

# BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR THE WEEK—14,096

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## BRITISH AIRMEN DESTROY RUSSIAN REGIMENT GERMANS CONTINUE TO FORCE RUSSIANS BACK

### KANSAS CITY STOCK YARDS WERE HALE DESTROYED BY FLAMES; 10,000 HEAD CATTLE PERISH

Second Largest Stockyards in  
United States Is Swept by  
Fire of Unknown Origin and  
Immense Damage Done.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 16.—More than one-half of the Kansas City stock yards, the second largest in the country, was destroyed by fire early today. It was estimated after the fire had been brought under control, after raging for hours, that several thousand head of cattle had been destroyed. Some estimates ran as high as 10,000. There were 47,000 cattle in the yards at the close of business yesterday. It was said, and while it was possible to liberate most of them, so rapidly did the flames gain headway that many were caught and burned. Hundreds of cattle liberated from the burning structures reached the downtown sections of both Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kas.

It was the third disastrous fire in the history of the Kansas City stockyards. The blaze was discovered by two patrolmen in Kansas City, Kas., and before they could summon apparatus the fire had become unmanageable. Fire departments from both Kansas cities combated the flames.

The fire's origin was undetermined. The other two were caused by carelessly throwing away cigarette stubs. No estimate of the loss was available early today.

By 7 o'clock the fire had been extinguished, after the flames had been fighting it with approximately 100 pieces of fire trucks and with dynamite. No definite estimates as to the loss will be made until insurance adjusters have taken a census of the number of cattle burned since the fire was confined to the cattle pens which comprise the largest part of the yards.

The thousands of cattle which were liberated from the pens are being cared for by the city. Owners are having difficulty identifying their property, as a large percentage of the pens were still smoldering and carries no identifying brands.

Kill Disabled Animals.  
Throughout the morning, riflemen and police officers were directed to the stockyards killing disabled animals. Very few swine were killed. The horses were reached by the flames, but most of the animals were liberated. Late in the morning the fire still smoldered in scores of places.

### CAN VOLUNTEER UNDER THE ACT, MEWBURN RULES

Those Wishing To Serve May  
Avoid Going as Con-  
scripts.

Montreal, Oct. 16.—One of the last official acts of Major-General Hon. E. E. Mewburn as minister of militia was to promulgate an order whereby the volunteers under the act of 1917 would be exempted from the military service act and thereby avoid being taken as conscripts.

This order was promulgated in a circular letter received yesterday by Major-General Mewburn from Major-General Mewburn, stating that with regard to the order of 1917, the volunteers under the act of 1917 would be exempted from the military service act and thereby avoid being taken as conscripts.

It is stated, however, that this form should not be used by the volunteers under the act of 1917, as the order of 1917, the volunteers under the act of 1917 would be exempted from the military service act and thereby avoid being taken as conscripts.

### TWO LEYLAND LINERS ARE REPORTED GONE

Rumor Says Memphian and  
Bostonian Sub Victims.

New York, Oct. 16.—A report that the British steamship Memphian, formerly the Cambrin, of 8,200 tons gross, and the Bostonian, of 5,000 tons, both of the Leyland line, had been sunk, reached here today. At the office of the International Mercantile Marine it was said that this had been heard as a rumor, but that no definite information as to the sinking of either vessel had been received. Both ships were formerly in transatlantic trade, plying between Boston and England ports.

A PECULIAR FATALITY.  
Montreal, Oct. 16.—Noel Amira, aged 27, farmer of the village of Chaboussard, was found dead by the roadside yesterday morning. He was under the horse and wagon having fallen into a ditch, and the horse having been so badly injured, that it could not get up. A coroner's jury declared that the death was accidental.

### BRITISH BOMB HUN ARSENAL AND DESTROY MANY HUNS

Enormous Casualties Inflicted  
by Raid on Roulers.

London, Oct. 16.—British airmen, in their recent attack on the Belgian town of Roulers, caused the destruction of an arsenal in which was quartered a newly arrived German regiment. This information was contained in a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Central News Agency and was reported by a trustworthy correspondent on the Dutch frontier.

One of the first incendiary bombs dropped struck the arsenal, which immediately burst into flames. The confusion was added to by airmen who, descending to a low altitude, used their machine guns freely, thereby increasing the casualty roll, which the report said was enormous.

### TORONTO TORIES INCENSED OVER BORDEN CABINET

No Use for "Union" Govern-  
ment Once Election Was  
Decreed.

WANTED STRAIGHT FIGHT  
"A Thick-Headed Bungle," Is  
View of Prominent Queen  
City Conservative.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Toronto, Oct. 16.—Dyed-in-the-wool Toronto Conservatives are seething over the Liberal appointment to the cabinet of the Hon. J. B. Borden. They regard the move as a "thick-headed bungle," and even by those holding seats in the Legislature that neither Hon. N. W. Rowell nor Hon. Hugh Guthrie will be given seats by acclamation in the Queen City.

Wanted Party Fight.  
Toronto Conservatives wanted a straight party fight. When an election was decided upon they did not believe any longer in so-called "union" government. They cannot see what is to be gained for the Conservative party by taking in a lot of Liberals after the election was a certainty.

Mr. Rowell has no great following in Toronto, and Toronto is not enamored of the attempt at coalition. The Toronto Telegram, regarded as the foremost Tory organ in Toronto, has nothing but sneers for the Liberals who entered the cabinet, and Mayor Church, who is close to the Telegram and the Conservative party, denounced the Government, and said it was no stronger than the old Government.

Cabinet Denounced.  
To The Advertiser, a provincial member sitting for one of the Toronto ridings denounced the "union" Government in the roughest terms.

"A thick-headed bungle" that will help the Liberals more than it will help the Conservatives," was his opinion. He could not understand what was to be gained.

Incidentally it might be remarked that Hon. Robert Rogers and other disposed ministers have friends in Toronto. They say they know where "Bob" Rogers stood, anyway.

### CONDUCTORS AND CO. ASK FOR A BOARD

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 16.—After a two months' session of the delegates of the Canadian Pacific Railway conductors, western division, during which there have been extended negotiations with the company in connection with the proposed new working schedule, the representatives of the respective unions have failed to reach an agreement.

Application has been made to the minister of labor at Ottawa for the appointment of a board of arbitration.

### ENGLAND IS REDUCING WHEAT CONSUMPTION

Washington, Oct. 16.—Under new war regulations, England has reduced the United States Government wheat consumption for the forthcoming year to less than half the normal consumption before the war began.

### HANNA WILL NOT FIX PRICE OF POTATOES

Ottawa, Oct. 16.—In the course of an interview on Monday, W. J. Hanna, Dominion food controller, said that while it is not proposed to fix the price of potatoes, the "spread" between the price paid the producer and that paid by the consumer will be fixed. By means of fixing the spread and licensing dealers throughout the country, the food controller will be in a position to control the potato market to as great an extent as is practical.

### BRITISH CASUALTIES DECLINE DESPITE HEAVIEST DRAVES; HAIG GAINS WITH SMALL LOSS

Fourteen Thousand the Losses  
for Week, in Which Three  
Smashes Were Put Over.

London, Oct. 16.—British casualties reported in the last week amount to 14,096. They are divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds: Officers, 277; men, 2,609. Wounded: Officers, 387; men, 10,473.

British casualties continue to show a declining rate. The total reported in the last week was 14,096, as compared with 17,744 for week closing October 9, and 21,173 for the preceding week. This is despite the fact that the British have been heavily engaged in Flanders during the last three weeks, scoring some of the most notable gains of ground in this year's fighting within this period.

### GOOD RAID BY IRISH IS REPORT OF HAIG

London, Oct. 16.—"Northwest of Bullecourt early this morning, Irish troops carried out a successful raid," says today's official announcement.

The enemy's attack showed considerable activity during the night in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Staden railway.

### "The Monk Rasputin ---Saint or Devil?"

Russian Princess Writes Wonder-  
ful History-Mystery Serial for  
The Advertiser.

YOU have read of Rasputin, the Russian monk of mystery. He played with its rulers, with its nobility. His weird sixth sense captivated the czar and held her in a spell of pious madness. He ruled the empire and the army. He played the Russians into the hands of the Germans. And then, when a stronger will came into the contest, he fell—and the Russia of the Romanoffs fell with him.

THE ADVERTISER is to present the authentic story of Rasputin in a serial of 55,000 words, written by the Princess Catherine Radziwell, a native of Russia, who knew Rasputin and knows the czar and the high functionaries of the Russian and German courts. We expect the first installment of 4,500 words to appear on Saturday next, and this will be followed by 26 other installments. The story will be illustrated.

THE ADVERTISER is able to secure this remarkable feature through co-operation with the Philadelphia Public Ledger, published by the owners of the Saturday Evening Post.

IT will be the most wonderful romance published since the war began. Be sure to secure the opening installments and tell your friends to subscribe to The Advertiser especially for this mystery of current history.

KERENSKY IS BETTER.  
Petrograd, Oct. 16.—Premier Kerensky has recovered sufficiently from his recent indisposition to travel. He will return to Petrograd Wednesday and open the Council of the Russian Republic on Thursday.

### SIR SAM SAYS "UNION" CABINET WAS PLANNED BY FLAVELLE-WHITE

Declares It Was Intended  
That Sir Thomas Should  
Be Premier.

"NO NEED OF COALITION"  
Has Been Asked To Lead an  
Aggressive Win-the-War  
Party, But Refused.

London, Oct. 16.—That union Government was not necessary, and that party governments in Canada have not had a fair show in the past, is the opinion of Major-General Sir Sam Hughes, in a long interview in today's Warlock of which Sir Sam was at one time editor. Personally, the former minister of militia thinks the union Government is a "splendid triumph for the plans laid long ago by Sir Jos. Flavelle and Sir Thomas White."

Proposed by Sir Joseph.  
Sir Sam says:  
"It is now more than a year since the movement to form a national or 'national trust' Government, as it is sometimes called, was proposed by Sir Joseph and his friends. It is understood that the undertaking at that time involved the replacement of Sir Robert Borden by Sir Thomas White."

"The Government had done its full duty during the past year," said Sir Sam, "and there was no pressing need for coalition or union. He admitted that as men, the new cabinet had good qualities."

Was Asked to Lead.  
"Some weeks ago," he said, "when George Meunier and Col. Balfour, both 'my boys' were individually consulting me on the subject of forming a new government, and when each asked me why I didn't break out and take hold of things myself, I thanked them for their confidence and loyalty, but showed that the results might be the placing of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in power."

Sir Sam said he would give his support to Liberals or Conservatives who are advocating active, but not passive, measures. He had himself received and refused from tens of thousands of sources requests and demands to come out and lead an aggressive fight for the war.

MEUSE BANKS SCENE  
OF ANOTHER DEFEAT  
FOR GERMAN FORCES

Crown Prince Continues His  
Futile Efforts on Verdun  
Front.

Paris, Oct. 15.—A German attack on the Verdun front last night was repulsed by the French, it is announced officially. The communication follows:

"On the Aisne front the artillery fighting was less intense. We made two successful attacks on the German lines, one near the village of Rethel, the other in the region of Bouleaux. Our detachments destroyed numerous shelters and brought back prisoners."

"On the left bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) we repulsed a German attack north of Hill 304."

"On the right bank of the river the artillery fighting was less intense. In the sector north of Caumont Wood, everywhere else the night was calm."

"German aviators dropped bombs last night in the region of Dunkirk. There were no victims, and no material damage was caused."

### FINANCING ARRANGED OF EXPORTABLE CROPS

Conference With Reading Re-  
moves All Money Diffi-  
culties.

Ottawa, Oct. 16.—The minister of finance announced to the press today that the financing of the exportable surplus of the Canadian wheat crop of this year has been satisfactorily arranged.

This announcement follows upon the conference recently held here between Lord Reading, representing the Imperial Government, the Dominion Government and the executive officers of the Canadian Bankers' Association. Since this conference the matter has been under further negotiation with Lord Reading through the minister of finance, resulting in the official statement of today.

The amount involved is over \$25,000,000 and the satisfactory arrangement which has been made for its financing is of the utmost importance to the western agriculturists who are thus assured of the price fixed for their grain, and will insure to the advantage of the whole of Canada by reason of its response to general business conditions throughout the entire Dominion.

### TEUTONS HOLDING ALL OESSEL GAINS; POUR MORE TROOPS INTO GULF BATTLE

Germans Are Developing Their Initial Suc-  
cess Over the Russians In Fight For Mas-  
tery of Riga Gulf, Additional Reinforce-  
ments Being Landed.

Petrograd, Oct. 16.—The German landing force on the Russian Island of Oesel is developing its success, the Russian war office announced today, and the Teutons are being reinforced with additional troops.

The minister of marine sees no immediate danger of a German attempt to enter the Gulf of Finland. He expresses the belief that, owing to the lateness of the season, the German operations will be localized.

The Petrograd Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates has issued an appeal to the army and the fleet to obey their commanders and to fight to save the capital and repel the Germans in the Gulf of Riga.

### STRIKE AT NEW POINT.

Petrograd, Oct. 16.—The Germans have instituted an offensive against the Svorb Peninsula in the southwestern section of the Oesel Island, with the object of capturing the Russian batteries at Serel. These batteries cover the entrance to the Gulf of Riga.

### DESPERATE RESISTANCE.

Berlin, Oct. 16.—Via London.—The Germans have taken full possession of the main portion of Oesel Island, at the entrance of the Gulf of Riga, the war office reports. The Russians have been isolated on Svorb Peninsula and are offering desperate resistance.

Runo and Abro islands, in the Gulf of Riga, have been occupied by the Germans.

### MURRAY TO GIVE DECISION TODAY AS TO CABINET

A Momentous Announcement  
Will Be Made at Opening  
of House.

Halifax Hears That Former  
Finance Minister May Suc-  
ceed if Murray Goes to  
Ottawa.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 16.—After a short session the caucus was adjourned last night because some of the members invited to attend had not been able to reach Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 16.—At 10 o'clock today the Government of Nova Scotia will be called together in a session which can well be called momentous, for the announcement will be made whether Premier Murray shall enter the Borden Union Government or remain in his present position as head of the Provincial Legislature.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, who is not without great influence among the Liberals of Nova Scotia, came with Mr. Murray from Ottawa and was present at conferences held yesterday. Practically all of the members of the Provincial Government are in the city, and with them have come a number of others prominent in the party councils.

Among the Liberals who reached Halifax yesterday was E. M. MacDonald, who remains the uncompromising opponent of the union Government and who at the same time is said to be willing to assume the premiership of the province should Mr. Murray enter the federal cabinet.

A. K. MacLean is non-committal regarding his position, the generally accepted opinion being that he would be willing to enter the Borden Government provided Mr. Murray yields to the pressure being exerted to have him resign.

Mr. MacLean would be Mr. Murray's first choice should the provincial vacancy be made, and there is a considerable element of the party to whom this would be objectionable. A story that gained considerable credence around the city today was to the effect that the present members of the Murray cabinet would prefer Mr. Fielding to succeed Mr. Murray.

### FATAL GASOLINE FIRE.

The Pas, Man., Oct. 16.—Austrian construction workers on the Hudson Bay Railway at Mile 214 on Friday last attempted to light a fire in a bunk car with a can of gasoline; an explosion resulted. The car was occupied by eight Austrians. One is dead, one is dying in the hospital here; others are badly burned. The car caught fire and was entirely consumed.

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