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ALLIES GAIN GREAT TRIUMPH OVER GERMANY UPON SOMME

Summary of Gen. Haig's Report

The following are the chief points made by Sir Douglas Haig in his despatch:

1. German western armies were only saved from complete collapse and decisive defeat by the protracted period of unfavorable weather of October and November. This prevented the allies from taking full advantage of a successful advance.
2. The battle of the Somme was a triumph, which proved beyond a doubt the ability of the allies to overthrow Germany when the time comes.
3. The allies will win the war on the western front.
4. The power of the enemy has not yet been broken, so it is not possible to form an estimate of the time the war may last before the attaining of their objects by the allies.
5. Fully half of the German army, the mainstay of the central powers, despite all its advantages of the defensive supported by the strongest fortifications, suffered defeat on the Somme this year.
6. "Our new armies entered the battle with determination to win, and confidence in their power to do so. They have proved to themselves, to the enemy and to the world that this confidence is justified."
7. Battle of the Somme was begun to relieve Verdun, to prevent the sending of German troops from France, and to wear down the strength of Germany. It has succeeded in all three of these objects.
8. Evidence has been obtained placing beyond doubt the fact that the losses of the enemy were heavier than the losses of the allies, in men, material and morale.

GENERAL HAIG PRAISES CANADIANS ON SOMME

British Commander-in-Chief Tells of Brilliant Actions, Scoring Heavily Over Foe.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, Dec. 29.—In a despatch covering British operations since May, published tonight, Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, referring to the operations of September resulting in the capture by the Canadians of Martinpuich and Courcellette, says:

"The result of the fighting on Sept. 15 and the following days was a gain more considerable than any which had attended our arms in the course of a single operation since the commencement of the offensive. In the course of one day's fighting we had broken through two of the enemy's main defensive systems, and had advanced on a front of more than six miles to an average depth of a mile. In the course of this advance we had taken three large villages, each powerfully organized for prolonged resistance. Two of these villages had been carried by assault, with a short preparation in the

course of a few hours' fighting. All this was accomplished with a small number of casualties in comparison with the troops employed, and in spite of the fact that, as was afterwards discovered, the attack did not come as a complete surprise to the enemy.

Took 4000 Prisoners. "The total number of prisoners taken by us in these operations since the commencement of the reserve army front on the evening of Sept. 14, amounted at this date to over 4000, including 12 officers."

Later Sir Douglas Haig makes another reference interesting to Canadians:

"At midday on October 21, during a short spell of fine, cold weather, the line of the Regina trenches and the Staff redoubt was attacked with complete success. Assisted by an excellent artillery preparation and a barrage the infantry carried the whole of their objective very quickly and with remarkably little loss. Our new line was firmly established in spite of the

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Battle Places Beyond Doubt Ability of Allies to Gain Objects for Fighting—Teuton Armies Are Only Saved From Complete Collapse and Decisive Defeat by Prolonged Period of Unfavorable Weather.

London, Dec. 29.—The battle of the Somme is pictured as a sweeping triumph for allied arms in a detailed report by Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, which was issued tonight, and which covers operations from July 1 to Nov. 18.

Gen. Haig terms the battle a triumph in which the German western armies were only saved from complete collapse and a decisive defeat by a protracted period of unfavorable weather, which prevented the Anglo-French forces from taking full advantage of their successful advance. He declares that nevertheless it was a triumph which proved beyond doubt the ability of the allies to overthrow Germany "when the times comes." The British commander shows himself a firm believer in the doctrine that the allies can win the war on the western front.

Half Foe Army is Defeated.

"I desire to add a few words as to future prospects," he says at the close of the despatch which covers sixteen closely printed pages. "The enemy's power has not yet been broken, nor is it yet possible to form an estimate of the time the war may last before the objects for which the allies are fighting have been attained, but the Somme battle has placed beyond doubt the ability of the allies to gain those objects. The German army is the mainstay of the central powers, and a full half of that army, despite all advantages of the defensive and supported by the strongest fortifications, suffered defeat on the Somme this year. Neither victors nor vanquished will forget this, and, altho bad weather has given the enemy a respite there are undoubtedly many thousands in

his ranks who will begin the new campaign with little confidence in their ability to resist our assaults or overcome our defense.

"Our new armies entered battle with a determination to win and confidence in their power to do. They have proved to themselves, to the enemy and to the world that this confidence is justified."

The opening of the despatch outlines the origin of the allies' decision to begin the Somme operations. "The principle of an offensive campaign during the summer of 1916, had already been decided on by all the allies," says the report. "Various possible alternatives on the western front had been studied and discussed by Gen. Joffre and myself, and we were in complete agreement as to the front to be attacked by the combined French and British armies. Preparation for the offensive had made considerable progress, but the date was dependent on many doubtful factors.

"Subject to the necessity of commencing operations before the summer was too far advanced, and with due regard to the general situation I desired to postpone my attack as long as possible. The British armies were growing in numbers, and the supply of munitions was steadily increasing, but a large proportion of the officers and men were still far from being fully trained, and the longer the attack was deferred the more efficient they would become.

"On the other hand the Germans were continuing to press their attacks at Verdun, and both there and on the Italian front, where the Austrians offensive was gaining, it was evident that the strain might become too great

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ENEMY CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS

Violent Battle Proceeds in Central Rumania Near Sesmezo.

OFTEN REPULSE FOES

Russians Conduct Steady Defence—Ally's Front is Pressed Back.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

London, Dec. 29.—In central Rumania, near Sesmezo, a violent battle is proceeding, with the Russians and Rumanians fighting on the defensive and the Germans launching violent assaults regardless of their losses. The lines of the allies have been pressed back in some places under the desperate fury of the foe, but the Germans do not claim that they have broken thru the allied front. The Russians report the foe continues to advance at several points on the Moldavian frontier.

A total of 4100 Russian and Rumanian prisoners, the Germans claim, was taken yesterday.

In the region of Arara a Teuton force of two divisions, supported by strong artillery, launched an attack on the Russian lines. The battle which was thus begun continued all day, and it slackened in the evening. The Russians have fought further actions with the Teutons in the Rinnik-Sarat regions, and they beat off every Teuton attack.

The Rumanians, however, on being attacked by the enemy in the region north and south of the River Kasino, near the Rumanian frontier and west of Govesha, were pressed back about

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Dominion Government Gets Fifty Million Dollars' Credit

By Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 29.—As a result of the conference of bankers with Sir Thomas White recently a further sum of fifty million dollars will be advanced to the Dominion Government for a further British credit in Canada, for the purchase of munitions and war supplies. This makes the total British credit in Canada two hundred and fifty million dollars.



Kaiser John: Jimmy Sim'sun is a rattlesnake an' a Socialist an' a labor vampire what'd suck th' blood ov' all th' wimmen an' babies ov' Wee York.

Hok: You amaze me, Kaisie!

Kaiser John: He'd set fire to all th' lan'marks an' put gunpowder under th' flat town hall, market an' engine house, an' burn down th' meatin' house, th' small-pox hospital an' th' ole school. He'd start a strike among th' wood-choppers and th' oxen masters for two shillin' a day. He's out preachin' fur statoot labor an' noo fangeelid ideas like street lamp-posts, an' taller kandelis in them!

Hok: Is he still at large, Kaisie?

John th' Kaisie: Yu bet yuh, but I'm goin' to rope'm O.K.

Hok: I believe you will make all the labor men and many citizens pump for him.

The Kaisie: Then yuh mean they're goin' to gin me th' hood?

Hok: That's it, Ka-sey.

John: Nun ov' yure Katikaisin' me, did!

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WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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Sir Douglas Haig says also that the power of the enemy has not yet been broken, and that it is not possible to form an estimate of the time that the war may last before the attaining of their objects by the allies, but he asserts that the battle of the Somme has placed beyond doubt the ability of the allies to win complete victory. This engagement has brought about the defeat of fully half the German army, despite all its advantages of standing on the defensive and of being supported by the strongest of fortifications. Altho the bad weather has given the enemy a respite, there are undoubtedly many thousands in the German ranks who will begin the new campaign with little confidence in their ability to resist the allied assaults, or to overcome the allied defence. The battle of the Somme was begun with three objects in view, namely: First, the relief of the pressure on Verdun; second, the preventing of the removal of German troops

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