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Allied Troops Make Further Progress on Belgian Front

Field Marshall Haig Makes Encouraging Report to the British War Office---German Dugouts Blown up on a Wide Front---Artillery is Active.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The French forces on the left flank of the British lines in Belgium made further progress to the east and north of Bixschoote last night, according to the official report made to the War Office today by Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig.

British raiding parties blew up the German dugouts on a wide front east of Monchy le Preux, on the Arras front, the report says, and greatly damaged the enemy defences.

The text of the statement reads: "On our left flank our Allies continued to progress east and north of Bixschoote. On a wide front east of Monchy de Preux raiding parties blew up the enemy's dugouts and did great damage to his defences."

MANY GERMANS WERE KILLED BY BRITISH

RAIDING PARTIES IN THE VICINITY OF LENS

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The official communication issued by the British headquarters last night reads:

"Artillery activity on both sides continued in the neighborhood of Ypres. There was no infantry action.

"Successful raids took place early in the morning in the neighborhood of Lens. We secured a few prisoners and killed many Germans. Our troops entered the enemy positions at all points attacked, and after destroying their dugouts and wrecking defences, returned with slight casualties.

"Hostile artillery has been more active than usual in the Nieupoort sector. Air work continued yesterday although bad weather interfered. In air fighting two German airplanes were brought down and another driven down out of control. None of ours are missing."

GERMAN OFFICIAL REPORT TELLS OF LIVELY

ARTILLERY FIGHTING ON THE WESTERN FRONT

BERLIN, via London, Aug. 9 (British Admiralty, per wireless press).—The text of the German official statement issued today reads:

"Army of Crown Prince Rupprecht: Unfavorable fighting conditions hindered the development of lively firing activity until this afternoon. It was only during the evening that the artillery duel in Flanders again increased. It remained violent during the night, and in some sectors attained the greatest intensity, especially on the coast and from Bixschoote to Hollebeke. The infantry did not attack.

"An English reconnoitering detachment advancing near Hooze was repulsed. In Artois the fire increased on both sides of Lens. Here also the enemy made reconnaissances without result. With other armies the fighting activity was slight. During the evening it rose in several places to the usual intensity. In the eastern theatre there were no events of special importance."

WAS DOMINATED BY SPIRIT OF MILITANT PATRIOTISM

Edmonton Bulletin's Comment on the Great Liberal Convention at Winnipeg---A Tribute to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Edmonton, Aug. 10.—The Edmonton Bulletin says, commenting on the Liberal convention at Winnipeg:

"It was emphatically a win-the-war convention, a win-at-any-cost convention. It was dominated by the spirit of militant patriotism which swept the west when the call to arms was sounded. The temper was a pronounced aggressive temper which demanded that government and public at home shall push the fighting as the men at the front are doing."

The resolutions, says the Sun, "supply the base for a war policy that would gather up every energy of which the country is capable and concentrate all in a drive for victory. It is sufficient rejoinder to the parochial politicians and papers, who preach in eastern Canada that the west is dominated by Austro-German sentiment."

Confidence in Sir Wilfrid.

The Regina Leader says the manifestation by the convention of confidence in Sir Wilfrid was not "a mere sentimental outburst of party enthusiasts, but was based on the square and well grounded conviction that whether one agreed or disagreed with him

on the subject of conscription of men for military service under present conditions, he was the one man in Canada today who was best qualified by reason of his whole past life, record and achievements to successfully cope with the crisis which endangers the peace of Canada and thus prevent a disaster which would have a crippling and demoralizing effect on the whole empire, and the cause for which the Allied nations are struggling.

Will Cause Serious Reflection. The Saskatoon Phoenix says: For many Liberals fired with patriotic war zeal this convention decision will be regarded as a compromise and will cause serious reflection regarding its wisdom. Let it be remembered, however, that the decision was reached under the guidance of men like Norris, Martin, Sifton and Brewster, the western premiers, and men like Hon. J. A. Calder, who had conferred with Laurier. The mobilization of moral, material and man power and adherence to the Liberal war platform may ultimately lead to conscription, but that should only come under a vote which has the confidence of the people."

Miss Jean Ballock left last evening for Carleton county to visit relatives. Mr. William Jarvis of Fort Fairfield is visiting his former home here. Mr. Edwin S. Rogers of Sherman, Me., is in the city. Mrs. Joseph Gibson of Toronto, is at the Barker House.

STATISTICS ON ENLISTMENTS

Canada's Lost Army Now Numbers Over Sixty-Six Thousand Men.

Ottawa, Aug. 9.—A statement of the Minister of Militia, prepared on request of A. K. MacLean, gives the total "effective strength" of the Canadian expeditionary force on June 30 last as 256,993 out of total enlistments to the same date of 424,456. The difference between the effective strength and the total enlistments is made up as follows:

23,760 in hospitals in England.
21,830 returned to Canada for discharge and for other causes.

65,900 who never proceeded overseas and were struck off the strength in Canada for physical unfitness, etc.

31,955 killed in action, died of wounds or sickness, presumed dead, reported missing or prisoners of war.

10,138 for whom no complete returns have yet been obtained.

The casualty list up to July 31 totalled 106,492, including a total of 31,955 dead, missing or prisoners of war, and 73,701 wounded.

Details of the effective strength are given as follows: In Canada, 13,475; in England, 100,439; in France, 132,279; on sea, 2,844, and in the near east 756.

Leaving for Valcartier.

A party of recruits from Boston and New York recently enlisted here for the 236th Battalion, will leave tonight for Valcartier via C.G.R.

Lt. Col. P. A. Guthrie and Capt. P. F. Godenrath of the 236th Battalion, are in the city.

Capt. F. G. Goodspeed of St. John, is registered at the Queen.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, Aug. 9.—An important conference took place at Rideau Hall today which may have a direct bearing on the political events of the immediate future. Sir Robert Borden, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir George Foster, Baron Shaughnessy, Sir Lomer Gouin, Sir Clifford Sifton and Hon. George P. Graham had luncheon with the Duke of Devonshire and the purpose of the gathering was to discuss the serious situation that faces the country as the result of the attitude of the province of Quebec not only towards conscription but also towards the general question of participation in the war.

At the conference there arose the question of the formation of a union war government with political affiliations eliminated.

The suggestion was also made that the conscription measure might not be put into effect until Quebec had had another opportunity of answering the call to arms voluntarily.

The establishment of a union government with Sir Wilfrid Laurier as a member of it no doubt would mean that conscription would not go into effect at once and that a great recruiting effort would be made by the new cabinet which if successful would render conscription unnecessary for the present at any rate.

Information reaching Ottawa is that the temper of many localities outside of Quebec is rising and is becoming actively hostile. There are about 75,000 returned soldiers in the country and there is no doubt that they will wield a strong influence on the feeling of those communities in which they reside in any numbers. There have been manifestations of it already and the fear is expressed by members of parliament on both sides of the house that in the heat of a general election campaign untoward events may be precipitated.

Mr. James Tait and son, Barry, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., are visiting relatives in this city.

Mr. E. J. Phillips of Toronto, is at the Queen.

Mr. P. F. Blanchet of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. Robert Kerr of Toronto, is in the city.

CANADIANS PARTICIPATED IN SUCCESSFUL RAID NEAR LENS

Passed Over Enemy First Line and Support Trenches Which Were Lightly Held ---Might Have Pushed on to Streets of Lens.

(By Stewart Lyon, corr. Canadian Press.)

Canadian Army Headquarters, Aug. 10.—Under the protection of a heavy barrage shortly after four o'clock Thursday morning, raiding parties on a front of over two thousand yards penetrated the enemy's positions in the Oit du Moulin and St. Laurent sectors, returning with several prisoners.

The raiders on a large part of the front attacked passed over the enemy first line and support trenches which were found to be lightly held and in bad condition.

A number of the enemy subterranean shelters were demolished, but nothing is known as to the fate of the occupants.

Our men returned to their own trenches with manifest reluctance. Some of them said there would have been no difficulty in pushing forward into the streets of Lens.

The troops engaged were from Ontario. Their casualties were slight. At some points the trenches were found to have been pounded out of all resemblance to defensive positions. Many dugouts were also seen that had been blown in by our heavy guns. Our exploring party had land mines exploded in front of them near a crater which was the scene of lively fighting earlier in the week. Undisturbed by these explosions, they rushed on and encountered an enemy patrol of thirteen men, who took shelter in a dugout. Only two answered the call to surrender, and the remainder were killed in the destruction of the dugouts.

BELGIANS ACCUSED OF SMUGGLING RUBBER, ETC., INTO GERMANY

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—Six members of a Belgian relief ship crew were arrested today with three other men on charges of smuggling rubber and platinum into Germany by way of Holland and Belgium. All nine of the prisoners are said to be Belgian citizens, and the arrest, the police say, is the culmination of a year's search for the "underground" route by which it is believed Germany has been able to get weekly an estimated \$25,000 to \$30,000 worth of merchandise surreptitiously from Atlantic ports of this country. The value of the goods in Germany is said to be five-fold their cost here.

RUSSIAN AND ROUMANIAN TROOPS ARE SHOWING CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY

Official Statement from Petrograd Tells of the Repulse of Teutonic Attacks of Some Intensity---Some Prisoners and a Machine Gun Captured.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 9.—The Russian War Office statement issued today reads as follows:

"There were fusillades of great intensity in the region of Brody. On the Roumanian front, south of the Aruth, as far as the village of Selka, the enemy conducted a series of attacks of considerable intensity. All were repulsed.

"In the region northwest of Sipot and Katargali, the enemy after obstinate attacks, occupied a series of heights, forcing back our troops slightly eastward.

"Between the rivulets Slucza and Destiana a number of enemy attacks were beaten off. The enemy succeeded in penetrating our trenches on one of the heights, but he was ejected by a counter attack. This retirement developed into a flight. We captured eight prisoners and a machine gun.

"After artillery preparation the enemy attacked the Roumanian positions in the region between the rivers Oitoza and Kasine and in certain districts pressed back some of them. An attack south of the river Kasine was repulsed by the Roumanians. In the direction of Fokshani the enemy continued to attack on both sides of the Fokshani-Merechistichi railway, and pressed back our troops to the north between Petrechani and Doalga. On the Caucasian front, unchanged."

RUSSIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE CHALLENGES

GERMAN EDITOR TO PROVE HIS ALLEGATIONS

PETROGRAD, Aug. 10.—M. Tchernoff, Minister of Agriculture, has challenged Prof. Milukoff, former foreign minister and editor of the Reich, to appear before an arbitration court in connection with his comments in that newspaper on the charges against M. Tchernoff. The Reich has been prominent in arraigning M. Tchernoff. Prof. Milukoff has accepted the challenge and nominated legal representatives.

It was recently charged that M. Tchernoff had been connected with the German general staff. This led to his resignation as minister and finally resulted in the resignation of the cabinet. M. Tchernoff successfully defended himself against the accusations and again became a member of the reorganized ministry.

GERMAN OFFICIAL STATEMENT TELLS OF MASSED

ATTACKS BY THE RUSSIANS AND ROUMANIANS

BERLIN, Aug. 10.—The German official statement says in part:

"Army of Archduke Joseph: There were successful fighting operations in the wooded Carpathians and in the frontier mountains of western Moldavia. We advanced our lines in some sectors and repulsed strong enemy counter attacks.

"Army of Field Marshal Von Mackensen: Situation is developing favorably. The Russians and Roumanians, in a succession of massed attacks, sent forward forces into our fire with the object of wresting from our troops large territorial gains won by them yesterday north of Fokshani. All attacks were repulsed. The enemy suffered heavy sanguinary losses. The number of prisoners increased to fifty officers and 3,300 men and the booty to seventeen guns and more than fifty machine guns and mine throwers.

THE MASTER OF BALIOL COLLEGE ANSWERS A PERTINENT QUESTION

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—The Tribune this morning publishes the following, dated London, Aug. 9:

The Master of Baliol College was asked at a public meeting today this question: "If Jesus Christ was on earth today, was under forty years old and not in holy orders, do you think he would be engaged in making German widows, or would he prefer to be in prison for holding conscientious objections?" The master answered as follows: "There are many historical incongruities which you can bring out simply by imagining this, that or the other thing. For instance, Julius Caesar, at a telephone. Can you imagine any religious leader or any religious minded man holding back if he saw things done to children for whose welfare he was responsible, and not doing all he could to prevent them?"

FRENCH FORCES BREAK THROUGH HUN LINES AND TAKE MACHINE GUNS

PARIS, Aug. 10.—French forces last night made further progress against the German positions in Belgium. The Frenchmen broke into the German lines, occupied several farms to the east of Bixschoote and west of Lange-marck, and captured a number of machine guns, according to the official statement given out today by the French War Department.