

NEXT WEEK IS TO BE A CRITICAL PERIOD FOR GERMANY

WILL MINISTER OF MILITIA BE VERY ANNOYED? LULL SIMPLY PRECEDES BIG EFFORT

Conferees Await His Return With Some Nervousness and Interest.

MUCH DONE IN ABSENCE INTENSE FIGHTING SURE

And Methods of Procedure Result Will Be of Supreme Importance to the Germans.

NEW CONTRACT LETTING FAILURE MEANS RETREAT

Hon. Robert Rogers Will Report Establishment of Patronage.

And Enemy Will Have To Fall Back On Prepared Positions.

[Special to "The Advertiser."] Ottawa, Nov. 8.—Major-Gen. the Hon. Sam Hughes is expected back tonight. There is much interest in his return, and some nervousness among the ministers and the departmental officials. Gen. Hughes has been away a little more than a month. During his absence a good many things have been done. The Government has enlisted a second expeditionary force, has appointed officers, and has let contracts for all the supplies which it will require.

Methods Chaired.

The second contingent was not organized in the way Gen. Hughes carried on the organization of the first contingent. The contracts for second contingent supplies were not let in the same way that Major-Gen. Hughes let contracts for the first contingent supplies.

The ministers and others who carried through the second contingent organization do not seem to be quite sure that Major-Gen. Hughes will approve of all that has been done.

Hon. J. D. Hazen has been acting as minister of militia during the absence of Major-Gen. Hughes.

Other Shocks.

Tonight he will report to the Minister of Militia that officers commanding military districts and divisional areas throughout Canada have enlisted the men for the infantry portion of the second military division.

They have also appointed the officers.

Hon. Robert Rogers, chairman of the cabinet committee on military contracts, came back from Western Canada last night. He will report to Major-Gen. Hughes that a change in the system of contract letting has been made by the establishment of a patronage list.

Rogers Would Stick.

Hon. Mr. Rogers is not quite sure that Major-General Hughes will entirely approve of all the transactions with contractors during the past month, but Mr. Rogers is prepared to insist that they are not to be disturbed. It is understood that Major-General Hughes will gladly hand back the work of organization to General Hughes, Hon. Mr. Rogers desires to continue acting as minister of militia.

Sir Robert Borden is still at Fort Springs, Virginia. He is reported to be remarkably good in the past two weeks.

Premier's Serenity.

Premier Borden shows great serenity in the face of developments during the past fortnight. The report that a hundred thousand German troops had invaded Poland was likely to invade Canada, and appeals from the Pacific coast for protection from possible attack by the German army, which won a victory off the coast of Chile, have not been allowed to interfere with his holidays in the United States. It is expected that Sir Robert will be back in about a week and will then give his attention to such matters as seem to require looking into.

RUSSIA TO DEFER GERMAN INVASION

Report Says She May Wait Until Austria Is Crushed and Turkey Is Invaded.

[Canadian Press.] London, Nov. 8.—Russia dominates the military situation today. The speed with which she has cleared the invaders from Russian Poland was totally unexpected, and must necessarily have a great effect on the campaign in the other war theatre.

Already the terror-stricken inhabitants are reported fleeing from their prosperous Silesian cities, despite the fact that Gen. Von Hindenburg's strong army is between them and the advancing Russians. But something less than the light of the German army may enable them to remain still and for some time in security, for a significant message from Petrograd announces that Russia may defer the invasion of Germany until her historic mission toward the Bosphorus is accomplished.

This mission includes the complete subjection of Austria-Hungary as well as the invasion of Turkey, and if this is the actual plan of the Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian commander-in-chief, the Russian army may be content to hold their present positions along the German border, while making an aggressive war to the south and east.

SOON GETTING BACK TO BUSINESS AS USUAL

[Canadian Press.] Paris, Nov. 8.—12:45 p.m.—The records of the Stockbrokers' Corporation were brought back to the headquarters of the corporation from Bordeaux today on the eve of the expected reopening of the stock market. A definite date for this reopening has not been set.

GERMAN WOUNDED "RUBBERNECKING" IN BERLIN.



Wounded German soldiers and their nurses in a sight-seeing car in Berlin. This photograph shows them in front of the Reichstag and the statue of Bismarck.

LONDON OFFICERS READY TO GO WITH SECOND CONTINGENT



CAPTAIN E. M. McLEAN, acting adjutant of Seventh Regiment and captain of the special detached company of that regiment now on active duty in guarding the Cove ranges and powder magazines, the Armouries and the ordnance stores, Captain McLean is adjutant of the school for instruction, now in session here. He was one of the first officers to volunteer for the second contingent.

ALLIES PROGRESS SLOWLY BUT SURELY MOST POINTS

Are Delayed by Strong Organization of Enemy Around Points of Support and by Fog — All German Attacks Repulsed.

[Canadian Press.] Paris, Nov. 8.—2:57 p.m.—The official announcement given out by the French war office this afternoon says: "On our left wing the Germans have undertaken again an offensive movement on Dixmude and in the region of Ypres, particularly to southeast of Ypres. Their attacks have been everywhere repulsed."

"At the end of the day, referring to the entire front between Dixmude and the Lys, we have made progress along the major part of the line. Nevertheless, our advance is slow on account of the offensive movements undertaken by the enemy, and because of the strong organization the enemy already has had the time to effect around his points of support. Since the beginning of the fighting the fog, furthermore, has made operations difficult, particularly between the Lys and the Oise."

"On the centre, along the Aisne, the progress set forth in the official communications of yesterday, has been maintained."

"In the Argonne and in the vicinity of Verdun there have been only actions of minor importance."

"On our right wing, in Lorraine, there is nothing to report. In Alsace fresh attacks on the part of the Germans, directed against the heights of Mount Sainte Marie, have again resulted for them in a decided check."

CANADIANS TAKE PART IN LORD MAYOR'S PROCESSION

Prove Popular With Immense London Crowds—Military Features of Parade Unprecedented During a Century — Picturesque Pageantry Lacking This Year.

[Canadian Press.] London, Nov. 8.—10:45 a.m.—Shown of its picturesque pageantry, but with its imperial and military features unprecedented in a century, the Lord Mayor's parade made its way through the streets today in the first part of the ceremonial inaugurating Sir Charles Johnston as lord mayor of London in succession to Sir Thomas V. Bowdler.

With the exception of the gaudily-decorated state coaches of the lord mayor and the civic dignitaries, the parade today showed little color. The men were clad soberly in khaki, and there was none of the brilliant display which usually distinguishes the procession.

Enormous crowds gathered early to obtain places from which to see the men who are now fighting England's battles on the continent. One of the most popular organizations in the parade consisted of several battalions of Canadian troops now in England training.

opportunity to go to the front. Many of the London city regiments were represented by squads of men, and when a battalion of the London Scottish, who recently distinguished themselves in France, swung along to the skirl of the pipes, the crowd hailed them with great enthusiasm. But none of the military created more interest than did the veterans of the naval battalions who survived the fall of Antwerp.

\$61,000,000 DAMAGE SUIT WAS DISMISSED

[Canadian Press.] Washington, Nov. 8.—The supreme court today dismissed the suit of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company against the United States for \$61,000,000 damages for failure to convey to it alternate sections of land through what was the Indian Territory.

RUSSIAN HAMMER SMASHING; BRITISH-FRENCH ADVANCING; CRISIS FOR KAISER IMMINENT

Supreme Effort of the Germans To Break Through to Channel Fails in Early Stages—Enemy Must Win in Next Week or Fall Back.

[Canadian Press.] London, Nov. 8.—Three points stand out in the news of the great war. In Flanders the Germans, undaunted by past failures to break through to the Straits of Dover, have launched their expected new attack, regarded by the allies as their supreme effort. In Russian Poland the immense armies of the Russian Emperor are pushing forward with surprising speed, threatening the Germans on home soil. From Tokio comes the report that a Japanese army may be sent to the East to take its part with the British, French and Belgians in the struggles on the battlefields of Europe.

STEAM ROLLER SPEEDS UP

AT A CRITICAL POINT.

Military observers agree that the war has entered upon a crucial stage, and that the next week may mark a definite turn in the course of events. In French opinion, the Germans must either win their way to the English Channel or fall back. For that reason particular interest is attached to today's official French statement, which indicated the beginning of the onslaught for which the Germans have been preparing during the full of the last few days.

FRENCH-CANADIANS RETURN FROM WAR

Two Who Have Landed in New York Were Wounded.

DEFENDERS OF RHEIMS

Tell of Hand-To-Hand Fighting and the Killing of Nurse.

ALLIES FIGHTING IN GERMAN TERRITORY IN THREE PLACES

British Observers Believe This Presages Reversal of Roles of Contending Armies—Russian Advance Guards Are Now Only 200 Miles From Berlin.

[Canadian Press.] London, Nov. 8.—7:05 p.m.—At three points in the area of hostilities—in Silesia, in East Prussia and in Alsace, the allies were on German soil today, and for the first time since the outbreak of hostilities conditions seemed to presage, in the opinion of British military observers, a reversal of the roles of the contending armies.

Up to the present time, Germany has been fighting, generally speaking, in the territory of her enemies, but now slow, as the forces of Emperor William have made the entire country behind their battle line one vast fortress, with trenches even more carefully prepared than those they are still holding in France.

With Tsing Tau under Japanese administration, and the release for other service of Japanese and British vessels used in the capture of this German stronghold, there has been a sharp impetus to naval activity in the Far East, as these vessels may now centre their efforts on the coast of China, where the German navy has been so successful in their operations against British shipping.

It is more speculation, of course, to say that Germany will be forced forthwith to retire from Belgium, even cease her offensive in this arena. In certain areas of France and Belgium the allies are taking a vigorous offensive, but it is too early yet to predict that Germany will not renew her smashing tactics in an effort to break through the line, and that much hard fighting around Ypres will not occur.

Retirement Will Be Slow.

In any event, German retreats from Belgium probably would be very slow, as the forces of Emperor William have made the entire country behind their battle line one vast fortress, with trenches even more carefully prepared than those they are still holding in France.

Most Important.

It is true that there was a brief Russian invasion of East Prussia during the early stages of the war, while the French have for a long time held their position in Alsace, but the latest development in the Russian advance, if the interpretation placed on it in London and elsewhere is the most important of the campaign up to the present time.

CHILDREN TRIED TO SAVE THEIR MATRON

Ohio Woman Burned to Death in Cottage Home.

[Canadian Press.] Alliance, O., Nov. 8.—Miss Lillian Burdette, matron of the Fairmont Children's Home near here, was burned to death in a fire which today destroyed the cottage. Twenty boy inmates of the home worked heroically to save Miss Burdette, but were driven back by the flames.

QUEEN'S PARK NOW MILITARY BEEHIVE

Sentries Man Gates and 1,000 Are Being Trained in Inclosure.

KAISER'S APOLOGY TO HIS CAVALRY

Perhaps His Fault That They Were Not Trained To Fight as Infantry, Too.

[Canadian Press.] Berlin, Nov. 9, via London, 10:50 a.m.—German cavalry has been called upon in the present war to perform duties of a character differing widely from those emphasized in manoeuvres four years ago.

Only rarely has there been an opportunity to launch the thrilling cavalry charges then favored. Instead, the high-bodied horsemen frequently are used, both in the east and west, to hold trenches and fill out the lines of the infantry.

Emperor William, in an address to the officers of a cavalry division which he reviewed in a Belgian town, said: "I learn with pleasure that the cavalry fought bravely. The horsemen in this war have been entrusted with tasks such as I never believed possible. It is, perhaps, my fault that the training in times of peace never included the duties which the cavalry are here performing. The cavalry fought with bayonets and entrenching tools, and General Von Marwitz tells me that the infantry are proud to charge with their brothers of the cavalry."

"I hope, however, that the cavalry may yet have an opportunity to use their lances. If we succeed, with the help of the dear God, who already has granted us so many successes, in surrounding the enemy."

REPORTS RESIGNATIONS OF THREE MINISTERS

U. S. Ambassador to Turkey Says They Quit November 2.

[Canadian Press.] Washington, Nov. 8.—The American ambassador at Constantinople today reported the resignations of the Turkish ministers of agriculture, interior and posts and telegraph—the cabinet officers who represented the peace party in the Ottoman Government. They resigned on November 2, leaving the war party in control.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded at 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 48; lowest, 31.

Official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 32; lowest, 26.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.

Toronto, Nov. 9.—3 a.m. Forecasts.

Today—Fair and cool.

Tuesday—Fresh southerly winds; fair and milder.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

City	Highest	Lowest	Weather
Victoria	52	46	Clear
Calgary	52	32	Cloudy
Winnipeg	48	28	Cloudy
Port Arthur	46	26	Cloudy
Parr Sound	42	28	Cloudy
Toronto	42	26	Cloudy
Ottawa	40	28	Cloudy
Montreal	44	28	Cloudy
Quebec	44	26	Cloudy
Father Point	53	28	Cloudy

Weather Notes.

Fair weather now prevails in all portions of the Dominion.