

only partial offensive movements on our part, as well as on the part of the enemy. We have made progress almost everywhere, notably before certain villages between Arras and Albert, upon the heights of the right bank of the Aisne, down stream from Soissons, and here and there along the Meuse to the north of Verdun.

BRITISH GAIN STEADILY. The British official press bureau at 11.15 p.m. issued the following statement of conditions in the western theatre of the war: "Severe fighting continues with little respite along the whole line, especially towards the north. The German offensive against our force counter attacks are made by them frequently."

BERLIN CLAIMS MORE SUCCESSES. An official statement issued by the German army general headquarters this morning says: "Our attacks to the south of Nieuport and to the east of Ypres are being successfully continued. Eight machine guns and 200 British soldiers have been captured."

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TURKEY CASTS THE DIE. That Turkey has cast the die and will attempt to retrieve her ebbing fortunes by war against the allies, overshadows all other developments in the present conflict which is sweeping thru Europe, and will now involve a part of Africa and Asia. Altho Turkey's first hostile acts have been directed solely against Russia, it is fully expected that England and France will take up the gauntlet thrown down to their ally.

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The action of Turkey came without warning, disregarding all international law. Farahide Bey, Turkish ambassador to Russia, said today: "I have had no instructions from Constantinople, communication now being cut, and have heard only from the Russian newspapers about Turkey beginning war. I am now in the hands of the Russian Government, whose instructions I am awaiting."

"I am sorry that my labor to improve the relations of the two countries has so disastrous an ending. What moved the Sultan's government to take this step is absolutely unknown to me. I am sure I have nothing to fear personally."

SITUATION IMPROVES. There is a persistent rumor here that the allies have re-occupied Ostend, but this is regarded as premature. But the situation in Flanders and northwestern France is steadily improving. Early today the Belgians opened the dykes of canals west of the River Yser and flooded a great area. When the surging waters approached the German trenches the men scrambled out and started a retreat. Immediately the allies' warships and a number of the French land batteries opened on the fleeing foe. The loss of life is said to have been appalling. Rain is falling steadily in this zone.

Fresh regiments of the reserve and several Prussian footguard regiments were thrown back from Couckeclere toward Bruges. German Lepe and Middelkerke fierce fighting has taken place. The German batteries in this region could not be trained on the allies without exposing their own advanced lines, and the fighting has been at close range, interspersed with desperate bayonet charges.

PROMINENT BRITISH OFFICERS KILLED. An additional casualty list was issued by the war office tonight. It is dated Oct. 25, and gives the names of 24 officers killed and 50 wounded. In the list of dead is Captain Christian Melise Hore-Ruthven of the Black Watch Regiment, third son of Baron Ruthven; Lieut.-Col. Cecil Pickford Higginson of the Shropshire Light Infantry, and Capt. Sir Frederick Villiers Laud Robinson of the 3rd Northamptonshire Regiment.

A casualty list of non-commissioned officers and men gives 60 killed, 120 wounded, 505 missing, of whom 300 belong to the Suffolk Regiment.

FEW CASUALTIES ON MONITORS. An admiralty statement issued tonight gives the qualities of the British flotilla operating off the Belgian coast. The statement is dated Oct. 30, and reports one man as having been killed on board the sloop Rinaldo, one man dangerously wounded, and eleven men wounded. None of these are officers.

Five men previously reported as missing from the monitors Severn and Humber have rejoined their ships, according to the statement. INDIAN TROOPS AT TSINGTAU. The official press bureau announces that an Indian contingent has joined the British and Japanese forces operating against the Germans before Tsingtau, China.

BRITISH HOSPITAL SHIP IS WRECKED. The French liner Savoie has gone to her aid.

Hundred Lives Lost on Northern coast of England.

French Steamer Aground. Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 30.—Out of a crew of 235 men on board the cruiser Zemtchug, destroyed in Penang Harbor by the German cruiser Emden on Oct. 23, 85 were drowned and 112 of 250 saved, sustained more or less serious wounds. This information is contained in a despatch to the Russian board of admiralty from Penang.

SONS OF FRANCE FALLEN ON THE FIELD OF HONOR



A company of French infantry who were surprised and shot down in a wood near Peronne.

DR. GORDON CHOSEN C.S.A. PRESIDENT. Canadian Suffrage Association Held Annual Meeting and Election Yesterday.

MUSICALES IN EVENING. Mrs. Flora McDonald Denison Presented With Beautifully Engrossed Address.

PREMIER SPOKE TO THE LONELY ONES. Children at School for the Deaf Overjoyed at Official Visit.

HAMILTON TO RAISE BELGIAN AID FUND. Strong Committee Formed to Collect Money and Clothing.

WAS RED LETTER DAY. New Buildings at Belleville Opened—Method of Teaching Demonstrated.

ROLLS LABOR NOMINEE. Robinson Gets Twenty Years for 'Manslaughter—Men on Relief Work Strike.'

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THE LAST FULL PARADE. The last full parade of the 13th Royal Canadian Engineers, which was held last evening by the 13th Royal Canadian Engineers, was a most interesting and successful one. The parade was held in the presence of a large number of spectators.

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STRUCK HIS LANDLORD WHO IS A POLICEMAN. George Abbott Charged With Wounding Officer Craig in His Own House.

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THEATRES

ROBERT B. MANTELL. That Robert B. Mantell will play to his usual Toronto audiences was proven by the first day's seat sale yesterday. The small order sale was already large when tickets went on sale at the box office yesterday morning.

"THE TENDERFOOT." Developing funny complications so thick and fast that the audience is tangled in the maze of comedy, and with a harvest of tuneful musical numbers, rich in both quality and quantity, Lewis J. Morton's offering, "The Tenderfoot," comes to the Grand next week.

LOEW'S WINTER GARDEN. Lew Shank former mayor of Indianapolis who attracted nation-wide attention during his term of office by his crusade against the high cost of living, will be the feature of the bill at Loew's Winter Garden for next week.

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ALLIES PROVING SUPERIORITY IN CLOSE FIGHTING

Movement to Recapture Belgium Succeeding Slowly But Steadily.

HAND TO HAND COMBATS

Both Sides Show Indomitable Bravery Under a Terrible Strain.

Canadian Press Despatch. PARIS, Oct. 30, 11.41 p.m.—Officially declared that success for the allies had grown out of the series of furious combats on the extreme left wing, lying near the coast, as well as in the vicinity of Ypres and Arras. Everywhere, they say, the Belgian, French and British forces have been able to resist the onslaughts of the German columns and to reply with counter attacks so full of vigor that they carried the allies almost still farther forward in the movement to recapture Belgium.

The unhesitating manner in which the Germans threw their masses of men at the allied positions time after time, these officers declare, caused the impression prevailing that it was the determination of the Germans to thrust at any cost. Their heroic sacrifices were vain, however, for after they had used themselves as a human battering ram they were crushed, their ranks without having accomplished their task.

Belgians Opened Dykes. The opening of the dykes by the Belgians near the mouth of the Rhine placed a formidable obstacle in the way of the German advance, and compelled to recross the river, during this operation suffered severely from the allies' artillery.

The attack of the Germans today are reported not to have been accompanied with the violence of their previous assaults. The opposing forces were constantly in contact, however, and the behavior of all the allied troops under the terrific strain has been commendable.

French Heavy Fighting. Around La Bassée, the allies and the Germans have displayed indomitable bravery in the hand-to-hand fighting which has been going on day and night for two weeks. First one side and then the other has taken the initiative and the battle has swayed sometimes this way and sometimes that. The country is interspersed with trenches, barbed wire, and machine gun positions, which makes the operation difficult, and even these obstacles must be overcome by the troops in the face of a withering fire.

On the entrenched line of the Somme, Oise and Aisne, frequent isolated encounters occurred today, especially near the front. Both armies were so well buried in rifle pits and trenches, however, that no important change in the position was brought about.

No Casualties at Night. The fact that the battle is progressing more easily discernible at night than in the daytime, when the smoke of powder renders the artillery and rifle fire almost invisible. In the daytime, however, the flashes of the cannon and machine guns seem to be the only light, while the scene is brightened by the blue flame of burning shells and bombs.

A French aeroplane was compelled to descend yesterday between the French and the German trenches but the occupants escaped. Last night Captain Bellinger, returning from his reconnaissance and found the machine only slightly damaged. They effected repairs and brought the aeroplane away in the face of a heavy fire from the enemy.

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