

SIR SAM HUGHES RESIGNS FROM THE DOMINION CABINET

British Forces Record Great Success at the Ancre River

SURPRISE ATTACK OF BRITISH GAVE THEM OFFENSIVE ON ANCRE RIVER

German Prisoners Taken in Latest Advance Now Number 4000, and Numbers Increasing--British Losses Very Light in the Advance

London, Nov. 14.—Gen. Haig's troops have broken through the main German line west of Bapaume, held by the Kaiser's forces for two years, and converted into a series of bastions. Striking along a five-mile front on both sides of the Ancre yesterday the British advanced on the whole line, at points for more than a mile, and carried by storm the villages of Beaumont-Hamel and St. Pierre-Divion, both considered impregnable. More than 3,300 prisoners, including 70 officers, already have been captured and sent to the rear, and more are coming in.

Battle of the Ancre

"Thus the 'battle of the Ancre' has opened. Slowly the British forces have been forging northward toward their objective, Bapaume. But now they have delivered a blow from the west, taking the enemy completely by surprise. The vice that took Comblès and Thiépval has begun to move toward Bapaume. The task Haig's men carried through to success yesterday was attempted for the first time on July 1, when the first phase of the Somme offensive opened.

At the time the German defenses north of the Ancre proved too strong and the effort was abandoned.

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With the British Armies in France, Nov. 13.—Via London, Nov. 14.—The Germans were apparently completely surprised by this morning's attack in the valley of the Ancre. An evidence of this was found in the fact that the garrison of the trenches around Beaumont-Hamel were preparing for breakfast at the very moment when the British infantry stormed the position. The British after partially clearing the underground galleries and rounding up 700 prisoners, proceeded to eat their prisoners' breakfast, telling the captives that they would be fed when they arrived within the British lines. A total of nearly 4,000 prisoners has so far been sent to the cages, including a regimental dugout with a major, an adjutant and a number of other officers. The majority of the prisoners are British and, according to the British officers, the German higher command depended apparently upon the supposedly impregnable character of the front line and its strongly fortified villages, rather than on the stamina of the troops. The British officers believe that the

ROUMANIAN COUNTER-ATTACK

By Courier Leased Wire.

Bucharest, Nov. 14.—via London.—After repulsing attacks developed without cessation since October 29 by Austro-German troops in the neighborhood of the Uzul valley, on the northern Transylvanian front, the Rumanians today made a successful counter-attack, the war office announces.

UNUSUALLY LIGHT

The British losses were unusually light, owing largely to the unexpectedly feeble character of the German machine gun fire at Beaumont-Hamel and St. Pierre-Divion. Large numbers of German dead were found strewn in the wrecked trenches of the original main line. This line consisted of four parallel roads of trenches, the last being flush with the western face of Beaumont-Hamel. For some days past the sector attacked to-day and the area behind have been subjected to successive bombardments which rose to a record pitch yesterday and resulted in the demolition of a large part of the defenses. The garrison accepted the morning's deluge of shells as part of the usual daily program and did not fully realize their danger until the British infantry was seen approaching in the darkness.

The British advance north of Beaumont-Hamel was held up on a front about 1,000 yards west of Serre. The first detachment captured some German trenches and passed eastward toward the village. Suddenly hidden machine guns and infantry snipers, scattered in great profusion in the craters and other shelters, began firing in the backs of the attacking troops and necessitated their withdrawal.

North of Serre the intervening ground between Beaumont-Hamel and Beaumont-Sur-Lognon is a narrow strip of land, the British are firmly established on the western outskirts of the latter hamlet. The remaining fragments of the old German line immediately south of the Ancre which were "pinched out" by the British flank pivoting to the northeast around the elbow of the line and were partially isolated since the capture of Schwaben redoubt. Three hundred Germans, the only survivors of the bombardment, were captured in this extensive system of riverbeds and the German rear was by a causeway across the Ancre which could only be traversed at night.

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"As to the Polish affair there is no decision, but merely an expression of the wish of the chancellor who has not signed the proclamation of the German government. The German federal government has nothing to do with it. Should one of the two emperors wish to be fulfilled, the German people, parliament and press will easily find the means to exert their opinion and the exact power of co-operation in Poland."

Harden's remarks naturally caused consternation in Berlin. Meanwhile every possible Pole is to be forced into the army to fight against France, while on the other side it seems obvious that Germany is trying to get a million men out of Belgium, train them and send them against Russia. This appears to be Hindenburg's last move.

STILL ALIVE

By Courier Leased Wire.

Vienna, Nov. 13.—There is no foundation for the report recently published in the United States of the death of Dr. Constantin Dumba; former Austro-Hungarian ambassador to Washington.

JOINT PROTEST TO GERMANY

Against Deportation of Workmen From Belgium.

WILL BE MADE

By The Vatican, Spain and the United States.

Paris, Nov. 14.—News despatches from Rome say that the Vatican and the Governments of Spain and the United States have decided to approach jointly, the German Government, with a view to putting a stop to the deportation of Belgians.

SIR SAM HUGHES RESIGNS HIS OFFICE AS MINISTER OF MILITIA

GERMAN ATTACK DID NOT SUCCEED

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, Nov. 14.—A strong German detachment made an attack last night west of Auberville, in the Champagne, the war office announces. The assault was checked by the French. South of the Somme in the vicinity of Pressoire, there was active artillery fighting.

Various Reasons Given for His Retirement, Which Was Made at the Request of Premier Borden—Minister Had Many Foes to Face

Ottawa, Nov. 14.—Lieut.-General Sir Sam Hughes has resigned as Minister of Militia and Defence at the request of the Prime Minister. His resignation has been accepted. A brief official communication was issued this afternoon last night, as follows:

"It is announced that the Prime Minister has requested and has received the resignation of the Minister of Militia and Defence. The resignation of Sir Sam Hughes is in part due to the assumption by Sir Sam of powers which in the judgment of the Prime Minister can be exercised only by the Government as a whole. It is anticipated that the correspondence which brought about the request for the Minister's resignation will be made public immediately. It must first be submitted to the Governor-General."

Premier to Retain Office

A second memorandum gives an authoritative denial to the rumors which have been in circulation relative to the possibility of Sir Robert Borden's retirement from the Government. It says:

"With reference to the rumor that Sir Robert Borden intends to give up the Premiership and retire from public life, the announcement was made to-day that all such rumors are absolutely destitute of foundation. The Prime Minister deems it his duty to remain at his post until after the close of the war, and he will also remain so long as he has the mandate of the people. So far as he is concerned there has been no thought or suggestion of accepting any judicial or other position either here or in Great Britain. All such rumors are purely imaginative."

Unofficial information is to the effect that the resignation of Sir Sam Hughes was asked for by Sir Robert Borden on Friday, by letter.

The withdrawal of Sir Sam Hughes from the Government has been considered a possibility, if not a probability, ever since his return from England, particularly since the recent announcement by the Prime Minister that Sir George Perley had been appointed Minister of the Overseas Forces. With Sir George Perley's appointment the affairs of the routine here as Parliamentary Secretary handling the departmental army overseas and Mr. F. B. Mc-

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RUMANIA'S ROYAL NURSES. PALACE TURNED INTO HOSPITAL



The Queen of Rumania, who is nursing in the palace at Bucharest, is assisted by her two daughters, Princesses Maria and Elizabeth. They also assist in preparing the meals and carry the food from the kitchens to the wards. The photographs show Her Majesty cutting up the dinner of a wounded soldier whose injuries prevent him from using his hands.

PAPER COMMENTS

On the Resignation of Sir Sam Hughes

Practically all the Canadian papers today devote leading editorials to the resignation of Sir Sam Hughes. Most of the Liberal papers call his resignation a disaster and do the Toronto Telegram (Conservative).

Ottawa, Nov. 14.—The Free Press (Liberal) says:

Sir Sam has many qualities that make for greatness, but he is lacking in one that is essential to political success, namely balance. Up to a certain point Sir Sam proved that he was the very best kind of a man that Canada could have in the position of Minister of Militia in such a crisis: beyond that point Sir Sam's personal weaknesses made his retention of that important office an irritation not only to his colleagues in the government, but to the people at large. We do not hesitate to say that Sir Sam has been the victim of a campaign of vilification as unfair as it was cruel, but we must admit that it was Sir Sam himself who piled faggots on the fire that ultimately consumed him. Sir Sam Hughes was his own worst enemy, the host of friends, whose loyalty he had won, were unable to save him from the cumulative effect of conduct and speech that was marked by a sheer disregard of consequences.

Montreal, Nov. 14.—Commenting on the resignation of Sir Sam Hughes as minister of militia, The Gazette, (Conservative) says: "The resignation of Sir Sam Hughes has ceased to be a member of the cabinet. The announcement was not unexpected for a long time his enemies have been more than usually severe in their denunciation of his conduct. These enemies were found in the Conservative as well as in the Liberal camps. Indeed, the harshest condemnation has been made by those who have been considered supporters of the government. It was not at all surprising, therefore, that Sir Sam Hughes has fallings that lay him open to hostile attack. His brusque way of reporting of proposals that do not please him often makes enemies and his inclination to stick by those he thinks are his friends, even when they do not do him good, has subjected him to blame when so far as he was personally concerned no blame was justified. It is indicated also that in some things he has exceeded his powers as a minister. With his fallings, however, he has other qualities that made him a useful public man.

FRANCIS JOSEPH IS RECOVERING

Emperor of Austria Suffered From Attack of Catarrh.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Berlin, Nov. 14.—(By wireless to Sayville).—The condition of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, who has been suffering from a slight attack of catarrh, shows improvement, and his physicians declare that his health has been restored, according to despatches from Vienna. Yesterday the Emperor received several persons in audience, among whom was the prime minister, Dr. von Koerber.

London, Nov. 14.—A despatch from the Exchange Telegraph's Geneva correspondent says:

A telegram from Vienna announces that Emperor Francis Joseph has completely recovered, and has received Baron Burián, the Austrian foreign minister, who presented a long report on Polish affairs.

Two local men are listed in the official casualty list this morning. P. J. Thomson being reported as having died of wounds, and Pte. L. C. Hazelton to have been wounded. There are several J. Thomson's given in the Courier records, one being with the 4th battalion, another with the 76th and a third with the 125th. Pte. L. C. Hazelton was a member of the 84th battalion, since drafted to the 75th.

Two Local Casualties

At Osgoode Hall yesterday Mr. W. S. Brewer K. C., appeared on behalf of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company before Mr. Justice Mulock, and obtained an order, on consent, appointing three arbitrators to determine the compensation to be paid to the city and the Parks Board, for the lands taken at Jubilee Terrace. The company had offered \$1 on the basis that the benefit done offset the value of the land taken and any damage. The Parks Board asked for \$16,000. Judge Hardy will act for the Parks Board, A. E. Watts K. C. for the Lake Erie and Northern, and Judge Snider of Hamilton will be the third.

Appointed in Connection With Jubilee Terrace.

L. E. & N. Offered \$1 and Parks Board Wants \$15,000.

Arbitration Board

At Jubilee Terrace.

Investigating.

Post Office Inspector Fisher was in town yesterday looking into complaints with regard to Brantford papers for members of the 125th Battalion, not reaching them regularly. The trouble seems to occur after they leave the local office.

Big Bargains in Boots and Shoes for Children.

Dress goods at sacrifice prices at 21 George street.

MAX HARDEN ON POLISH QUESTION

German Socialist, of Polish Descent, Makes Scathing Comment.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Berlin, Nov. 14.—(New York Times cable)—A despatch to The London Daily Express, from Amsterdam says:

In Saturday's Zukunft, Maximilian Harden, himself of Polish descent, makes the following scathing comment on the Polish question: "On November 5th the government of Poland expressed the will of Emperor William and Francis Joseph about the creation of a Polish state without a king and, without frontiers, yet Poland is not, as yet, a reality. A wish has been expressed which can only materialize through the triumphant victory of Germany's cause, after a victory allowing the two empires to dictate their peace. Many hearts will rejoice that the two emperors last Sunday were coauthors that victory is in sight and it is their right to express confidence in the Polish question. The sign which requires the chancellor to sign any imperial decisions if they are to have any value."

Weather.

Toronto, Nov. 14.—The depression which was forming in the south of the great lakes now covers the New England states, while pressure continues very high in North Pacific states. Wintry conditions obtain over Canada with snow fall from Ontario to the Maritime provinces.

Forecast.

Fresh to strong north to west winds, light local snow falls and flurries, but partly fair and cold. Wednesday—Fresh westerly winds, fair and cold.

Men Who Read THE WANT ADS FOR A JOB

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