

The Newfoundlanders on October 9th.

(Extract From Dispatch by Phillip Gibbs.)

KEEPING THEIR RIFLES DRY. Even in the water beyond their belts the men tried to clean their rifles and their bolts from the mud which fouled them knowing that later on their lives might depend on this. It is a wonderful thing that some counter-attacks were actually repulsed by rifle fire and by machine guns, which jam if any speck of dirt gets in the mechanism. That was on the left when the Guards and some old country regiments of England and a little body of Newfoundlanders had fought forward a long way with rapid success. The losses of the Guards in going over were not heavy. The Irish Guards had hardly a casualty on their way to the first objective. They preceded the attack by a tremendous trench mortar bombardment, which so frightened the enemy and caused such loss among them that before the infantry advanced many of them came running over to the lines to surrender.

On the second objective there was heavy fighting at a strong place called Stronde House, which was surrounded with uncut wire and defended by heavy machine gun fire. The Guards after being checked rushed it from all sides and captured it with all its garrison.

There was more fighting of the same kind further south, at rains close to Houthulst Forest, on the edge of the swamps, which seem to be "No Man's Land" because the ground is too wet for the Germans to live there. Very quickly after the attack the Germans countered heavily on the Guards' left, but the Guards held firm and beat them off.

Further south the English troops and the Newfoundlanders went straight through to their objective, as far as Cinq Chemins Farm, and they had to resist a series of counter-attacks, starting before 8.30 a.m. The first of these was shattered by rifle fire and the second by machine gun fire, but afterward, owing to fog, to heavy shelling, the British had withdrawn a little in front of the Poelcapelle Road.

An Appeal.

On Behalf of the Fire Sufferers in the Recent Fire at Random Island, Smith's Sound.

We, the undersigned, beg to appeal to a sympathizing public for aid on behalf of 10 helpless families at Peley and Aspen Coves, Smith's Sound, whose homes and property were totally destroyed in a forest fire about three weeks ago.

The severity of the fire was such and its course so rapid, fanned and driven as it was by well nigh a half a gale of wind, that humanly speaking it was impossible to attempt to save anything or to battle with the devouring element in its course; nevertheless in many instances a heroic fight was maintained by the men until they were driven from their homes by the flames; while in others the men being away a mother and some helpless children had barely time to make good their escape. In less than an hour after the fire reached the village, it had destroyed the Church of England Church, 14 dwellings, ten of them occupied, about the same number of barns with all the season's stock of hay, several stores, outhouses and stages with a loss in two of them of 30 quintals of fish, four mills with quantities of lumber and logs, and 10 families rendered homeless with well nigh everything they possessed a few heaps of ashes. A conservative estimate has placed the loss at about \$15,000.00. Practically nothing was saved. In one or two instances a bed and bedding and in others a trunk of clothes was saved, while in others what had been taken out of houses was afterwards destroyed.

We therefore venture to take the liberty of appealing through the public press on behalf of these poor people who have so completely and suddenly been dispossessed of the savings and earnings and labors of a lifetime. In normal times the situation for these people would be a hard one indeed; it becomes intensely hard in a time like the present.

We feel sure therefore that this appeal needs but to be made to meet with a sympathetic response from a generous and liberal public.

The undersigned have constituted themselves a local committee to deal with the situation, to any one of whom gifts of clothing or money may be sent or to whom gifts can be forwarded through the medium of the press.

On Behalf of the fire sufferers: Hugh W. Facey, Mission Priest; Church of England, White Rock, Smith's Sound; Thomas Pitcher, Methodist Clergyman, Britannia; John T. Currie, Britannia; James T. Walters, Peley; Ed. T. Gardner, School Teacher, Peley.

AT THE THEATRE TO-NIGHT! THE SUPREME FAVORITE, GLADYS KLARKE, "PEGGY O'MOORE." SEATS SELLING TO-DAY AT FRED. V. CHESMAN'S, 178 WATER STREET. WEDNESDAY "A PAIR OF SIXES," WEDNESDAY MATINEE "PEGGY O'MOORE." SECURE TICKETS TO-DAY. THE CASINO.

To-Day's Messages. 10.00 A.M.

NOVA SCOTIAN FOR CABINET. OTTAWA, To-Day. It is believed to-night that Sir Robert Borden will to-morrow have a representative of the Liberals of Nova Scotia in his Union Government in the person of A. K. MacLean, who for the last six years has sat in the House as junior member for Halifax.

HOW THE ZEPS WERE BROUGHT DOWN.

PARIS, To-Day. An official note issued by the War Office gives the following summary of the Zeppelin raid: The first Zeppelin was brought down by artillery at St. Clement; the second was forced down by an aviator near Bourbonne les Bains; the third was forced down at Laragne, near Sisteron—the crew of four officers and 15 men were taken prisoners after they had been burned; the fourth was brought down in the same region at about 2 p.m. The fifth and sixth airships were reported passing above gaps (?) and were out of control. The seventh landed at Montigny le Roi, debarked his wounded officers, threw out ballast and then departed. It was chased by an aviator in a hot fight and later was sighted together with the eighth and escaped. In its comment the Matin says the German airship fleet experienced the most complete disaster it ever met. Dawn was chosen for the attempt as the mist from the valleys would hide them.

DEVILS INCARNATE.

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SIX BROUGHT DOWN.

LONDON, To-Day. Six German airships were brought down yesterday by British naval airmen, says a statement from the Admiralty to-day.

NO FURTHER NAVAL FIGHT.

PETROGRAD, To-Day. Attempts made by the Germans yesterday to fraternize with the Russians on the northwestern front near TARK Naroc and on the Roumanian front were repulsed by the Russians, the War Office announced. No naval operations were undertaken yesterday by the Germans in the Gulf of Riga, the statement adds, and the Teuton vessels were not sighted by the Russian scouts boats.

OLD CLASSES DEMOBILISED.

PETROGRAD, To-Day. The troops comprising the classes of 1896 and 1897, forty-one and forty-two years of age, have been demobilised.

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

LONDON, To-Day. One hundred and fifty lives were lost on Wednesday when the nine vessels were sunk by two German raiders in the North Sea.

FITZSIMMONS DEAD.

CHICAGO, To-Day. Robert Fitzsimmons, former champion heavy weight pugilist, died to-day of pneumonia.

QUITE A TOUR, IN FACT.

AMSTERDAM, To-Day. The loss of four Zeppelins in admitted in an official statement re-

DEATH OF CLERIC.

LONDON, To-Day. Rev. Thomas Spurgeon, former pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, died here on Saturday.

HOW THE MURDERERS WERE BROUGHT DOWN.

PARIS, To-Day. There were eight Zeppelins in the raid over France on Friday night and Saturday morning, according to the latest accounts. Opinions differ as to whether all of the dirigibles belonged to the same group or whether part of the number were returning from the raid on England and the others had crossed the Atlantic frontier from Germany and were making for Lyons and other points in Central France. The Zeppelin brought down at Bourbonne was compelled to land by five battle planes of an escadrille. All the battle planes came down at the same time and missed the crew of the Zeppelin. When last seen the Zeppelin appeared to be helpless and is supposed to have been lost at sea. The Zeppelin which landed near Laragne, leaving fifteen members of its crew and one of its cars and taking the air again with four members of the crew, has not been heard from since and is supposed to have been lost somewhere in the Alps. Two more airships were seen flying over Gap late in the afternoon and another in the evening in the region of Lons le Saunier.

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GOOD DAYS WORK IN THE AIR.

LONDON, To-Day. In spite of the very misty weather a further attack into Germany was carried out by our airplanes this afternoon. A foundry and railway junction ten miles north of Saarbrücken were bombed with over a ton of bombs. Very good results were observed and bursts were seen on the foundry and station, where a big explosion occurred. Many hostile scouts attacked the bombing squadrons over the objectives and four were driven down out of control. All our machines returned safely except one. On Saturday the weather was very fine but a thick haze prevented observation for artillery. During the day we carried out bombing operations vigorously. A total of 238 bombs were dropped on enemy airdromes at Gontrou and Roulers, on Corretmarec station and on hostile billets and kutments. One airdrome at Roulers was bombed from a low height. One bomb was seen to hit and blow to pieces a German machine on the ground while another fell through the centre of a hangar. The enemy's personnel and machines on the ground then were attacked with machine gun fire from our airplanes. During this bombing attack our scouts operated in the neighbourhood bringing down seven German machines which crashed in full view of their airdrome. At night the enemy's airdromes were again attacked. A ton of bombs were dropped on the Ingelmunster airdrome and railway station and on the airdrome at Courtrai. At one of these a direct hit was obtained upon a hostile machine endeavouring to leave the ground.

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