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RIVE East of Ypres, on Front of More Than Eight Miles, Achieves All Objectives, Including Positions Described By Field Marshal Haig as of "Great Importance" --- Thousands of Germans Taken Prisoner in "Completely Successful Offensive."

British Hold Crest of Famous Ridge Against Fierce Attacks

LAURIER NOT TO RESIGN FORMIDABLE DEFENCES FALL GUTHRIE IS IN CABINET

Announcement of Dissolution of Parliament Follows Swearing in of South Wellington M.P. as Solicitor-General---Sir George Foster Likely to Succeed Lougheed in Senate---Conference With Western Liberals Today.

* Staff Reporter.

TTAWA, Oct. 4.—There was a crowd of newspapermen at the Central station this morning waiting for the Canadian Northern train from Toronto. Among the distinguished passengers who alighted were Lord Northcliffe, Sir William Mackenzle and Hon. Hugh Guthrie. The reporters let his lordship pass unchallenged, chatted for a few moments with William, and then followed fast upon the trail of Mr. Guthrie, which led to the Chateau Laurier.

Mr. Guthrie was non-committal about going into the cabinet, but his appearance, manner and careful toilet denoted that he had come to the capital on no common errand. He anxiously inquired about the reported resignation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and even after receiving a summons from the prime minister, delayed at the hotel for a final conference with Frank B. Carvell. It was more than suspected that Mr. Guthrie would decline to enter the Borden Government if assured that Sir Wilfrid had been displaced as leader of the Liberal party by Mr. Carvell.

Parliament Dissolved.

No such assurance apparently was given, and Mr. Guthrie hurried to the east block, where he was sworn in by His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, as solicitor-general. He was not sworn in as a privy councillor, and has, therefore, not obtained full cabinet rank. This, however, is said would have to live here all the year round in order to attend meetings of

the council, but as solicitor-general he can retain his home in Guelph, and only come to Ottawa for the sessions of parliament.

As soon as Mr. Guthrie was sworn in, the announcement was made that parliament was dissolved, altho the official proclamation will not appear until Saturday's issue of The Canada Gazette.

deorge Foster. Asked about the report. Sir George smilingly said that he had no hankering for the senate, and preferred his seat in the house of commons. He intimated, however, that he would cheerfully go to any post to which he might be assigned by the prime minister.

The parliament will be dissolved ermment on the defensive in a furious campaign, largely based upon the high cost of living.

Starting to Organize.

Sir Wilfrid returned late tonight from Montreal, but deckined to be interviewed. His day in the metropolis is thus described by The Montreal Star, which says: "While Sir Robert Borden is busy at Ottawa working out a serious campaign, largely based upon the high cost of living.

Respecting the rumored resignation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, The World is red by his private secretary, L. the amost universal impression at the capital. Some Liberals believe that the party would be better off with an English-speaking Protestant leader, but at the same time they recognized difficulties in the way of choosing at this late day a successor choosing at this late day a successor to the old chief. The Conservatives

This is practically the official record of the day. It is, however, settled beyond question that Sir George Perley will be appointed permanent high commissioner at London, and retire from parlament. His place as overseas minister of militia will be disintegration. A prominent Conservative M.P. took the opposite view. Servative M.P. took the opposite view. succeeded as government in the senate, by Senator ernment on the defensive in a furious

The parliament will be dissolved den is busy at Ottawa working out a Saturday, the writs for the election of a new parliament will not issue much before the last of October. The writs, of course, will contain the election date, which it is surmised will be late election organization of the Liberal to here. party. The Liberal chieftain is here today at the Windsor, receiving reports from the Liberal high command of this province."

Sticks to Guns. H. Giguere, that there is no truth in the report. That, indeed, seems to be the almost universal impression at in which he is engaged not being of the almost universal impression at in which he is engaged not being of

BRITISH CRUISER SUNK NINETEEN LIVES LOST

Drake Carrying Nine Hundred Men is Torpedoed Off North Coast of Ireland, But Reaches Harbor, Foundering in Shallow Water

London, Oct. 4.—The British cruiser Drake has been torpedoed and sunk, according to an admiralty announcement tonight.

The Drake was torpedoed Tuesday morning off the north coast of Ireland. She reached a harbor, but then sank in shallow water. One officer and eighteen men were killed by the explosion. The re-

mainder of the ship's company were saved.

The Drake was a vessel of 14,100 tons. She was built at Pembroke in 1901, and had a speed of 23 knots. Her complement was 900 men.

A sister ship of the Drake, the Good Hope, was sunk in the battle off Coronel, Chile, in 1914, with a loss of 887 men. The Drake was well known in eastern American waters, having several times visited the U.S. and Canadian ports. She was the flagship of the fifth cruiser squadron which attended the Hudson-Fulton celebration in New York in 1909.

and has, therefore, not obtained full cabinet rank. This, however, is said to be at Mr. Guthrie's own request. Were he a member of the cabinet he would have to live here all the year round in order to attend meetings of —British and Colomial Press Photo. FORMER FRENCH MINISTER FACES SERIOUS CHARGES Germans' crucially important line of defences along the Passchendaele-

> Accusations Against M. Malvy Say He Plotted surged forward over a wide front to Famous Pirate Craft Is Stranded After Destroying Three Ameri-can Schooners. With Enemy to Deliver French Plan of Washington, Oct. 4 .- Operations of Attack Ratified by War Council. German raiders in the southern Pa-

> > WASHINGTON TIGHTENS

cific were revealed tonight in a des-Paris, Oct. 4.—The chamber of de- tached to the ministry of the interior) patch to the navy department from puties assembled today and decided to was in the troubles of May." Tutuila, Samoan Islands, telling of the arrival there in an open boat of the take up immediately discussion of the chamber. case of Bolo Pasha, arrested on the "I will obey the will master of the missing American schooner C. Slade, with a story of how the famous See Adler had stranded on Mohav Island after destroying three American schooners, and how the crew of the raider had set out on further depredations on other cap-BRITISH IN PALESTINE Junction Effected is of Notable

Premier Painleve interrupted him tention as each new step in the in-New York, Oct. 4. - Interesting military possibilities in Palestine are forecast in advices from Mecca, as of having betrayed secrets to Ger- new facts involving new persons.

many during three years." reported in Arabic newspapers reaching New York, to the effect that the of the chamber. Arabs in Arabia, in revolt against the Turks, have effected a junction with tumult the premier continued: the British army in southern Pales-

creased headway when the latest British official statement regarding it,

"The letter," was shouted from all case of Bolo Pasha, arrested on the "I will obey the will of the house," charge of having conducted German said the premier, "but I must say that propaganda in France. Louis J. this letter is not addressed to me. In it M. Daudet affirms that with regard to M. Malvy and M. Leymarie ior, who resigned on account of press (former head of the Surete Generale), attacks against him in connection with the proofs of treason are superabun-exposures of German intrigues, said: dant. The letter cites two accusa-

"The president of the republic has tions, one concerning the attack on received a letter from Leon Deaudet the Chemin des Dames, the other re(leader of the Royalist Association and garding the troubles in May. It is editor of L'Action Francaise). This essential, the letter says, to deliver letter, reciting infamous calumnies M. Malvy immediately to military against me, has been transmitted to the premier, who has communicated it to me. I cannot accept this letter espionage cases closely bound up with it continue to absorb the public at-

saying: "The accusations against M. vestigation, which is being conducted Malvy are very grave. He is accused with vigor and despatch, brings out Bolo Pasha has been interrogated in There were loud cries from all parts his cell in the Fresnes prison infirmof the chamber.

In a voice which rose above the umult the premier continued: "M. of his lawyer, Jacques Bonzon. The Malvy is accused of having wished to newspaper reports of the interrogation enter the war council to deliver to the are studded with large blank spaces, German command the plan of attack the censorship having forbidden the upon the Chemin des Dames. M. publication of the details of the pro-Daudet declared that the hand of the ceedings and the text of cablegrams Surete Generale (political police at- and letters connected with the case.

Positions Along Passchendaele-Gheluvelt Ridge of Crucial Importance to Germans Are Car ried in Irresistible Onsweep Following Intense Barrage---British Penetrate to Depth of Mile at Some Points---Prisoners Taken More Than Three Thousand.

ONDON, Oct. 4.—Thousands of prisoners have been taken by British in the new drive which was begun this morning east of Ypres, in Flanders. All the objectives of the British were won, including positions characterized by Field Marshal Haig's report from headquarters tonight as "of great importance."

The text of the report from British headquarters in France tonight

"Our attack this morning was launched on a front of over eight miles, from south of Tower Hamlets to the Ypres-Staden railway, north of Langemarck, and has been completely successful. All our objectives have been gained; positions of great importance have been won, and over 3,000 German prisoners have already reached the collecting stations.

"We are now in possession of the main ridge up to a point 1,000 yards north of Broodseinde."

Tonight's Associated Press report
from the British front in France and
Belgium says: The trial of strength
among the strongholds comprising the
Germans' crucially important line of Gheluvelt ridge das renewed again

at dawn today when the British again the east and northeast of Ypres. Within a few hours great success had already been recorded thruout the

BEFORE HAIG'S SUDDEN BLOW

zone involved At some places the British had had overrun the crest of the ridge, which the Germans had held so long. Hundreds of Germans were surren-

dering at an early hour. ing troops are battling forward with-in a snort distance of Poelcapelle; they have got a footing on the famous armies to dislodge him. It has been graven stafel ridge, which juts out the past few weeks of bitter fighting. and they have crashed their way thru the blood-drenched Zonnebeke-Broodseinde ridge, which forms an integral part of the Passchendaele-Gheluvelt

Fierce Counter-attacks. Between the Village of Broodseinde, on the north, and Noordenhoek, a mile to the south, at an early hour they were holding to the crest of the ridge itself in the face of heavy counter-

attacks from the desperate enemy. Some had penetrated well beyond the hamlet of Broodseinde, in which lie the crossroads formed by the highways between Zonnebeke and Moors-lede and Passchendaele and Bece-

Charge Thru Mist.
Everywhere the British arms have done splendidly in the opening hours of the offensive, which is one of the most pretentious attempted along this front. The attack was launched at mist. There had been a slight drizzle during the night which caused some anxiety to the British observers. But the threatened heavier rain held off which lies about four miles to the west RING AROUND GERMANY and the prospects were little damaged. of it.

A tremendous barrage preceded the Drastic Action of Exports Board Cuts Off Enemy infantry into the enemy country, leaving a trail of death and devastation behind it. As this terrifying deluge portions of the ridge or pushed their behind it. As this terrifying deluge to the British have either taken over portions of the ridge or pushed their successive thrusts recently the British have either taken over behind it. As this terrifying deluge to the behind it is common lines abstence.

the battle near Zonnebeke. Three west, a long arm known as Graven-German divisions had been ordered to stafel ridge, within which lies a hill retake the line the British captured called Abraham Heights and the Vilhere last week. The attack was set lage of Gravenstafel. All this area for 6 o'clock. The Germans were has been strongly held by the Gercaught in the British barrage as they were preparing to push forward, and lost grievously. Once before, in Aug-In making known the decision today, standing has been that the neutrals Germans planned an attack at the same hour, and Canadian troops going over the top and advancing mans moving toward them in the thick haze, and a few minutes later the Germans were making their last

> The left wing of the British offensive today was heavily shelled by

stand on the parapet of their

invaluable territory, and determined counter-attacks are expected.

Ridge a Barrier. The Passchendaele-Gheluvelt ridge. which makes its sinuous way in a northeasterly direction from the oli Ypres salient, has been a vital de-fence of the Germans in this section of the western front. It has been a barrier between the British and occupenetrated to a depth of a mile and pied Belgium. Beyond it can be seen the overrup the crest of the ridge bert's prisoner subjects.

For nearly three years-up to the beginning of the battle of Flanders, July 31—the enemy had sat in his strongholds along the crest of this elevation and defied the British armies to dislodge him. It has been shows that it was not invulnerable Each thrust by the British brought them nearer to this great gateway to the rolling plains of occupied Beigium.

Tower Hamlets, Glencorse Wood, Polygon Wood, and numerous positions which formed part of the Passchendaele-Gheluvelt chain, havo been torn from the enemy and have been held in the face of bitter counter-attacks. Today the British again reaching out for more of the crucial points.

Gradual Undulations.

The Passchendaele-Gheluvelt elevation at its highest point is not more recently given their lives to swell the than 200 feet above sea level, and toll claimed by the British artillery. the approach to the crest are gradual Further south, Cameron Covert, undulations in most places. As a mat which has been the scene of so much ter of fact, it is really composed of a hard fighting, had been left well in series of ridges and hills. There is a Passchendaele ridge proper, upon which stands the town of the same name. Below this is Broodseinde ridge and still lower down Gheluvelt. From the Village of Passchendaele it stretches in a southwesteriy diresix o'clock under heavy clouds and tion towards the old salient in long

of the enemy rushed forward in many north as Zonnebeke, which lies just way forward to the lower slopes as far places and raised their hands in token under the crest. Above Zonnebeke the ridge takes a turn to the northeast. ing in much more rapidly and in while the British line has gone well greater numbers than in the last push. Lack to the northwest. A portion of Advancing Foe Slaughtered. the ridge between Zonnebeke and Pas-There was an unusual feature in schendaele thrusts out towards the

Scene of Desolation. In the days before the war the Passchendaele-Gheluvelt ridge was covered with prosperous farms and dotted here and there with picturesque bits of forest. Now it lies bare and desolate, its earth churned up by tens of thousands of great shells, which the British artillery has been hurling upon it for weeks.

The correspondent has been close to the German front in this zone. Everywhere it is the same. Hardly a yard of ground remains that is not pitted with huge craters surrrounded by piles of earth. Little forests have

(Concluded on Page 7, Column, 3).

FOE'S TACTICS DESIGNED TO COVER BIG RETREAT

Significance of Persistent Futile Attacks Along British Front Discussed at Washington---Evidence Accumulates That German Morale is Crumbling.

army officers have been watching crash. with intense interest the situation on nunched today by the British.

the development of some important positions. cost until winter comes to the

rs who think the German accovered a withdrawal to and strengthen the lines and e strain on the army expect and the German divisions thru

the western front, which apparently the Germans to be surrendering by reaching a climax in the great drive hundreds. This may mean deterior ation of morale to such an extent that From the many reports indicating the rearguard will rain in the newly-chosen and spell disaster to the newly-chosen

ent, coupled with the contin- | Some observers are to be found tal futile attacks of the Germans along here who believe that the German he British front, some military ob-berrers here have become convinced that the Teutons were covering a withdrawal of their line. Other the expressions of prisoners captured however, believe that the by the allies; the youth of prisoners high command has been hurl- and the repeated failure of German men at the enemy with the attacks during the last few weeks to to check an advance, deter-to hold its present lines at

ficers believe a definite ascendancy (Concluded on Page 11, Column 6).

QUEBEC CITY GOES DRY.

parently will have to cope not only with the British on the south and west, but with the Arabs on the south Washington, Oct. 4.—American built against which the offensive will certed action by the combined forces DEATH OF GUYNEMER

Hugh Gutarie, Liberal M. P. for

IN SOUTHERN PACIFIC

South Wellington, who enters union-

HUN RAIDERS OPERATE

REVOLTING ARABS JOIN

Importance, as Regards

Syria's Occupation.

The Arab revolt was making in-

issued on August 22, reported its progress. Already a considerable section

of the Hedjaz railway, running paral-

lel with the Red Sea coast northward

from Medina, had fallen under Arab

It is pointed out that the reported

Arab junction with the British whose

advance in Palestine is now in the vicinity of Gaza, is likely to prove of

notab'e importance as regards the oc-cupation of Syria. With the close of

the hot, rainless summer, samraigning is again possible and the Turks ap-

OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED Aviator Was Buried With Military Honors in Poelcapelle Cemetery.

Faris, Oct. 4.- The death of Captain George Guynemer, the famous French aviator, has now been definitely confirmed. Information receive can ports. ed by the Red Cross says Guynemer wen shot thru the head, north of Poelcapelle, on the Ypres front. He was identified by a photograph on his pilot's license found in his pocket. In view of these developments of- The aviator was buried with military honors in the Poelcapelle cemetery.

THE NEW STETSONS.

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From Getting Food Thru Neutrals.

many from the outside world was taken today by the American Govern- in a statement accompanying the ment in deciding to refuse coal to neu- announcement the exports tral ships carrying supplies from makes it clear that the present abso-Southern America to the northern neutrals is not necessarily permanet, European neutral countries unless and that a final decision as to a policy their cargoes are inspected in Ameri- will not be made until information

the exports administrative board an- will be fed, bu that they will receive nounced that it would apply provi- no more supplies than actually are newhich gives the government the same ward until proper assurances are resupervision over bunkers it has ceived as to neutral exports to Gerover the exportation of goods gener- many.

The step was taken with the ap-A shipment of new Stetson hats provant of all the allies, who will co-

Washington, Oct. 4.-A final move to neutrals, which was designed to prevent supplies from reaching Ger- strengthen the embargo already put into force by the United States. Situation Glear.

lute embarge against the European as to the neutral's actual requirevisions of the exports control act, cessary, and that none will go for-

Some Latin American countries are exporting freely to the European neutrals. In deciding to cut off bunker