

British Progress in New Offensive at Ypres

SIX KILLED, FIFTEEN INURED IN ENEMY RAID OVER LONDON LAST EVENING

Haig's Forces Record Gains in Renewed Drive Early This Morning

LONDON WAS UNMOVED BY ZEPP RAID

Thrilling Air Battle Took Place Few Miles Outside Capital.

DAMAGE DONE LIGHT

Gunfire Did Not Disturb Crowds of Theatregoers and Merry-makers

CALL FOR REPRISALS

London Press Demands Also Warning Against Night Raids.

By Courier Leased Wire

London, Sept. 26.—Although details are lacking, it is reported that a thrilling battle occurred between German and British airmen a few miles from London, which probably accounts for the fact that last night's air raid resulted in so little damage in the Metropolis.

AERIAL RED CROSS

By Courier Leased Wire Paris, Sept. 26.—Tests made on Saturday at Vill Coublay of an airplane fitted with stretchers for carrying wounded, proved highly satisfactory.

SIX KILLED IN LATEST RAID OVER LONDON

Fifteen Were Injured in South eastern Outskirts of Capital Last Night.

RAIDERS BEATEN OFF

Only Two Planes Penetrated Defences, and Did Little Damage.

By Courier Leased Wire

London, Sept. 26.—Six persons were killed and 16 injured in the southeastern outskirts of London in last night's air raid.

Defences Good.—Lord French, commander of the home defences, reports that the first group of raiders which approached London last night was driven back by gun fire, not more than two penetrating the city's defences.

London, Sept. 26.—The following official announcement was given out: "The latest information shows that the first group of raiders which approached London last night was turned back by gunfire, not more than two machines actually penetrated the defences.

SUB WARFARE LEGAL; BELGIUM NOW GETTING HER JUST DESERTS

German Fatherland Party is Sponsor of Campaign for Unremitting Frightfulness; Von Tirpitz Speaks Before Large Gatherings in Berlin

By Courier Leased Wire

Copenhagen, Sept. 26.—The new German fatherland party held its first open meeting in Berlin last night, and the crowd in Philharmonic Hall was so enormous that an overflow meeting was held nearby.

Von Tirpitz pointed out that submarine warfare is Germany's legal right, and that Belgium now has her just deserts, Belgium, the speaker declared, was always England's bridgehead, and Germany must do her utmost in preventing England from becoming Belgium's protecting master.

Reply Criticized

Petrograd, Sept. 26.—Sharp criticism of Germany's reply to Pope Benedict's peace proposals appears in the Russian press. The newspapers take the view that the German note is useless from the standpoint of bringing peace.

STABBED BY FOREIGNER

Local Returned Soldier Went To Aid of Two Girls in Hamilton.

By Courier Leased Wire

Hamilton, Ont., Sept. 26.—Insulted by two foreigners who had persisted in following them, two girls at 10.30 last evening, at the corner of Hunter and Park streets, appealed to John C. Thompson, 22 Holme street, Brantford, a returned soldier, to aid them, but when the soldier seized one of the foreigners the other attacked him with a knife and stabbed him in the left arm and above the right eye.

CAPT. J. K. LAW MISSING

By Courier Leased Wire London, Sept. 26.—Andrew Bon-Law, chancellor of the exchequer, says the Daily Mail, has been informed that his eldest son, Captain J. K. Law, R.F.C., is missing. His second son, Lieut. C. J. Law, has been a prisoner of the Turks, since last April, and a third son, Anthony, is a private.

TRAITOR THOMPSON TO RUN

By Courier Leased Wire Chicago, Sept. 26.—Mayor William Thompson, of Chicago, who last night announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for United States Senator to succeed James Hamilton Lewis, Democrat at the primary election next September, says he bases his contest on the ground of giving the people of Illinois "an opportunity to vote on vital governmental policies, involving the most precious rights of American citizens."

"I stand upon my record as a public official, my public addresses and my authorized public statements. Mayor Thompson has been quoted as saying that as mayor of the "Sixth German city of the world" he yielded to none in patriotism, but that he opposed the entrance of American armies into Europe and the drafting of Americans to fight on foreign soil. His statements declared that the majority of the people were with him in his stand.

REFORMS TO BE MADE IN RUSS GOVT.

War Cabinet of Five Members Responsible to Soldiers and Workmen.

MINISTRY DIRECTORS

Fifteen Non-Political Officials to Regulate Cabinet Affairs.

KERENSKY TO RESIGN?

Trial of Gen. Soukhomlinoff on Treason Charge is Closed.

By Courier Leased Wire

Petrograd, Sept. 26.—The cabinet to-day, in the absence of Premier Kerensky, considered the re-organization of the supreme government by the formation of a war cabinet of five members politically responsible to the Workmen and Soldiers' Deputies with 15 "directors of ministries" who should be non-political and not liable to dismissal. For legislation there would be formed a parliament of 150 members representing all the parties. The new system of government would remain until a regular constitution was framed by the constituent assembly. This plan will be referred for elaboration to the judicial council, which since the revolution has advised the government on all important laws. The controversy over the Korniloff conspiracy had diminished in its intensity to-day and the Bolshevik assaults on Kerensky were weaker, but the evening papers state that the premier, as a result of the Bolshevik conquest of the Petrograd Workmen's and Soldiers' group intends to resign from the presidential council as Tcheidev and other moderate Socialists have already done.

Relieve Patrol.

Washington, Sept. 26.—Besides further consolidating the Americans in the war for democracy, the adoption of Argentina to Germany's list of enemies would mean the partial relieving of the United States and Brazilian fleets in the patrol of the South Atlantic, even if there should not be more spectacular co-operation by sending an army to France.

Fear For Winter.

Washington, Sept. 26.—The Netherlands Government and people fear hardships in the food and fuel situation in that country, according to statements to-day by Chevalier Van Rappard, the Netherlands' minister. The address of the queen of the Netherlands several days ago before parliament, telling the people that the nation must take extreme measures is declared to have been the result of the shortage of fuel and food stuffs. The minister stated that his government will soon take a hand in the control and distribution of fuel and food.

Suffragettes Do Time

Washington, Sept. 26.—Four suffragettes, who were arrested yesterday for picketing the White House, were tried before Judge Mulholland in the police court to-day, found guilty of "obstructing traffic" and fined \$25 each. Refusing to pay their fines they were given the alternative of serving thirty days in the Occoquan workhouse, where they will join to-morrow the band of other picketers of the White House.

HUNS AGREE TO EVACUATION OF BELGIUM

By Courier Leased Wire

London, Sept. 26.—Germany has agreed to evacuate Belgium on certain conditions. It is declared in a German official statement, according to a dispatch from Berne to-day, given out by the Wireless Press.

NEUTRAL TONNAGE IN U.S. PORTS PRESSED INTO SERVICE

State Department Hopes to be Able to Utilize Non-Combatant Vessels For Allied Needs; Entry of Argentine Into War a Boon

By Courier Leased Wire

Washington, Sept. 26.—It was stated to-day that an agreement might be reached shortly by the export administrative board and the State Department for placing a large part of the neutral tonnage into active service. The administrative board is observing strict secrecy in regard to whatever progress is being made in the negotiations, but it is known that real headway is being made with both Norway and Holland. More than 1,500,000 tons of neutral shipping is being tied up, its use made unavailable to either America or the Allies on account of Germany's submarine activities. The use of this tonnage is badly needed by the powers at war with Germany for war trades or to replace other shipping which could be employed in the war trades.

Official figures on the amount of tonnage available for the Allies are not obtainable, but careful estimates have placed the total amount at about 23,000,000 tons, including neutral tonnage used by them. These figures are near the danger point, according to experts, but there is a confident expectation that at an early date at least 1,000,000 more tons will be furnished by Japan and the neutral countries, possibly excepting Sweden, and that sooner or later will increase those figures to 2,000,000 tons.

Whether the neutral tonnage will be employed in coastwise shipping and in the South American and Pacific trades or be required to transport war supplies, has not yet been disclosed.

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BRITISH ATTACK OPENED ON WIDE FRONT THIS MORNING

Good Progress is Recorded Already By Haig's Forces in Newly Launched Offensive on Ypres Sector. In Belgium—Intense Artillery Fighting on French Front is Reported.

By Courier Leased Wire

London, Sep. 26.—In their new attack this morning the British pushed back the Germans over the high ground east of Ypres, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters reports.

London, Sep. 26.—The British made an attack this morning on a wide front in the Ypres region. Good progress is reported by the war office. The statement follows: "We attacked on a wide front on the battle sector northeast and east of Ypres at 5.50 o'clock this morning. Our troops are reported to be making good progress."

ARTILLERY FIRE VIOLENT.

Paris, Sep. 26.—Intense artillery fighting occurred last night on the Verdun front between Beaumont and Bezonvaux, the war office reports.

The statement follows: "Brief and violent artillery actions occurred on the Aisne front in the sector between Hurtebise and Craonne. An enemy attack on our small posts north of Jouy was repulsed. Our detachments penetrated the German lines south of Cerny, northwest of Bermercourt and in the Champagne, near Tahure. We brought back ten prisoners.

"On the right bank of the Meuse, (Verdun front), the artillery fighting was continued with intensity between Beaumont and Bezonvaux.

"It is confirmed, after the interrogation of prisoners that the fruitless attack made by the Germans against our position north of Chaume wood on September 24 cost them very heavy losses. The number of prisoners left in our hands has reached 132, of which 4 are officers.

"Everywhere else the night passed calmly."

British Headquarters in France and Belgium, Sept. 26.—(By the Associated Press)—Along the northern half of the battle line to the east of Ypres, where Field Marshal Haig resumed the offensive this morning, the British have advanced at numerous places for a distance of from 1,000 to 1,200 yards. An early report, which was somewhat vague, indicated that the British infantry was fighting along a line only a few hundred yards west of Zonnebeke.

The Germans are resisting desperately, and along a front of some thousand yards a terrific struggle is proceeding. The line of the present battle is between points to the east of St. Julien and southwest of Gheluvelt. The Germans already have been pushed out of many important positions.

The British appear to have been extremely successful throughout the northern line of attack. No news is available from the sector of Polygon wood and the region south of that forest.

The most important points involved in today's fighting are the strongly held elevations between the Ypres-Roulers railway and the Ypres-Menin highway. Australian, Scotch and English troops were to-day pushing out into forbidden country over ground still sodden from rains, among concrete and steel redoubts, over elevations, through bits of woods choked with quick fires. They might fall of their object, and yet cover themselves with glory.

It seems that more sanguinary fighting is to follow. The Germans knew the attack was coming, and their recent counter attacks were attempts to frustrate the British plans. They have been bringing up reinforcements for several days for the battle which began this morning. The main efforts of the Germans to-day were directed against the right of the offensive.

MEMORIAL BOARD Thirty-seven applicants for medical examination under the Military Service Act were inspected by the medical board at the armories last night. Thirteen were listed in Class A, four in class B, seven in class C and thirteen were declared medically unfit and placed in class D. A large number applied for examination against last night, and all could not be accommodated.

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