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MAGIC REPORTS CAPTURE OF 4446 GERMANS IN GREAT DRIVE

General Mewburn's Appointment as Militia Minister Believed Assured

FINANCING OF GREAT WHEAT CROP ASSURED

Highly Important Conference at Ottawa Handles Big Problem. MAY ESTABLISH CREDIT British Mission Discusses Purchase of Supplies With Bankers.

Ottawa, Oct. 5.—Financing of the western wheat crop seems assured. The question—one of the greatest consequences to Canada—received special consideration today at one of the most important financial conferences ever held in the Dominion.

The international financial situation was fully discussed, and particularly the matter of the establishment of credits in Canada for the purchase of supplies, foodstuffs and grain by the imperial government.

Assured of Success. In regard to the financing of the western wheat crop it was pointed out that the exportable surplus is valued at three hundred and fifty million dollars. Assurance was given to Lord Reading that within the limits imposed by considerations relating to the balance of trade and Canada's obligations abroad (which are paid for by the sale of Canadian commodities), the Dominion Government and the Canadian banks would take their share in the financial operations involved.

HELP ORGANIZATION OF CANADIAN LOAN

Men Who Made Success of Liberty Loan to Assist Government.

New York, Oct. 5.—In response to urgent appeals from government and banking officials of Canada, Gilbert B. Bogart and John J. Schumann, assistants to the executive secretary of the distribution committee of the liberty loan committee, will leave tomorrow for Montreal to confer with authorities of the Dominion and help to organize a patriotic popular loan subscription across the border.

The Canadians desired at least four months of the Dominion and help to remain until their campaign is over, which will be about six weeks. The short and intense drive on this side of the border, however, did not permit of the drafting of liberty loan executives for so long a period, in the opinion of Everett B. Swasey, chairman of the executive committee on distribution, but he agreed to send Schumann and Bogart to Montreal to serve in an advisory capacity. The Canadian campaign will be at least 1000. The first reinforcements are coming from Rockville Camp.



CANADIAN OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH FROM THE WESTERN FRONT. A Canadian wearing a steel hat and gas mask shooting with bow and arrow, using old Boche shell for target, which he stood on a Boche concrete stronghold. He found the "weapons" among ruins in Lens.

GEN. MEWBURN NAMED AS SUCCESSOR TO KEMP

Adjutant-General Said to Have Already Taken Office, Sir Edward Kemp Going to Customs Department—Reid to Become Minister of Railways—Laurier in Toronto on Monday.

Ottawa, Oct. 5.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier leaves for Toronto via the Canadian Pacific Sunday night. He will spend Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the Queen's City as a guest of R. Larkin. During his stay there he will doubtless confer with the local Liberal leaders and with prominent supporters from various parts of western Ontario.

The Liberal chieftain was in fine fettle when seen by The World reporter this afternoon. He looks cheerful and is anything but a disappointed or desperate man. He referred jocularly to the rumor of his resignation, saying that, personally, he would just as soon serve in the ranks as in supreme command, but that the question was one for the Liberal party to decide.

"I am going to Toronto," he said smilingly, "to have a talk with the boys, and if they want me to retire I have not the slightest objection." Those near to Sir Wilfrid, however, scout at the idea of his abandoning the Liberal army on the eve of a great battle. They say he was never in better form to carry on a campaign, and a thousand letters and telegrams have been received from all over the country protesting against his retirement. Frank P. Carvell, M.P. for Carlton, N.B., who was somewhat unjustly credited with starting the rumor about Sir Wilfrid's retirement and was spoken of as likely to be the new leader, left the capital yesterday. Hon. Wm. Pugsley, however, is here on the ground. Mr. Pugsley wants Sir Wilfrid to remain in the saddle, but if Sir Wilfrid is to retire, a new leader is to be selected from New Brunswick. Mr. Figsley has a man in mind who, he thinks, would be better for the job than Mr. Carvell.

Union government made no perceptible progress today, so far as the west is concerned. Hon. J. A. Calder of Saskatchewan and Premier Sifton of Alberta presented a sphinx-like attitude. It is expected, however, that Premier Martin of Saskatchewan, Attorney-General Huxson of Manitoba, Hon. Thomas H. Johnson, minister of public works in the Norris Government; Frank Fowler, Liberal organizer for Manitoba, and T. A. Creer, president of the Grain Growers' Grain Co. of Canada, will be here Sunday. The impression seems to be that if union government goes thru, it will include as the four Liberal ministers from the west Messrs. Creer, Hudson, Calder and Arthur Sifton. The two last named are said to be most likely.

The Old Cabinet and Changes Made or Likely to Be in New One

The Borden government as it stood a few days ago and before the retirement of Hon. Robert Rogers was made up of the following ministers, officials and political heads of departments without cabinet rank, distributed geographically from east to west as follows: Maritime Representatives. Borden: First minister and president of the privy council. Hazen: Marine and fisheries. Doherty: Justice. Perley: Canadian high commissioner in London, postmaster-general. Blondin: Postmaster-general. Sevigny: Inland revenue. Ontario Representatives. Mewburn: Militia and defence. White: Finance. Reid: (probably) Railways. Kemp: (probably) Customs. Guthrie: Solicitor-General (without portfolio). Foster: (probably) With or without portfolio and leader of senate. Of the Ontario men in the cabinet before the reorganization began, Hon. F. Cochrane will probably be chairman of the board of directors of the Canadian Northern. Mr. Crothers will probably go on the bench. Prairie and B.C. Representatives. Rogers: Out. Roche: To join the civil service. Burrell: To join civil service. Leighton: To remain with portfolio. Loughheed: Likely to be made minister of overseas forces. Three new western men are likely to be chosen within the next two or three days, and one of these will be minister of the interior, probably J. A. Calder, and another two portfolios not yet settled.

A new minister of labor has to be selected, who may or may not be from Ontario, and there may be another new man brought in from Ontario with cabinet rank. It can be said, however, at this writing, that the new members will remain pretty much as they are, and also those of Quebec, with the exception of Sir George-Perley going out of the cabinet.

FLOUR MILLING PROFITS ARE LIMITED BY HANNA

Order of Food Controller Allowing Twenty-five Cents Per Barrel Becomes Effective Nov. 1, When He Will Fix Price to Consumers.

Ottawa, Oct. 5.—After Nov. 1 the net profits of Canadian millers will be limited to a maximum average of 25 cents on the milling of sufficient wheat to make a barrel of flour of 196 pounds and the offals produced in such milling. Hon. W. J. Hanna, food controller, made this announcement tonight as the outcome of several conferences with representatives of all branches of the milling trade. Every mill with a capacity of 100 barrels of flour or more per day must take out a license from the food controller. The licensing will be optional with mills with a capacity between 50 and 100 barrels per day. Every licensed establishment must submit each month a detailed sworn statement of costs of manufacture and profits on sales. Failure to comply with any of the regulations may result in suspension or cancellation of license. Three Standard Grades. Mr. Hanna also stated that he would select and approve three standard grades of flour and that all licensed mills would be required to manufacture and sell one or more of these standard grades. One will be a flour made from Manitoba spring wheat, the second will be a blended flour, from a mixture of Manitoba spring wheat and Ontario winter wheat, while the third will be made entirely from winter wheat. The standard grades will be of first-class quality, suited to all purposes and will represent a higher percentage extraction than the white flour now in general use in Canada. For their maximum cash prices will be set from time to time. Such prices will be f.o.b. cars on track at point of delivery, or the equivalent at point of origin. After today (Oct. 5) mills are not permitted to make any contract of sale for shipment more than 30 days ahead. Mr. W. Stanford Evans has been appointed by Mr. Hanna to supervise the carrying out of the arrangement with the millers, and a special committee of the latter has been named to act in an advisory capacity to the food controller on behalf of the millers.

BRITISH RETAIN GROUND ENEMY CEASES ATTACKS

Huns Retreating in East Africa

British Forces Press Hard on Heels of Enemy in Bemkuru Valley. London, Oct. 5.—The following communication concerning the operations in Africa was issued tonight: "In the Bemkuru Valley (East Africa) the enemy is retreating toward Nangano, southwest of Liawale. We are following him up in the western area our column, moving eastward from the Ruhude River, has reached a point within 13 miles of the road leading south from Mahenge, toward Opondas."

FOE SHOWS EXHAUSTION BY FAILURE TO ATTACK

Enemy Has Reeled Back About Three Miles Mostly Uphill, As Result of Three Staggering Blows Dealt by British in Two Weeks.

London, Oct. 5.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—Telegraphing today from British headquarters in France Reuter's correspondent says: "The fruits of yesterday's victory have been held. No infantry counter-attacks occurred during the night time, demonstrating the German exhaustion, due to the manner in which their big offensive was devastated yesterday morning and our reception of the enemy's eight counter-attacks yesterday. "Five of these counter-attacks were made against a short front to the north of the Ypres-Menin road, being broken up by artillery. Three were delivered against our new positions near Heutel. Two of these were beaten back, but the third advanced in great strength late in the afternoon, bending back our line slightly, necessitating, however, only a trifling modification of the front which has absolutely no bearing on the general tactical results achieved. "Within a fortnight we have struck the enemy in Flanders three staggering blows in a very vital spot, bent him back reeling about three miles, mostly uphill. "A better appreciation of these victories is possible if we can imagine what we should be thinking and saying if the situation were reversed and the enemy had succeeded in doing to us what we have done to him. "A notable feature of the fighting was the wonderful completeness of the arrangements for rapidly clearing the wounded. Despite the inclement weather, stretcher-bearing was practically finished early in the afternoon as far as the open field was concerned. "Among the haul of prisoners is a larger proportion of mere boys than in any previous battle. "One regiment from a Russian front caused a panic by shouting the English were on them and bolting."

Big National Railway To Be Run Efficiently

Canadian Northern, Intercolonial and Transcontinental Railways With Telegraph and Express Systems to Be Thoroughly Reorganized and Freed of Politics

Ottawa, Oct. 5.—Sir Thomas White, who had charge of the bill to take over the Canadian Northern, Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways and canals, and one or two other members of the cabinet have about framed up their proposals for the administration of that railway. The government is to retain the company form of the C.N.R., and will appoint a board of directors to take the place of the existing board and to run that road as a national service organization free of political interference. It is generally believed that Hon. Frank Cochrane will be chairman of the board. Sir William Mackenzie was here on Thursday. It is also believed that the agreement between the owners of the \$50,000,000 of Canadian Northern stock and the government has been about completed; it is altogether on the lines of the act just put thru parliament, and will be a short document. The government have also about settled that the maximum amount which the arbitrators who are to settle compensation for the \$60,000,000 of surrendered stock is not to exceed \$15,000,000; it may be somewhat less, although the arbitrators may make it any sum below the maximum.

Removed From Politics. It is also current here that the framework of the management and organization of the Canadian Northern, the Intercolonial and also the Transcontinental, and later on the Grand Trunk and the Grand Pacific, and make the whole one consolidated national railway under company form, entirely removed from politics, administered by a board of men specially appointed for that work, and the operation of the road be put in the hands of railway experts taken from the three systems. The name of D. B. Hanna, at present general manager of the Canadian Northern, is mentioned either as a member of the board of directors or as chief administrator of the consolidated system. It is also believed that A. J. Mitchell, of the C.N.R. financial department, fully posted as regards the internal affairs of that company, will also be associated with the new board or in the accounting work. It is not likely that any of the operating men on the Intercolonial or Transcontinental or Canadian Northern will be changed, but that considerable savings in the matter of overhead expenses and unnecessary duplications will be avoided. Fully Organized System. It is very likely that one of the first acts of the new government will be to start the national railway as a fully organized railway system, including a public telegraph and express service, altogether removed from politics. In that case all the government lines of telegraph service would also be consolidated with the Great North Western telegraphs now to be taken over. The policy of this consolidated national railway, telegraph and express system would be to promote the men and move them along the line as the public interest called for, and that all local claims for patronage would hereafter be ignored, and yet no one of them is to be a business administration by men trained to the business of traffic and telegraphs.

DINEEN'S MEN'S HATS, TROOPS SHOOT STRIKERS

Several Persons Are Killed or Wounded in Clash at Taft Viejo. Buenos Aires, Oct. 5.—Several persons were killed or wounded today in a battle between troops and railway strikers at Taft Viejo. A demonstration in favor of neutrality which had been arranged for tomorrow has been forbidden by the government because there are insufficient forces to maintain order.

More Than Forty-Four Hundred Germans Are Taken Prisoner in Haig's Latest Drive—Positions Have Been Consolidated—King Telegraphs His Congratulations.

London, Oct. 5.—The British official communication issued tonight announces that comparative quiet prevailed Friday on the Ypres sector. Prisoners to the number of 4446, among them 114 officers, have been taken by the British. The communication of this evening says: fighting occurred on the battle front today. Our troops have consolidated their positions. There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front. "The number of prisoners taken since yesterday morning amount to 4446, including 114 officers." The earlier official report said: "A hostile raiding party endeavored to enter our trenches last night north of Gouzeaucourt, but was driven off with loss by rifle and machine gun fire. Three other raids were attempted by the enemy in the neighborhood of Lens. All three were repulsed, in one case after a very hard fight. The King has telegraphed congratulations to Sir Douglas Haig for his leadership and the efficiency and courage of his troops. Consolidate Positions. Tonight's Associated Press report from the British front, says: The sun came out this morning and drove thru the crisp October air on an unwavering line of victorious British troops along the new defenses which they reached in yesterday's great drive. The night had brought virtually no change in the situation, and the British were rapidly consolidating the positions that were the fruit of one of the most important conquests of the war. The night was comparatively calm as far as infantry action was concerned. The enemy, however, concentrated an intense artillery fire upon the entire battle front, and during yesterday afternoon and evening they massed their shattered troops at various places for counter-attacks, which were attempted with desperation, and in almost every case the onrushing waves of German infantry were caught in a heavy artillery, machine gun and rifle fire and crushed before they reached their objectives. The German artillery fire was particularly heavy up to midnight about the section just north of the Menin road in the vicinity of Polderhoek. In the afternoon and evening the enemy

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LITTLE ACTIVITY ON FRENCH FRONT

Two Surprise Attacks By the Enemy Near Chevreux Are Repulsed.

Paris, Oct. 5.—There is very little activity on the French front in the Champagne district, to the west of the Navarin front, there was heavy artillery fire on both sides yesterday, according to the latest official statement issued by the French War Department. Two surprise attacks southwest of Chevreux were repulsed. The statement of the war office is as follows: "On the front of the Aisne, to the southeast of Chevreux and to the east of Derry, we repulsed two surprise attacks. In Champagne to the west of the Navarin front and in the region of the Meuse, there was reciprocal artillery activity; on the right bank of the Meuse our artillery caught under its fire, scattered in the region of the Bois-des-Carrières, enemy assemblages. "Army of the east, October 4: Calm prevailed along the front, except in the Cerna Bend and north of Montastie, where the cannonade has been rather spirited. "The afternoon's official statement says: "The enemy attempted without success several surprise attacks during the night, especially in Champagne east of the Butte de Souain and in upper Alsace, near Machelbach. "There was violent artillery action on the right bank of the Meuse in the region of Bezonvaux and Hill 944."

STORE OF D. W. DOWNEY, BROCKVILLE, ENTERED

Goode to Value of \$200 Stolen—Entrance Made Thru Window. Special to The Toronto World. Brockville, Oct. 5.—During the night the store of D. W. Downey was burglarized and goods to the value of over \$200 stolen. One of the thieves dressed himself in a portion of the booty, leaving his own suit behind. An entrance was gained by removal of a pane of glass from a window.

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