

VIOLENT FIGHTING IN MEUSE SECTOR

Enemy Gain Foothold in French Advanced Line at Several Points.

STRENGTHEN POSITIONS

Ground Won in Recent Offensive Consolidated by Poilus.

Paris, Oct. 10.—French troops were engaged today in consolidating the positions won in the offensive launched in conjunction with the British yesterday. The number of prisoners taken in the attack exceeds 400, according to the official statement issued by the French war department.

Both armies were active on the front north of the Aisne. On the right bank of the Meuse, after an intense bombardment, the Germans launched a strong attack on our positions north of the Bois de Chaume.

The afternoon official statement said: "North of the Aisne the German artillery was particularly active in the region of Laffaux. We made a successful attack northwest of Colombe farm."

Special to The Toronto World. In a well-known North Dorchester farmer, residing in a private in Crampton, dropped dead today. He was plowing on his farm when he fell dead with the reins tied about his waist.

LIEUT. FAWCETT WOUNDED. London, Oct. 10.—Lieut. T. G. Fawcett, Royal Engineers, is posted as wounded. He is a graduate of Kingston. Lieut. F. Sherman of the R. F. C. formerly a private in the C. A. S. C., is now listed as killed. He was reported missing in May.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

YESTERDAY was rest day on the western front and the British and French troops who took part in the offensive of Tuesday were allowed a breathing spell while they organized their line of new territory. While the British were digging themselves into the Flanders mud the enemy attempted several trench raids south of Valenciennes, but without any material success.

According to the report on the British shipping losses, the German U-boats were a little more active last week than they have been for some time. The statement of the admiralty announces that during the week nineteen vessels in all fell prey to the enemy submarines.

From Berlin leaks the news that the men of the Kaiser's great fleet, hemmed in by Beatty's watch-dogs at Wilhelmshaven, recently mutinied as a protest against the war. They declared that all efforts on the part of the German nation to obtain a victory were hopeless and demanded that peace be sought immediately.

Following a violent bombardment in the Meuse sector yesterday the enemy launched a strong attack north of Bois de Chaume and penetrated the French line, gaining a foothold at several points in the advanced elements of positions.

On the Carso Plateau, Teuton troops attempted several surprise attacks on the Italian positions, but in the desperate fighting which occurred the enemy was driven off with serious loss.

Petrograd dispatches to the British admiralty state that the enemy in the Snull sector used his heaviest artillery in a violent bombardment of the Russian advanced trenches. In the middle sector of the northern front the artillery duels reached considerable proportions north of Lake Mladoff.

TWO CANDIDATES OF WAR VETERANS

Returned Soldiers Nominate Representatives in Federal Riding in B.C.

B.C. LABOR CANDIDATE

J. H. McVetty Will Contest Election in Vancouver South.

Vancouver, Oct. 10.—The Great War Veterans' Association last night decided to place candidates in the federal riding of Vancouver. Another meeting is to be held shortly, when there is a possibility they will put a candidate in Vancouver Centre.

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Twenty-Four Hundred Projectiles Hurlled Against Spitali Farm.

CLASH IN BALTIC SEA

Russian Scouting Cutters Attack and Rout an Enemy Flotilla.

Petrograd, via London, Oct. 10.—(British admiralty, per wireless press) The official statement from general headquarters today reads: "Northern front: In the Snull sector the enemy's heavy artillery bombarded our advanced trenches. In the middle sector of the northern front the enemy artillery fire increased, reaching its greatest intensity against our positions southeast of Spitali Farm. Here the enemy discharged about 2400 projectiles."

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BUSH FIRE RAGES IN SASKATCHEWAN

Flames Cut Wide Swath North of North Battleford, Many Settlers Suffering.

Prince Albert, Oct. 10.—A disastrous prairie bush fire is sweeping over a 15-mile strip in the country thirty miles north of North Battleford. The fire, which is being fought by a number of men, has destroyed a number of settlers' houses, including George Power, district magistrate, and has also destroyed a number of farm buildings and crops.

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POLITICS IN HAMILTON ARE IN CHAOTIC STATE

Every Candidate is on Win-the-War Platform, Labor Man Has Good Chance of Election and Liberals May Have to Call Off Their Nominees.

By a Staff Reporter. Hamilton, Thursday, Oct. 11.—As soon as Sir Robert Borden announces the date of the Dominion of the federal political party in its history—and that is saying something, for Hamilton is noted for its political campaigns, and the bitterness with which elections are conducted.

Just now the air is full of rumors and conjectures as to the chances of the different candidates, and every politician spoken to has a different view of what is going to happen. As it stands, the situation is that the Liberals have nominated Sir Robert Borden as their candidate in the Hamilton riding, and the Conservatives have nominated Sir Robert Borden as their candidate in the Hamilton riding.

Now, with General McEwen going into the cabinet as a win-the-war minister, representing East Hamilton, the Liberals are in a quandary, and, with Col. John I. McLaren running as a Liberal win-the-war candidate in West Hamilton, and Walter Rollo running as a straight Labor candidate, the Conservatives scarcely know where they get off with T. J. Stewart, M.P., who announced at a meeting of the Conservative executive a few days ago that he would not accept a straight Conservative nomination, but would be a win-the-war candidate or nothing.

Taking the line-up as it stands now, the principal features are as follows: The Liberal party has decided to run candidates in both East and West Hamilton, no matter what happens. But things may change, and a candidate may be put in the field in only one riding, and that West Hamilton. The Conservatives are in a quandary, and, with Col. John I. McLaren running as a Liberal win-the-war candidate in West Hamilton, and Walter Rollo running as a straight Labor candidate, the Conservatives scarcely know where they get off with T. J. Stewart, M.P., who announced at a meeting of the Conservative executive a few days ago that he would not accept a straight Conservative nomination, but would be a win-the-war candidate or nothing.

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ITALIANS REPULSE STORMING PARTIES

Positions in Castagnavizza Area Are Maintained After Furious Fighting.

Rome, Oct. 10.—The official report from Italian headquarters today reads: "Yesterday between the Adige and the Brenta, and on the Salizada Plateau there were lively artillery duels. East of Gorizia the activity of reconnoitering parties was noticeable. An enemy patrol was captured. On the Carso Monday evening, by repeated attacks, preceded by intense concentrations of gunfire, enemy storming parties attempted to gain ground in the Castagnavizza area. The Italian positions were maintained, and the enemy was repulsed with losses."

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