

GERMANS CONTINUE TO HAMMER AT ALLIES' LINE IN UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO REACH COAST

ISOLATED, STARVATION STARING THEM IN FACE, PLIGHT OF THE BRAVE BELGIANS IS PITIABLE

Brussels, Deserted, But Spared from Destruction, May be Blown Up by Germans if Forced to Retire—Nobility Rub Elbows With Peasant in Bread Line—Food Scarce and Starvation Threatening—Belgian Women Toil Bravely in Fields to Garner What Little of Crops Has Not Been Destroyed.

Brussels, Nov. 2. (Via London.)—Between six million and seven million Belgians have little or nothing to call "home," they are a people almost without a country. Foodstuffs, forage, horses, cattle and automobiles not commanded by the Belgian army when the war broke out, have been seized by the Germans. Practically every acre is now swept of everything valuable.

It is estimated that there are now 200,000 Belgians in England and 800,000 in Holland. The lowest estimate made here places the number of Belgian homes destroyed or as badly damaged as to be uninhabitable at one million.

A row of hotels along the beach at the resort fly the Red Cross flag. Brussels, the deserted capital, has been spared destruction, but its industries are shut down. Lace workers are being fed at soup kitchens. The stores have no food to sell, and the public has no money to buy, if opportunity offered. Members of noble families have discharged their servants and joined the bread line.

The fear is commonly expressed that the city, with its famous buildings, will be destroyed either by attack or by the Germans themselves, should they be compelled to retire. Everywhere one hears stories of buildings having been mined with a view to blowing them up in the event that the city cannot be held.

German money is in general use. Military proclamations in all the store windows announce that the mark, approximately 25 cents, must be accepted. Brussels has no postal communication, except with Germany. Everything is censored. No railways are being operated in central Belgium. Most of the lines are without bridges. The canals are the only means for the shipment of freight.

Brave Belgian Women Work in Fields to Ward off Starvation.

It is estimated by Belgians here that one-fifth of the Belgians remaining in the country have employment of some sort. These include farm owners and lessees.

The beet crop has been ruined by the armies and the sugar and beet factories are closed. There are no horses or other equipment for harvesting, or tractors to move the small amount of beets that have survived the devastation of war, and few able-bodied men to assist the brave women who are endeavoring to ward off starvation by gathering what little remains of the crops in the field.

Antwerp's diamond cutters are all in the army. Malines tapestry factories are in ruins. Many cotton mills are in ashes, and those that still stand are closed. All universities and schools have been abandoned. Nearly all the physicians are at the front, or serving

ANOTHER BASE FOR SUBMARINES OF GERMANS

Borkum Island, in North Sea, to be Fortified with 42-Centimetre Guns.

MILLION IN CHINA IN DANGER FROM FLOODS

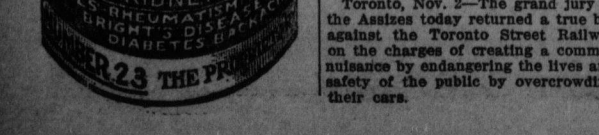
Washington, Nov. 2.—Official despatches received from the American legation at Peking today reported that the flood in the Hual River district in China was spreading, and that a million people were affected by it. No details were given.

JAPS CONTINUE THE ATTACK ON KIAO-CHOW

Peking, Nov. 2.—A wireless despatch received from Tseung Tau, the fortified position in the German territory of Kiao-Chow, says the general attack by the Japanese continues. No details as to how the fighting are transmitted.

STREET RAILWAY INDICTED FOR OVERCROWDING CARS

Toronto, Nov. 2.—The grand jury in the Assizes today returned a true bill against the Toronto Street Railway on the charges of creating a common nuisance by endangering the lives and safety of the public by overcrowding their cars.



NORTH SEA CLEARLY A MILITARY AREA

Merchant Vessels Take Risks Owing to Mines Placed by Belligerent Powers.

London, Nov. 2, 11.15 p. m.—The entire North Sea has been declared a military area, and merchant vessels entering it will be exposed to the gravest dangers from the mines which it has been necessary to lay, and from the warships which are searching vigilantly by night and day for suspicious craft.

This action has been taken as a reply to the laying of mines by the Germans in the waters north of Iceland. The secretary of the Admiralty tonight made the following announcement of the virtual closing of the North Sea to traffic:

"During the last week the Germans have scattered mines indiscriminately in the open sea on the main trade route from America to Liverpool, via the north of Ireland."

"Peaceful merchantships have already been blown up with loss of life by this agency. The White Star liner Olympic escaped disaster by pure good luck and but for warnings given by British cruisers other British and neutral merchant and passenger vessels would have been destroyed."

"These mines cannot have been laid by any German ship of war. They have been laid by some merchant vessel flying a neutral flag which has come along the trade route as if for purposes of peaceful commerce and, while profiting to the full by the immunity enjoyed by neutral merchant ships, has wantonly and recklessly endangered the lives of all who travel on the sea."

"In these circumstances, having regard to the great interests entrusted to the British navy to the safety of peaceful commerce on the high seas and to the maintenance within the limits of international law of trade between neutral nations, the Admiralty feel it necessary to adopt exceptional measures, appropriate to the novel conditions under which this war is being waged."

Warning to Vessels.

"They, therefore, give notice that the whole of the North Sea must be considered a military area. Within this area merchant shipping of all kinds, including all countries, fishing craft and all other vessels, will be exposed to the gravest dangers from mines which it has been necessary to lay, and from warships which are searching vigilantly by night and by day for suspicious craft."

"All merchant and fishing vessels of every description are hereby warned of the dangers they encounter by entering this area, except in strict accordance with admiralty directions. Every effort will be made to convey this warning to neutral searching and to vessels on sea, but from the fifth of November onwards, the admiralty announce that all ships passing a line drawn from the northern point of the Hebrides through the Faroe Islands to Iceland do so at their own peril."

"Ships of all countries wishing to trade to or from Norway, the Baltic, Denmark and Holland are advised to come, if inward bound, by the English Channel and the Straits of Dover. There they will pass their destination while we will pass them safely, so far as Great Britain is concerned, so far as the east coast of England to Farns Island, whence a safe route will, if possible, be given to Lindesnes Light-house."

"From this point they should turn north or south, according to their destination, keeping as near the coast as possible. The converse applies to vessels outward bound."

"By strict adherence to these routes the commerce of all countries will be able to reach its destination in safety so far as Great Britain is concerned, but any straying, even for a few miles, from the course thus indicated may be followed by fatal consequences."

CANADIAN SOLDIER PROVES A POET

Thomas Sharkey has received a letter from his son, Louis, now with his regiment at Salisbury Plains to which he encloses some lines written on board the "Scotian," whilst lying off Plymouth, by Private J. B. Rainford, Co. 12th Battalion, of this city. They are here reproduced.

There's a Canadian girl longing For her first contingent boy, We have come to fight for England, The land across the sea; We have come to fight for freedom, For peace and liberty. We have left our dear old Canada To fight against the foe; But we'll never forget the Maple Leaf, 'Till we see the stars in the sky.

There's a Canadian girl who's longing For her first contingent boy; There's a Canadian girl who's longing, Yet her heart is filled with joy. Where the St. John river is flowing, Where the maple trees are growing There's a Canadian girl who's longing For her first contingent boy. Where the pup and the bull dog breed, they say, And we will show the world they're right, As side by side with Britons, We'll march, and sing, and fight! We may not all come back home After the war is o'er, But those who do are sure to know That there is always an open door.

FIERCE ATTACKS ALONG ENTIRE BATTLEFRONT DEPULSED BY ALLIES

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Attacks also have been made along the entire battlefront as far east as the Vosges region, but, according to the French report, with the Germans having no more success than in the northwest.

The belief is growing here, and it also has been expressed by these returning from Belgium, that the Germans are making a last effort to get through to the coast and that if it fails they will fall back to positions which they have prepared in central Belgium.

Although the fighting is continuous on the East Prussian frontier, in Poland and in Galicia there is no important change in the situation and it is believed none is likely until the Russian armies come up with the Germans, which are retiring from Vistula toward Wartha river. On this river it is considered likely that another big battle will be fought.

The backbone of the rebellion in South Africa seems to be broken. Col. Maritz's commando in the northern Cape Province has been completely defeated. Several of the raiders and most of their men have been captured. General Beyers is in flight, and General DeWet has opened negotiations for surrender, it is said.

"During the last week the Germans have added three more British steamers to her list of capture in the Atlantic, one of them, the Vandyc, being a vessel of about ten thousand tons. There were reports today of naval activity in the Straits of Dover. A despatch from Dover said a British torpedo boat destroyer was observed to be in action, apparently against a German submarine."

SERVIAN MINISTER QUILTS TURKISH CAPITAL.

Constantinople via Amsterdam to London, Nov. 2, 11.50 p. m.—The Servian Minister will leave Constantinople tonight or tomorrow.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS RUSSIA

Petrograd, Nov. 2.—The following report from the general staff of the Russian commander-in-chief was made public here tonight:

"On the front in Eastern Prussia our troops have repulsed German attacks directed against Vladimir, driven the enemy from the eastern edge of the Rominten forest and advanced to the north of Lake Raigorod."

"Beyond the Vistula our troops continue the offensive, without being opposed. Only in the region of Opatow the Austrians attempted to resist us with considerable forces. They were repulsed. Beyond the Opatow river the Austrians held a fortified position."

"In Galicia, on the San river, our troops entered the village of Nisko, where fierce fighting took place."

"On the rest of the front the situation is virtually unchanged."

FRANCE

Paris, Nov. 2 (11.15 p.m.)—The following official communication was issued by the French war office this evening:

"Between the North Sea and the Oise the attacks made today by the Germans have been less violent than those of yesterday."

"In our attacks on Ypres further ground has been gained and Meines has been occupied by us."

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Large Order Received at Ottawa from Russia Government Will be Divided Among Canadian Firms.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Nov. 2.—In addition to the numerous larger contracts for the British and French governments that have lately been awarded in Canada, the government has received a large order for saddles for the Russian government. The order will be divided among the Canadian firms capable of doing the work with necessary dispatch. No definite number of saddles is mentioned, which is taken to mean Russia will take every saddle it is possible for Canada to manufacture immediately.

DIED.

HALPIN—Suddenly at Calgary, Alta., on October 31st, Patrick James Halpin, third son of John and Catherine Halpin, leaving his wife, one son, father and mother, one brother and two sisters to mourn their loss. Notice of funeral hereafter.

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BELGIAN CONSUL AT OTTAWA GIVES FINE EXAMPLE OF HEROISM

Lost Property in Belgium, and Salary Cut Off, but Works for Distressed Countrymen Forgetting His Own Losses.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Nov. 2.—While Canada generally has been giving of her store to assist the brave Belgians who have endured and suffered, and many of whom are now refugees in foreign lands, it has been forgotten, save by a few, that there is in Canada a Belgian who is suffering with never a whisper of his need. Hon. Maurice Goor, the Belgian consul general, to Canada has had to read of the total destruction of his property in beautiful Louvain, and of the loss of almost everything he possessed in his native Belgium. More than that his salary is now a thing of the past.

He has handed on forwarded to the Belgian refugees the donations of money, food and clothing. Did he give a hint of his own predicament, this stranger in a strange land? Not a word, not a sign.

The situation dawned, however, upon the wife of one of the cabinet ministers, a lady who commands the respect of the community for the usefulness and energy she has displayed in the interests of the common weal, and who has been especially active in awakening the neighborly spirit of Canadians for the stricken Belgians.

She learned that M. Goor was an authority upon military affairs, and that if his services could be procured for Canada, even with just a portion of his busy time, this country would benefit. It may be expected, therefore, that very shortly the government will be able to announce that the valuable services of the Belgian consul have been secured.

STUDENTS GOING TO WAR WILL RECEIVE DEGREES WITHOUT EXAMINATIONS

Montreal, Nov. 2.—Students in their first year in medicine at McGill University who are accepted for active service in the Army Medical Corps will receive their degrees without examination on their return from the war, so the medical faculty decided today.

Some time ago the Faculty of Arts in McGill passed a similar resolution with reference to the arts students in their final year.

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Commander-in-Chief Charge Situation to Russia? Ambassador at as to Terms Black Sea AF

Washington, Nov. 2.—was proclaimed by G throughout Egypt. An cation by the British. faires at Cairo was deli erican diplomatic agents.

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Paris, Nov. 2.—The announcement given on afternoon says that yest man attack in the P particularly between Di Lya, continues with gr spite of the forest of enemy in this region the slight progress.

The text of the com lows: "On our left wing the sive continued yestera same violence in Belgi north of France, partic Dismude and the Lys, in spite of attacks and on the part of the Ger slight progress on all front, excepting at the in spite of the forest of by the allied troops.

"The enemy undert movement against Arras. This resulted did other movements and Lequesnoy at Sante

"On the centre, in the Alsne, we made slight direction of Tracy-L north of the forest of as at certain points of of the Alsne between Soissons.

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Csarowitz, the capital.

FRENCH AT

Bruxelles, Nov. 2 (4 French government h following note concern of Turkey:

"The French govern on several occasions r ches of neutrality by in the conduct of the naval authorities in Germany. An ever b ber of positions has b German officers. The and munitions from G welcome given to the and Goeben justly arri government."

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