

CANADIANS' GREAT WORK ON FRIDAY REVIEWED

Times' Cable Gives Story Of Stirring Combat

They Won High Praise

Battalions From Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario in — Commander Told Them Whole Plans Before Start of Battle

(Special Cable to Times by F. A. McKeen)

London, Oct. 29.—The Canadians have returned to the old battle ground and have successfully begun one of the crowning tasks of the war, a task such as should transform the outlook on the western front—the clearance of the famous Paschendale ridge, key to the entire German western Belgian position.

Recovery of this position will almost certainly mean reconquest of the entire western highlands of Flanders by the allies.

That "the army which holds Paschendale holds Belgium," may not be so true today as in Napoleon's time, but the army which holds the ridge works on heights with its enemies working in winter mud below; its guns command extensive Belgian plains and keep under its command a country half way across the Dutch frontier.

Last Friday's battle was of special interest to every Canadian because it was fought on practically the same line

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as the beginning of the battle of St. Julien, two and a half years ago. One battalion fought on Friday upon the same line as it fought on then and its former colonel was the divisional general commanding it, while, as everyone knows, another St. Julien commander today commands our corps.

Friday's battle was part of a big move along a stretch of the French-British front. We hear more echoes of what happened elsewhere of the triumphs of the Anzacs supporting us on one flank, of great deeds of the naval division, of the advancing imperials. The French at one point waded through mud up to their armpits to victory.

For two days before this the weather

promised to be ideal, drying winds sweeping over the country and everyone congratulated himself that weather had at last smiled on us. Then, a little while before the men went over the top a hurricane with rain broke.

The advance was prepared for by very heavy artillery which smashed up everything smashable and cleared the wire entanglements. The German position was one mass of shell holes surrounding their pill boxes. Great interest centred around these pill boxes, the Germans, realizing from results of our tremendous artillery fire earlier in the year that concentrated artillery fire makes it impossible to hold trenches against determined attacks in strength, have now almost ceased the old style of defensive warfare. They defend by areas, not trenches. Troops in these areas are protected by innumerable machine guns protected by many devices.

The forces hang on from one shell hole to another. Unable on the ridge, on account of the treacherous nature of the ground, to make a decisive advance, the Germans erected an enormous number of reinforced concrete buildings, from which they poured into the open to fight at the first sign of our advance. They were in machine gun emplacements sometimes holding six to eight guns each. These buildings are of concrete passages opening several hundred yards behind these buildings and are almost impervious even to the heavy artillery.

The Huns consider they made the defenses impregnable but our commanders worked out the difficulty ahead. Two other features in the German fighting were first a resolute attempt to hold the front line strongly; secondly a considerable increase in the number of machine guns. Examination of prisoners showed that machine gun companies were now enlarged from ten to fourteen large guns, an increase of forty per cent. Also a considerable increase in the number of machine guns. Our troops were fully taken into confidence before the battle. Their commander told them they were honored by the commander-in-chief by being selected for a hard job. They were told of the strictly fixed objective they had to take. The methods and difficulties were explained to them and they began the battle with eyes open, every man knowing his job.

I utter no formal praise when I say the Canadians never were fitter than today. The force has supreme confidence in its commander. It has had months of the severest grueling and most trying fighting, yet it comes up fresh, keen and resolute. The battalions chosen for attack were envied by the remainder. "We are living for tomorrow," said one commander to me a few hours before he entered the line.

The German position against which our operations were directed was one of the first part of Paschendale ridge. Bellevue spur, Hog's Back, a succession of ridges and hills. The countryside was little better than a desert. The trenches within the fighting zone were pitted with shell holes in which men, horses, weapons, soon were buried. The muddy spectacle, and great care was required to prevent the magazine sights being blocked. This was especially necessary for the tanks. The tanks were more upon rifles than hand grenades.

The Saskatchewan and Alberta battalions on the right quickly accomplished their tasks on Friday. They were to take the first part of Paschendale ridge, directly facing our line with some ridges to the left. Knowing their objective they nibbled at it for some days, making bit by bit so Friday morning came only a few hundred yards remained to be captured. They attained their objective with remarkable celerity although swept at one point by severe machine gun fire. I asked one officer who took part in the advance his story. There wasn't any story, he replied, "we just swept over them, our men in the experience advanced, the objectives and would gladly have gone much farther. All available information shows the losses at this point were amazingly small.

On our left central Ontario troops, aided by Manitobans found a much more formidable task. They were faced by hundreds of machine guns, and by cleverly contrived machine gun emplacements. A furious battle ensued around Bellevue spur, Hog's Back, and amid heavy fire to capture the ridge upon positions. One young airman came down to 200 feet in order to see exactly what happened. He was shot but managed to make landings within our lines and give his report, which was of the greatest value. Bellevue spur is an enormously strong position. Time after time previously it had failed attacking troops and for a time now it seemed as though it might fall. After having sustained fighting our men were driven back practically to the line from which they started but then a wonderful thing happened, certainly unparalleled in all this battle. Our repulsed remnant rallied its strength, officers and men who knew how much depended upon their success. Reinforcements were swept forward again at this time not only to restrain them. They swept past the concrete buildings ignoring their fronts, making for the shell holes hidden behind. They smoked and bombed and shot the enemy out of their strongholds and at four in the afternoon the two main points, with eighteen machine guns had been captured. In all we captured more than 800 Germans. Bellevue was ours.

"The Ontario men did one of the finest things they've ever done," said one famous general. The compliment was deserved. Once their objectives were taken we consolidated. The Germans made desperate but vain counter attacks, the Manitobans repulsing them. The whole force is proud of the men who fought and what they did. On Friday night our right again moved forward.

Y. M. C. A. Directors Meet. The regular meeting of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. was held last night in the association building. The president, G. E. Barbour, was in the chair. Other members of the board present were: H. W. Rising, S. A. Henderson, Frederick Barbour, W. H. White, J. Henderson, George L. Warwick, F. A. Dykeman, W. K. Ganong, H. A. Porter, W. C. Cross and F. L. Smith. It was decided that St. John would send delegates to the national conference meeting soon at Ottawa. The reports of the physical department, the social committee and the heating committee were read and accepted.

Drowned at Millerton. Thomas McLean met his death by drowning at Millerton, Northumberland county, yesterday, when he fell from a tug. The accident occurred when one was near. He was a widower and leaves six small children.

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BIT OF SUCCESS MAKES AUSTRIAN PREMIER TALK IN HIGH TONE

Amsterdam, Oct. 29.—Dr. Von Seydler, Austrian premier, speaking in the upper chamber of the Austrian diet in Vienna on Saturday said that the war situation was the best conceivable, but "our aims are the same as those for which we are fighting." He continued: "We are still ready to sit at the conference table with the enemy if he has no intention of imposing one side's arbitrary peace aims. If such tendencies are confirmed we can only answer them with a more decided prosecution of the war until we convince the Entente that we also are able to compel peace."

WOMEN DOING MEN'S WORK

One of the most striking results of the great war in Europe, is the extent to which women are doing the work of men. Travellers to England and France report that practically every able-bodied man is in uniform and women by the thousands are engaged in doing men's work—acting as conductors and drivers on the cars and doing all sorts of heavy work besides. This shows unexpected possibilities in what has been mistakenly called the weaker sex. Women are subject to ailments which men do not have, and when soiling become weak, helpless sufferers. But a remedy has been found. For forty years, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been doing such women well and strong, and as able to do work as any other woman.

THE INCREASE IN SOFT COAL PRICE AT MINE

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The President's orders reads: The White House, Washington, D. C., Oct. 27, 1917. The scale of prices prescribed Aug. 21, 1917, by the President of the United States for bituminous coal at the mine, as adjusted and modified by order of the United States Fuel Administrator, to meet exceptional conditions in certain localities, is hereby amended by adding



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IT MAY MEAN THE BEGINNING OF END

Italian Situation Reviewed By Sidney Low ALLIED HELP GREATLY NEEDED

Writer Thinks Italy May be Forced to Peace if Drive Goes Far Enough—On Other Hand Allies May Turn Situation Into Great Victory

London, Oct. 30.—(Montreal Gazette cable)—Under the heading "Save Italy; Urgent Need of Franco-British Help," Sidney Low writes as follows in the Daily Chronicle.

"Another sudden terrible crisis of the war has arisen. It may prove the beginning of the end for good or ill. The Italian armies of the Isonzo have been disastrously defeated for the moment—we hope only for the moment. It is almost a debacle. The Italian line is falling back before the Austro-German host, with its concentrated and overpowering artillery. "Cadorna may have to retire behind Tagliamento or even farther. We seem to be witnessing the beginning of one of those great drives which massed infantry and the march of heavy guns like those which carried the Austro-Germans over Poland, Serbia, and Roumania. Another large tract of allied territory—Friuli and Veneto, with their rich and noble cities and fertile fields—may fall into the destroying hands which have ravaged Belgium and northern France. "If Cadorna cannot stay the rush, he might even be compelled to withdraw across the river Po and leave all Lombardy and Piedmont to the mercy of the invader. That, however, will not happen for the reason that before this stage is reached Italy will have made peace.

"It is well to speak plainly. The German stroke has political, not less than strategic, significance. The Socialists, neutralists, pacifists and Teuophiles who brought about the fall of the Borelli cabinet are more active than they have been since May, 1915. German gold and intrigue have kept the cross-currents moving. They would flow with sufficient volume to compel a government to stop the war if it seemed that Italy's cause was hopeless, and that her allies could not or would not avert the fate of Belgium. The complete defeat of the invaders, followed by an allied advance across the frontier in the wake of the routed army, which might carry them right on to Trieste and bring about the collapse of Austria and a separate peace with the state."

that battle should be joined when Cadorna has been provided with higher gun power than his opponents, if his own force is stiffened and strengthened by ten or a dozen divisions of British and French infantry, then the result may be, and should be, the complete defeat of the invaders, followed by an allied advance across the frontier in the wake of the routed army, which might carry them right on to Trieste and bring about the collapse of Austria and a separate peace with the state."

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