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POSITIONS CAPTURED BY THE BRITISH ARE BEING CONSOLIDATED

Effects of Enemy Machine Gun Barrage Minimized by Thick Weather---Bava- rian Troops Complain of Being Sac- rificed for the Prussians.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

British Headquarters in France, Oct. 23.—The weather was again wet and dreary, and the battle ground shrouded in dense mist. Nevertheless consolidation of the new gains progressed well, and excepting for the fortified posts fringing Houtholst forest, which the German reoccupied after a vigorous counter attack last night, we are pretty well established in the captured positions. The Germans fought determinedly, especially in the little dip through which the Staden railway runs, and the ground hereabouts was strong with their dead. Their front defences seemed to be held more strongly than in earlier battles in this region, but their machine gun barrage, intense in its effects lately, was luckily minimized, owing to thick weather. We carried, despite strong resistance, a network of fortified buildings and concreted redoubts east of Poelcapelle. Below this, to the southern flank of the attack, the progress does not appear to have been so fast, due to the desperate resistance of the enemy, who fears the threat from the high ground about Passchendaele. The Anglo-French gunners are now searching the Houtholst forest.

MUCH DISSATISFACTION EXISTS AMONG THE RANK AND FILE OF THE GERMAN ARMY

The German army is beginning to think, and talk, in a manner which must cause concern to the higher command. The Bavarians are openly grumbling at being sacrificed to save the Prussians. A German non-commissioned officer gives a good illustration of the extent of the dissatisfaction. He states that a fortnight ago thirteen men of his company deserted, saying they were going home. One actually reached home; the others were arrested en route. The significant thing is that all were sent back to their regiment, the higher command evidently shrinking from adopting the approved method with them.

Another incident reflects eloquently on the German man power problem. Last Sunday a German soldier walked into the British lines on the Menin road. He was four feet high and half-witted. The only information he could give was that he had been dragged from a recruiting depot five weeks before.

BRITISH TROOPS FIND WHERE A GERMAN OFFICER WAS EXECUTED BY HIS OWN SOLDIERS

British Front in France, Oct. 24.—In one of the redoubts captured from the Germans on Monday northeast of Ypres, according to reliable information, British troops found a German officer who had been executed by his own officers. His hands had been bound behind him and he had been shot. The garrison of the redoubt surrendered readily to the advancing British. There are many tales going the rounds among the British soldiers nowadays indicating much dissatisfaction among the various bodies of German troops. Very often soldiers charged with desertion and other violations of military law escape with punishment. According to prisoners, this is something new for Prussian militarism.

LARGE INCREASE OF PATIENTS IN THE HOSPITALS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—An increase of one thousand patients in the convalescent homes and sanatoriums of the military hospitals commission occurred between the 1st and 15th of October. During the quarter month ending Oct. 15 the increase was 635, making the total of returned soldiers on the strength of the Military Hospitals Commission Command 10,103. This large increase was anticipated when three ships arrived at Halifax and Quebec within a week, bringing soldiers home. The recent heavy building programme for the commission has kept the accommodation abreast of the situation.

DR. CLARK NOMINATED.

Red Deer, Alta., Oct. 24.—Prominent liberals and conservatives in the Red Deer federal riding flocked to Red Deer yesterday afternoon to hear the name of Dr. Michael Clark put in nomination at a win-the-war convention by his former conservative opponent J. F. Day. Dr. Clark's speech throughout was a strong plea for support of the Union government in the hour of Canada's trial.

SINN FEINER WAS CAUGHT BY U. S. SECRET SERVICE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, Oct. 24.—Dr. Patrick McCarton, Sinn Feiner, arrested by the British authorities at Halifax, agreed with "General" Liam Mellows, one of the leaders of the 1916 rebellion in Ireland, that they would attempt to get back to Ireland, and if possible agitate and foment another Sinn Fein rebellion in Ireland.

McCarton, fulfilling his share of the plan, sailed on Oct. 17, shipping as a messenger in the crew under the name of "Francis Conlon." Upon his arrival in Halifax, the British authorities having been notified of his departure by the United States Secret Service, he was apprehended and a secret service agent is now on the way to Halifax to aid the British government in the prosecution of McCarton as a fugitive from justice for his complicity in the Dublin riots, and his activities here in the United States since the early part of the present year.

Late Susan McCluskey, the widow of the late John McCluskey, took place this morning in her home in Montreal. The funeral was celebrated at the Holy Trinity Church, Devon, by Rev. J. J. O'Connell. Interment was made in the Holy Trinity cemetery.

BOYS' CONFERENCE WILL MEET HERE DURING WEEK

Opening Conference Supper
Tomorrow Night—Sessions
Friday, Saturday and
Sunday.

The fourth annual New Brunswick Leadership and Older Boys' Conference will open here tomorrow night and will continue through Friday. Session will open here tomorrow night Thursday night will consist of a conference supper for the leaders. The latter are expected to arrive here tomorrow. The real opening of the conference will take place Friday morning. The Methodist church will be the conference headquarters.

The bodies represented in the conference are the Anglican, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, the N.B. & P.E.I. Sunday School Association and the Y.M.C.A.

Sessions will be held morning, afternoon and evening Friday, morning and afternoon Saturday, and morning, afternoon and evening Sunday. A large attendance of delegates is expected.

The conference leaders are: Rev. R. Taylor McKim, Anglican, St. John; Rev. I. W. Williamson, Baptist, Wolfville, N. S.; Rev. Frank Langford, Methodist, Toronto; Rev. W. W. Malcolm, Presbyterian, St. Stephen; Rev. W. A. Ross, S. S. Association, Moncton; Mr. Lou A. Buckley, Y.M.C.A., Halifax and Mr. C. M. Wright, Y.M.C.A., Toronto.

The general executive committee is: Rev. P. R. Hayward, chairman; Mr. A. M. Gregg, secretary; Rev. R. T. McKim, Rev. E. A. Westmorland, Rev. W. A. Ross, Mr. Robert Reid.

Provincial Constable.
Rev. George Scott of St. John, has been appointed a provincial constable. He is agent for the Children's Aid Society of St. John.

Patronage Abolished.
An Ottawa despatch this afternoon conveys the interesting intelligence that "the government has abolished patronage in all departments."

UNIONIST MINISTERS WERE GIVEN WARM RECEPTION

Hon. Messrs Calder, Meighen and Crerar Address Enthusiastic Meeting at Regina ---Tributes to Laurier and Borden.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

REGINA, Sask., Oct. 24.—Regina paid distinct tribute to the three Federal ministers of the new union government who spoke here last night, bringing the message of the union government to the people of Saskatchewan.

People from all over southern Saskatchewan attended the meeting, and the immense auditorium of the Metropolitan Methodist Church would not hold all the people who clamored for admission to hear the orators. The overflow crowd was accommodated in the First Baptist Church, and here the listeners heard one speaker, while the other crowd was paying strict attention to another. Each one of the three men who have come west to spread the gospel of the union government in Saskatchewan—Hon. James A. Calder, Hon. Arthur Meighen, and Hon. T. A. Crerar—made it extremely plain that the union government was formed first and foremost to see the war through to a successful conclusion, and secondly, to lay the foundation for building a newer and a better Canada during reconstruction period immediately after the war.

PRaise FOR THE LEADERS.

Both Mr. Calder and Mr. Crerar united in praising the sincerity of Sir Robert Borden in the negotiations looking toward the formation of the union cabinet. Mr. Calder paid a stirring tribute to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, picturing him as one of the greatest statesmen Canada ever produced, a statesman of the highest rank, and an honor to Canada. He honored Sir Wilfrid's opinion, but he said he was forced to part with him on the conscription question.

"Sir Wilfrid favors a referendum," continued Mr. Calder. "I favor selective conscription at once."

APPOINTMENT IN GAZETTE

The Canada Gazette of Saturday last contained the following:

13th October, 1917.
Frank Broadstreet Carvell, of the Town of Woodstock, in the Province of New Brunswick, Esquire, one of His Majesty's Counsel, learned in the law of the said Province; to be a member of the King's Privy Council for Canada.

The Honourable Frank Broadstreet Carvell, a member of the King's Privy Council for Canada; to be Minister of Public Works, in the room and stead of the Honourable Charles Colquhoun Ballantyne, resigned.

French Troops Captured 8000 German Prisoners

R. A. LAWLOR, K.C., DEAD AT CHATHAM

Chatham, N. B., Oct. 24.—Mr. Richard A. Lawlor, K.C., one of New Brunswick's prominent barristers, died at his home here last night, aged 65. Judge R. Lawlor, of Newcastle, is a brother. Rev. Sister Alban, assistant general of the Hotel Dieu, Montreal, is a sister, and Sister Mary Alban, of the Congregation of Notre Dame, Ottawa, is a daughter. He was a Conservative in politics.

Mr. Lawlor was recognized as one of the leading barristers of the North Shore and enjoyed a large and lucrative practice. His name had been mentioned in connection with a judgeship, and prior to the last provincial election it was known that he had been approached with a view of having him enter the provincial government. His professional duties brought him frequently to this city, where he had many friends.

Mr. J. Harold McMurray left yesterday on a hunting trip at the Miramichi river.

BILLY SUNDAY A PROPHET TO U.S.

Halifax, Oct. 24.—The United Baptist convention was mightily stirred at the devotional session today, as Rev. Rowley Green gave an inspiring address of great power on the subject, "A New Voice." Referring to Jesus when speaking to the woman at the well, he said that Billy Sunday was a new voice called of God as a prophet of God to the United States today.

At this point attention was called by Rev. R. O. Morse to a delegate of 33 years of age who only this year had made his confession of faith in Christ. The thirty-ninth report of the Home Mission Board of N. S. and P. E. I. was given by Rev. E. S. Mason, General Superintendent.

Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Wallace have been appointed as evangelistic workers and will at once begin work.

One Thousand of Them Belong to the Famous Prussian Guards---Yester- day's Battle Was One of the Most Brilliantly Executed of the War.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PARIS, Oct. 24.—The number of prisoners taken by the French in their attack northeast of Soissons has reached eight thousand, the War Office announces.

With the French Armies in France, Oct. 23.—The French troops this morning fought one of the most brilliantly executed actions of the war. More than one thousand prisoners belonging to the famous Fifth Prussian Guards were taken, and the French still continue their victorious progress. The battle opened before dawn along a nine kilometre front, from the northeast of Laffaux, about the neighborhood of Vauxaillen, to La Royere Farm. Amid intense darkness the French troops left their trenches, and with a terrific barrage fire from the most powerful concentration of trench guns ever gathered on such a short front preceding them, they made their way toward, into and over the first German divisions, sweeping all resistance aside. Altogether, six German infantry divisions were aligned, facing the French attacking force, but none of them was able to withstand the onslaught. The advance continued like clockwork.

SOME OF THE FIERCEST FIGHTING WAS ON A SECTION OF THE LINE NORTH OF THE AISNE

Nowhere on the French front has the fighting been more obstinate and fierce than in the small section of the line extending north of the Aisne from Laffaux to La Royere Farm, southeast of the Fort de Malmaison, where ever since the battle of the Marne in 1914 French and German forces have been at the closest of grips. For months since the French offensive in April the Germans have attempted to retake in morsels that vitally important strip of territory which the French had captured in one day. The most recent official statements have shown that scarcely a day has passed without a combat of a more or less severe character having been fought in this region, but the official reports failed to convey any idea of the fury and determination of both sides—the Germans in holding their positions and the French in harrying them.

THE FLOWER OF THE PRUSSIAN ARMY WAS UNMERCIFULLY POUNDED BY FRENCH ARTILLERY

The French, in full knowledge of what was confronting them, brought some of their heaviest artillery to bear on the German shelters, in an attempt to cause their collapse or to block them so as to prevent the reserves from emerging for immediate counter attack as soon as the French infantry waves advanced beyond the first German lines.

Some of the finest troops of the German army occupied the ground, including three divisions of the Prussian Guards, and one Bavarian division. These must have suffered terribly during the artillery preparation, as thousands of projectiles had been rained upon them, while the French machine guns poured a continual stream of bullets everywhere behind the Hun lines.

GERMAN CROWN PRINCE HAD GIVEN ORDERS THAT THE LINE MUST BE HELD AT ALL COST

The shelters of the German reserves offered the greatest difficulties to the French attackers, but French heavy guns had made splendid practice and several of these subterranean strongholds had been pierced by big shells, one battery alone placing five successive shots in the same hole.

From prisoners captured before the battle, it was learned that the German Crown Prince had ordered a concentration in front of the lines, which were to be held at all costs.

The commanders of the German advanced positions had received the most stringent warnings not to cede a foot of ground, as French progress meant the enfilading of the German lines all along the Ailette.

It had been observed during the preparation fire that the troops of different German divisions had become mixed in the front lines, and this was taken as a sign of disorganization brought about by the harrying of communications by the French.

The French troops were full of confidence when they went over the top in close touch with their own barrage fire, which swept everything from in front of them. They advanced as if on practice ground, every man knowing exactly what was expected of him and the precise point for which he was making.

FUNERAL OF FITZSIMMONS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Chicago, Oct. 24.—Private funeral services were held last night at an undertaker's establishment for Robert Fitzsimmons, who died Monday morning after a week's illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Fitzsimmons and a few intimate friends of the former champion pugilist were the attendants. A public funeral services will be held this afternoon.

FOREIGN AGITATORS WARNED.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Havana, Cuba, Oct. 24.—President Menocal issued a proclamation last night warning all foreigners who instigate or encourage strikes in the sugar producing regions, that they will be considered pernicious foreigners and expelled immediately from Cuba.

HUN CIVILIANS EXPECTING RAIDS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Geneva, Oct. 24.—All towns and cities along the Rhine are expecting reprisal air raids. The number of anti-aircraft guns has been doubled.

The mayors have summoned meetings to explain precautionary measures to the population, who are advised to keep calm. Sirens have been counted on churches and from them the alarm will be sounded.

CONSCRIPTIONIST LIBERALS.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Toronto, Oct. 24.—Arrangements are almost completed for a convention to be held in Hamilton on Nov. 2nd of conscriptionist Liberals from all parts of the province.