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COMPLETE SUCCESS ATTAINED IN THE GREAT BRITISH DRIVE

Biggest Victory of The Last Year On Western Front Won

British Losses Light; Enemy Suffers Severely; Counter-Attacks Fail and Gains Consolidated; Haig Now After One Position Which He Wants

London, Sept. 21.—Field Marshal Haig, in later reports regarding the British offensive on the Belgian front yesterday, when the British troops pushed through the German lines for a distance of more than a mile, says that the completeness of the British success is confirmed by detailed accounts of the battle.

The war office, after the receipt of Field Marshal Haig's report today, issued the following bulletin: "More detailed accounts of yesterday's battle confirm the completeness of our success."

ARMY LOSSES GREAT During the evening local attacks delivered by us in the neighborhood of Ypres Hamlets and northeast of Langemarck cleared up several strong points and completed the capture of our objectives in these localities.

"It is now established that in the many counter-attacks delivered by considerable forces of the enemy during the afternoon and evening his casualties were unusually great.

"The clear light of the latter part of the day enabled our troops to obtain warning of impending attacks, and in every case the advancing lines of German infantry were destroyed by the concentrated fire of the guns of our men."

"The obstinacy with which the enemy constantly repeated his attacks only added to his losses without recovering for him any of the valuable ground which he had won."

GREATEST VICTORY OF YEAR. British Front, Sept. 21.—(Associated Press)—Today from the newly acquired enemy stronghold known as Anzac, southeast of Zonnebeke flutters the Australian banner, symbol of the greatest victory which has marked British operations in the western theatre in the last year, not excluding that at Messines.

Southwest of Ghelvelle, the Germans still are holding a position which the British desired, and today at 9 o'clock Field Marshal Haig began a local attack here.

During the night the British forces with comparatively little opposition consolidated and considerably improved the new line which they had won in their offensive against the Germans to the east of Ypres.

BRITISH LOSSES LIGHT. "Exhausted by his previous efforts, the enemy made no counter-attacks during the night, and our troops were able to consolidate the positions undisturbed. Our own losses in the battle are light. In the course of the night small hostile attacks were driven off west of Havrincourt and west of Lens."

GAINED A MILE IN THE FIRST DASH. (Associated Press) British Headquarters in France, Thursday.—The British offensive which began at dawn over a wide front east of the Ypres salient found the attacking forces late today holding many new positions of vital importance and continuing the fight in German territory along a line which in many places represented a gain of a mile in depth.

Some of the Captures. Such redoubtable strongholds as Nun's Wood, Glencross Wood, Inverness Copse, and Shrewsbury Forest, which have withstood numerous fierce assaults recently were entirely over-run by the British, who reached points well beyond them. Heavy fighting was continued at close range at various points, and the Germans were massing troops with the evident intention of delivering a counter-attack.

It had been a day of great success for the British army, for the possession of the wooded heights which they captured east of Ypres is unquestionably of crucial importance since their dominating positions from the keystone of the German structure of defence in this sector. The greatest gains have been made between St. Julien and Mellebecq, which was as had been planned, for within this stretch of country lie the important defences just mentioned.

The troops that went out to the attack represented some of the finest men in the British army. They entered the conflict in high spirits and eager for the fray. Their advance was preceded by barrage fires yet attempted.

Stripped For Fray. The men went over the top stripped light and, as a result of this, coupled with the fine artillery support, they were enabled to negotiate the first stages of the difficult ground rapidly. They had swept through Glencross Wood, Inverness Copse and the eastern part of Shrewsbury Forest by eight o'clock, two hours and twenty minutes after the attack began, and other advanced positions were reached with equal rapidity.

DRIVE WAS ON EIGHT MILE FRONT. The British drive was on an eight-mile front on both sides of the Ypres-Menin road. They penetrated the German lines more than a mile in places and captured prisoners in excess of 5,000.

All reports emphasize the completeness of the success the British troops achieved. They hold Veldhoek, Zevenkote and numerous strategically important farms and wooded tracts, which had been heavily fortified by the Germans.

In some sectors the British continued their offensive tactics during last evening. Correspondents' dispatches today report the continuance of similar tactics at night, when the new line was considerably improved in strength. Today's advances further announce the resumption of British attacks during the morning southwest of Ghelvelle.

PREDICTS NEW NOTE FROM POPE; GOING MORE INTO DETAILS. Paris, Sept. 21.—A Rome despatch to the Temps says it seems to be confirmed that Pope Benedict will send another note containing peace proposals to the belligerent powers toward the end of September.

It adds that the note will be more specific and enter into greater details than the recent one.

DEADLOCK IN THE SAN FRANCISCO STRIKE. San Francisco, Sept. 21.—Negotiations looking toward a settlement of a strike of 25,000 members of unions affiliated with the iron trades council, who walked out a week ago, for higher wages, were deadlocked early today after an all-night conference.

CANADIANS ARE SQUEEZING THE GERMANS OUT OF LENS

(By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspondent of the Canadian Press.) Canadian Army Headquarters in France, Sept. 20.—Pressure upon the defence of Lens is unrelenting. Posts have again been pushed out into No Man's Land in the region southeast of St. Laurent and the ground, in the defence of which the enemy a month ago fought fiercely, sustaining hundreds of casualties, has been occupied by us, almost without a struggle.

The Germans are being literally squeezed out of Lens, and if defence may be placed on the reports of prisoners as to conditions in the city, the garrison would welcome the order to evacuate.

Enemy orders are still to hold on at all costs, but there is reason to believe the cost is becoming too great, since our occupation of the northern suburbs means the projection of gas into the town from the north as well as from the south and west.

FRENCH GIVE THE CROWN PRINCE LACING AGAIN

Paris, Sept. 21.—Troops of the German Crown Prince last night attacked the French positions on Mont Haut, in the Champagne region, but they were repulsed with serious losses.

FRENCH DROVE 27 GERMAN DIVISIONS FROM FIRING LINE IN SIX WEEKS

Grand Headquarters of the French Army in France, Sept. 21.—(By the Associated Press)—Thirty-five German divisions have been engaged in the fighting in Flanders from July 18 to Aug. 20, eight of which are still in the front line. Nineteen of the German divisions have been withdrawn and are now undergoing reformation in rest camps, the other eight being assigned to defend quiet sectors along the fighting front, and elsewhere.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—Since yesterday morning a few scattered showers have occurred from the lower lakes region to the maritime provinces; otherwise the weather in Canada has been very fine.

Lakes, Georgian Bay, Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence Valley.—Moderate northwest to west winds, fine and comparatively cool today and on Saturday.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore.—Moderate winds, fair and cool today and on Saturday.

AUTHOR DEFENDS "THE FIDDLERS" Rev. Mr. Mee Criticizes Action Which Prevents Book Being Circulated in Canada

(Special Times Cable). London, Sept. 21.—Rev. Arthur Mee, author of "The Fiddlers," when informed of the vote in the Dominion House of Commons, made the following statement: "I should not presume to intervene in a question entirely for Canada to decide, but it cannot be said without the strongest possible protest that there is any libel on Canada in 'The Fiddlers,' or anything I have ever written. The best of my life has been given in the last ten years to teaching children about the flag and love of empire, to be worthy of all its sacrifices, all its liberties. I do not think to say an ungenerous thing of Canada, but I see the player of this empire in this crisis, her fate hanging, threatened, broken by private trade. Everybody knows it. The king has told us, the government has told us, even the control board said only the other day that the drink trade is hampering the war. Seeing this I should be a traitor to the empire if I did not feel toward this enemy as I feel towards Germany. They are twin foes, twin enemies of the human race in this terrible hour of the world.

IMPRESSIVE SCENE IN THE FRENCH CHAMBER OF DEPUTES IN CASE OF DEPUTY TRUMEL

Paris, Sept. 21.—The report of a special committee supporting the resignation of Deputy Lewis Trumel was adopted by the chamber of deputies last night, by a majority of 300.

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COMMISSIONER IMPRESSED BY WAR WORK IN STATES

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WOMEN SOLDIERS IN RIOT

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Smashing Drive Is Answer To Huns' Peace Manoeuvres

London, Sept. 21.—This morning's newspapers herald the British offensive as the allied answer to Germany's latest peace manoeuvres. "The Chronicle declares that the Allies have nothing more to say and adds:—'Wars waged for a great object cannot be won by words but only by strong right arms.'

ENEMIES ARE WARRING AMONG THEMSELVES

London, Sept. 21.—A despatch from Bern, Switzerland, received today by the British admiralty through the Wireless Press, says:— "Emperor William has passed through Budapest, Hungary, on his way to Sofia, the Bulgarian capital. It is believed to be the emperor's intention to try to smooth over difficulties which have arisen between Bulgaria and Germany."

WANTS TEN MILLION TONS OF FOODSTUFFS OVERSEAS IN NEXT TWELVE MONTHS

SOME MATTERS IN DOUBT AS YET

How Will it be Known if All Who Should Register Under Military Act Do So? The manner in which those who do not report, when required to do so under the military service act, will be dealt with has not yet been announced.

Important Statement Made By British Controller

MATTER OF PROFITEERING. Expects Hanna to Take Steps in Canada Similar to What Has Been Done in England—Plan for Pooling Purchases. London, Sept. 20.—Baron Rhondia said to correspondents here today that the minimum foodstuff requirements from Canada and the United States during the forthcoming twelve months would be more than ten million tons, representing an expenditure of £250,000.

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Kaiser Hurries to Bulgaria Where Call For Military Aid Has Been Refused

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More Scheming By Von Bernstorff Is Uncovered

Sought Authority to Spend \$50,000 to Influence U. S. Congress; Waited Also to Gain Irish Support

Washington, Sept. 21.—The state department today made public a message sent by Count Von Bernstorff in last January while he was German ambassador here to the Berlin foreign office, requesting authority to pay \$50,000 to influence congress through a certain organization.

The message dated January 22, 1917, follows:— "I request authority to pay out up to \$50,000 in order, as on former occasions to influence congress through the organization you know of, which can perhaps prevent war."

"In the above circumstances a public official German declaration in favor of Ireland is highly desirable, in order to gain the support of Irish influence here."