

FORTY-FIFTH YEAR

BRANTFORD, CANADA, MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1915

PROBS: Tuesday—Fair and milder.

ONE CENT

ITALY NOW DRIVING HARD ON AUSTRIA

Terrific Bombardment Preceded Advance of Infantry Against Positions.

GORITZA MAY NOW HAVE FALLEN

Hurrying to Complete New Advance Before Rain Stops Operations.

Milan, Oct. 24.—News brought here from the front by officers commanding...

The second offensive was begun on Monday, when 700 guns of every calibre, including two 13-inch batteries...

AUSTRIANS DEMORALIZED.

The infantry advanced early on Thursday morning. The Austrians were utterly demoralized and stunned by the precipitate onrush of the Italian foot troops.

CONTROL CONCIA VALLEY

Rome, Oct. 25.—Yesterday's official statement says: "By a new and brilliant success in our offensive in the Ledro valley our..."

LIEUT. HARRIS WALSH MEETS WITH MISHAP

Was Walking After Dark at Shornecliffe and Fell Over a Cliff.

His many Brantford friends will remember to hear that Lt. Harris Walsh recently met with a dangerous accident.

BULGARIANS TAKE USKUB; FRENCH ADVANCING IN SERBIA

Serbian Official Report Shows That Their Troops Have Fallen Back to Right Bank of Rasenitza and Touria River.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Oct. 25.—French troops routed three divisions of Bulgarians on Saturday on the front of Gradek-Volandovo-Rabrovo, in southeastern Serbia...

USKUB TAKEN. Paris, Oct. 25.—According to information from an authorized source, the Bulgarians have taken Uskub, the concluding sentence of an official statement issued by the Serbian war office...

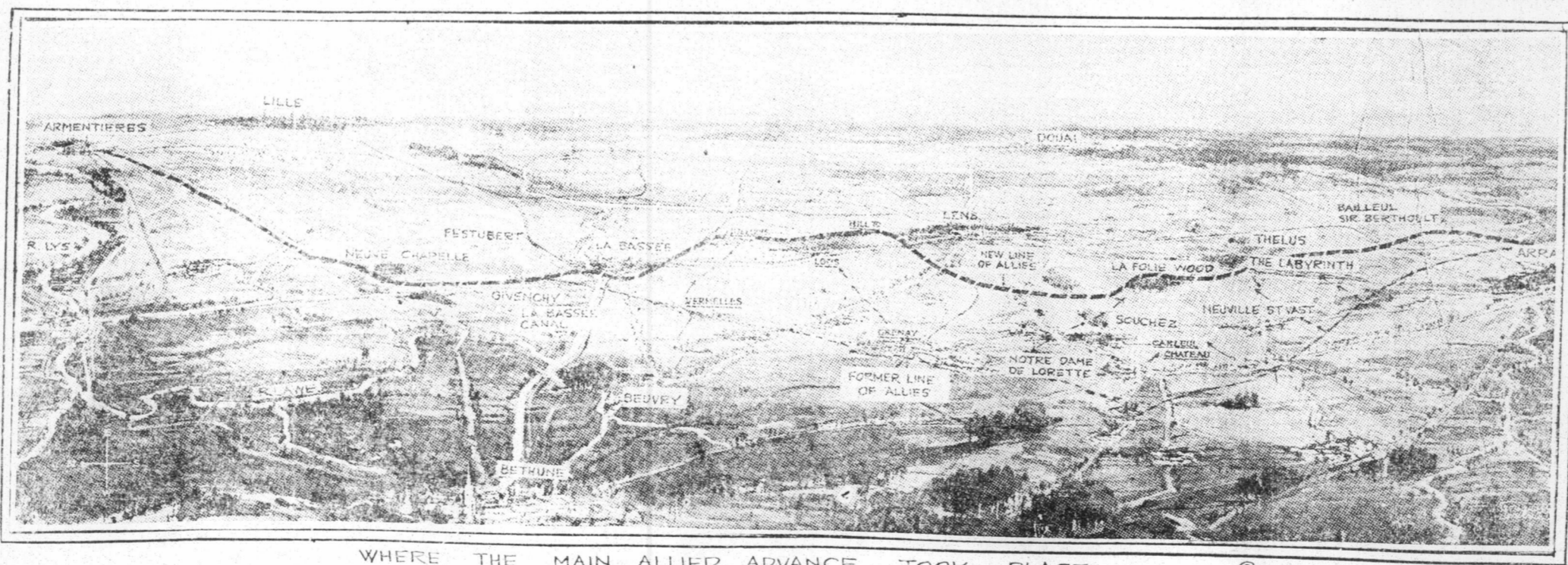
GERMANS STOPPED. Paris, Oct. 25.—A despatch filed yesterday at Athens by the Havas correspondent says that the Austro-German offensive in Serbia has been brought to a standstill on the entire northern front...

ITALIAN OFFICERS ADD THAT THIS TIME they will go very near to Goritz, though the ultimate result of the offensive there cannot be predicted at this time.

It is the belief of the majority of officers attached to the General Staff, however, that the strongest position defending Goritz will certainly fall before the Italian onslaught...

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THE ALLIES' STIRRING ADVANCES IN FRANCE IN THEIR GREAT DRIVE AGAINST THE GERMANS



This diagram, prepared especially for this newspaper, the New York Herald and the London Sphere, illustrates the recent allied advance in France, which took place in the two districts shown as Arras and Champagne.

RECRUITING WONDERFULLY IMPROVED

Last Week Showed Such an Increase That There is Likely to be no Change.

New York, Oct. 25.—A London cable to the New York Tribune says: It is officially stated that Saturday's recruiting was 300 per cent. better than that on any previous Saturday since the war began.

Lord Derby very largely represents what is often declared to be the ideal type of Englishman. He is enormously rich, a great land owner, owning 70,000 acres in the populous districts of Lancashire...

Since the war began, Lord Derby has been the most successful recruiter in the country. The energy he is putting into the present scheme in operation augurs well for its success.

CITY WILL RAISE \$20,000 COUNTY RAISES OVER \$10,000

Magnificent Response Made by All Classes of People From All Over the County—Asked For \$15000 and Gave Many Thousands More

Brantford and Brant County have both done themselves proud in connection with the Red Cross Appeal. COUNTY FIGURES. The record in this regard is one with reference to which all the residents deserve to be heartily congratulated.

Expected from City Council \$5,000.00 Cash 2,014.50 Cheques 1,148.00 Pledges 91.50 Previously acknowledged 4,072.85

CITY FIGURES. Tag Day proved a huge success. Everybody was more than willing to give and on Saturday night the boxes which opened yielded the splendid sum of \$1,600. Several more have yet to be counted and a number of cheques which are coming in by every mail and amounts left at the newspaper stand.

NINETEENTH BATTALION HOLDING MOST ADVANCED LINE OF TRENCHES

Letters From Sergeant Speechly Tell in Detail of Life at the Front—Only Four Hours Sleep in Seven Day's Trench Work—No Men in Sergeant's Company Killed, But Several are Wounded—Letters Also Received From Corp. Dockray and Sgt. Roberts From England.

Sergeant A. Speechly of the 19th Battalion and for many years a member of the Dufferin Rifles wrote: Letters home on Sept. 28, Sept. 30 and Oct. 6 from the trenches. Curiously enough they all arrived together Saturday and The Courier prints extracts from them. They are very readable and interesting, and without giving away any military secrets shed a flood of light on the manner of life of the 19th Battalion in leading in the trenches.

Several amusing incidents occurred during their stay which the sergeant relates in good style. His letters follow: AFTER SEVEN DAYS. Have had a heavy seven days in the trenches. We get relieved to-night and go back three or four miles for a few days rest when we come back again.

Have had no one killed in our battalion, and only about eight wounded. That is fine and no one badly wounded at that. We have quite a lot of fun shouting over to the Huns, and they shouting at us. At one point which one of our companies hold we are only about 25 yards apart, so that it is very interesting.

I was on my visiting rounds last night about 12 p.m. when a rifle grenade burst about two feet in front of me. It threw the dirt about a bit, but no further damage. It made me jump about a foot, and at the time was in one of the narrow trenches leading from the reserves to the first line.

CANADIAN CASUALTY LISTS

Ottawa, Oct. 25.—An official computation of the Canadian losses in the war up to October 16, was issued from the Casualty office to-day. The total number of casualties is 15,187, made up of 677 officers and 14,510 men. Of these the dead from all causes are 127 officers and 2,499 men, to which it is feared much of the heavy list of missing must be added. The official figures are:

Ultimatum to Greece

New York, Oct. 25.—A news agency despatch from Paris published here to-day says: "All the Entente powers have joined in a new demand that Greece make a definite decision at once as to whether it shall support Germany or the Allies, says a despatch from Athens. Ex-Premier Venizelos has summoned all his supporters to Athens."

AMERICANS TELL RESULTS OF AIR RAIDS

Say Loss of Life Was Much Greater Than Official Reports Showed.

NO PANIC AT ALL IN LONDON

Tourists Pay Tribute to Wonderful Work Being Done by Britain.

New York, Oct. 25.—The New York Herald this morning publishes the following: Passengers who arrived here yesterday afternoon by the St. Paul, of the American line said that in the Zeppelin raid on London on October 13, probably 300 persons were killed instead of 86 as the official reports stated.

"I was informed by a friend, who is in the British admiralty," he said, "that the list dead in the last Zeppelin raid exceeded 300 persons. The damage was not so much to property in this raid as to life. The air craft penetrated to the heart of London, dropping their highly explosive and incendiary bombs in the Strand."

From other passengers the reports of the raid gave rise to a brutal spectacle of indefinite proportions. Various persons estimated the list of dead as ranging from 150 to 250 persons. F. W. Whiteridge, president of the Third Avenue Railroad Company, stated that the dead were 154 of which number, thirty were soldiers.

One passenger, who desired that his name remain undisclosed, was in the Gaiety Theatre when the raid began. "Four bombs fell in the vicinity of the Gaiety Theatre building. That is the headquarters of the Marconi Wireless Company and a top of it a large and important station. One of the bombs fell within ten feet of the back wall of the theatre and while there was little panic among the audience, the players, lack of the stage, were more confused. 'To-night the Night' is playing there. The performance had just started when the first explosion told of the presence of the Zeppelins. In Wellington street a bomb broke one of the large gas mains and a roaring volcano resulted when the gas caught fire. It burned for two hours.

"One side of the theatre has a great deal of glass in it. When the said was over not a pane was left. One great piece of plate glass, blown from its position and carrying its frame with it, went high in the air. When it fell it hit a woman. The glass cut her in two. I mean that literally. The sight was horrible. A man was brought into the theatre with his legs cut off. Through it all the people in the streets kept their heads. The lack of panic was uncanny. About the only persons to give way to fear were of foreign birth. Not only was the calm abnormal, but the daring, the impudence of the Zeppelins was extraordinary as well. They came first at a quarter past nine o'clock in the evening. That called lasted only about seven minutes, then they wheeled off and were lost in the night. At midnight they came back again in the direction of Woolwich, apparently looking for the arsenals there. This time they left without striking a blow. Again they returned at about 2 o'clock in the morning."

GERMAN CRUISER IS TORPEDOED

British Sub in Baltic Picks Off Enemy Ship and Sends It Down.

Petrograd, Oct. 25.—A British submarine, operating near Libau attacked and sunk a German cruiser of the Prinz Adalbert class, according to official announcement made last night. The Prinz Adalbert, with its sister ship the Frederick Karl, are of 8,858 tons displacement, the first being completed in 1903 and the second in 1904. They have a speed of 21 knots. Their armament is four 8.2-in. guns, ten 5.9 and several smaller ones. Both ships in peace times carried a complement of 557 men and officers, and had four torpedo tubes, three being submerged.

PART OF SQUADRON

Petrograd, Oct. 25.—A semi-official statement refers to the German cruiser that was sunk simply as the Prinz Adalbert. According to this statement, the cruiser was sunk near Libau by a clever manoeuvre of the British submarine. The cruiser, it is said, formed part of a squadron, and probably was charged with a special mission.