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SUNDAY FIGHTING ALL BY ARTILLERY; ALLIES' LINE REMAINS FIRM

Further Inundation of the Country Around Dixmude Cuts Off Large Body of Enemy--Germans Prepare for Winter Camp in Belgium

Paris, Nov. 16.—(2.15 p. m.)—The French official announcement given out in Paris this afternoon says: "During the day yesterday along the Yser Canal, from Nieupoort to the country up the river from Dixmude, the fighting was limited to artillery exchanges. "The country having been further inundated, the submerged territory now stretches from the Dixmude to a point five kilometres (3 miles) to the north of Bischoot. "The forces of the enemy which endeavored to cross the canal between the region of Dixmude and Bischoot were driven back beyond the bridges. A German regiment was completely destroyed at a point to the south of Bischoot. "To the southeast of Ypres two other German attacks were repulsed. On our part we have taken the offensive and reconquered certain points of support which the enemy some days ago succeeded in capturing. "Between the Lys and Oise there have been operations of only minor importance and partial progress was made by our advanced positions. "In the region of the Aisne and in the Champagne country there have been artillery exchanges without result. "In the Argonne the town of St. Hubert has again been attacked by the Germans, but without success. "In the region of St. Mihiel a surprise attack undertaken by the enemy against Apremont resulted in failure. "DEAD-LOCKED "London, Nov. 16.—The armies of the Allies and of Germany remain deadlocked in West Flanders today along the battle line, where the snow is now ankle deep, with the prospect of another week of intermittent artillery duels and infantry dashes, which, for more than a month have been swinging back and forth without definite result. The snow and adverse weather conditions generally in Flanders will make necessary more frequent shifts of men in the trenches and there will be an increase of sickness, especially in lung and throat affections. "In short, trench warfare, already laborious and exhausting, will daily become a greater ordeal. "STILL TRY TO BREAK THROUGH "The Germans have not abandoned their attempt to reach the French coast towns, and yet they have not advanced. Today, according to the statement of the Allies, they are back on the right bank of the Yser, having been forced to release their grip on such points on the left bank as were held so stubbornly by them last week. This retirement of the breadth of the river is described in the official communication given out in Paris, last night, as the "most noteworthy incident of the day" and it shows how little change there has been elsewhere either in Belgium or France. "In the meantime the Germans are putting the finishing touches to the defenses stretching in rows after row from Ostend to the Dutch border, and should their present lines be broken, they probably will endeavor to winter in these snug and carefully prepared positions. "FLOODS DIVIDE GERMAN FORCE "London, Nov. 16.—In consequence of the heavy week end rains, says the Rotterdam correspondent of the Star, it is rumored that a big force of Germans around Dixmude has been cut off by floods. "No Liquor at All "London, Nov. 16.—A Times despatch from Copenhagen says: "Advices from Posen indicate that there is much disaffection among the Poles in the eastern provinces of Germany. "The Poles complain that the Germans are neglecting the frontier because most of the inhabitants are Slavs. They declare that the Germans themselves are laying the frontier to waste in order to delay the Russians. They protest that Poles are put in the front of the battle line as cannon fodder. "The Germans, on the other hand, accuse the Poles of helping the Russians by espionage. "Too Many Turks; Russians Retire. "Paris, Nov. 16.—A statement given out by the Russian army staff in the Caucasus, dated at Tiflis and sent to the Havas Agency here, announces the retirement of the Russian advance guard in the region of Koprucki, east of Erzerum. "The statement says:—"After a series of combats fought in the Koprucki region, our advance guards definitely located the grouping of the principal forces of the enemy, in view of the considerable reinforcements received by the Turks in the last few days, coming from Chyvalist Erzerum and Trebizond, our advance guards are retiring, still fighting, to the regions allotted them. "The attempts made by the Turks to regain the Khanessouk Pass, previously taken by us, have failed. Other Russian detachments were not seriously engaged."

FINE WORK BY THE CZAR'S MEN AGAINST TURKS

Battles at Koprucki Are Declared Historical

DIFFICULTIES OVERCOME

Russian Artillery Over Almost Impossible Roads—Enemy Armed With New German Guns and Fought Desperately But Were Beaten

Petrograd Via London, Nov. 16.—A Tiflis despatch to the Bourse Gazette says: "The stubborn battles at Koprucki must be considered historical. The Russian artillery was obliged to move forward on almost impassable roads, there being neither railways nor highways. The railroads through the hills were often snow covered, while the bridges were such that it was impossible to take guns across them. All the provisions in the district had been removed by the Turks. "Day and night the Russians advanced on Koprucki, taking position after position. The enemy's artillery at Koprucki was a more serious German gun. The Turks fought desperately, suffering heavy losses. "Great exertion was done by the Russian mountain guns. Each time the enemy was driven back he received reinforcements and returned to the attack. The Turkish positions were very strong and were occupied by the Russians only on the evening of the second day of the battle. The trophies included some new rifles. "Another Tiflis despatch says that the Turkish army at Koprucki was composed of sixty divisions. At a critical point in the battle, the Russians allowed the Turks to advance through the fog to within 100 paces before opening fire, which then threw the Turks into precipitate flight."

No Dugal Report Till The Legislature Meets?

Intimation Now That Government Has Assurance to Deny it to Public Until The House Opens

The provincial government has been called to meet in Fredericton at 8.30 on Tuesday evening. Speaking at the meeting this morning a member of the government said that the Chandler report on the St. John police department had been presented at the last meeting and might be taken up, for the purpose of deciding upon the action to be taken, tomorrow evening. "Regarding the Dugal report he said that the government really had nothing to do with it. The legislature, he said, had authorized the investigation, and had given the governor full power and all the machinery required to make the investigation, and so far as he saw the legislature would be the proper body for the governor to report to. Personally, he said, he had not seen it, and did not even know whether it was in the hands of the government. "Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 16.—Acting Premier Clarke announced today that the government would meet here tomorrow evening. He declined to state whether or not the Dugal report would be under consideration.

BODY OF LORD ROBERTS TO BE BROUGHT TO ENGLAND IN FEW DAYS; BURIAL PLACE NOT DETERMINED

Had Been Advised Not to go to Front Till Weather Changed But Declined to Alter Programme--A German Tribute

London, Nov. 16.—Westminster Abbey has been offered as a burial place for Field Marshal Earl Roberts, subject to the usual conditions that the body must be cremated. Lady Roberts, it is announced, is unable to accept the offer. "The body of the distinguished soldier will be brought to England in a few days. It is understood that Earl Roberts wished to be buried at All Saints Church at Ascot, near his home. A definite announcement regarding the burial place is expected soon. "According to Paris despatches, Earl Roberts was advised not to go to the front, until the weather moderated, but he refused to postpone the programme arranged for him. "Earl Roberts is the eighth distinguished officer of the army, and navy, to die, since the beginning of the war. The list includes General Gresson, Franklin, Kekewich and Calington. "German Press Tribute "Berlin, Nov. 16.—The Lokal Anzeiger in an editorial on the death of Lord Roberts says:—"On the occasion of the death of Lord Roberts, the whole German press expresses itself appreciatively about the fallen hero. Even in war, moments occur when the fighter salutes the enemy with the sword instead of striking him with it. Such a moment has arisen with the departure of Earl Roberts."



Earl Roberts "BOBS"

Regret in Ottawa. "Ottawa, Nov. 16.—The death of Field Marshal Earl Roberts has caused profound regret in all circles at the capital, where "Bobs" won general admiration during his visit in 1907. The condolences of the government have been expressed in messages from the governor-general, Sir Robert Borden, and Sir George E. Foster.

DEFINITE THAT LOCAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS WILL GO TO THE FRONT

Word Comes to Colonel Massie -- Today at the Army--Engineer Here From Halifax -- Men Come to Handle the Horses on V yage

The news published in the Times on Saturday that No. 7 Army Service Corps would go to the front with the second contingent was verified this morning in the receipt of orders from Halifax to Lieut. Col. A. E. Massie, instructing him to proceed with the contingent. This means that eighty-eight men will be taken from the already depleted ranks of No. 7 Co., and enlistment will commence at once. No announcement has as yet been made concerning the choice of officers. "Major Fred McKean is in command of this body, which volunteered for foreign service on condition that they go as a unit. The ordinary strength of No. 7 Co. has been 108 with three officers, and the former strength was 150 but for transportation and other reasons this has been cut to eighty-eight. All ready men have gone to the front from this unit, and several others are waiting to be sent. The volunteers will be quartered in the armory where a depot has been established by the company for the accommodation of the men now on duty there. "Further Improvements "Mr. Knight of the militia department of civil engineers at Halifax was in the city today in company with Lieut. Col. Massie, who is in the city with the intention of having sanitary appliances, shower baths and other fixtures installed by the company. He is expected in the city tomorrow or Wednesday and will make an inspection of the men, equipment and the barracks. "Recruiting "Men are expected to arrive today from Sussex, Moncton and Fredericton to join the volunteers already enlisted with the 26th Battalion. Twenty-eight men from P. E. Island reached the city on Saturday night. Active drilling will be the programme from now on, and the men enlisted will be divided into companies under definite standing. "Horsemen Here "Seventy-eight men from Toronto and Montreal arrived in the city this morning to aid in the shipping of horses to the old country. They were taken in charge of Lieut. George Morley to the remount depot and will go with the horses across the ocean. "Today at Armory "The orderly officer of the 26th Battalion for over-seas expedition today is Lieutenant O. F. Leonard. The adjutant is Private L. Richards; main guard, Private M. Stockley; N. C. O. bath house, Private H. Howe. The day's routine in Lt. Col. McAvity's battalion orders was set out as follows:— "Roll call and breakfast, 7 a. m. "General fatigue, 8.30 a. m. "Drill and instruction under O. C. Company, 9 a. m. "Dinner, 12.30 p. m. "Guard mounting, 2 p. m. "Drill and instruction under O. C. Company, 3 p. m. "Supper, 6.30 p. m. "Roll call, 9.30 a. m. "Staff parade, 10 p. m. "Lights out, 10.15 p. m. "W. R. BROWN, Capt.-Adjt."

THE KHEDIVE'S INTENTIONS ARE NOW OF INTEREST

Berlin Statement That He Intends to Follow Spiritual Leader Against British

Berlin Via London, Nov. 16.—According to reports reaching here from Constantinople, the Khedive of Egypt will leave the Turkish capital soon to assume command of the Turkish operations against Egypt. He will be accompanied by a suite of fifty persons. "Abbas Hillal, Khedive of Egypt, has been in Constantinople since the outbreak of hostilities. He owes spiritual allegiance to the Sultan as the head of the Mohammedan faith. Despatches from Constantinople a month ago said the British government had ordered him not to return to Egypt. "A message from Berlin received yesterday said the Khedive had declared to the correspondent of a German newspaper his loyalty to the Sultan, which was dictated by his religious obligations. This same message said the Khedive intended to accompany the Turkish army when marching on Egypt by way of Palestine. "Constantinople, Nov. 16.—The Sultan of Turkey has issued a proclamation to the army and navy in which he accuses Great Britain, France and Russia of having instigated the war upon Turkey. He said that the outcome will put an end to the attempts directed against the glory of the Turkish Empire. Exhorting his soldiers and sailors to bravery, the Sultan says: "Not only the fate of our own country, but the future fate of 800,000,000 Moslems depends on your victory."

GENERAL HUGHES ON MATTER OF RAID BY GERMANS ON CANADA

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 16.—Major General Sir Hughes returned today to an examination of the second contingent men in Kingston and Toronto. "The second force was enlisted chiefly while plans he laid down before crossing the Atlantic. "The officers in charge of the work," he said, "have received a fine lot of men and young men of the best class are still offering. Many of them have done a good deal of drilling this summer and not a few have been doing guard duty along the canal." "General Hughes fears no sudden raid of German Americans from across the border. There have been the usual number of American hunters looking for game along the border and their presence has led to the exaggerated stories of invaders gathering on the border. "It will do no harm," he said, "if our people on the border keep their sporting rifles oiled and some charges of buckshot on hand for their shot guns. However, I do not think any trespass will be committed on the international boundary."

MR. PHILPS DEAD For Years He Was a Prominent Figure in City

The death of a life-long and esteemed resident of St. John occurred today in the passing of George Philip, aged eighty-five years, after a lingering illness. He was a native of Scotland, but came to St. John with his parents when but a boy of nine years. With his brother, the late James Philips, he conducted a paper mill with much success at Silver Falls until about the time of the outbreak of the American civil war, when he became engaged in the business of banking and brokerage at 97 Prince William street. About 1888 he took up the position of railway ticket agent for the I. C. R., which he held until about three years ago, being forced to retire because of failing health. "Mr. Philips, who was held in general esteem by many friends, is survived by three sons, Ernest L. of the Royal Insurance Co. of Halifax, Herbert S., general agent for the New York Central Railway in Montreal, and Charles S., grocer of this city. One sister, Miss Eliza Philips, of St. John, also survives. The funeral will be held at 2.30 tomorrow afternoon from the Congregational church. "JOHN B. WRIGHT HEAD OF DOMINION COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIATION "Montreal, Nov. 16.—John B. Wright was elected president of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association Saturday night, succeeding George A. Mann, of Murdoch was re-elected treasurer. Elections were both by acclamation. "BELGIAN CHOSERS BRITISH COLUMBIA FOR FACTORY "London, Nov. 16.—Referring to recent inquiries made by a Belgian refugee manufacturer concerning opportunities for establishing a factory in the province, Lt. Col. Pelletier regretfully informed the Montreal Gazette that although he had obtained a dozen offers of free sites, with the best facilities, the Belgian had decided that he would locate in British Columbia, where, he believed, the climate approximated Belgium.

THE FUNDS

C. B. Allen acknowledges the following subscriptions to the Patriotic Fund: John Robinson, Brockway, Charlotte Co., \$5; Junior Women's Auxiliary, St. James Episcopal church, \$8; Benjamin Mirey, for November, \$1; William Stanley, for November, \$3. "Little Marjorie McGeough of 65 Hawthorne avenue arrived city hall this morning with a contribution of \$4.20 to the Patriotic Fund. This represents the proceeds of a bazaar held in her yard on Saturday afternoon. The commissioners who accepted the contribution congratulated the little girl on her willingness to help and upon the results secured. "Subscriptions to the Belgian Relief Fund have been received by Mayor Frink as follows: Miss Muriel Lordly, 50c; Miss Kate Lordly, 60c; Elai Martin, L'Audre de Madawaska, collected, \$6; Fairville Tennis Club, proceeds of concert in Gaiety Theatre, per Mrs. T. J. Dalton, secretary-treasurer, \$10; George H. Elliott, proceeds of donation party in rectory, St. Andrews, \$25.50; sale of potatoes, \$11.90 and \$107.70; Dr. Elizabeth Hanson, Little Lepreux, \$2; Pleasant Vale, Epworth League, \$1.01; proceeds pie social, Clairmont House, Torryburn, per Miss Gallagher, \$47; pie social, Fairville, per Miss Helen Manning, \$26.51; social, Henderson's Settlement, Queens County, per John T. Huggard, \$60; social, Big Cove, Queens County, \$31; Charles F. Tilton, \$10. "For the Belgians "The Belgian Relief Committee wish to announce that any persons having new or slightly worn clothing or bedding to donate can have the same called for by advising the secretary, Jas. Gleehist, Box 204. "The Belgian committee acknowledge with thanks, the receipt of ten quilts and blankets collected by Mrs. Sydney Young, from friends. "Mayor Frink has received a communication from the Belgian minister in London giving directions how to address money to him for the relief funds. He gratefully acknowledges the work being carried on in their behalf and says that the need for money, food-stuffs, clothing and similar contributions is very urgent.

WHERE TO ADDRESS THEM

London, Nov. 16.—Long association of the name with Canadian affairs in London is causing Lady Strathmore to receive, at her private address, numerous inquiries by mail and cable from Canada. Communications addressed in this way are delayed, as pointed out by her husband, Dr. Elias Howard, owing to Lady Strathmore's frequent absence from town. All inquiries should be addressed to the High Commissioner at 11 Victoria street, for general affairs; to the Canadian Contingent Association, Westminster Palace Hotel, for charitable matters, and to the Pay Record Office, 85 Victoria street, for inquiries concerning members of the Canadian force. "UNKNOWN MAN MURDERED "Montreal, Nov. 16.—Murdered by parties unknown? This is the verdict of a coroner's jury at a farm house in Huntington county, near Kensington Station, in connection with the body of an unidentified man found on a lonely road two miles and a half from the boundary line between Canada and the United States, with throat cut and a wound in the jaw. A knife and razor, both covered with blood, were found beside the body, also two empty pocket-books, which were open. It is supposed he had been murdered and robbed, probably several days ago. His appearance indicated that he was a foreigner. "FINE OF \$20 "William Curran, charged with selling beer on Sunday, November 1, was fined \$20 by Magistrate Ritchie this morning for the offence.

LONGSHOREMEN ACT ON CITY MATTER AND VOTE TOBACCO TO SOLDIERS

At a meeting of the International Longshoremen's Union in the branch rooms here yesterday afternoon, the president, Fred Daley in the chair, matters of interest were dealt with. There was passed a resolution of condemnation of the policy of the commissioner of public works in discharging employes for years in the service of the city, the only reason given being their age. It was urged also that the city should take action to co-operate with some of the promoters who are endeavoring to relieve the housing situation by erecting dwellings for workmen. "A donation of twenty-five pounds of tobacco and four boxes of cigarettes was made for the benefit of the men at the front. President Daley, E. J. Tighe, C. G. Langbein, M. T. Donovan, and Thos. Sharkey were appointed delegates to the Trades Congress. "HOSPITAL STAFF FROM QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY FOR SERVICE AT THE FRONT "Kingston, Ont., Nov. 16.—Major F. Etherington, on behalf of the medical faculty of Queen's University, volunteers to raise the personnel of a stationary or general hospital for overseas service from the staff, graduates and students of the university. There are sufficient officers among the professors and graduates to complete the list of officers. This offer has been submitted to the minister of militia for his consideration. "THIMBLE PARTY. "Mrs. R. D. Donnelly, of Martello Tower, West St. John, held an enjoyable thimble party on Friday evening. About thirty friends gathered at her home and a very pleasant time was spent by all.

QUICK WATER MAIN REPAIRS

A vigorous all night campaign resulted in prompt repairs to one of the big water mains on Saturday night, and the morning the service was restored to normal. The men had just completed the repairs to a break at the junction of the thirty-six and the twenty-four-inch mains at Marsh Bridge, caused by the weight of a steam roller, when word of another break was received. Commissioner Wigmore rushed a gang of men out at six o'clock the next morning. The break was near the Venturi meters at the old Catholic cemetery, in the twenty-third ward, and was caused by the lead packing at one of the joints blowing out. "MISSION CLOSED "The mission which has been in progress during the last week in the Cathedral, for the Syrians of the parish, was brought to a successful close yesterday afternoon. Rev. Father Louis, a native of Syria, who has been in North Sydney for some years, was in charge of the services.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service. "Synopsis: An important depression now centered in the St. Lawrence Valley while a marked cold wave covers the western half of the continent. Gales prevail from the Great Lakes to the maritime provinces, attended by rain and snow. In the west zero temperatures prevail. "Colder. "Martime—Gales south shifting to west and northwest, rain; becoming colder during Tuesday. "New England—Fair and colder tonight and Tuesday; a cold wave, strong northwest winds on the coast.

CLOSE CHARGING CROSS STATION

British Authorities Take New Grip On German Spy Problem "London, Nov. 16.—The British authorities are adopting stringent measures to prevent the leakage of military news to Germany. Charing Cross station has been closed for continental traffic until further notice. All trains for Flushing or for Dieppe for Paris, will start from Victoria Station and all passengers will be searched before they enter the trains and all luggage will be overhauled. "It is understood that this step has been taken to prevent espionage and the passing of drawings, photographs and plans or information to the enemy.

MATTER OF WAR OFFICE CONTRACTS IN CANADA

London, Nov. 16.—The errand of Frederick Stohart to Canada as representative of the British War Office to arrange contracts for army supplies, all rights that the outcome will put an end to the attempts directed against the glory of the Turkish Empire. Exhorting his soldiers and sailors to bravery, the Sultan says: "Not only the fate of our own country, but the future fate of 800,000,000 Moslems depends on your victory."

SYRIANS IN HOME GUARD IN TORONTO

Toronto, Nov. 16.—As the result of the advent of Turkey into the war, Syrians of Toronto are organizing a home guard company, which will probably number 200.