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BRITISH ADVANCE HELPED BY CANADIAN ARTILLERY

GERMANS ARE STILL HELD UP ON FRONT NORTH OF VERDUN

Hydro Power at Cost for Eastern Ontario

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT PAYS \$8,350,000 FOR SEYMOUR POWER CO.'S INTERESTS

CANADIAN GUNS HELPED BRITISH TO MAKE GAIN

German Trenches Reduced to Ruins and British Onslaught Succeeded.

FOE COUNTER-ATTACKS

But Enemy Melted Away Under Fire—Canadians' Scouting Feats.

OTTAWA, March 10.—The following communication from the Canadian general representative in France was received by the militia department to-night:

"CANADIAN GENERAL HEAD-QUARTERS IN FRANCE, via London, March 10.—Early in the week of March 1-7 our Canadian artillery was invited to assist in a very heavy bombardment of a section of the enemy's line. As a result of the combined fire the German trenches, communicating trenches and dugouts were reduced to ruins for a considerable length. A British attack followed and was entirely successful, owing in part to the perfect artillery barrage, which prevented the enemy's support from moving up. The German trenches were captured and many prisoners taken. Several determined counter-attacks subsequently attempted by the enemy melted away beneath the British and Canadian fire, and the British troops remain in possession of the ground won."

Numerous enemy working parties were dispersed and on several occasions hostile batteries were effectively silenced. One of our batteries shelled and destroyed a German road barrier, and on the same day shells from another of our batteries caused three explosions in the enemy's trenches, probably as the result of striking bomb-towers.

Direct Hits. Direct hits were secured by the field batteries of our second divisional artillery (commanded by Brig-Gen. Morrison, D.S.O., of Ottawa), on a trench mortar emplacement, at a moment when the gun was firing aerial torpedoes at our line. Several machine gun emplacements and observation posts were destroyed.

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MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN SECURITIES TAKEN

Amsterdam Bankers Compute Big Total Since Middle of January.

AMSTERDAM, via London, March 10.—Banking circles here give \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 as the aggregate value of American securities and coupons taken by the British Government from the Dutch steamers Noordam and Rotterdam on outward voyages since the middle of January. American purchasers of the securities and coupons, it is said, received empty or partly empty envelopes containing a British official notification that the missing contents would be brought before a prize court.

BRIG-GEN. ARMSTRONG WAS IN TRAIN WRECK

He Was Severely Injured, But Was Fortunate in Saving Life.

OTTAWA, March 10.—The Canadian representative with the troops in Flanders cables: "Brig-Gen. C. J. Armstrong, chief engineer of the Canadian Corps, while returning to the front from the Canadian base in France, was unfortunately injured in a railway accident. The last three coaches of the train were telescoped by an express, and the general, sitting in the rear compartment, narrowly escaped death. He was thrown 40 feet from the track and suffered a compound fracture of the left leg, had one rib broken and was badly cut in the face. While Gen. Armstrong lay on the ground the wrecked carriage from which he had been thrown was completely destroyed by fire. The general is reported to be doing well."

Brig-Gen. Tuxford and Loomis have been appointed to the command of our 3rd and 7th Infantry Brigades respectively in place of Brig-Gens. Leckie and Macdonnell, who were wounded on Feb. 17."

SEIZED SECURITIES OWNED BY GERMANS

Britain Held Them Back After Examination of Dutch Mail.

BERLIN, March 10.—(Via wireless to Sayville).—Among the news items given out today by the Overseas News Agency was the following:

The Dutch newspaper, Handelsblad, reports that securities are missing from the Dutch mail, which was seized and later released by the British authorities. The newspaper says the British officials believed that the securities came from Germany and were being sent to the United States by the way of Holland.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

THE chief incident of the battle of Verdun reported yesterday was the recapture of part of the Bois des Corbeaux (Crow Wood) by the Germans, who, on the other hand, were repulsed in two attacks on the French positions lying to the west of Douaumont village, and were stopped short by French artillery in an attack on Vaux village, and had to abandon the attack. Thus while the fighting is raging in many parts of the battle line the pendulum has swung backward a little in an unimportant part of it.

As the fighting has now lasted three weeks and the Germans have been held up for two weeks on the front lying east of the Meuse, and for nearly a week on the front lying west of the Meuse, the failure of the German offensive becomes more and more plain. The German advance was checked two weeks ago, and any slight gains which they have since recorded are mere incidents in the struggle, which has to go on till the Germans have used up all the men that they have concentrated at Verdun for the adventure. The German commanders are now trusting to accident to gain them further advantage, but if there is any accident, the French will create it for the discomfiture of the enemy.

A further delay in the advance of the British columns under General Aylmer, for the relief of Kut-el-Amara, in Mesopotamia, has been caused by the necessity of General Aylmer to withdraw the troops which were operating seven or eight miles from the northeastern bank of the Tigris to the river again for water. The movement does not involve a retrograde of the army, but merely the drawing in of one of its wings for purposes of replenishment. The troops had in two days advanced from Nasrîe, 25 or 30 miles below Kut-el-Amara, along the eastern bank of the river, to Essinn, seven miles east of Kut-el-Amara, driving before them the Turks who had held them up for two months at Nasrîe. An advance of about 20 miles in two days, thru a country water-soaked by torrential tropical rains, and destitute of drinking water, and in the face of hostile resistance, is quite an achievement. The withdrawal to the river does not imply that the British will retreat from Essinn, but that they will hold on there, and, when refreshed, will fight a battle. A German statement asserting the repulse of the British force here, with the claim that the British left

GERMANS TAKE LOST GROUND IN VERDUN BATTLE

Strong Offensive Regained Foe Part of Bois des Corbeaux.

BEATEN ELSEWHERE

General Advance of Enemy Still Held Up by Stout Defence.

LONDON, March 10.—Bringing up heavy reserves today, the Germans attacked the French forces, which had recovered Bois des Corbeaux (Crow wood), and they were able to occupy part of this wood again. Several German attacks on this wood were repulsed by French infantry and artillery, which did considerable execution in the ranks of the enemy before they made headway, for into their losses were already out of all proportion to the value of their objective, the Germans again brought up at least one division, and in the course of the fighting they were able to drive the French back in part of this wood.

This was the only noticeable incident in the battle of today. The bombardment was uninterrupted on the west of the Meuse, and while heavily maintained on the east of the Meuse, it was supported by infantry attacks against the villages of Douaumont and Vaux, which were severely checked.

The Germans twice launched their men in serried ranks against the French positions lying west of Douaumont village, and they were twice repulsed.

Stopped Near Vaux Village. The attack against Vaux Village was stopped short by French artillery and had to be abandoned. The French say that they have confirmed the fact that the attacks on these two hamlets cost the Germans heavy sacrifices.

The night watches with their infantry attacks on the Meuse positions north of Verdun, it was reported by the French war office this afternoon. The bombardment continued to be very heavy. French airmen have begun to fight for the supremacy of the air with German airmen and they carried out many attacks over the lines of the enemy. At Etienne, 15 foe aircraft

GAULT DIVORCE CASE IS TRIED AT OTTAWA

Action Has Aroused the Greatest Interest Among All Classes in the Capital.

MANY WITNESSES HEARD

Petitioner's Story Told and Mrs. Gault's Evidence Will Be Finished Today.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, March 10.—The Gault divorce case was begun today in the private bills committee of the senate. The hearing is in camera of course, but it is learned that before the committee rose at 6 o'clock the evidence for the petitioner, Major Hamilton Gault, had been completed and that for the respondent was being presented. When this is all given argument of counsel will be heard, and as far as the presentation of the case is concerned everything will be over tomorrow night. The witnesses heard today were mostly from England. They included Major Hamilton Gault, Capt. Benson, a brother-in-law of Major Gault, Percival Campbell, from England, Mrs. Gault and her maid, Marie Conditte, from France, Bruce Bainsmith, the co-respondent named in the petition, was formerly a lieutenant in the Princess Patricia's Cavalry, and was in the regiment when it was formed.

Mrs. Gault is represented by H. H. Dewar, K.C., of Toronto. R. A. Prince, K.C., and Norman Guthrie of Ottawa. They are putting up a strenuous fight to refute the charges of improper conduct against their client and to demonstrate the weakness of the evidence produced by the petitioner. The counsel for the latter are Eugene Lafleur, K.C., and Gordon MacDonnell of Montreal. The case has aroused the greatest interest in the capital.

Sir Adam Beck is Pleased

"There will be no immediate change in regard to the power supply to the towns getting power and light from the Seymour interests," Sir Adam Beck told The World last night over the long distance phone from London. "All these municipalities have contracts with the various subsidiary companies which will have to be considered in dealing with the situation."

Sir Adam was naturally glad of the success of the scheme upon which the hydro commission in conjunction with the Ontario Government had been working for a year or more. He believed the consummation of the deal opened a new era for eastern Ontario in that its manufacturing centres would soon have the advantages of cheap power and light.

"It simply takes the control of the power situation in eastern Ontario out of the hands of the interests and vests it in the people," Sir Adam declared.

BRITISH FALL BACK FOR WATER

LONDON, March 10, 8.55 p.m.—The war office tonight made public the following official communication concerning the fighting in Mesopotamia:

"General Lake's reports that General Aylmer, who was operating March 8 from seven to eight miles from the right bank of the Tigris River, in consequence of lack of water, has been obliged to fall back on the river after having removed all his wounded."

FRANCE HAS CONFERRED HONORS ON MANY CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Men of Highest and Lowest Rank in List of Awards Made by President Poincare for Distinguished Service.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 10.—The Canadian representative with the forces in Flanders cables: The president of the French Republic has conferred decorations as shown below on the following officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Canadian corps:

La Legion d'Honneur Croix d'Officier: Lieut.-Col. Charles H. Mitchell, headquarters Canadian corps; Lieut.-Col. F. O. Loomis, 13th Battalion; Lieut.-Col. G. S. Tuxford, Fifth Battalion.

La Legion d'Honneur Croix de Chevalier: Major F. A. Creighton, 1st Battalion; Major H. Barre, 14th Battalion; Lieut. H. Quintal, 14th Battalion; Capt. G. T. Richardson, 2nd Battalion; and Capt. G. A. Cline, 1st Divisional Signal Co.

Medaille Militaire: Sergt. J. A. Barnhill, 12th Battery; Signal Sergt. H. K. Clifton, 3rd Battalion; Sergt. J. A. Scroggie, 16th Battalion; Corp. B. C. Hall, 1st F. C. Canadian Engineers; Lance-Corp. E. A. Barrett,

4th Battalion; Lance Corp. M. T. Greer, 19th Alberta Dragoons; Lance Corp. A. J. Hourston, 23rd Battalion; Lieut. E. A. Baker, 22nd Battalion; Sapper J. T. Duffy, 3rd F. C. Canadian Engineers, and Pte. P. A. Lambert, 22nd Battalion.

Croix de guerre: Major W. H. Clarke, 28th Battalion; Capt. J. A. Cullum, 28th Battalion; Capt. H. G. R. Gibson, headquarters 1st Division; Lieut. E. A. Baker, Canadian Engineers; Lieut. E. Peppier, 3rd F. C. Canadian Engineers, Sergt. D. Bissett, 3rd Battalion; Sergt. A. Cadogan, 1st Battalion; Corp. W. J. Maxwell, 2nd Battalion; Corp. H. R. Smith, 10th Battalion; and Pte. G. F. Clarke, 8th Battalion.

Premier Borden Honored. Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, March 10.—The king of Belgium has conferred the Grand Croix of the Order of Leopold on Sir Robert Borden, premier of Canada.

GRAND BRITISH AERIAL RAID DAMAGES FOE'S RAIL HEAD

Thirty-One Machines Bombard German Works at Carbin—Two Enemy Attacks on Mine Craters Repulsed.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, March 10.—A grand aerial raid in which 31 British machines took part was carried out with great success against the German rail head and billets in Carbin, Flanders, and it is believed, the raiders did considerable damage to the points attacked, according to an official report of Sir Douglas Haig, received here tonight. Sir Douglas reports that all the machines returned safely to their base. One British flying machine was brought down in a fight with some German machines at Tournai, but one German machine was also brought down.

The Germans made two bombing attacks on British mine craters near the Hohenzollern redoubt in the course of last night and they were driven back to their trenches with losses on each occasion. Much artillery firing is reported on both sides, the chief storm centres being Loos, the Hohenzollern redoubt, and the lines between Quinze Rue and Fauquissant. Near Fauquissant the British gunners got the range of a German mine shaft and damaged it.

Control is Secured of 22 Separate Companies Between Toronto, Kingston and North Bay, and Privately Owned Power Monopoly of Eastern Ontario is Wiped Out.

Hydro Power to Kingston in 6 Months—Plans Made for Supply Farther East.

THE Ontario Government yesterday completed negotiations for the purchase of the whole of the Seymour power interests in central and eastern Ontario. The purchase price is \$8,350,000 and by the deal the government obtains complete control of 22 separate companies at present distributing power and light between Toronto and Kingston and as far north as North Bay. The purchase wipes out the last privately owned power monopoly in eastern Ontario and puts under public ownership practically every power source in that part of the province. Hon. G. H. Ferguson signed the contract with the power interests in his office Friday morning.

The 22 subsidiary companies of the main Electrical Power Co. at Trenton, taken over by the government, are, The Auburn Power Co., Central Ontario Power Co., City Gas Co. of Oshawa, Cobourg Utilities Corporation, Cobourg Water & Electric Light Co., Cobourg Gas, Electric Light and Water Co., Eastern Power Co., Light, Heat and Power Co. of Lindsay, Napanee Gas Co., Ltd., Napanee Water and Electric Co., Nipissing Power Co., Ltd., Northumberland Pulp Co., Ltd., Oshawa Electric Light Co., Otonabee Power Co., North Bay Light, Heat and Power Co., Peterboro Light and Power Co., Peterboro Radial Railway Contract Co., Trenton Electric and Power Co., and the Tweed Electric Light and Power Co.

The big power interest is understood to have been largely controlled by Sir Herbert Holt, Montreal. The Sun Life Assurance Co. were the bondholders.

Since the inception of the hydro system in western Ontario, the government has been working along the line of securing for eastern Ontario the same benefits. Even as late as Wednesday the question came up in the Ontario House, an anti-eastern Ontario member said eastern Ontario was hungry for power. At the time Hon. Mr. Ferguson declared that important developments with regard to power in the east were pending. The government's action means that every town between Toronto and Kingston and north as far as North Bay on the west will now be in line for hydro-electric power, Picton and Kingston. According to reports from the district, the Trent Valley power sources, Mr. Ferguson pointed out, are not being developed economically only as far east as Kingston. For the far eastern portions of the province the minister has still other plans, and says he will announce in a few days the arrangements for hydro-electric power in that section.

Alienated by Ottawa. Nearly all the water powers of the Trent River were alienated by the former Ottawa Government to private interests. Many of them were leased subject to no improvement conditions and have lain idle and unworked. The Seymour interests refused to be alienated to sell to the Ontario Government, and it is probable that threats of expropriation were held over them to force the final sale. The price is said to be an advantageous one, especially in view of the payment by only four per cent bonds. It is less than the first valuation placed upon the various properties by the Electric Power Co. During the past few years thousands of dollars have been expended by the hydro-electric commission in investigating the power plant and observation extremely difficult.

Hydro Power at Cost. "We will now make the whole of the power of the Trent available to the people of the district at cost," Mr. Ferguson replied yesterday, when asked what the next step of the government would be. "It will put them in the same position as western Ontario. We expect to be able to supply Kingston and Picton with hydro power within six months. We will go ahead and increase the consumption; we will add Lakefield to the circuit, and construct the transmission lines. The powers at present taken under our control will probably not be able to serve the district further east than Kingston, but the government has under way another project by which the advantages of public development and distribution under the hydro system will in the near future be extended to the extreme east of the province. The determination of the government is that the whole province shall be offered the same hydro power advantages as prevail in western Ontario."

Payable in Bonds. The purchase price of \$8,350,000, Mr. Ferguson said, represented the cash invested in the present enterprises. It is payable in Ontario Government 4 per cent bonds. The Hydro Commission have gone into it extensively, he said, and have recommended its purchase. He understood that the electrical interests were regularly meeting their obligations at least out of the earnings of the plants. With the exception of certain other minor sources of power in the district, the minister said, that the government now controlled the whole power situation there. These other power sources had been the source of dickerings between the Seymour people and the Ottawa Government. The Ontario Government

DIPLOMATS AT LISBON FAILED TEUTON PLAIN

German Press Thinks Tact Could Have Averted the Break.

TO SHELVE MINISTER

Spain Will Handle Interests of Both Germany and Portugal.

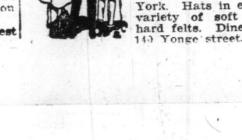
LONDON, March 10.—Telegraphing from Amsterdam, the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co. says: "The German press devotes many leading articles to the German declaration of war on Portugal. Considerable dissatisfaction is expressed with the foreign office, which, the newspapers claim, could have detached the Lisbon cabinet from Great Britain by tactful handling of the Portuguese situation."

"The German minister at Lisbon probably will retire from the diplomatic service. The Portuguese minister will leave Berlin tonight."

Germany has asked Spain to represent German interests at Lisbon. This action recalls the fact that Switzerland was asked to represent Germany at Rome after the breach of diplomatic relations caused by Italy's

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CHURCHILL TO RESIGN ARMY COMMISSION?

London Paper Says Newly-Fledged Colonel Will Return to Politics.

LONDON, March 10.—The Weekly Nation says it believes that Col. Winston Spencer Churchill, formerly first lord of the admiralty, intends to resign his commission in the army and to return to parliament.