

War News.

Messages Received
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GENERAL HAIG'S OFFICIAL REPORT.

LONDON, Oct. 20. General Sir Douglas Haig has sent a report on the operations which have been in progress since the end of September. He says the British forces have advanced well beyond the crest of the main ridge from Thierval to Sully-Sallissel. From the line thus held, according to the report, the ground slopes gently to a shallow valley, running northwest from near Sully-Sallissel to about two thousand yards south of Bapaume, where it turns westward and joins the valley of the Ancre at Mirsaumont. From the main Thierval-Morval ridge a series of long, well-marked spurs run down to the valley described above. The most important of the series is a hammer headed spur immediately west of Flus, at the western extremity of which stands a tannery called Butte de Warlencourt, lying across the main trend of the ridge. Another well-marked spur runs from Morval north towards Thierval, passing a thousand yards east of Gueudecourt. Behind this spur lies the German first position, to get within assaulting distance of which it was necessary to carry Le Sars and these two spurs. These were held as intermediate positions by the Germans, every advantage being taken of sunken roads, buildings and the undulating nature of the country. On Sept. 29th, continues the report, we carried Despoment Farm, just three miles north of the Albert-Bapaume road. On the afternoon of October 1st we advanced our line on a front of three thousand yards, occupying the buildings of Eaucourt Labbaye, fourteen hundred yards

Southeast of Le Sars.
The struggle in this neighborhood continued with great severity during the night and early in the morning. On the afternoon of the 7th, in conjunction with the French on our right, we attacked on a wide front between the Albert-Bapaume road and Les Boeufs. We drove the enemy from Le Sars and the near-lying positions also east and west of that village, after severe fighting between Gueudecourt and Les Boeufs we forced our way forward 600 to 1,000 yards. The period since that date has been occupied in winning grounds between Le Sars and Les Boeufs up to the slopes of the low ridges already mentioned. In the area between Thierval and Le Sars we made steady progress, and gradually won a series of strong positions. The fighting has been heavy and prolonged. The enemy resisted stubbornly until surrounded in one place after another, and a large number of prisoners had fallen into our hands. During this period we had to repel repeated counter attacks. Generally these were stopped by our artillery and machine gun fire. Outside the Somme battle front, our troops have shown great activity. In trench conflicts between Ypres and Loos, over sixty raids were carried out, in which we secured many prisoners and inflicted heavy casualties. The captured during a fortnight bring the total number of prisoners in the Somme battle since the beginning of July, to 28,918, and in the action of October 7th, one division alone which previously had many days of hard fighting, took eight officers and 474 men of other ranks.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.
LONDON, Oct. 20. Last evening Staff and Schwaben redoubts were heavily shelled by the enemy. During the night two small raids were carried out against the enemy's trenches in the neighbourhood of Loos.

KING CONSTANTINE.
LONDON, Oct. 20. King Constantine of Greece, in an interview with the British Minister at Athens, complained bitterly of the action of the Allies in recognizing the provisional government at Salonika. According to an Athens despatch to the Daily Mail, the King told the Minister that as the Allies had deprived

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him of all power, they had better address their proposals to Venizelos. The Monarch made certain proposals which the British diplomat considered of no importance, and he recommended Constantine to change his entire policy.

HEAVY FIGHTING; STRUGGLE SEVERE.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 20.
Heavy fighting continues in Volynia and Galicia, but no important changes are recorded in an official statement issued to-day. The struggle is severe north of Kiaschina, on the front northwest of Lutsk. North of Kurapatinka the Germans are attacking fiercely, but the statement says they have gained no advantage.

GERMAN-BULGAR LOSSES.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 20.
An announcement of the inauguration of an offensive movement in Eastern Roumania by the army of Field Marshal Von Makenzen, was made by the war office, which said, the German-Bulgars suffered great losses. The battle continues.

FORCE BACK ROUMANIANS.

BUCHAREST, Oct. 20.
Bulgarian and German forces in Dobruja have taken the offensive along the whole front. They have forced back the Roumanians' left wing, the war office announced to-day.

ITALIANS OCCUPY TOWN.

ROME, Oct. 20.
Italian forces have occupied the town of Laskovika on the southeastern frontier of Albania, the war office announced to-day.

SUCCESS OF RUSSIAN TROOPS IN PERSIA.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 20.
Successes for the Russian troops in Persia are reported in to-day's war office announcement as follows: On the Russian-Caucasus front of Persia our patrols conducted gallant reconnoitering operations on Bivdar. In the same neighborhood near Dambor Pass they successfully attacked a long transport caravan and captured a large number of horses and arms.

HINDENBURG AND THE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 20.
According to the Berlin newspaper, Germania, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has at last come out solidly against a more ruthless submarine

campaign. The Germania says that at last Saturday's sitting of the independent Committee for German peace terms Privy Councillor Duleberg appeared before the committee, saying that he came in an official capacity, as envoy of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg. He added that the Field Marshal requested the committee to abandon all agitation for a more ruthless prosecution of the submarine campaign.

LIBERAL MEMBER TO APPEAR IN POLICE COURT.

LONDON, Oct. 20.
It is announced that Joseph King, Liberal member of a Parliament for North Somerset, will appear in Bow Street Police Court to-day to answer a charge made under the Defence of the Realm Act. He has always been a strong peace advocate. Since the outbreak of war, King, in the House of Commons, has made several attacks on the Government, questioning it concerning its actions.

CECIL REPLIES TO LYNCH.

LONDON, Oct. 20.
During the late hours of the session of the Commons last night, Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of War Trade, replied vigorously to a speech in which Col. Arthur Lynch, Nationalist, had criticized the Government's policy in the Balkans and Greece. Col. Lynch asked whether any outside influence had been allowed to affect British policy. This reference, which apparently was to former friendship between the royal families, provoked the prompt retort from Lord Robert Cecil that it would be impossible at this stage and under present circumstances to enter into discussion of what we or our allies have said or are going to say about Greece in reference to the present crisis in European affairs. As far as the strategy of the Balkans is concerned it has been guided exclusively by military considerations, and only those who had anything to say in deciding military movements, were the proper military advisers of the Government. The suggestion that any person, whether strictly a member of the Government or not, had used any influence to deflect the policy of this country from the principles of sound strategy, is absolutely baseless and utterly unworthy of this House.

ALL BUT TWO OF CREW SAVED.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.
The Cunard Line announced to-day that word had been received that all but two of the crew of the steamer *Albatross* were saved.

BRITISH TRANSPORTS SUNK.

BERLIN, Oct. 20.
Two armed British transports, *Crosshill* and *Sedel*, were sunk in the Mediterranean by German submarines last week, says an official issued by the German Admiralty on Oct. 18th. The German submarines, it is added, shelled factories and railroad near Catanzaro, in Calabria, Italy.

A Reasonable Request.

Following the plan adopted by the Canadian, Australian and New Zealand Governments in allowing the remaining members of their first contingents to go on active service to return home on a short furlough would it not be a good move if the Standing Committee of the Patriotic Association would interest themselves on behalf of the 40 or 50 men of the 1st Newfoundland Contingent now fighting in France or Flanders. These brave boys, who left comfortable homes, have gone forth to fight the battles of the Empire and for over two years have passed through some trying experiences in the Gallipoli Peninsula and France campaigns. It is not necessary for us to dwell on their qualifications as soldiers, it is sufficient to say: "They have borne the burden and heat of the day" and in doing so have done their work without complaint. The least we can do for them is to try and arrange to have them home for Christmas. As the number is not large there should not be much difficulty in carrying out the above suggestion. A number of parents of the brave boys in question have asked us to give publication to the foregoing request which we believe is only a reasonable one.

HERRING AT BONNE BAY.—There is a sign of herring at Bonne Bay, but the fishes have not struck in, in any great quantity yet. The herring fishery will be carried on in that section this fall very much under the Scotch method.



Published by Authority.

Under the provisions of "The War Measures Act, 1914," His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to order that the following Regulations shall come into effect as and from the 12th day of October instant.

JOHN R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary,
Dept. of the Colonial Secretary,
October 17th, 1916.

1. The Port and Harbor of St. John's is closed entirely to the entry of shipping at night, from nightfall on the 12th October, until further orders.

2. Lights will remain extinguished, until further notice, at Cape St. Francis, Cape Spear, Bull Head, Ferryland and Fermeuse, also the lights at Fort Amherst and the leading lights of St. John's.

3. No street or other outdoor lights shall be shown in the City of St. John's, or in or near any of the settlements in the Districts of St. John's East and West.

4. No lights shall be lit in any public building, shop or private residence in the Districts of St. John's East or West, except the windows in such public building, shop or residence are covered by suitable blinds or shades, or such lights are otherwise suitably obscured.

5. No lights shall be lit on board any vessel or boat in the Harbor of St. John's, unless suitably obscured.

6. No head lights shall be used on any motor car or motor cycle in or near the City of St. John's, or in or near any settlement in the District of St. John's East and West, or on any roads approaching St. John's or any of the said settlements, upon which lights may be visible at sea. Side lights on motor cars, motor cycles or vehicles of any description must be obscured, and shall not be of greater strength than five candle power.

7. It shall be the duty of the members of the Constabulary to see that these Regulations are strictly enforced, and all orders issued by them for their better observance shall be forthwith carried out.

8. It shall be the duty of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to see that these Regulations are observed on all shipping in the Harbor of St. John's, and all orders issued by him for their better observance shall be forthwith carried out.

9. Every person convicted of a violation of these Rules and Regulations before a Stipendiary Magistrate or a Justice of the Peace shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars, or in default of payment to imprisonment not exceeding three months.

Here and There.

FISH CARGOES ARRIVE.—A number of schooners arrived here yesterday from the northward and westward with cargoes of dry fish.

When you roll out the pie crust, add a half teaspoonful of vinegar and the crust will be light and flaky.

WESLEY CHURCH.—To-morrow evening the Pastor will preach on "The True Church, The Kingdom of God." Outport friends and visitors to the city will be given a real welcome.

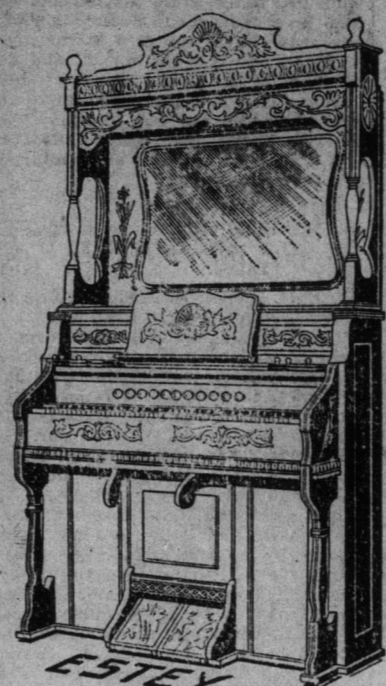
DIPHTHERIA SPREADING.—Two new cases of diphtheria were reported to the Health Officers yesterday. Both patients were removed to the fever hospital.

WITH THE VOLUNTEERS.—Owing to the unfavourable weather the volunteers were compelled to drill indoors yesterday. At night a firing squad visited the Highlanders Armory for rifle practice.

CLEVER PICTURES AT NICKEL THEATRE.

The charming programme at the Nickel Theatre, yesterday, attracted very large audiences both afternoon and evening, and all spoke in highest terms of the delightful show. "The Diamond from the Sky" was continued and was keenly watched. The chapter is entitled: "The Man in the Mask," and was very cleverly acted. Nell Craig and Bryant Washburn made a big hit in the clever three act drama entitled: "Once a Thief," which was splendidly staged. Henry King, the well known actor, starred in the delightful melo-drama "The Oath of Hate." Fay Tincher was the leading figure in the comedy, "Must Have Charms." Those who were unable to go yesterday should be sure and attend to-day.

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