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Heavy Fighting Continues Along the Western Front

The British Steam Roller is Being Kept Steadily on the Job---General Haig's Troops Deliver a Heavy Assault on Enemy's Position North of Ypres

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

"The British steam roller goes up hill very slowly, but it is now going downhill, and battles are following each other more and more rapidly," said Major General Maurice, director of operations at the British War Office yesterday.

The truth of this assertion was driven home less than 24 hours after it was made, by the beginning this morning of another British attack in Flanders. Only three days had elapsed since the last attack, made on Tuesday. Tuesday's push was launched after a four-day pause, the last previous drive having been carried out the preceding Thursday. Previously intervals of a week or more had elapsed between the British attacks.

Good progress was reported early by Field Marshal Haig along the six mile front northeast of Ypres, on which today's assault is being delivered. Apparently the objective is the remainder of the ridge commanding the Flanders plain over the permanent points of which the British have already passed and are driving downward. Another notable fact in connection with the present series of drives is that each is now apparently being made regardless of weather conditions.

BRITISH ATTACKED ON A FRONT OF SIX MILES; NAVAL AIRCRAFT DROP MANY BOMBS IN BELGIUM

LONDON, Oct. 12.—The British troops in Flanders attacked the Germans this morning on a front of about six miles northeast of Ypres. They are reported to be making satisfactory progress. Rain fell heavily during last night.

Another air raid over Belgium was reported officially today. The statement follows: "Naval aircraft dropped many bombs on the Shanappelhoek airdrome yesterday afternoon, despite heavy clouds and rain. All our machines returned."

PARIS, Oct. 12.—The night was marked by great activity of the artillery and by a series of German efforts at various points on the front," says today's official statement.

West of Cerny we repulsed an enemy attack, while a detail operation carried out by us north of Noisy farm enabled us to bring back prisoners. An enemy surprise attack west of Maisers de Champagne and three German efforts in the region of Auberville and Souain came to nothing. On the right bank of the Meuse artillery fighting continues in the region of Besonvaux."

THE MUTINY IN THE GERMAN NAVY THE CAUSE FOR INACTIVITY OF HUN FLEET IN THE BALTIC

LONDON, Oct. 12.—The inactivity of the German fleet in the Baltic Sea recently, when there were obvious opportunities for attacking Russia, according to a despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Amsterdam, was due to the mutinous outbreak in the German navy.

The outbreak affected at least six important units of the fleet, putting them out of action and causing the authorities to doubt the loyalty of the crew of other large ships.

It was decided, the despatch says, to take stern measures on a large scale against the offenders, but that would have increased the evil.

Again Attempting to Fraternize.

Petrograd, Oct. 12.—Austro-German troops are renewing their attempts to fraternize with the Russians, but so far every effort has met failure, the War Office announced today.

Penetrating the Enemy's Lines.

British Front in France and Belgium, Oct. 12.—At an early hour today British troops which began an attack in Flanders this morning had penetrated several hundred yards into the enemy's territory on a six mile front near Houtholst wood to a point below the Ypres-Roulers railway, and were battling along the Passchendaele ridge within 1,000 yards of the centre of the village. Indications are that the Germans early were aware that trouble was impending, as about 4 a. m. a large number of gas shells were fired by them along the British front.

WILL DUPLICATE ANY PRIZES

In view of the fact that it is impossible to hold the regular Winter Fair at Amherst, the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture will duplicate any prizes won by exhibitors of horses, cattle, sheep, swine or poultry at the Guelph or Ottawa fairs to be held this coming winter.

Exhibitors must secure a statement indicating the number of prizes won, the amount of each prize and in what class or classes the stock competed; upon presentation of these statements checks will be issued.

Further information can be had from the Secretary for Agriculture, Fredericton, N. B.

CHIEF JUSTICE DIED SUDDENLY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Halifax, Oct. 12.—Sir Wallace Graham, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia, died very suddenly this morning.

While at the breakfast table he was taken ill and passed away before medical assistance reached him.

The deceased, who was 69 years of age, was born at Antigonish and he is survived by his widow, one son, Bruce Graham, barrister, of this city, and one married daughter in England.

Killed His Moose.

Mr. Charles E. Smoyer of Akron, O., was registered at the Barker House last night, having just returned from the Miramichi country, where he was hunting big game. He succeeded in killing his moose.

J.C. RISTEEN DIED TODAY AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

Prominent Citizen of Fredericton—Founder of the Woodworking Business of J. C. Risteen Co., Ltd.

The death occurred at noon today at his home on Smythe street of Mr. Joseph C. Risteen an aged and highly respected citizen who was for years prominently identified with the woodworking business which bears his name, the J. C. Risteen Co., Ltd. Mr. Risteen had been confined to his home by illness for over a year and the news of his death, while it was heard with great regret, did not come as a surprise.

Long Business Career.

The deceased was a native of Fredericton and resided here the greater part of his long life. He learned his trade as a carpenter and house joiner and when quite a young man went to Carleton county where he worked for some time. He also worked at his trade in Boston for some months. Returning to Fredericton he started a small woodworking factory on King street near the present Smith foundry which he managed for several years. In 1872 in partnership with the late Mr. Henry Chestnut he established a woodworking factory in Smythe street under the name and style of J. C. Risteen & Co. He continued as the active head of the business until 1900 when he sold out to Mr. Chestnut and retired. Since that time he has lived quietly at his home here.

The deceased was a man of high intelligence, who read a great deal and kept himself well informed on current events. He was of a kindly disposition and a most interesting conversationalist.

U. S. ADMIRAL AND STAFF RETURNED FROM ENGLAND

Have Been in Conference With Officials
of the Allied Navies--Will Make a Report
to the Secretary of the Navy.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—An official statement issued by Secretary of the Navy Daniels today says:

"Admiral R. T. Mayo, United States Navy, and his staff, have returned from England. The purpose of the visit of the Admiral to England was to permit him to confer with officials of the Allied navies, to become intimate in every detail with the situation as it is at present, what had been done before, and to discuss the plans for the future. The British Admiralty extended every courtesy and every facility to promote the success of this mission. Admiral Mayo will proceed immediately to Washington and will there make a full report to the Secretary of the Navy. Admiral Mayo visited the British fleet and our own forces in British and French waters in order that he might familiarize himself with the conditions under which the Allied forces are operating."

THE UNION CABINET IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED THIS EVENING

(By Canadian Press Direct Wire.)

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—The definite entry of five additional Liberals into the cabinet followed a morning of protracted negotiations. There was a complete passing to and from members of the old and new administration. At a fairly early hour Frank Carvell, the Liberal member for Carleton, New Brunswick, was in evidence and went into consultation with the Prime Minister. Within a few minutes he was followed by Premier G. H. Murray, of Nova Scotia, A. K. MacLean, Liberal M. P. for Halifax, and the western Liberals. About noon the eastern men left the conference, strictly non-communicative as to their attitude. Doubts are expressed, however, whether Premier Murray will join the cabinet, as was indicated last night. The name of Mr. MacLean is suggested in his stead, but here again some doubt is felt. The conferences will continue throughout the day, however, and an official statement on the final composition of the new government will probably be issued tonight.

THE MEDICAL BOARDS SIT NEXT WEEK

Capt. W. H. Irvine, Dr. C. P. Holden and Dr. R. H. McGrath Compose Board for This District.

The medical boards appointed to examine men drafted for military service under The Military Service Act of 1917, in the Fredericton District have been named and will begin work next week.

Directions for the boards were expected by mail this morning but had not arrived. The medical examination will be held either at the Park Barracks Hospital or at the Military Hospital, Carleton street.

The medical boards of the Fredericton Section with places and time of examination are as follows:

Fredericton—Monday, all day; Wednesday, all day; Friday, all day. Captain W. H. Irvine, Dr. C. P. Holden, Dr. R. H. McGrath.

Oromocto—Tuesday, morning and afternoon. Captain W. H. Irvine, Dr. C. P. Holden, Dr. R. H. McGrath.

Fredericton Junction — Thursday, morning and afternoon. Captain W. H. Irvine, Dr. R. H. McGrath, Dr. G. W. Bailey.

Gagetown—Saturday, morning and afternoon. Captain W. H. Irvine, Dr. C. P. Holden, Dr. J. A. Coswell.

Captain W. H. Irvine will be president in each case.

The deceased was eighty-seven years of age and a widower. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Rankine, wife of Maj. R. R. Rankine, over seas, and Mrs. E. H. Clarke of this city, and two sons, Fred W. Risteen of Woodstock, and Harry C. Risteen of the Santa Fe Railway, Williams, Arizona. Mr. Frank H. Risteen, well known as an expert stenographer, poet and journalist, who died at Riverside, Cal., in 1900, was a son of the deceased. Mr. John C. Risteen of San Francisco, Cal., is a brother and another brother was the late Frederick Risteen, who for years was proprietor of the Copley Square Hotel of Boston.

The funeral will take place from the home on Smythe street at 3.45 o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

UNION GOVERNMENT WILL CARRY ON THE COUNTRY'S BUSINESS

Negotiations between Party Leaders at Ottawa Result Successfully--Hon. Mr. Hazen Goes to Supreme Court Bench and is Succeeded by Mr. Carvell.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, Oct. 12.—After several months of negotiation between Sir Robert Borden and the leaders of the war Liberals, a union government was formed last night.

Of the old administration, Sir Robert Borden, Sir Thomas White, Hon. Arthur Meighen, Sir George Foster, Sir Edward Kemp, Sir James Loughheed, Hon. Frank Cochrane, Hon. J. D. Reid, Hon. C. J. Doherty, Hon. M. Burrell, Hon. A. Sevigny and Hon. P. Blondin, remain in the government, as well as Hon. C. C. Ballantyne and Hon. Hugh Guthrie, who became members last week.

The new members are Hon. A. L. Sifton, Premier of Alberta, Hon. Jas. A. Calder, Minister of Public Works, Saskatchewan; T. A. Crerar, Winnipeg; General Mewburn, Hamilton; N. W. Rowell, leader of the Ontario provincial Liberal party; F. B. Carvell, New Brunswick, and Premier George H. Murray, Nova Scotia, who will retire from the premiership of that province and join the union government.

Hon. P. B. McGurdy, parliamentary secretary of the department of Militia and Defence, and Hon. Hugh Clark, parliamentary secretary of the department of external affairs, retain their respective offices.

Twelve Conservatives, Nine Liberals.

In the new cabinet are twelve Conservatives and nine Liberals, but Hon. Frank Cochrane, who retires from the Department of Railways and Canals, is without portfolio, and will in a short time take the chairmanship of the board of management of the Canadian Northern Railway.

The members retiring from the cabinet are Hon. J. D. Hazen, who will become Chief Justice of New Brunswick; Sir George Perley, to accept the High Commissionership in London; Hon. Dr. Roche, to the chairmanship of the civil service board; Hon. T. W. Crothers, who will accept a judgeship; Hon. Frank Cochrane, who resigns his portfolio, but remains as a member of the Privy Council.

Hon. Robert Rogers and Hon. E. L. Patenaude retired from the cabinet some months ago.

Members Sworn In.

Shortly before one o'clock ten members of the union administration were sworn in, as follows:

Premier and Secretary of State for External Affairs—Sir Robert Borden.

Minister of Militia—Major General Mewburn.

Minister of Overseas Service—Sir Edward Kemp.

Minister of Immigration and Colonization—Hon. J. A. Calder.

Minister of Interior—Hon. Arthur Meighen.

Minister of Agriculture—Hon. T. A. Crerar.

Minister of Customs—Hon. A. L. Sifton.

President of the Privy Council—Hon. N. W. Rowell.

Minister of Railways and Canals—Hon. J. D. Reid.

Secretary of State for Mines (new)—Hon. Martin Burrell.

Hon. Frank Cochrane goes to the Canadian Northern as chairman of the board of directors, and Sir George Perley becomes Canadian High Commissioner in London.

Comment of Quebec Papers.

Quebec, Oct. 12.—"Le Soleil," official Liberal organ, says in part in commenting on the union government: "The question is this: Are these Liberals true representatives of the strength and of the spirit of Canadian Liberalism? We do not believe that they are, and are convinced that future events will sustain our view. In fact, the Canadian Liberal party, now freed from disputable influences, will begin the real struggle for the future of Canada."

The Daily Telegraph says: "If Sir Robert Borden had more the interests of the country than those of his party at heart, he would not have delayed the election so long and left the country in a chaotic condition. Seeing his party withering away like autumn leaves, he keeps agitating with nervous dissipation for some measure of support from the Liberal party, in which he is vainly endeavoring to plant the germ of schism; but in so doing he finds himself on the horns of a dilemma. He finds that he can get a few outstanding westerners in his cabinet if he completely sacrifices the Tory party. For the support of the western Liberals, he must throw over the Ontario 'interests,' and not only that, but he will incur the genuine hostility of the western Tories, who are already preparing to bolt, if the virulent attacks on the premier's 'union' policy in the Rogers press is any indication."

More Press Comment.

Toronto World: Any question that may have arisen as to the Liberalism of those first included in the union government certainly does not apply to the completed cabinet structure.

Winnipeg Free Press: The personnel of the new government is a guarantee that Canada is to have an administration that will be disinterested and capable.

Leader, Regina: The old Borden cabinet is a thing of the past. Let the country greatly rejoice.

Toronto Globe: In this time of national crisis, as in the period surrounding Confederation, patriotism has broken down the bonds of party. There are many different years yet to be faced, but the same spirit which has overcome the obstacles to union ought to triumph in the administration which is to follow.