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WEATHER—SHOWERY

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GAINS BY ENTENTE ALLIES OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE

\$344,350 TO BE SPENT ON THE HARBORS AND RIVERS THROUGHOUT THIS PROVINCE

Of Amount Quarter of Million Dollars is For Extensions and Repairs to Negrotown Point Breakwater in St. John Harbor.

VOTE OF \$25,000,000 IS ASKED FOR ROLLING STOCK ON C. G. R.

Total Supplementary Estimates Submitted by Sir Thomas White to the House of Commons Are \$50,542,472—Loan for Laurier Lame Duck, the G. T. P.

Ottawa, Aug. 17.—Supplementary estimates for the current fiscal year totalling \$50,542,472 were tabled in the Commons today by the minister of finance, of this amount \$18,241,930 is chargeable to consolidated fund and \$32,300,542 to capital. The main items are for rolling stock for the Canadian Government Railways, including presumably further equipment for the Canadian Northern, and for the Grand Trunk Pacific, a loan of \$7,500,000. For rolling stock the vote of \$25,000,000 is asked. Further transportation items are \$1,020,000 to pay for the steamers "McKee" and "Drummond," recently acquired by the government for the coal carrying trade from the Maritime Provinces to Montreal, \$500,000 to provide for the building of two new ships; \$200,000 for the West Coast ship canal and \$3,667,745 to pay for the Quebec and Saguenay Railway and to complete and operate it under the legislation of last session and the award of the exchequer court.

Buildings and Harbors.

Comparatively small amounts are asked for public buildings and harbors. For Vancouver harbor improvements there is a vote of \$111,000, and for Victoria harbor \$340,000. For public buildings in Nova Scotia the vote is \$15,000 and for harbors and rivers \$37,150. New Brunswick gets \$2,000 for re-writing the port office of St. John, and \$344,350 for harbors and rivers, including \$250,000 for extensions and repairs to Negrotown Point breakwater in St. John harbor. Among the militia and defence department items there is a vote of \$24,429 to cover the expenditure of the minister of militia, Sir Sam Hughes, and his party in connection with the trip of 1913 attending the British, French and Swiss army manoeuvres; also \$2,194 to cover hire of motor cars for Major-General Hughes during his visit to England and France in 1912, 1913 and 1915. These bills have been held up until recently by the auditor-general sending vouchers and authority for payment. In the pensions branch a vote of two million dollars more is asked for European war pensions, and \$95,000 more to cover salaries and expenses of the board of pension commissioners.

\$100,000 For Seed Grain.

In the immigration branch a vote of \$100,000 is asked to provide seed grain for settlers on unpatented lands in the prairie provinces. Under the soldiers' settlement act of this session a vote of \$2,500,000 is asked for the bureau of industrial and scientific research; and \$5,500 to pay the expenses of the McLeod-Teller commission, which reviewed the findings of Mr. Justice Gait. Salary increases and additional staff for the basic civil service require \$156,237 more, \$80,000 are required for salaries in the customs branch, \$64,800 more for salaries in the post office department. These last two items evidently contemplate the salary increase for the outside service which Sir Thomas White promised some weeks ago.

Legislative Indemnity.

Under the heading of legislation there is an item of \$22,010 to provide payment of the full fiscal indemnity of members of the house for days lost through absence caused by illness, public business, being engaged in necessary farm operations or on account of death during the present session. This includes the full \$2,500 indemnity to Hon. H. S. Beland, a prisoner of war in Germany. Under the head of compassionate allowances, there is a vote of \$17,000 to the widows of the crew of government dredge No. 6 who were drowned when the vessel went down in a storm on January 17th last. Two

HUN COUNTER CANADIANS ATTACKS ARE HURLED BACK

Entente Allies Hold Tenaciously Positions Captured Thursday.

WONDERFUL WORK OF BRITISH GUNS

Fighting Continuing to More or Less Extent at Several Points.

HEAVY LOSSES OF HUN INFANTRY

Enemy Successful for Time Near Verdun But Are Repelled.

British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 17.—There was slight change this morning along the front of the new British offensive begun yesterday morning in Belgium. German counter-attacks were repulsed in the course of the night, and fighting is continuing, with the Entente Allies holding tenaciously the positions which they secured yesterday and carrying out consolidation. Evidence continues to multiply from both the prisoners and British officers of the wonderful efficacy of the British barrage fire yesterday morning on the north end of the British line, where the clearing station visited the case of the clearing station. The clearing station and talked with a British artillery observation officer who was wounded in the fighting near Lange-marek.

A Hurricane of Fire.

He said: "I have seen much modern artillery work, but frankly, I never dreamed there could be such perfection achieved in a barrage fire as we accomplished Thursday morning. I was stationed in an advance post, where I could see the full extent of our fire over the market region. While I directed the firing of the guns in the rear, I was amazed to see what our gunners could not see. At the jumping-off hour, which was 4:45 o'clock, the British batteries dropped a barrage in front of our infantry for the advance. It was as though a curtain of steel had been dropped before our men; it moved forward with chance precision of clockwork. All our guns broke out with such a peal before our men; it moved forward with the effect."

Violent Attacks.

The Germans made violent and repeated efforts last night to regain important positions recently wrested from them by the French and British. They gained some advantages on the Verdun front, otherwise the only result of their attacks was to add to the heavy losses which they have sustained in their fierce local offensive operations of late. The British report three counter-attacks against their new lines near Loos. At the second effort the Germans gained slight success at points, but they were driven back again, and the third assault failed to shake the British defence. Heavy artillery fighting is reported in the Ypres sector, where the British, after gaining high ground in yesterday's attack on a nine-mile front, were finally pressed back.

In New Brunswick.

Campbellton, repairs to wharf, \$1,500. Port Dufferin, repairs to breakwater \$10,000. Gagetown wharf, repairs, \$3,000. Grand Anse, repairs to breakwater, \$2,000. Quaco, (St. Martins), reconstruction of eastern breakwater, \$16,000. Richibucto Cape, to complete breakwater, \$3,000. Shipigan, wharf improvements, \$2,000. St. John Harbor, extension of, and repairs to Negro Point wharf, \$250,000. St. John Deepwater wharf, repairs, \$50,000. St. John Harbor, Partridge Island, extension to Low water landing, \$1,400. St. John Harbor, repairs to breakwater, \$700. Tracadie Beach, repairs to breakwater, \$750.

CANADIANS SUCCESSFUL YESTERDAY

Struggle Renewed South of St. Laurent at Four in Morning.

ONTARIO SOLDIERS OPEN THE ATTACK

Germans Gained Temporary Advantage But Were Later Put to Flight.

ENEMY AIRMEN AID INFANTRY

Many Aerial Fights Between the Canadians and Germans.

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, Aug. 17.—(By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspondent of the Canadian Press)—A fair, stand up, hand-to-hand struggle was the eastern slope of Hill 70, last night, our men beat off two more counter-attacks, in which the last available battalions of the fourth Prussian Guard Division were broken and destroyed as a fighting force. Prisoners state that at the very moment when our assault was launched the Guards' battalion were assembling to attack Hill 70. They came under our barrage and suffered severe losses in their positions in Bois Hugo and Cite St. Auguste. Notwithstanding this punishment they proceeded to the trenches from which their attack was planned to come, and shortly after seven o'clock they advanced with such determination that our forward posts were driven in and after five hours of the most determined fighting experienced by the veteran troops of the original expeditionary force, who took part.

Attack Extended.

For several hours the struggle went on and the Canadians finally won their objectives which were three trenches from which observation could be secured upon the recently won front.

NEW MINISTERS ARE APPOINTED

London, Aug. 17.—John Hodge, minister of labor, has been appointed minister of pensions, in succession to George Nicholl Barnes, who was appointed to the war council to take the place of Arthur Henderson. Other changes announced officially tonight were: Minister of labor—George H. Roberts. Minister of national service—A. C. Geddes. Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade—George J. Wardle.

CASUALTIES

Infantry. Wounded—G. H. Farway, St. John, N. B.; Lieut. A. M. Parsons, Middleton, N. S.; Gassed—R. A. Leman, Director, N. S.

THE FRENCH GAIN ALONG STEENBEKE

The Canadians Capture More Than Eleven Hundred Prisoners.

TWENTY-FOUR HUN GUNS ALSO TAKEN

Further Ground Gained West of Lens and Seized Ground is Secured.

POSITION BETTER ON YPRES FRONT

Germans Have Ceased Their Counter-Attacks in That Section.

London, Aug. 17.—French troops in the Ypres area have progressed in the neighborhood of the River Steenbeke. On the British portion of this front, according to the official report from British headquarters in France tonight there had been no change, and the Germans have ceased their counter-attack. The French and British troops have captured 24 German guns. The number of prisoners taken by the Canadians in the Loos-Lens sector has now reached a total of 1,120. The Canadians have organized and made secure the positions captured yesterday and have made an advance west of Lens.

The Statement.

The statement reads: "On the Ypres battle front our allies have improved their position slightly in the neighborhood of the Steenbeke and have taken further prisoners. Otherwise the situation has not changed. No further counter-attacks have been attempted by the enemy. Twenty-four German guns, including a number of heavy guns, have been captured by the Allies. "On the Loos battle front we have secured the positions captured by us yesterday afternoon and have gained further ground west of Lens. The number of prisoners taken in this area since the commencement of our attack now totals 1,120 including 23 officers."

HOW VARIOUS COUNTRIES GOT POPE'S PEACE NOTE

Great Britain Received It Directly as Did Neutral Countries.

Rome, Thursday, August 16.—The Vatican sent the Pope's peace note directly to Great Britain, Russia, Belgium, Brazil, Germany, Austria, and Bavaria, with which countries the Holy See has diplomatic relations. Two copies were added to that sent to Germany, with the request that the German government transmit one to the Sultan of Turkey. Fifteen copies were added to that sent to England, for the United States, France, Italy, Japan and the other Entente Allies.

PROHIBITION LAW IN B. C.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 17.—The Prohibition bill passed at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. Premier Brewster announced that the question of compensation was under consideration, and if a board was appointed it would be under the Public Inquiries Act. The bill comes into effect October 1. The House prorogued at four o'clock.

SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS BY THE ENTENTE ALLIES IN THE WORK OF FREEING BELGIUM

Although Gain of Territory Not Very Great It Was All to the Good—There Are Fewer Germans in Belgium Now Than Previously.

BRITISH AND FRENCH HAVE CAPTURED PROBABLY TWO THOUSAND PRISONERS

Chief Work of Allies Yesterday Was Consolidation of Gains and Clearing Out of Various Enemy Infested Nooks and Corners, and Advancing Guns and Supplies.

London, Aug. 17, (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Telegraphing from British headquarters in France today Reuter's correspondent says: "Today's chief business has lain in the consolidation of our gains and the clearing out of various enemy infested nooks and corners and advancing guns and supplies. The artillery was reciprocally active, and the airmen had the advantage of high visibility. Signs are apparent that the Germans are relieving their badly knocked about units on various parts of the front.

"The French are mainly employed in digging in. Their ground, if possible, is worse than ours, since the advance skirts an inundated country and has been largely over water-logged ground. They have gone ahead magnificently, and their casualties are actually less than the total of prisoners. The famous 75's, of which they had a great concentration, have given the Huns a terribly bad time. Their creeping barrages are marvels of accuracy and intensity. Their drumfire has broken up several attempted counter-attacks.

WILL REPLY TO BENEDICT

London, Aug. 17.—The Allied governments will discuss jointly the peace proposals of Pope Benedict and a reply will be issued in due course, Lord Robert Cecil told the Associated Press tonight. Whether the reply will be a joint note or, as suggested in some quarters, through the medium of the United States or by some other manner, will be decided later.

WAS NATIVE OF ST. JOHN

Sydney Salter, Leading North Sydney Business Man, Dies Suddenly.

Sydney, N. S., Aug. 17.—Sidney Salter, a leading North Sydney man, died suddenly in Sydney tonight from heart failure. He was motoring over the harbor front from a picnic when he took ill. He was removed to R. S. Harris' house on the Esplanade where he expired an hour later. He was born in St. John, N. B., 65 years ago. His father was the late Joseph Salter of North Sydney, one time resident and first mayor of Moncton. Mr. Salter leaves a widow but no family.

Two are in Montreal.

It is expected that Detective Biddlecombe will arrive today from Halifax, having in custody a youth who is wanted here for theft. The prisoner is one of three youths wanted for the charge, and it is said that his companions are at present in Montreal.

ENEMY FAILS IN ATTACKS NEAR LOOS

Germans Gain Temporary Successes But Are Subsequently Driven Back.

London, Aug. 17.—The Germans made two counter-attacks last night against the new British positions near Loos. They gained temporary success at some points, the war office announces, but subsequently the British line was re-established. The statement follows: "Early last night the enemy twice counter-attacked the new positions gained by us yesterday east of Loos in the direction of Cite St. Auguste. At the second attempt he succeeded in pressing back our line slightly at some points, but later in the night our troops again attacked, and re-established our line. A further hostile counter-attack was completely repulsed. We secured a few prisoners. "The artillery has also been active on both sides during the night east of Ypres."