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French Troops Continue Their Pressure Toward

Laon and German Defence is Sorely Tried---Filain

Village Captured and Enemy Forced to Retire.

London, Oct. 27 .- With the important railroad junction of Laon their

objective, the French troops are continuing their pressure against the forces of the German crown prince north of the Aisne River. In another attack on the right the Village of Filain has been captured, a footing has been gained on the plateau north of Epine de Chevregny, and the enemy has been forced to give ground north

Epine de Chevregny, and the enemy has been forced to give ground north of Lachapelle Saint Beithe. These successes, while not as great in importance as those of previous days on the centre and west flank of the attacking lines, serve materially to bring the right wing into alignment with the remainder of the front and place the entire line in a better position for another smash northward to

That the attack may not be neces-sary, however, is forecasted by the military expert of The Berlin Tage-blatt, who, while belittling the chances

blatt, who, while belitting the chances of the ultimate success of the French operations, asserts that it is not outside the German rules of warfare voluntarily tto abandon talitory not essential to Germany's great tactical plan, in order that losses may be reduced.

French Success Continues.

Paris, Oct. 26.—The French troops are continuing their successful drive on the Flanders front, according to

on the Flanders front, according to the war office statement issued to-night. The number of guns captured since the 23rd instant totals 160, and 200 more prisoners were taken this morning. In the Champagne enemy surprise attacks broke down and the French succeeded in entering the Ger-man lines at one point and brought back prisoners. The text of the state-

Belgium the enemy refrained any attempt against our new po-

The number of prisoners that burned during this morning's opties are secretary and the prisoners that burned during this morning's opties exceeds 200.

To the north of the Aisne our secretary the secretary of the attacking threw back the enemy in the sine to the north of La Chappelle it at Berthe as far as the reservoir.

Village of Filain is in our hands wither to the east we reached the

brink of the plateau to the north of Espine de Chevregny. On the rest of the front the situation remained un-

us since the 23rd instant and counted up to the present is 160, among which

were several mortars of 210 millimetre

"In the Champagne the enemy, after a spirited bombardment of our

trenches at Maisons de Champagne, attempted two surprise attacks, which

broke down under our fire. On our part we succeeded in entering the Ger-

man lines in the sector of Mont Car-

nillet and brought back about ten

(Verdun front) the artillery fighting continued the wohle day between Samogneux and Bezonvaux. The fire

was particularly violent on the front

of Bois de Chaume. An enemy at-tempt against our small posts to the rorth of Bezonyaux failed. At the

Ban de Sapt there were some patrol

"On the Struma, British troops

cessfully carried out a raid on the Village of Salmah, to the south of

Seres, and brought back fifty Bulgar-

ian prisoners. In the region of Po-

ported. Our troops captured 120 Aus-

"On the right bank of the Meuse

calibre and many heavy guns.

SENATE PO OTTAWA

ADVANCE OF HALF A MILE BY THE DOMINION FORCES

WAVES OF CANADIAN TROOPS IN AN ADVANCE AT DAYBREAK SWEEP FORWARD TO VICTORY

Fresh From Destroying the Enemy Forces Cooped Up in Lens, Dominion Troops Smash Forward for Half a Mile in Passchendaele Region, Braving the Mud and Slime of Flanders.

By W. A. Willison

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, Oct. 26.—Back again in the bloody salient, smashing forward towards the Passchendaele Ridge, the Canadians, fresh from destroying the enemy forces, cooped up in Lens, advanced at daybreak this morning on the front extending roughly from Passchendaele, on the Zonnebeke road to Wallemclen. They have many strong points in front of them, such as Wolfe Copse, Bellevue, Spur, Augustus Wood, Heine House, Hill-side Farm, and the higher land to the northwest, but the Canadian troops, avoiding the impassable swampy area known as a marsh bottom, swept forward in two waves. First taking the higher ground to the north of the marsh, they launched the brunt of their attack against "Other Canadian battalions with the north of the marsh, they launched the brunt of their attack against Believue, while the second wave, to the south, advanced against troops of an English naval brigade and troops of an English naval brigade and of their herculean efforts in the face of one of the most difficult tasks of the control of the co

Augustus Wood, Heine House and Hillside Farm.

While not a major operation, this morning's attack will rank as one of the most historic incidents in the war in the history of the Dominion, for the battalions engaged advanced from practically the identical trenches held by Canada's veteran division on April 22, two and a half years ago, when the Germans, launching their gas attack, captured St. Julien, and might have stormed thru to the coast but for the desperately gallant fighting of the battered battallons of the Dominion. Today these tranches are our again and Canada in an ad-

minion. Today those trenches are ours again, and Canada, in an advanced area, has wrested from the Hun the only bit of the Dominion's trenches he has succeeded in holding in this war.

The Canadians advanced over half a mile, capturing many fortified places. The formidable German position at Deck Wood is dominated by our battalions, who are holding the surrounding higher.

Were made simultaneously by and the appointed places. More than 11,000 prisoners already have been counted and sent to the rear, and others are still counted and sent to the rear, and others are still counted and sent to the rear, and others are still counted and sent to the rear, and others are still counted and sent to the housekeeper of Canada day on both sides of the Menin Road and east of Polderhoek, in which our troops made progress and which our troops made progress and without a break from westward of the Vanyallon to Pargy-Filain while the The Canadians advanced over half a mile, capturing many fortified places. The formidable German position at Deck Wood is dominated by our battalions, who are holding the surrounding higher levels, and away to the north our troops have advanced beyond the enemy's stronghold at Bellevue Copse, and have carried this position. attack of our battalions on the southern ridge, to the right of the marsh bottom, found the enemy largely demoralized. We engaged him at close quarters with grenades and forced-him steadily back here. yond Decline Copse.

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tured by our men, and the reports in-

is a shell hole and every other

mud, six bearers were required

The Canadian medical services

vanced dressing stations. The Cana-

dian Red Cross and chaplain services

co-operated with the medical service

to relieve the sufferings of the

Official Report of Gains.

ridge in the direction of Passchen-l

daele and, passing beyond their ob-

the fronts attacked.

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Thru Slime and Mud. Preceded by over two hours of con- dicated extensive enemy casualties. centrated artillery barrage, the advancing force to the north plunged forward thru slime and mud to the Bellevue Spur, which was the scene of desperate fighting on October 12, and each stretcher. The wounded had to be carried 2500 to 3000 yards to adhas extensive wire entanglements, with many five-foot-thick concrete,

During the last ien days our artillery, moved up with the greatest difficulty thru seas of Flanders mud, has teen giving Bellevue Hill the daily effect of our fire, having been destrated early in the week, when two prisoners wandered into the dian lines utterly dazed from the effects of our fire on their concrete thelter. To the south of the marshy our outposts for the last week have been constantly croaching on the German positions Augustus Wood, Heine House and Hillside Farm. That the Canadian attack was a minor one is shown in the allied advance on, roughly, a ten-mile front from Houthulst Wood, in the north, to Gheluvelt. Today, at the time of filing this despatch, the engagement is progressing favorably to the south, with stubborn fighting to

Among the battalions engaged are those of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and

At 5.40 this morning the whole sallent on the ten-mile front from Houthulst Wood to Gheluvelt awoke to the noise of thousands of guns smashing the German line in a two-hour barrage which demolished his advance positions and wrecked many of his strong points. The German forward lines were marked by one long line of continuously bursting shells, while our back areas were marked by the persistent flashes of fire and roar of the guns from the advanced artiflery positions, to miles back, where the leavy howitzer batteries rained great shells on the enemy lines. In the Candian front line our battalions were waiting on ground - which a light drizzle had turned largely into slime Wallowing forward, with a spirit which nothing could dampen, the infantry passed steadily on, meeting with the strongest opposition at Dad Farm and Bellevue. Our artillery, raking the enemy's position, largely demoralized ris defensive, while our counter-battery work equalled anything in the listory of the Canadian front. For a time the German artillery maintained their barrage over our forward area, out as the fire of our guns increased his fire gave sure signs of disorganiza tion. The only severe shelling our infantry received was from the enemy position to the south. While our cwn runs poured lead into the Hun position he largely failed to retaliate upon our atteries only stray shots falling the rear of our forward area. By noon over 100 prisoners had been capDrop Six Tons of Bombs On Enemy Burbach Works

London, Oct. 26.—Six tons of bombs were dropped by British aviators on the Burbach works, west of Saarbrucken. Rhenish Prussia, Wednesday night, says a British official aviation communication issued tonight. The communication adds that four hostile airdromes also were attacked, 45 heavy bombs having been dropped, and that direct hits were obtained on a group

troops, attacking with great gallantry, crossed the flood of the St. Jansbeek

Thru Flooded Fields. London, Oct. 26—(Via Reuter's Ottawa agency).—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in France tele-

worked desperately to evacuate the graphed today: wounded. Inland, where every yard "Today's batt "Today's battle has been fought on flooded fields, in a driving rain, piti-less in its intensity, altho the meteorological experts overnight regarded the portents hopefully. Therefore, it is a marvel that the troops have accomplished so much. The sum total of the day's results is a series of most important tactical gains, altho should have done much more under more favorable heavens.

wounded men, and provided them "In the region of Poelderhoek Chawith hot coffee, biscuits, cigarets teau the advance was a dashing per-formance. The place was a regimenthe period of their transfer to hostal headquarters which garrisoned 400. We took 60 prisoners from the re-maining defenders, including the ad-London, Oct. 26.—The text of to

day's official communication follows: "At mid-day enemy airmen discern-"Operations with limited objectives were undertaken by the British and ed our troops upon the spur Bellevue Ridge, a vantage point for which there day yesterday, which gave promise of improved fight. well marked by at least one conspicu which gave promise of improved fighting conditions, the weather changed ous gain. Other places on the battle suddenly during the night and a heavy front are impassable, and the floods rain has fallen almost without a break are reported to be holding up the adsince a very early hour this morning. | vance. The enemy is pretty densely

"Notwithstanding the great difficulties with which the allied troops had "By an attack on the left "By an attack on the left front the considerable progress has French carried a number of concrete been made and valuable positions defences with exceedingly light casuhave been won on the greater part of alties, owing probably nature of the enemy barrage in part. "The main operation was carried The enemy was aware of the apout by English and Canadian regi- proaching heavy attack, because his ments on our front north of the airplanes were flying low over our po-Ypres-Roulers railway. Canadian bat- sitions half an hour before the attack talions moved forward along the main was launched and five minutes before

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New Positions Won Give Allies Great Tactical Advantages.

CROWN PRINCE FAILS

Gallic Artillery Cuts Up German Division on Arrival From Galicia.

By the Associated Press. With the French Armies in France. Oct. 26.-However great may be the praise bestowed on the French troops for the brilliance of their victory over the Germans north of the Aisne this

auxaillon to Pargy-Filain, while the Town of Filain has been completely The correspondent today watched the

French infantrymen, who, after four days of almost uninterrupted fighting. were busily employed digging them selves in along the new front. Their

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Lines Under Increasing Austro-German Pressure.

Berlin Claims Teutons Have Captured 30,000 Italians and Much Booty.

London, Oct. 26 .- The Austro German armies on the Isonzo front are fast developing their offensive against General Cadorna's forces. Already the talians on the northern wing of the 25-mile front have been forced to give ground, and at several places are back

Italians admittedly is precarious. Even the Italian war office announces that the evacuation of the Bainsizza-Heiligengeist Plateau is necessary—a retirement which will render null in great measure the brilliant advance of the Italians in the summer cam-

The combined German and Austro-Hungarian forces up to the present are declared by the Berlin war office to have captured in excess of 30,000 prisoners and more than 300 guns, and it is stated that these figures hourly

are being augmented.
Claim 30,000 Prisoners. Berlin, via London, Oct. 26-(British admiralty, per Wireless Press).—The text of the official communication fol-

"Under our pressure the Italians also have begun to evacuate the Bain. sizza-Heiligengelst Plateau. "We already are fighting at many places on Italian territory. The num-ber of prisoners taken has increased to more than 30,000, of whom 700 are officers. The booty amounts to more than 300 guns, including many heavy a law worded as follows:

"Yesterday the clear autumn weather Germany is hereby acknowledged and proclamatications."

The president of the reverse Germany. favored the fighting operations."

BERLIN ADMITS GERMAN LINE MAY HAVE TO BE WITHDRAWN



All that remains of a small station near Lens. Ground recently captured by the Canadians. (Official photograph.)

ACUTE SHORTAGE OF FOOD FACES PEOPLE OF CANADA

Hon. W. J. Hanna Declares Allies Must Be Supplied at All Costs-Increased Production Campaign Launched.

Kingston, Oct. 26.-Hon. W. J. Hanna, food centroller, addressing the

by far. "During the last three weeks I have discussed the situation with Mr. Hoover's organization at Washington and with the British mission at New York, and I learned of the facts from the inside. I cannot state those facts in public. But with the help of the ships that will be available in the United States, the foodstuffs demanded will be forthcoming." Mr. Hanna insisted that our own supplies at the end of eight months will be short, and at the end of a year shorter still. But we must be prepared to carry the war on for two years if Europe is stripped of foodstuffs. We have plenty, but these people are our allies. We are all in this war to a finish, and until we have won from

the Germans a victorious peace. "But it may be only a matter of months until we in this country are in a very awkward position." Mr. in a very awkward position." Mr. Hanna states that under the auspices Cadorna Forced to Retire His of the food controller's office a campaign for increased production of foodstoffs in Canada has now been organized to meet this situation, with particular emphasis upon an increas-

ed production of hogs.

Since the war there had been a de-BAINSIZZA EVACUATED croase of 33,000,000 hogs in Europa and of 10 per cent. in the United States. A hog production campaign inaugurated in the United States aims

o turn the decrease into an increase of 15 per cent.
"Hon. Mr. T. A. Crerar, the newly appointed minister of agriculture, has given us the fall resources of the live stock branch of his department

o assist us in the Canadian campaign for an increased production of ood animals.
"Mr. Hanna announced that the campaign must be under way within the next three weeks if anything is to be accomplished within the next six

across the Isonzo north and south or Tolmino, where the battle is waging on Italian territory.

To the south, the situation of the Tolmino of

Points in Mr. Hanna's Speech

The price of wheat is fixed.
The profits to the flour millers are fixed at 25 cents per barrel so that the price of bread will adjust itself.

Canadian farmers and dairy-men can now buy bean shorts, middlings, etc., at mill cost as feed for stock. The heartlest of sugar is as foolish as it is criminal. The sugar stringency of Canada will be over in six weeks. Package cereals are not

The food controller will systematically regulate packing houses by fixing profits, not A fixed price for potatoes in

Canada is impossible owing to wide variance of production costs in different localities. Steps to restrain profiteering will be taken when the new is all in store.

The demand upon Canada and the United States for foodstuffs in 1918 will amount to over a

billion dollars. Hog raising is a patriotic duty for Canadian farmers, and will be an extremely profitable business for years to come. There are too many milk distributors Overhead expenses must be reduced to a fraction of what they

Current prices can neither be juggled with nor fixed. If the exportation of fish to the United States were prohibited the United States could reply by placing an embargo upon sugar

of certain well-meaning newspapers. It would be an easy matter to take a blackboard and a piece of chalk and mark eggs at 18 cents a dozen, which looks high compared to 8 cents. I "Army of the east: The enemy arremember years ago butter at 20 "Army of the east: The enemy arcents, which looks big compared to tillery was rather active in the region that which our mothers sold for 12 of the Vardar and the Dobropolie." cents.

"But that is not the end of it. regard it as my primary duty to see that the men at the front fighting our battles are not allowed front to go hungry. (Applause.) In fixing prices we have got to be careful that

Militia Officers Must Report Referring to potatoes, Mr. Hanna said it was impossible to fix prices this year.

"The average crop of potatoes in this country is 100 bushels to the acre. The seed alone cost the

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Under Military Service Act Ottawa, Oct. 26.—Officers of Cana-

the dian militia regiments must report for the duty under the Military Service Act just in the same way that civilians are required to do. This was the opinion expressed by a high official of the militias department today when asked whether a Camadian militia officer could be compelled to serve in the ranks under the Military Service Ask

UNION MAN FOR PONTIAC.

Ottawa, Oct. 26 .- The Pontiac Conservative Association today met at Shawville and decided to dishand and form a new union organization. The meeting was adjourned until next Friday, when a union candidate will be chosen. Frank Cahill is the Laurier

SATURDAY AT DINEEN'S.

Saturday is the foremost day of the week for men's hats at Dineen's. It is on Saturdays that the best in Dineen's is put into forward array fense and public security."

The virtually unanimous vote of the deputies was received with general acclamation.

The senate unanimously approved the proclamation of a state of war with Germany.

President Braz has sanctioned the

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TACTICAL BRITISH GAINS MADE IN THE YPRES REGION

Progress Would Have Been Greater, But the Weather Was Unfavorable.

London, Oct. 26 .- Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in France and Belgium says the sum total of today's attack in the Ypres sector is a series of important tactical gains. 'It is only because we know we should have done much more

had the heavens favored the operations," the correspondent adds, "that one cannot regard the collective success with complete satisfaction.' Considerable Progress Made By British.

London, Oct. 26.—Operations with limited objectives were undertaken by the British and French armies in Flanders early this morning, and notwithstanding great difficulties caused by weather and bad ground considerable progress was made and valuable positions taken on the greater part of the front attacked, says the official communication issued tonight.

BRAZIL'S DEPUTIES VOTE FOR WAR WITH GERMANY

Measure Authorizing a Declaration of War Got Almost Unanimous Support, the Vote Being 149 to 1.

Rio Janeiro, Oct. 26.—The chamber public is authorized to adopt the meaof deputies today, by an almost una-nimous vote, declared that a state of the 25th of October, and to take all The vote was 149 to 1. The tribunes of the chamber were filled to capacity. After a debate on the opportuneness of proclaiming clamation.
martial law, the president of the diplomatic commission spoke in favor of

"A state of war between Brazil and

war existed between Germany and steps tending to ensure national de-

President Braz has sanctioned the foremost American hat manufacturer proclamation of a state of war with to the United States Government.