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War News.

Messages Received
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BRITISH CRUISER DRAKE TORPEDOED AND SUNK.

LONDON, Oct. 4. The British cruiser Drake has been torpedoed and sunk, according to an Admiralty announcement to-night. She was torpedoed on Tuesday morning off the North Coast of Ireland. She reached harbor but sank in shallow water. One officer and 18 men were killed by explosion. The remainder of the ship's company were saved. The Drake was a vessel of 14,000 tons. She was built at Pembroke in 1901 and had a speed of 22 knots. Her complement was 900 men. She was a sister ship of the Good Hope, sunk in the battle off Coronel, Chile, in 1914, with the loss of 887 men. The Drake was well known in Eastern American waters, having several times visited the United States and Canadian ports. She was the flagship of the fifth cruiser squadron which attended the Hudson-Fulton celebration in New York, in 1909.

THE BRITISH ATTACK.

The anticipated renewal of Field Marshal Haig's big offensive in Flanders has begun and all objectives of the first day have been won and held. Like the preceding attack, the last one was timed to the minute. The British at a given signal at daylight swarmed from their trenches that had been harrowed by shells from the great army of artillery all along a front of more than eight miles from the south of Tower Hamlets to north of Langemark. They made notable new gains of terrain and inflicted heavy casualties on the Germans, while they themselves suffered slight losses. They took many prisoners, large numbers of whom gladly surrendered in order to reach a haven of safety from the maelstrom. The attack was delivered with all the wonted dash of previous offensives. Swiftly and surely the Britishers, notwithstanding heavy counter attacks at various points, took the positions that had been marked out for them, some to a depth of more than a mile. The main ridge of heights running north and southeast of Ypres, which affords a dominating point for the launching of future attacks, is nearly all in the hands of the Britishers, and at several points the Ostend-Lille railway now is virtually within range of Haig's guns. More than 3,000 German prisoners had been passed behind the lines when the latest official statement concerning the day's fighting was sent. Large numbers of others are being gathered in. Especially bitter fighting occurred to the east of Zonnebeke, the nearest point of approach to the desired railway line which connects Ostend, Zeebrugge and other northern points of supply with the German line to the south. The efforts of the Germans to stay the British were fruitless, as likewise were their efforts further north in the region of Poelcappelle where the British gained ground to a depth of about two-thirds of a mile.

Thousands of prisoners have been taken by the British in their new drive which was begun this morning, east of Ypres, in Flanders. All objectives of the British were won, including positions characterized by Field Marshal Haig's report from headquarters to-night, as of great importance. The text of the report follows: Our attack this morning was launched on a front of over 8 miles from south of Tower Hamlets to the station on the railway north of Langemark, and has been completely successful. All our objectives have been gained. Positions of great importance have been won, and over 3,000 Germans already have reached the collection stations. We are now in possession of the main ridge to a point 1,000 yards north of Broodinde.

A BERLIN REPORT.

BERLIN, Oct. 4. The German version of the Battle of Flanders, as reported in a statement issued from the German headquarters to-night is as follows: On the battlefield in Flanders the British during to-day's great attack, penetrated only about one kilometre deep into our defense zone between Poelcappelle and Gheluvelt. Bitter fighting is still proceeding to the east of Zonnebeke and west of Peccare. On other fronts, the statement adds, there is nothing of importance.

AUSTRIAN ATTACKS REPULSED.

ROME, Oct. 4. Further violent attacks by the Austrians against the positions held by the Italians on the slopes of Monte San Gabriele, in the Gorizia sector, were repulsed, according to the Italian official statement issued to-day.

TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4. A committee of five members was appointed by the House to-day to investigate charges made by Representative Heekin, of Alabama, that certain members of Congress had acted suspiciously in connection with the war.

TO DEAL WITH LABOR UNREST.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4. The Government is working to develop some comprehensive system dealing with labor unrest which threatens to hamper war preparations; to extend to a number of industries having war contracts the

present system of wage adjustment boards, which have been created for condemnation construction of shipbuilding, longshoremen's work, army and navy clothing productions, to increase the number of war department contracts, containing clauses providing that in case of suspension of work by strikes the Secretary of War shall settle the disputes; to enforce agreements with industries for whose products standard prices are to be fixed, and not to reduce wages. To encourage employees to form associations by industry groups to deal collectively with labor demands, and press informally for adjustment of disagreements before they reach the strike stage, and under the pressure of the Government's war power to commandeer and operate plants.

ARABS JOIN BRITISH.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4. Interesting military possibilities in Palestine are forecasted from Mecca. Arabic newspapers reaching here say in effect that the Arabs in Arabia are in revolt against the Turks and have effected a junction with the British army in Southern Palestine. The Arabian revolution was making headway when the latest British official statement regarding it, issued on Aug. 22, reported its progress. The King of Hedjaz, as the new head of the Arab revolt is styled, was then declared to be conducting military operations on

a comprehensive and well-thought-out scale, and had definitely attached his cause to that of the Allies. Already a considerable section of the Hedjaz railway running parallel with the Red Sea coast northward from Medina, had fallen under Arab control. Current advices say that this railway is now controlled by the Arabs as far north as Maan, about 70 miles northeast of Akaba, at the head of the Gulf of Akaba on the east side of Sinai Peninsula. It is pointed out that the reported Arab junction with the British, whose advance in Palestine is now in the vicinity of Gaza, is likely to prove of notable importance as regards the occupation of Syria. With the close of a hot, rainless summer, campaigning again is possible, and the Turks apparently will have to cope not only with the British on the southwest, but the Arabs on the south and east. A speedy report of concerted action by the combined forces is forecasted in advices.

REPRISALS.

LONDON, Oct. 4. According to the Standard a policy of reprisals for German air raids, has been decided upon.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Oct. 4. Naval aircraft yesterday bombed St. Denis, Zeebrugge dock and gates, Bruges docks and other targets, and the Thourout railway junction, says to-day's official report on British aerial operations over Belgium. All our machines returned safely.

AVIATOR'S DEATH CONFIRMED.

PARIS, Oct. 4. The death of Capt. George Gunemer, the famous French aviator, has now been definitely confirmed. Information received by the Red Cross says that he was shot through the head north of Poelcappelle on the Ypres front. He was identified by a photograph and his pilot's license found in his pocket. The aviator was buried with military honours.

CHARGE AGAINST FORMER MINISTER.

PARIS, Oct. 4. The Chamber of Deputies assembled to-day and decided to take up immediately discussion of the case of Bola Pasha, who was arrested on a charge of having conducted German propaganda in France. Louis J. Malver, former Minister of the Interior, who resigned on account of the press attacks against him in connection with exposures of German intrigues with the President of the Republic, has received a letter from Leon Doudet, leader of the Royalist Association and editor of L'Action Francaise. This letter, reciting the infamous calumnies against me, has been transmitted to the Premier, who communicated it to me. I cannot accept this letter in silence. Premier Painleve interrupted.

ed, saying the accusations against Malver, are very grave; he is accused of having betrayed secrets to Germany during the three years. There were cries from all parts of the Chamber.

HINDENBURG REPLIES TO CONGRATULATIONS.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 4. Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has made a general reply to the congratulations sent him on his 79th birthday, which is published in the German press. It is in the form of an appeal to the German people to remain united and not trouble about what may happen after the war, because this merely carries discord into the ranks and strengthens the hope of our enemies. Be confident, Germany will get what she needs, that both air and space will be given to German oaks for their free development. The reply continues: "Keep your muscles tense, your nerves firm and your eyes on the goal."

QUEBEC FOR PROHIBITION.

QUEBEC, Oct. 4. Prohibition has passed by a majority of 2,500. Up to 7 p.m. returns were incomplete.

SINKING SUBMARINES.

LONDON, Oct. 4. A high official of the Admiralty said to-day that more submarines had been sunk during the past three months than during any similar period.

U. S. AIR SERVICE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4. The twenty thousand airplanes for America's fighting fliers in France, authorized in the \$640,000,000 aviation bill passed by Congress in July, actually are under construction. Secretary of War Baker announced to-day that the whole air craft program had been so co-ordinated that when the planes and the motors are completed, trained aviators and all other equipment will be waiting for them. When this nation's army moves up to participate in the fight, the Secretary said, the eyes of her army will be ready. Within a reasonable time, considering the period for preparation, the country will send its first airplane to Europe.

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