"The reports of the battle, or rather series of engagements, in Belgium vary concerning the positions of the opposing forces, it would appear from the consensus that the Germans have by no means effected a united front such as obtains from Lille in a great curve to the German frontier. That the allies have made incursions in force beyond what was conceived to be the connected German front in apparent menace to communications."

Retreat Is Likely. "The possibility of the isolation of the German troops in Northern Belgium is not regarded seriously, however, by military experts, and only by the concentration of a force of vast numerical superiority could the flank of Gen. Von Kluck be effectively turned. From the present aspects of the situation, however, an orderly retreat of what had hitherto been the extreme right wing of the German front is likely, and if the Germans develop a determined offensive it will probably take shape at another point of the line in Belgium."

"A repetition of the initial pivotal advance upon Paris by way of the coast may have formed part of the latest German scheme of the German scheme of campaign. That it is still seriously considered is possible only in connection with the contemplated reinforcement of the German front in Belgium."

"While there has been no deviation from the general rule in connection with reports of extensive operations in the last few days at the points of contact along the 300-mile front, the specific nature of the dispatches from Petrograd must receive credence."

### FINDS OUTRAGE STORIES UNTRUE

Berlin Paper Has Investigated Cases Where Allies Were Charged With Atrocities.

[Canadian Press.] Berlin, via Amsterdam and London, Oct. 23.—While most of the German papers continue to publish allegations of outrages by the troops of the allies, the *Vorwaerts* declares it has investigated a number of specified instances of alleged cruelties practiced on German civilians and soldiers and has found no basis of truth in the allegations.