

TERRIFIC BATTLE IS IMMINENT ON THE EASTERN FRONT British Continue Advance on Somme Front, Making Further Progress

GREATEST BATTLE IN HISTORY OF WORLD IS ABOUT TO BE STAGED

Eastern Front Will Soon be Scene of Terrific Encounter Between Teuton Forces and Russian Army, Which Has Already Gained Considerable Ground in That Region

By Courier Leased Wire.
New York, Oct. 21.—The London correspondent of the Tribune cables as follows:

The greatest battle in the world's history is about to be staged on the eastern front, in the opinion of high military officials here. After months of manoeuvring, nearly seven millions of men have come to grips along the almost unbroken front from Riga to the Danube. Hand to hand fighting of the most violent character is going on on the whole length of the 900 mile line. The next three weeks will probably see the climax of this struggle.

So far there is no inclination of a definite result, though the Russians unquestionably are slowly gaining ground. The chief Russian movement seems to aim at the envelopment of Hallez from the north, and the cutting of Teuton lines of communications between that stronghold and Lemberg. That the attack of the Czar's troops are succeeding in slashing the enemy's defenses at

some points is indicated in no uncertain manner by the sudden and hurried transfer of the German third guards division to the Hallez sector from Lemberg; where they have hitherto been held in reserve. In Volhynia the Russians have made a dent in the enemy's line near Czerny, fifteen miles southeast of Kovel. The German guards were hurled at the Russians to-day and succeeded in wresting away an important height on the west bank of the Narochka. More than 2,000 Russians were taken prisoner. Observers here lay emphasis on the value of the severe Russian winter to the Czar's troops. This period will prove, as it has proved in the past, of immense value to the Russians and of little value to the Teutons. For the Russians it means the accumulation of great shells supplies and the training of new armies of reserves. It means that when warm weather returns the Czar's troops will be ready for another supreme effort that will tax the enemy to the uttermost.

Serbs Continue Their Advance

By Courier Leased Wire.
Paris, Oct. 21.—Noon.—The official account of operations on the Macedonian front issued here to-day say that the Serbian forces which crossed the Cerna River, thrusting back the Bulgarians and capturing several villages, are continuing the offensive movement and have made further progress.

County Council Closes Session

Reports Submitted, Contracts Awarded; Other Business Transacted.

The final session of the County Council was held yesterday afternoon in their chambers at the Court House. The reports of the different committees were read and a list of accounts passed.

The committee of education advised that the accounts of the Brantford Collegiate Institute and the Par's High School be held over for further investigation.

Owing to the fluctuating prices of staples, tenders for coal supplies were not plentiful, but the following contracts for fall supplies were awarded:

Groceries—A. Coulbeck; meats. (Continued on page twelve.)

GERMANY NOW PLAYS HER LAST CARD, IS VERDICT OF THE WORLD

Another Hun War Credit

By Courier Leased Wire.
Amsterdam, Oct. 20, via London, Oct. 21.—Advices received here from Berlin are to the effect that a bill will be presented in the Reichstag to-day, Saturday, asking for a new war credit of 12,000,000,000 marks.

Falkenhayn's Terrific Offensive Carried on Against Roumanian Forces in Transylvania—Repulse There Means Thorough Defeat of Germany

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Oct. 21.—(New York Sun cable)—Von Falkenhayn's offensive against the Roumanians in Transylvania, is believed to be Germany's last card, says the Times correspondent at Bucharest, under Tuesday's date. If after being checked on all other fronts, they are repulsed here, their whole game can be considered lost, he writes.

"Near Rucaru, where the Teutons were six miles within Roumania, the Roumanians have taken a strong defensive and now are holding their own. At some points they have taken the offensive, as at the Otzo pass, where the enemy has been repulsed over the frontier. Also in the Buzex valley, the Roumanians are again attacking.

"Elsewhere the Roumanians are resisting strong attacks and are counter-attacking steadily. At many points positions are changing hands several times daily."

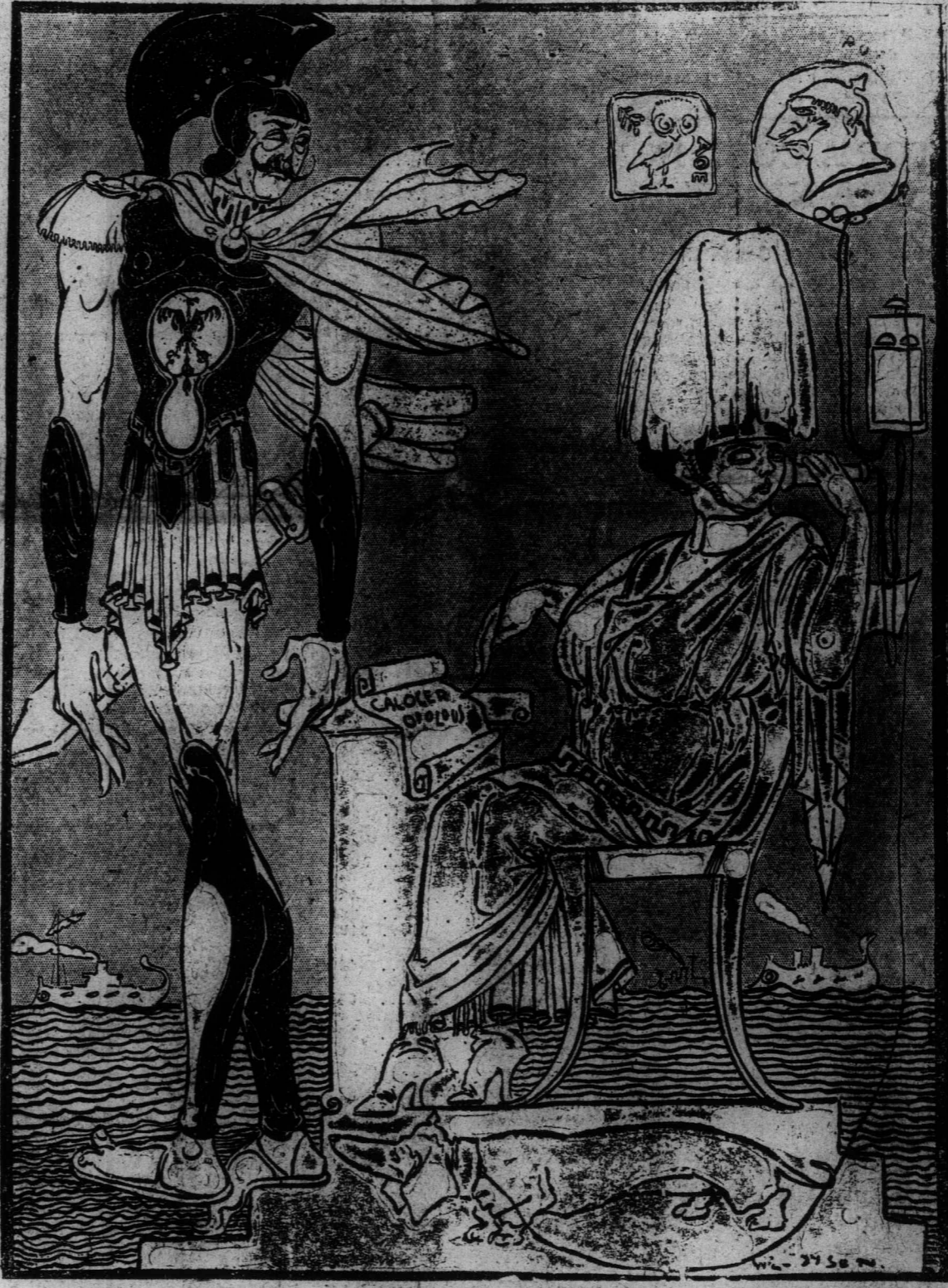
German Honor and Liberty

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Oct. 21.—A Central News despatch from Amsterdam to-day says:

Emperor William in a speech to the troops on the western front, after commemorating the dead, said: "But we who are living will fight further until nobody will ever again to assault the honor and liberty of the German people."

The Emperor, adds the despatch, said he hoped God would be with the Germans in the fighting.

THE DILEMMA OF THE MODERN THEMISTOCLES.



"Constantine (in the words of Themistocles, according to Plutar ch) 'The Athenians govern Greece, a govern the Athenians. You, my wife, govern me—and your brother governs you.'—London Chronicle.

PTE. F. E. SMITH DEAD OF WOUNDS

Was Reported Wounded Yesterday—G. Raymond Is Wounded.

Pte. F. E. Smith
A telegram received last night by Corpl. Jos. W. Smith of the 215th battalion, conveyed the sad news that his brother, Pte. Francis Edward Smith, of the 19th battalion, had died of the wounds from which he was previously reported suffering. Pte. Smith, whose home is at 23 Brighton Row, was formerly employed as a builder, being unmarried and 23 years of age. He served for a month in the 32nd battery, and enlisted in November, 1914, leaving the city with the active service quota of the Dufferin Rifles which became attached to the 19th battalion.

Pte. G. Evans
One of the city's best known young athletes and sportsman is today reported in the person of Pte. George (Bike) Evans of the 19th battalion. He is wounded for the second time, having also sustained injuries last January. At the time of his enlistment in November of 1914, he was 30 years of age, unmarried, and had to his credit eight years' service in the Dufferin Rifles.

Pte. G. Raymond
Word was received this week by Postmaster W. G. Raymond that his eldest son Gladstone, of the 58th battalion had been slightly wounded in the recent fighting. His many friends will be pleased to hear that his injuries are only slight. A brother, Sergt. Jack Raymond, is with the 125th battalion.

Sergt. F. Hetherington.
Mrs. Hetherington, who resides at 9 Maple Avenue, received word to-day that her son, Sergt. Fred Hetherington, had been wounded and is now in hospital. He was drafted to the 4th Battalion, Fred, who was employed as a machinist at the Wat-

SIR WILFRED DECLINES

To Accept Invitation of Premier Borden.

Will Not Participate in a Joint National Committee, as Suggested.

Ottawa, Oct. 21.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has refused to participate in the work of the National Service. His action means that the proposal of the conference of Directors of National Service for the formation of a joint Parliamentary Committee to issue a call to the manhood of Canada in support of the war cannot be carried out.

Sir Wilfrid's Reply.
Sir Wilfrid Laurier's letter to the Prime Minister, dated October 19, reads: "Dear Sir Robert Borden—On receiving Monday last, the 16th inst. your letter of the previous Saturday, transmitting to me the proposal of the directors of national service for the formation of a Parliamentary National Service Committee to assist in the co-ordinated to them, you ask me to co-operate with you in the formation of such a committee, and you add that during last session you made me a suggestion on similar lines. As to the letter observation I must say at once that your suggestion must have been a very casual one, in the course of conversation on other matters, for I have no recollection whatever of it. As to your present proposal, it seemed to me indispensable that I should acquaint myself of the exact powers and duties assigned to the directors of national service as defined in the order-in-Council creating the service, and I at once caused a search to be made for it in the file of the Canada Gazette. The search satisfied me that it had not been published and on Tuesday I asked you for a copy which I received the same day, and I think I ought to reproduce it here in its entirety."

"The letter here contains the text of the order-in-Council as published some days ago, and proceeds: "It is obvious that under the provisions of national service is to find out the number of men who can be removed from the various industries, agricultural, manufacturing, mining, lumbering, fishing and others which are carried out in any locality within each district, and to provide that no person be allowed to enlist whose services would be of more value to the State in the employment in which he is now engaged."

"In that view it seemed to me that (Continued on Page 12)

Allies Thwarted Ambition of Greece by Their Action

Greece Planned Extension of Territory Along Asia Minor Coast Line, to the Ultimate Seizure of Constantinople—Action of Entente Forestalled Such a Project.

By Courier Leased Wire.
New York, Oct. 21.—A special to The Herald, from Paris says: "The secret back of the machinery in the Greek capital, which led to the taking of vigorous measures by the French commanders for the ultimate safety of the allied forces under General Sarrail, is for the moment the absorbing topic in diplomatic circles."

It is now known that on the day that the Italian contingent joined the expeditionary forces at Saloniki a new period of activity began among the pro-Russian cliques in Athens. Only prompt action recently prevented the plotting from coming to a head to the serious danger of the cause of the allies. The great aim and ambition of Greece was to gain territorial footing on the coast line of Asia Minor and the assertion of

eventual rights to Constantinople itself was put forth as the high demand from which a compromise could later could be made profitably for a minor concession of great value. The knowledge in Athens that because of the king all this ambition is now vain and likely to be forever sterile is the chief cause of the desperate effort to thwart the operations of allies in every possible way with the risk even of disrupting the kingdom of Greece, and seeing the nation torn again into factions. The allies have agreed that Smyrna is to be awarded to Italy in the settlement after the war, is now accepted in Athens as an established fact. The point has been the subject of rumors in well informed circles, but a cautious censorship in the allied countries kept it from public knowledge. Now allusions of a

Huns Confer on Food Problem

By Courier Leased Wire.
Berlin, Oct. 21, via London.—A conference in which all the leading ministers of the German federal states will participate, will be held in Berlin to-day. Invitations for the meeting will be issued by the Imperial Chancellor, Dr. Van Bethmann-Hollweg. The conference will deal with the food problems, mainly the question of providing the empire with potatoes for the winter.

CANDIDATES WHO FIGHT TO THE END WILL BE THE WINNERS OF PRIZES IN COURIER CONTEST

Candidates Must Remember That if They Fail and Do Not Win, They Have No One to Blame but Themselves

Things are beginning to wake up in the campaign department and candidates who up to this week have done very little are bringing in subscriptions in large numbers. This goes to show that there are still subscriptions to be procured. The candidates who are successful up until the end are the ones who will be the winners of the larger prizes.

There is not a candidate in the entire campaign who could not be the winner of the grand prize if he will make the best of his time. Why is it? Are the prizes not worth your effort? Can you make as much money in a few weeks in any other way? Some candidates at the beginning started in with a big rush, but the last few weeks they have seemed to fall by the wayside. What will the outcome be? This question is very simple to answer. They will lose and not win a big prize, if they win any. Who will be to blame? The candidate.

There has never been anything attempted in this part of Ontario that has attracted such universal attention as this gigantic campaign. The eyes of thousands of people are centered upon the outcome, and the one who has the honor of being this one will deserve credit. Who will it be? Your results to-night will tell.

To-night at 8 o'clock brings to a close the third vote offer. In the Courier "Everybody Wins" campaign and it behooves all candidates to be on time to-night with all their promises cashed as you will never again receive as many votes for a subscription. If after the votes are counted, you found out that you had lost the grand prize by only a few votes you would never forgive yourself for not putting forth a little more effort to-day while votes are so large. Do not blame the campaign department if you lose, as we have repeatedly told you to do your best to-night.

About Club Offer.

The club offer is without a doubt the best opportunity that you will have to put yourself in the lead. Take good advice and get in your best looks to-night. ARE YOU GOING TO BE A WINNER OR A LOSER?

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British Forces Make Gain in Their Drive on Bapaume

Activity of Artillery Is Continued Upon Somme Front—German Trenches Successfully Raided by British

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Oct. 21, 12.28 p.m.—The British on the Somme front have made additional headway in their push toward Bapaume along the main road from Albert, according to to-day's announcement by the War Office, which records a gain of ground near Butte de Warlencourt. The statement reads:

"During the night further progress was made in the neighborhood of Butte de Warlencourt. There was intermittent shelling by the enemy on our front north and south of the Ancre.

"We successfully raided enemy trenches south of Neuve Chapelle."

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commencing at 2:30 p.m., a quantity
of Household Furniture, also the
Real Estate, consisting of a red
brick cottage, parlor, dining room,
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NOTICE

The Council of the Township of
Brantford has appointed its Treasurer,
James A. Smith, to receive contribu-
tions from the residents of the Town-
ship for the British Red Cross.

As the need is great, the Councillors
trust that every person who can will
contribute generously and at once.

Dated this 17th day of October, 1916.

MORGAN E. HARRIS,
Reeve.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Toronto, Oct. 21.—The weather is
dispersing to the northwest of
the great lakes. Rain has been
general from Ontario to the
Maritime Provinces. Snow is
falling this morning near
Lake Superior and in Mani-
toba.

FORECASTS

December 21st
Slightly cloudy, with
partly fair and cooler. Sunday—
Fresh westerly winds, mostly cloudy
and cool.

"Zimmie"