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FRENCH OFFICIAL NOTICE

All Attacks of the Germans Have Been Repulsed by the Allies.

Situation Remains About Same With Few Changes.

[By Special Wire to the Courier]

PARIS, Nov. 18.—The French official statement given out in Paris this afternoon says that yesterday saw numerous artillery duels and some isolated infantry attacks, all of which were repulsed.

The text of the communication follows: "The day of yesterday, November 17, passed much as did the day before. There were numerous artillery exchanges and some isolated attacks on the part of the enemy's infantry, all of which were repulsed.

"From the North Sea to the Lys, the front was subject to a fairly active bombardment, particularly at Neuport, and to the east and to the south of Ypres.

"Near Bixchoote, the Zouaves, charging with the bayonet, brilliantly took possession of a fort which had been disputed between the enemy and ourselves for three days.

"To the south of Ypres an offensive movement on the part of enemy's infantry was repulsed by our troops. The English army also maintained its front.

"From Arras to the Oise there is nothing new to report. "In the region of Craonne, our artillery on several occasions secured the advantage over the batteries of the enemy.

"The bombardment of Rheims has continued. From Rheims to the Argonne there is nothing new to report. In the region of St. Mihiel, in spite of counter attacks by the Germans, we have retained in our possession the western part of the village of Chauvaucourt.

"In Alsace, the landwehr battalions sent into the region of Sainte Marie-aux-Mines, have had to be taken out for the reason that they lost one half their effective strength."

Heavy Loss Was Inflicted at Neuport

[By Special Wire to the Courier]

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company at Amsterdam, sends the following:

"According to the Telegraaf, Sluis, Netherlands, correspondent, the Germans occupying Dixmude have suffered heavy losses. In fresh fighting which has taken place there they lost 200,000 men.

"The town of Neuport is badly damaged. Heavy cannonading was heard Tuesday in the direction of Ypres, indicating a renewal of the heavy fighting there.

"Fugitives say that additional submarines are being constructed at Zebrugge."

German Losses Terrific, Admits the Berlin Staff

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 18.—The official list of German casualties, as announced here, give a total of 549,247 killed, wounded and missing.

This list does not include the Bavarian, Saxon and Wuertemberg armies, the losses of which are estimated at more than 400,000 men.

The last list given out included the losses up to the beginning of October, so it is safe to assume that the above does not take in any after October 15. This list does not take into account the sick, of whom there are great numbers, so that it is easily possible that the fighting line of the Kaiser has since the opening of the war been close to 1,500,000 Hillaire Belloc two weeks ago placed the loss at 1,750,000.

LINOLEUMS AND OILCLOTH Linoleums and Oilcloth week—now at Crompton's. Good goods and low prices.

After impressive scenes at Boulogne, the remains of Lord Roberts reached Folkestone, England.

KAISER'S FIGHTING BAVARIANS AND PLUCKY BELGIANS FIGHTING FOR COUNTRY'S HONOR.



BAVARIAN MACHINE-GUN DETACHMENT OF THE GERMAN ARMY.

These Bavarians shown above are not Austrian soldiers. The shako is used extensively by the Bavarians. The headress of this particular detachment is a leather shako. Their tunic is of gray-green cloth, with round scarlet collar, cuffs and shoulder cords and brown leather knee boots. Range finders and telescopes are carried by each detachment. Machine gun batteries are independent units in each army corps of the German army. Each machine gun company consists of six guns, which are either worked together in battery when they are attached to regiments, or they can be sent to battalions in pairs. In the latter case they are used with the utmost boldness and skill.



BELGIAN OUTPOST USING A PILE OF LUMBER FOR COVER.

In the lower picture is shown a Belgian outpost in action. A correspondent at the front, writing of Belgian fighters, says: "The Belgian soldier is small; he is not exceptionally equipped; he makes but a sorry appearance, and in peace times he is but a grumbler. But under fire at the front he is superbly calm, composed. He makes war as he did formerly the great manoeuvres. He laughs and plays." Another correspondent writes: "Belgium is a plucky country. I know no braver. What we all owe to Belgium we can only guess. The price Belgium has had to pay is tremendous. She is buying her freedom with the lives of her own sons—men who know no fear, who face death daily with a smiling face and a cheery heart who suffer in silence and who, though crippled and maimed for life, are proud in the knowledge of the service they have rendered."

GERMANS AGAIN ON OFFENSIVE

Swift Change Has Taken Place in Russian Poland To-day.

In Eastern Prussia However Czar's Army is Advancing Steadily.

[By Special Wire to the Courier]

LONDON, Nov. 18.—11.52 a.m. No change in the kaleidoscopic operations in Russian Poland has been mere startling than the sudden resumption of the offensive on the part of the Germans, a movement by which the heart of the Russian line has been attacked and Warsaw again is threatened.

As usual conflicting reports arrive from the neighborhood of these operations. Petrograd does not deny that the Germans have resumed the offensive, but denies that the Russian capital declares that such a movement will not cause the slightest diversion from the Russian invasion of East Prussia, which is proceeding slowly but steadily. In the meanwhile Berlin claims a victory near Lipo impelling the Russian forces which, according to German reports, must make a stand before crossing the Vistula River as a retirement behind that stream would be too difficult. Berlin reports that the Russians are near Kutna, but Vienna claims a victory for her ally at this place.

From this welter of conflicting reports, emerges clearly the fact that a great battle is under way in western Poland on the line between the River Vistula and the River Warta. It is clear that the Russian advance has been brought to a halt. In the meantime Russian progress continues through the Carpathians, before Cracow and in East Prussia, before Lodz.

Bad weather conditions are still having their effect on the operations in the western arena. The artillery duels continue, but it is hardly likely that either side is attempting to make much use of its infantry.

Paris claims in an official communication that the invaders renewed their attacks to the south and east of Ypres without modifying the situation. At the same time the allies, according to this announcement have made marked progress at every point attacked—on the Yser, in the Valley of the Meuse. Special despatches announce heavy German losses in fresh fighting at Dixmude and the existence of a protective sheet of water which renders any further danger of a German advance in that region negligible. The Germans are reported also as having completely abandoned the left bank of the Yser, the flooding of which endangers their possession of Dixmude.

The giving out by the admiralty of the official report of the capture of the British cruiser Glasgow on the naval engagement November 1, off the coast of Chile settled beyond question the fate of the Cruisers Good Hope and Monmouth, but offers no solution to the mystery of the Battleship Canopus. According to the Glasgow reports, Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock, commander of the British squadron, signalled the Canopus that he was about to engage the enemy. This is the only mention, in connection with this naval engagement, of the one battleship present in the British fleet.

The only other reference to naval activity is a report of the bombardment of Knocke and Zebrugge on the Belgian coast by a British fleet.

WAS CENSURED. MONTREAL, Nov. 18.—For lack of ordinary judgment, Captain Philome Blouin, master of the Steamer Canada—a coasting steamship trading between Montreal and Gulf ports—was severely censured in the decision which Captain L. A. Demers, Dominion Wreck Commissioner, rendered here this morning, as a result of the investigation, which he conducted into the collision of the Canada and the Cape Breton, a freighter, in the harbor on October 7 last. In addition he was ordered to pay the costs of the case amounting to \$175.00, the cash to be paid into the Marine and Fisheries Department before December 15.

Mr. J. G. Sing, engineer for the Dominion Government in Toronto, has resigned.

'DON'T SHOOT' YELLED LONDON CABBY WHEN HE BROUGHT IN A NUMBER OF GERMANS

Prisoners Voluntarily Gave Themselves Up Because They Were Starving—Features of the Situation Given To-day.

[By Special Wire to the Courier]

PARIS, Nov. 18.—The battle in Flanders is becoming more and more restricted in the area between Ypres and the Lys. The flooded area has further extended until it now reaches well south of the Yperlee. In addition, the rainy season, so long in these flat countries has now set in, swamps, as the admirals drainage systems have not been working for three months.

The region is almost impassable and the conditions evidence the hardship of the armies in a country, the soil of which is nothing but liquid mud and where the villages, which might afford the only shelter have long been destroyed. Fighting almost as intense as in Flanders, continues on the French right flank in the region of Verdun, which fortress the Germans are persistently trying to invest. On the heights to the east of the Meuse, says a semi-official statement, the French light infantry is especially distinguishing itself and the artillery gave it useful support by destroying a German block house.

"We have at various points of the front," continues the statement, stormed several trenches, thanks to the dash of our infantry. In the Marne district one of our shells having blown up a German ammunition convoy, their artillery immediately opened fire on the city and cathedral of Rheims."

As a heavy London motor omnibus dashed towards the British camp in the second line yesterday a sentry fired and the guard turned out with loaded rifles and fixed bayonets, for in the vehicle were twelve Prussian soldiers with packs and rifles. As the bus approached, the driver, a typical London busman, cried out: "Don't shoot; they're feeding out of my hand; they're hungry."

The Prussians had been on outpost duty. When they saw the omnibus returning from the advanced British trenches, where it had delivered a load of ammunition, they stood in the middle of the road, threw up their hands and surrendered, declaring that they were starving.

The British Admiralty has not yet confirmed it.

CIVIC RECEPTION. MONTREAL, Nov. 18.—His Eminence Cardinal Begin of Quebec will be tendered a civic reception at the city hall on the occasion of his visit to this city on December 8, the first since his elevation to the cardinalate. Funds for the entertainment of his eminence were set aside by the Board of Control this morning.

SPECIAL SALE. Cold? Yes—but how does a week's special sale of Beds and Bedding at Crompton's strike you?

River Yser Is Abandoned by the Enemy

[By Special Wire to the Courier]

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The correspondent of the Times in Flanders telegraphs that the Germans have completed evacuated the left bank of the Yser canal, and that the floods are seriously jeopardizing the German position at Dixmude. The French are nominally holding the south end of the town of Dixmude and the Germans the north side. There is much hand-to-hand fighting.

"Recent days have been entirely favorable to the allies," the correspondent says, "and it may be taken as certain that the retreat of the enemy is simply a question of time. Between our forces and the enemy, the whole way from Neuport to Dixmude, there is a protective sheet of water, and all hopes of a German advance have been frustrated."

HAS AUDACIOUS BEEN SUNK OR WAS STORY FAKE?

The following is from the Liverpool Post, November 21: "Mr. and Mrs. J. W. P. Laird, of Birkenhead, have made a gift of half a ton of apples to the crew of the Birkenhead-built Dreadnought H.M.S. Audacious. One cwt. of apples has also been sent to each of the warships Garland and Liffy."

It would appear from the above, an item which occurred a week after the Olympic was reported as having had a narrow escape, that the story of the Audacious having been sunk may be imaginary after all.

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Naval Casualties Are Announced in Commons To-day by First Lord

[By Special Wire to the Courier]

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Winston Spencer Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, stated in the House of Commons to-day, in reply to a question, that the total British naval casualties to date were:

Officers killed 222, wounded 37, missing 5. Men killed 3,453, wounded 428, missing 1. This list, the First Lord said, did not include the missing officers and men in the Royal Naval Division at Antwerp and on the British cruiser Good Hope, sunk off the Chilean coast, which totalled 1,000 and 855 respectively.

LATE DESPATCHES TO-DAY

TORONTO, Nov. 18.—George A. Galloway, lately bookkeeper for the Western Canada Flour Company, was sentenced to two and a half years in the penitentiary on a charge of stealing \$2,027 from the company. He was arrested last March, and pleaded guilty to the theft of \$1,150, and has since made restitution to the amount of eight thousand dollars. He has been remanded several times, but a final sentence was passed, the judge remarking that it could have been 14 years. Galloway was receiving a salary of \$3,000 a year.

A COLD WAVE. QUEBEC, Nov. 18.—A cold wave that kept the mercury hovering below the zero mark last night, covered Lake St. Francis, on the River St. Lawrence, with a coat of ice, three inches thick. The report was given to-day by members of the crew of the Canada Line Steamer Murray Bay, arriving from Montreal.

LONDON, Nov. 18, 3.55 p.m.—The Official Information Bureau to-day gave out a statement as follows: "Our third division was subjected yesterday to a heavy attack, first from artillery and then from infantry, the brunt of both falling upon two battalions of the division. These were shelled out of their trenches, but they recovered after a brilliant counter-attack, which drove the enemy back in disorder for some 500 yards. During the day an attack was made also on a brigade of the second division. In this the enemy were repulsed with heavy loss."

LONDON, Nov. 18, 3.55 p.m.—The Russian myth, the story which gained widespread circulation some months ago that a Russian force of 80,000 men from Archangel had been landed in Scotland and thence moved to France, was officially buried in the House of Commons to-day by a definite announcement that no Russian troops ever had moved through Great Britain for the western arena of the conflict.

British Fleet Gave a Good Account of Itself

[By Special Wire to the Courier]

LONDON, Nov. 18.—7.53 a.m.—A Rotterdam despatch to the Daily Mail says: "The British fleet received information Monday, which led them to carry out a vigorous bombardment at Knocke and Zebrugge on the Belgian coast. The

Solvay Company's works on the Bruges ship canal, which are being used as a base for German military trains was wrecked. A train of five cars filled with soldiers was struck by a shell, took fire and was destroyed. Much damage was done to the German stores and supplies."