

Bourlon Wood in Hands of the British

Kaladines Master of Russ Situation Today

Respite in Infantry Fighting on West Front

Hun Offensive in Italy Has Failed in Purpose

Fresh Enemy Attacks Fail Dislodge Byng's Men

British Beat off Enemy Counter Attacks, and Hold all Gains---Are Now Within Reach of Cambrai---Fresh Progress Recorded in Moeuvres Region

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Nov. 27.—British troops have repulsed another German counter-attack at the northeast corner of Bourlon wood, west of Cambrai, according to an official report to-day from Field Marshal Haig.

SITUATION AT A GLANCE.

New German attempts to drive the British from their positions in Bourlon wood the high ground dominating the Cambrai region have failed. General Byng's men have repulsed another counter-attack at the northeast corner of the wood. There was much severe fighting Monday around Moeuvres, west of the Bourlon wood and in the outskirts of Fontaine Notre Dame immediately east of the wood and toward Cambrai.

German artillery has been active in the Ypres and Verdun regions. In Flanders the British positions at Passchendaele, the northern part of the Passchendaele-Gheluvelt ridge are being bombarded heavily by the enemy, but crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria has not attempted infantry attacks.

On the right bank of the Meuse, where the French gained the first and second German defenses on a two mile front Sunday, German efforts to attack have been checked by French artillery while the enemy guns have been bombarding the new French positions. The activity of the big guns also has been violent in Belgian and north of Chemin des Dames.

ON ITALIAN FRONT.

French and British soldiers have reached the fighting zone north of the Venetian plains to aid the Italians in their brave defense against the invading Austro-German forces. Between the Brenta and the Piave the Italians are withstanding successfully massed enemy attacks. The invaders attempted to rush the defending lines on the left in the centre and on the right of the short front between the rivers, but were crushed everywhere by the Italians.

DRAWING NEAR JERUSALEM.

British cavalry is now three and one half miles west of Jerusalem and is closing in on the Turkish defenses from the southwest. The Turks are offering some resistance and are holding the Jerusalem-Shechem road to the north in strength. North of Jaffa British patrols have been driven back to the southern side of the Nahr-el-Aujel.

RUSSIAN SITUATION STILL ACUTE.

The situation in Russia shows little improvement and the country is described as being on the verge of civil war. Efforts of the Bolsheviki Government to arrange an armistice continue and Berlin and Petrograd are reported in communication by wireless, presumably in connection with the peace offers of the maximalists.

British army headquarters in France, Monday, Nov. 26.—(By The Associated Press)—British troops, including some from London, last night continued to hold their way forward through the Hindenburg support line west of Moeuvres. There was vigorous fighting at close quarters in this region, and as a result, the British to-day were in possession of a further section of support trenches 2,000 yards long, running east and west, just south of Pronville and Luchy-en-Artois. The British advance in the last few days had made this section of the line very untenable and the Germans were forced to withdraw when pressed by a new attack.

Fighting was renewed to-day between Bourlon wood and Cambrai, about Fontaine Notre Dame, where the Germans were still installed and continued to work machine guns from roofs and windows. West of here at Bourlon wood and Bourlon village, the situation remained much as it was last night after the German main and forced the British out of most of the village in a fierce counter-attack, which involved still more furious hand-to-hand fighting through the streets. The battle continued here for Bourlon wood and village will long be remembered as one of the most bitterly contested.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Nov. 27.—The pronounced cold wave which covered the whole of the British to-day is now centered in the Ottawa valley while pressure has decreased over the northern portion of the Dominion and decidedly cold from Ontario eastward.

Forecast: Moderate fresh to south winds, rising temperature with light snow falls, turning in some localities to sleet.

and sanguinary yet fought along the British front in France.

The Germans have been concentrating all efforts in the attempt to oust the British from this elevation, which is vital for the enemy to hold if he is to maintain himself in the present positions farther north and northwest.

The British have clung tenaciously to Bourlon wood, defended partly by tanks, which have taken positions at advantageous locations from which they can work their guns. Fontaine Notre Dame was being hard pressed by the British, as latest reports throughout yesterday this hamlet remained unmolested for it in no way hampered the operations about Bourlon wood.

A Respite.

British headquarters in France, Nov. 27.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa agency)—Since the last heavy German counter-attack Sunday, which pressed us back from a portion of Bourlon village, there has been no infantry activity in the Cambrai battle area. The tactical situation is not appreciably affected by this small enemy recovery since we still hold the high ground dominating the German positions over a wide stretch of front.

One effort of our command of the high ground has been reported by patrols, which found certain enemy trench elements abandoned during the night manifestly owing to the advances by readjusting their line to minimize the destructive results of the heavy fire which we were able to concentrate under direct observation. Occasional bursts of fierce German shelling during the night were probably designed to cover these withdrawals. There is nothing in these movements to indicate any design of the enemy to retreat. They are merely the natural fruits of our success in the Bullecourt area.

The weather is now bitterly cold with a shrill north wind and cloudless sky. Visibility is excellent and large numbers of our airmen go up.

U. S. Party Home

New York, Nov. 27.—Eight members of the congressional party which

left the United States on October 15 to visit the battle front in France and Belgium, returned yesterday to New York and proceeded to Washington. They were three weeks in Europe. The congressmen were exposed to German rifle and machine gun fire several times, and narrowly escaped being hit.

Representative William S. Goodwin of Arkansas said:

PRICE OF CODFISH IS BOOMED BY WAR

Cost Has Jumped One Hundred Per Cent Above Normal.

By Courier Leased Wire.

St. Johns, Nfld. Nov. 26.—War has forced the prices of Newfoundland codfish up to twice those received in normal times and the highest in a generation. Best grades of fish now sell at \$10.50 a quintal (112 pounds).

Although freight rates to southern European countries to which most cod is exported, have risen from a minimum of 80 cents a quintal before the war to a maximum of seven dollars a quintal at present dealers are able to obtain better profits than usual. The price of cod oil from which glycerine is extracted for use in the manufacture of munitions, has risen from pre-war rate of 20 to 30 cents a gallon to one dollar. This oil can be exported only through the agency of firms in the United States and Canada whose good faith is guaranteed by the governments of those countries.

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RUSSIAN SITUATION TODAY DOMINATED NOT BY BOLSHEVIKI BUT BY GENERAL KALADINES

Second-Russ Army Removes Officers of Bolsheviki Sympathy.

IS WITH EXTREMISTS

Employes of Finance Minister Dismissed for Leaving Posts.

ISSUE MORATORIUM

For Period of Two Months From Date of Latest Revolution.

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Nov. 27.—The Russian revolutionists have made a "ghastly blunder" of their attempt at administration, according to the Petrograd correspondent of The Morning Post, writing under date of Saturday. He adds:

"But behind or beyond all this apparently hopeless chaos, the forces which made Russia an empire are not idle and those who know Russian history understand perfectly well how matters will end.

"Even as I write, the situation is becoming clear. The election of the Constituent Assembly will take place, but the Constituent Assembly will not meet the success of the Bolsheviki movement, whatever that movement may really cover, as it already has damned the Constituent Assembly.

"Meantime I would call attention to the following facts:

"The vast gold reserve of the Russian Empire, which was removed from Petrograd to the Kremlin in 1915, was later carried still farther into the interior. It is in safe hands.

"General Kaledines, hetman of United Cossackdom is in charge of the remaining disarmed troops of all arms, of all those regions of European Russia that produced a harvest this year, and is rapidly capturing those remaining districts upon which Russia relies for its daily bread.

"A vast union, under the name of the Southeastern Union, has been formed. It includes the Don territory, a great part of Little Russia, the lower Volga provinces and Turkestan—the area which feeds all Russia. This union is instructing and promising to cover the Siberian coast land.

"General Kaledines, holding the gold reserve and the bread supply, is master of the situation and those he serves will accept dictation neither from Kerensky, Lenin or anybody else, least of all from Germany.

"The allies may safely admit a bowing acquaintance with the curious individualities thrown up from the depths of internal disturbances, but for intimate friendship and future partnership they must look elsewhere and in the meantime they must wait unobtrusively until their old friends reappear above the present turmoil.

SHORT OF BREAD.

London, Nov. 27.—The Russian army on the northern front has had no bread for several days, according to reports received in Petrograd, and transmitted by the correspondent of The Daily Express, and only two or three days supply of army biscuit is on hand. The army delegates are reported to have recommended the withdrawal of the troops in order to prevent a general flight with its consequent excesses. Instead of a hundred cars of food arriving daily at the front, only twenty have been received.

Large numbers of troops being moved to different places have been stopped by the removal of sections of railroad track to prevent their reaching Petrograd. They were stopped at towns where food could not be obtained.

VICTORIA CROSS WON

London, Nov. 27.—(via Reuter's Ottawa agency)—The London Gazette announces the award of twenty new Victoria Crosses to the recipients including five Australians, one Canadian and one South African.

Acting Corporal Phillip Konowal, Canadian infantry, awarded the Victoria Cross "for conspicuous bravery and leadership when in charge of a section he had the difficult task of mopping up cellars, craters and machine gun emplacements. Under his able direction all resistance was overcome successfully and heavy casualties inflicted on the enemy. In one cellar he himself bayoneted three of the enemy, and attacked single handed seven others in a crater, killing them all. On reaching the objective a machine gun was holding up the right flank, causing many casualties. Konowal rushed forward and entered the emplacement, killed the crew and brought back the gun to our lines.

"The next day he again attacked, single handed, another machine gun emplacement with explosives."

"This non-commissioned officer alone killed at least sixteen of the enemy and during two days fighting, carried on continuously, his good work until severely wounded."

GERMAN OFFENSIVE IN ITALY ALREADY FAILING IN PROGRESS

Undertaken to Prevent Allied Drive on West Front, It Has Not Achieved That Result—Past Week one Favorable to Allied Cause

By Courier Leased Wire.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The week just closed has been one very favorable to the Allied arms, says the war department's official communication issued to-day.

"The success of the British offensive in the region of Cambrai, and the steady resistance of the Italians in the face of repeated attacks of the Austro-German forces are two factors which may be considered as co-relative elements of the one same volume.

"It is evident that the enemy took the offensive in Italy, hoping thereby to extricate himself from the increasingly difficult position in which his forces find themselves in the west.

The German higher command were apparently confident that, in order to save Italy from invasion, such important contingents of French and British troops would be detached from the western front as to render any further allied offensives in this theatre impossible. Though the French and British have both dispatched large contingents to Italy, this has in no way hampered the continuance of their offensive operations.

"It is the wastage of the enemy forces, the slow yet relentless sapping of his man power by continued and sudden offensive thrusts, which must eventually result in the softening of his line in the west. This is the ultimate object of the series of intensive offensives so successfully pursued by the allies during the past six months and is even more important than the gain of terrain.

"The military situation is dominated by the spectacular successes gained by the British forces in their thrust towards Cambrai. By adopting new tactical methods, by evolving a strategy daringly conceived and brilliantly executed, the British forces have been able to record a greater success when measured by captured terrain than any hitherto accomplished by either belligerent in the same space of time along the western front.

"Along the front held by the French forces the latter have accomplished a successful coup de main south of Juvincourt, in Champagne, resulting in the capture of some elements of enemy trenches and the taking of numerous prisoners. Lively artillery duels took place north of the Cham de Dames and in the Verdun sector, whereas for

several weeks past the enemy continued to bombard the French positions.

"In the sector, where our troops are training, increased artillery activity is noted. Small detachments, while on patrol duty, have gained some useful experience well conducted.

"The Italian armies now completing their re-organization, have been able to withstand the assaults of the numerically superior forces of the Austro-German divisions engaged against them. They have hitherto prevented any further invasion of the Italian plain. The enemy is continuing his efforts to break through. The line of the Piave has held firm. Along the Lower Piave, where hostile forces gained a temporary foothold on the right bank of the river, they were driven off with great loss, thus rendering the Italian positions more secure.

"Along the plateau of the Sotro Communi, heavy fighting is going on. The enemy has been successfully contained. In the mountain regions between the headwaters of the Brenta and the Piave defensive operations have been well conducted and the enemy has been unable to make any further progress. Strategic reserves, strengthened by allied contingents, have been constituted. The morale of the Italian forces is improving daily, and while the situation is not wholly free from critical aspects, the defensive measures appear to meet the situation.

"In Palestine the British forces, under General Hantay, are advancing rapidly on Jerusalem. They have now reached a point on the Ramallah road, approximately seven miles west of the city, while another force is bearing down from the north."

Harbin Lawless

Peking, Nov. 27.—Lawlessness is increasing in Harbin, where foreigners have been attacked and robbed.

The consular representatives have intimated to the Russian authorities that unless guarantees are forthcoming for the protection of lives and property of foreigners, they will endeavor to bring in British, American and Japanese to work in conjunction with the Russian and Chinese administrations for the preservation of public safety.

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Cossack Leader is Master in Crisis Throughout Country CONTROLS SUPPLIES

Kaladines Holds Gold Reserve and Bread Supply of the Nation.

STILL INDEPENDENT

Will Accept Dictation Neither From Kerensky Nor Lenin.

By Courier Leased Wire.

The second army on the northern front has removed its officers, agreed to the Bolsheviki armistice proposals and pledged its support to the extremists.

General Kaledines, the Don Cossack leader, a dispatch received in London says, is master of the situation in Russia. He is in control of most of the grain growing territory in the south and is said to hold the gold reserve reported removed from Petrograd a year before the war broke out. The Russian soldiers at the front are reported to be suffering from hunger due to the exhaustion of supplies, and mutinies are said to have broken out.

Heavy Dismissals.

Petrograd, Sunday, Nov. 27.—The Petrograd authorities today published a long list of employees of the ministry of finance, who have been declared dismissed for failure to resume their posts. They include M. Shnef, manager of the state bank, which is still under control, nominally, of the old authority.

Efforts to force a resumption of work under a commissioner failed. The final effort was made yesterday when it was demanded that the employees of the bank and ministry should line up for or against the Bolsheviki government. They all walked out.

Moratorium.

London, Nov. 27.—The council of Peoples Commissioners, according to an Exchange Telegram from Petrograd, dated Sunday, has declared a two months moratorium from the day of the beginning of the recent revolt. A decree issued by the council creates a special state education commission to replace the ministry of education. All schools are placed under the control of the municipalities.

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