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The Allies Are Holding the Positions Won From Huns

Bad Weather Interferes Somewhat With Military Operations---Enemy Counter Attacks Were Quickly Repulsed---French Troops Make Further Advance

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

British Front in France and Belgium, Oct. 11.—The French and British Allies this morning were fighting both the weather and the enemy in maintaining the positions which they captured in yesterday's drive to the east and north of Ypres. The night brought virtually no change to detract from the victory won along the northern section of the advance.

From the region of Poelcapelle southward, the British were establishing themselves along a line somewhere near the most advanced posts recaptured. The vile condition of the ground rather than the opposition of the Germans made it unfeasible for these pioneer troops to attempt to remain in the farthest post occupied.

THE TROOPS DRENCHED BY COLD RAIN AND

THE MEN WALLOW TO THEIR NECKS IN MUD

Several enemy counter attacks along the Ypres-St. Aden railway and south of Houtholst forest were quickly repulsed by artillery and machine gun fire. It rained hard again last night and the Allies were digging themselves in over a wilderness of pasty mud such as only Flanders can produce.

The troops were drenched with cold rain and all the operations had to be conducted in mud, in which they were wallowing to their necks and deeper. Sharp fighting still continued today around Polderpoek chateau, in the zone of a small separate attack by the British south of the main offensive. But the operation in this sector had accomplished all that had been planned for it, and the situation at the chateau gave no cause for uneasiness.

Prisoners, some of whom were mere boys of eighteen, said they were well provided with food while on the front lines, but that in the interior of the country the privations were great.

The French troops today, despite the condition of the ground, made a further advance, straightening out their line, toward the borders of Houtholst forest, and taking additional batches of prisoners.

GERMANS IN ADVANCED POSITIONS WERE SHOT

DOWN BY THEIR OWN MACHINE GUN FIRE

South of Poelcapelle the British pushed through to a depth of a hundred yards or more, but owing mainly to the awful condition of the ground, were forced to withdraw somewhat from the most advanced positions they had attained. The British advanced in a thin line toward a German position which was thickly held. As the British struggled forward miserably in the deep mire, their barrage somewhat outdistanced them and the Germans rushed from their those pill-boxes which had escaped shells and poured a heavy machine gun fire into the advancing line. The British withdrew slightly. Numbers of Germans holding forward positions in this zone were shot down by their own machine guns, which had been barraging the whole area from the rear.

West of Passchendaele the British troops had crossed the Ravebeek river, and here, as in other places, the men often were up to their necks in mud and water. The main advantage secured in this section was the establishment of a line on the German side of the river. The assured gain in this sector appears to be from about four hundred to seven hundred yards in depth.

WILL ISSUE BULLETINS

Montreal, Oct. 11.—Hon W. J. Hanna Food Controller, yesterday addressed the Montreal Housewives' League. He stated that from now on, at intervals of about ten days, bulletins will be issued showing what the food control has accomplished during the preceding days. Mr. Hanna explained that the increased cost of fish was due largely to a delegation from the British government offering to purchase the whole catch of season at two and half cents per pound more than fishermen had been getting previously. That is four and one half cents, instead of the two cents previously charged.

PERSONAL

Mr. George O. Stratton of Moncton, is in the city.
Mr. W. E. Sharpe of Picton, is a guest at the Barker House.
Mr. W. A. Robertson of Montreal, is in the city.
Mr. B. H. James of St. John, is in the city.
Mr. H. J. Finch of Toronto, is in the city.

STEAMSHIPS SUNK BY SUBS

Paris, Oct. 11.—Three French steamers of more than 1,600 tons were sunk by mines or submarines during the week ending October 7. Two vessels of less than 1,600 tons were lost and eight ships were attacked without success. Six fishing boats were sunk.

Rome, Oct. 11.—In all seas last week Italian steamers of more than 1,500 tons and two of less than 1,500 tons were sunk by mines or submarines. One sailing vessel of more than one hundred tons also was lost. One steamer and one sailing vessel were attacked without success.

PRAIRIE FIRE IN THE WEST

Prince Albert, Sask., Oct. 11.—A disastrous prairie and bush fire is sweeping over a fifteen mile front in the country thirty miles north of North Battleford, according to reports here. A number of farmers have suffered losses. A gale is blowing and heavy damage is feared.

THREE RETURNED SOLDIERS ARRIVE

Bandmaster James R. White, Pte. G. Shafe and Pte. C. R. Colpitts—Two Latter Wounded.

Bandmaster James R. White of this city, who had been on service with the C.E.F. since September, 1914, arrived in Fredericton last night, having been invalided home on account of rheumatism. Bandmaster White left Fredericton as leader of the 71st York Regt. Band which afterward became the band of the 12th Battalion, C.E.F. After that the band lost its identity through its members volunteering to go to France for service in the ranks, he playing with other bands and military orchestras. Through attacks of rheumatism he became unfit for military service. He has been given his discharge from the C.E.F.

Bandmaster White's two sons both accompanied him with the 12th Battalion Band and both went to France. The elder, Walter, was killed in action about one year ago. The younger, George, is still on service. At the time of his enlistment Bandmaster White was pressman on The Daily Mail.

Others Returned.

Other soldiers who returned last night were Private G. Shafe of Regent street, Fredericton, and Private G. R. Colpitts of Neil street, Devon. Both had been wounded while serving in Canadian infantry battalions.

Met at Station.

The returned soldiers were met at the C.P.R. station by a delegation from the European War Veterans' Association and were taken to their homes by motor.

SOCIETY NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Marston Gullod of Halifax are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Campbell.

Miss Edwards of St. John is visiting her sister Mrs. G. W. Hodge.

Miss Sterling has returned from a visit to Toronto and Buffalo.

Mrs. R. N. MacCunn was the prize-winner at Miss Louise Sterling's bridge yesterday afternoon.

Miss Clerke of St. Stephen is here to spend the month with Mrs. W. T. Whitehead.

Miss Phyllis Taylor who has been visiting her sister Mrs. C. P. Holden has returned to St. John accompanied by Mrs. Holden.

bled at second base and each with a flag of the allies of the United States marched toward the plate while the band played "My country, 'tis of thee."

NEWFOUNDLAND TROOPS COME IN FOR GREAT PRAISE

Their Work in the British Offensive Described as Superhuman---Australians also Cover Themselves With Glory.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Oct. 11 (via Reuter's Ottawa agency).—Telegraphing yesterday evening, the Reuter correspondent at British headquarters says:

"Although the achievements of Tuesday are not as complete as expected, they amount to a great victory. The home divisions and Australians again covered themselves with glory, while the gallant Newfoundlanders' achievements were superhuman.

An English territorial division received its baptism of fire. Its task was to advance over the most exposed and sodden ground on the whole front. Without any tangible guide to their objectives, after passing through Reutel with slight opposition, they encountered the enemy in force in a cemetery flanking the right hand of Zwanhoek road. The enemy was hiding in trenches covered with mud and dried brush work, which concealed rifle and machine gun platforms. They offered a stubborn fight.

BRITISH OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—The official statement issued today by the British War Office regarding military operations on the battlefield in France and Belgium says: "There was a heavy rain again last night, the enemy's artillery showed considerable activity during the night west of Passchendaele. Otherwise there was nothing of special interest to report."

FRENCH REPULSE COUNTER ATTACK.

PARIS, Oct. 11.—The French last night defeated a German attempt to recapture ground taken in the French offensive in Belgium this week, the War Office announces. On the Verdun front the Germans broke into advanced French positions, but were repulsed after a spirited engagement.

RUSSIA WILL GIVE A HEARTY SUPPORT TO THE ALLIES' CAUSE

Important Declaration by the New Government in Regard to the Forthcoming Allied Conference---Democratic Principles of War Ministers To be Followed.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PETROGRAD, Oct. 11.—The new Russian government, in a declaration today regarding its participation in the forthcoming Allied conference, says that while discussing questions connected with the common war, the Russian representatives will seek to reach an understanding with the Allies on the basis of the principles proclaimed by the revolutionary government at its inception. "The government," it adds, "will extend its whole strength in support of the common decision of the Allies to defend the country, to oppose every attempt at the conquest of territory of our nation, and every attempt to impose the will of others on Russia."

"In restoring the fighting power of the Russian army," it is declared, the government will follow the democratic principles already promulgated by the war minister."

The declaration says: "The rigorous section of high command of men whose technical capacity is equal to all the demands of modern warfare, and who at the same time are devoted to the republic as well as the close collaboration of the high command with the naval and military organization, both at the front and in the rear, will constitute the basis of the reorganization of the army."

The state explains at length the civil and military programme and appeals for national support.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL STATEMENT TELLS OF CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY ON SEVERAL FRONTS

PETROGRAD, Oct. 11.—The official statement from general headquarters yesterday reads:

"In the Skuli sector the enemy's heavy artillery bombarded our advance trenches. South of the Pskoff high road the enemy artillery fire increased, reaching its greatest intensity southeast of Shitali farm.

"In the Gulf of Riga 11 motor boats appeared, but were dispersed by our coast batteries.

"On the western front, rifle and artillery duels reached an intensity beyond the average north of Miadziol Lake.

"On the Baltic Sea Monday our scouting cutters encountered in the Irbe Channel ten enemy cutters and trawlers, and attacked them. One enemy trawler was set afire. The enemy retired southwards.

"On Monday our airplanes dropped twenty bombs on Rodenreis station and on the Riga station. We brought down an enemy airplane in the Riga region. In the neighborhood of Buczacz French aviators brought down an enemy machine in flames."

EXPOSURE OF MUTINIES IN GERMAN NAVY RESULTS IN WILDEST SCANDAL

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

ROTTERDAM, Oct. 11.—The statements of Vice Admiral Von Capelle, the German Minister of Marine, have turned the Reichstag into a theatre of the wildest scandal, says the Vorwaerts, discussing the exposure of mutinies within the German navy. The socialist newspaper adds that there was no shadow of proof that any deputies were guilty of illegal action in connection with the mutiny. The Vossische Zeitung describes the attack on the independent socialists as a deplorable and illegal trick on the part of the government. The Tagblatt contends that if the Reichstag believes that the independent socialists are guilty, they must be handed over to the courts.

The Tagelische Zeitung expresses surprise that the government, when it had such strong proofs of guilt against three persons suspected of treason, it did not ask the consent of the Reichstag to take legal measures. No Reichstag would have been able to refuse consent. The newspaper complains that the treatment of the affair in the Reichstag will be explained abroad to the disadvantage of Germany.

LLOYD GEORGE IS BUSY MAN

London, Oct. 11.—Premier Lloyd George was unable to fulfill an engagement to attend dinner to the allied pension conference last night owing to matters of state affecting the allies.

Home From New York.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hodge, who have been on a trip to New York arrived home on the noon train today. The operation which Mr. Hodge underwent for an affection of the eyes was entirely successful, and he is rapidly recovering from its effects.

BROKE THE NEWS TO GERMANY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Amsterdam, Oct. 11.—The Peruvian minister to Germany has handed the government at Berlin the announcement of the rupture of relations between Peru and Germany, and also has requested his passports, according to a despatch received here from Berlin.

Peru severed diplomatic relations with Germany October 4 by an almost unanimous vote of congress.

Hon. G. W. Fowler of Sussex, is registered at the Barker House.