

## THE GERMANS GAIN SLIGHT ADVANTAGE ON VERDUN FRONT

### They Gained Some Ground Near Chaume Wood But Lost Most of It in Trench Counter Attack---Operations in Flanders Were Spectacular.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PARIS, Oct. 29.—An attack was made by the Germans last night on the Verdun front near Chaume wood. The War Office reports that they gained a footing in advanced French positions, but that the greater part of the ground was regained in a counter attack. The statement follows:

"In Belgium rather violent artillery actions occurred north of Draefbank. South of St. Quentin we made an attack which enabled us to bring back a machine gun and prisoners. On the Aisne front spirited artillery fighting occurred near Hurtebise and in the sector north of Vaudessen. Our detachments penetrated German trenches in the Argonne and on the left bank of the Meuse, bringing back ten prisoners. On the right bank of the Meuse the German artillery violently bombarded our positions on the front between Chaume wood and Bezonvaux."

### FRENCH AND BELGIAN TROOPS FOUGHT THE ENEMY IN FLANDERS UNDER TRYING CONDITIONS

British Front in France and Belgium, Oct. 28.—The story of the highly important victory won by the French and Belgian armies over the marshy lands of Flanders yesterday is of a spectacular military operation, which before its completion would have been branded as impossible by the average expert. It is a story of men who battled their way forward over morasses and through water into which they sank actually to their necks at times, and, with rifle and cold steel, conquered the enemy in a large and vital strip of territory, which includes within its borders such places as Kippe, Merekem, Asch, Hoope, Verbrandesmis and Kestermolen.

### PART PLAYED BY BELGIAN TROOPS WAS A STRIKING FEATURE OF RECENT PERFORMANCE

The striking feature of the performance lies in the part played by the Belgians in yesterday's drive. When the poilus reached the neighborhood of Luyghem in the afternoon and began their assault on this place, the Belgians, who were watching from their lines across the floods, oined them, piling into ferries, poled their way to the astern shore and hurled themselves on the Germans concealed in concrete defences in the region north of Luyghem with such good effect that they quickly mopped up the entire northern strip of the so-called Luyghem peninsula. The territory conquered yesterday is a strip of land about 7,000 yards long and varying in width from 1,500 yards at the narrowest place to 3,000 at the widest.

## NEVER DEBATED POSSIBILITY OF EVACUATING THE RUSSIAN CAPITAL

(By Canadian Press Direct Wire.)

PETROGRAD, Oct. 29.—Premier Kerensky, speaking Saturday in the preliminary parliament, said that the government never had debated the possibility of surrendering Petrograd to the enemy, as alleged by some newspapers. On the contrary, the defence of the capital to the uttermost had been the constant pre-occupation of the government, which as a result of its deliberating, decided not to leave Petrograd until the highest interests of the state demanded such a course. Premier Kerensky added that the present strategic situation was sure and that there was no necessity for the preliminary parliament to discuss the question as a matter of urgency. If the evacuation of Petrograd were decided on, it would not be due to military events, but to the difficulties of obtaining supplies of food and fuel. All measures taken had for their object the strengthening of the city's defences.

## SIR C. H. TUPPER GIVES HIS VIEWS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Vancouver, Oct. 29.—Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper issued a warning Saturday that with to the best of his judgment sixty five Laurier candidates practically certain of election in Quebec, it behooved the fusionists here to compose their differences lest an opposition candidate slipped in for Vancouver Centre. He adds:

"If Laurier wins it means Quebec rule with a vengeance. I never doubted that our patriots in Quebec are at heart sound, but the vast majority are nevertheless being led to a desperate position and those who are with the union cause in Quebec will be practically annihilated."

Miss Bessie Whitehead of Queensbury, passed through the city Saturday on her way to St. John where she will spend the winter.

## LIBERAL M. P. FOR UNION

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Woodstock, Ont., Oct. 28.—E. W. Nesbitt, ex-M. P. for North Oxford, at a meeting Saturday of the executive of the Liberal Association of the riding, stated that he had decided, if re-elected, to support the union government in all measures looking to the good of Canada. A resolution was submitted to the meeting and adopted, endorsing Mr. Nesbitt's stand.

### Alleges Non-support.

The case of Mrs. Stillman Brown of Devon, who charges her husband with non-support was before the police court this morning. The husband who has been living in St. John, is defending the case. Mr. P. J. Hughes of McLellan & Hughes, is representing him and Mr. C. D. Richards is appearing for the complainant. The latter was on the stand this morning.

## PARLIAMENT WILL THANK ARMY AND NAVY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Oct. 29.—The House of Lords and the House of Commons today will discuss a resolution expressing the thanks of Parliament to the navy and army, including the overseas troops and the mercantile marine, for their services in the war, and expressing sympathy to relatives and friends of those who have given their lives for their country.

Premier Lloyd George will move the resolution in the House of Commons in the expectation that he will make an important speech on the progress of the war, there was a great demand for seats in the Lower House than at any recent session. The visiting American congressmen were invited to attend and seats were reserved for them in the distinguished strangers' gallery.

## CALLD ALLIES INFAMOUS PIGS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Athens, Oct. 29. — Among the messages exchanged between the royal palaces at Athens and Berlin and which have fallen into the hands of the Greek government, was one in which King Constantine urged Emperor William to attack the Allies on the Balkan front, proclaiming that Greek forces would attack General Sarraill's army in the rear.

In another message Queen Sophie alluded to the Allies as "infamous pigs."

### Names Omitted.

In the line-up of the 9th Siege Battery and U. N. B. Rugby teams on the Mail's sporting page today the names of Holder and Rankine were omitted from the respective forward lines.

## Great Britain and France Will Assist the Italians

### FORMED UNION ASSOCIATION

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

McLeod, Alta., Oct. 29.—The joint meeting of the Liberals and Conservatives of McLeod riding, held here Saturday, resulted in the organization of a union government association which has called a convention for November 10th to select a union candidate for the McLeod federal riding.

## COLORS FOR THE KILTIES

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, Oct. 29.—The MacLean Highlanders, recruited in the Maritime Provinces, Boston and Chicago, were yesterday reviewed by Brigadier H. H. McLean and presented with the Union Jack, a tri-color and the Stars and Stripes.

## CHECKING THE HUNS IN ITALY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Rome, Oct. 29.—The Italians are checking the advance of the Austro-German troops into the plains of Northern Italy, the War Office announces.

### Soldier Remanded.

A soldier arrested during the week-end for being drunk was remanded in the police court this afternoon until more information concerning him could be secured.

## HEROES OF YPRES BATTLE ARE NOW IN HALIFAX

### Men Who Experienced the Horrors of German Prison Camps, at N. S. Capital Waiting to be Transported Home.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

HALIFAX, Oct. 29.—It was at the second battle of Ypres that the Germans first used their deadly gas, and in this engagement the Canadians, although outnumbered ten to one, held the Huns at bay and saved the road to Calais. On this and succeeding days the Canadians suffered severe losses both in killed and the number of men taken by the Germans. Of these prisoners, many of whom were rendered helpless by the deadly gas fumes, upwards of fifty are now in Halifax awaiting their turn to be transported to various parts of the Dominion. The men, who have spent over a year in German prison camps before they were repatriated, are all members of the first Canadian contingent, whose fame will go down in the annals of Canada as putting up one of the bravest fights against overwhelming odds in this great war.

### HAD A ROUGH TIME.

On being taken prisoner, they were marched back through the German lines to Westrossebede, where they were loaded on coal cars and driven seven miles to St. Aden. Here they remained all night, sleeping in a Catholic cathedral, and from the appearance of the church it was evident that the Germans had used it as a stable. It was plainly seen where horses had been tied to the Communion rail and that the animals had gnawed the woodwork.

### FINALLY SENT TO SWITZERLAND.

Later on they were sent to various camps and those who were able were forced to work. After spending fourteen months in prison camps, two veterans at a time were selected for exchange. They were sent to Constance, in company with others, and here put through a rigid medical examination by Swiss and German doctors. They later passed into Switzerland and were given a cordial welcome by the people. During their stay there, although still under German surveillance, the treatment was much better, and did much to raise their hopes. They passed several medical boards, the final one about the first of September. On arrival at Lyons, France, a great welcome was accorded them. The mayor bestowed the freedom of the city on them and they were feted and entertained the entire time they were there.

## MORE GERMAN PLOTTING EXPOSED IN SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLICS

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 28.—A sensation has been occasioned here by the publication of despatches from Rio Janeiro asserting that the Brazilian foreign minister has made it known that the translation of despatches sent by Count Von Luxburg, through the medium of the Swedish legation, while the Count was German minister to Argentina, has revealed a project for a German invasion of southern Brazil. The newspapers here demand that the government publish the Luxburg despatches or else authorize their publication by a foreign government. The despatches were sent to Washington for translation and the foreign government referred to evidently is the United States. The Argentine government is being criticized for its silence.

## London Times Says Critical Situation Has Had Prompt and Sympathetic Consideration---Correction Made in Italian Official Statement.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Oct. 29.—The following article is printed conspicuously by the Times today:

"There is reason to believe that the critical situation on the Italian front has received and is receiving the prompt and sympathetic consideration of the French and British governments. It is understood that the Italian commander in chief already knows that he may rely on the most prompt and the fullest support in the power of the Allies to give."

### AMENDED VERSION OF THE ITALIAN OFFICIAL STATEMENT ELIMINATES THE WORD "COWARDICE"

ROME, Sunday, Oct. 28.—The Italian War Office has issued an amended version of the official statement on operations issued early today. As amended the first sentence of the announcement reads: "The violence of the attack and the failure to resist on the part of some units forming our second army, allowed the Austro-German forces to break into our left wing on the Julian front." This version eliminates the words: "which in cowardice retired without fighting or surrendering to the enemy."

### LONDON MORNING PAPERS DECLARE THAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE MUST ACT PROMPTLY

LONDON, Oct. 29.—That Great Britain and France must go promptly to Italy's help is the view expressed by several morning newspapers. While all the newspapers recognize the gravity of Italy's peril, strong confidence is expressed in General Cadorna and the Italy army, with the conviction that they ultimately will emerge victorious. Italian perseverance and successes of the past are recalled with warm admiration, and the weakness of some links in the defensive chain is condoned.

### U. S. WAR SECRETARY SAYS THAT IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS ARE IMPENDING IN THE WAR

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Important developments are impending in the great war, Secretary of War Baker indicates in his official review of last week's operations on all fronts, which he concludes with the brief statement that certain units of the American forces in France have taken their places on the battle front to complete their training.

This is the War Department's first mention of the fact that General Pershing's men are on the firing line. It is the wave of activity during the week on nearly every front, however, that caught the secretary's attention. Significant operations are in progress, he says, both east and west, on the Italian front, in Macedonia, Roumania, Mesopotamia and even in East Africa.

### A NEW STRATEGIC RETREAT OF THE GERMANS IS NOW EXPECTED ON THE WESTERN FRONT

On the western front, he says, a new strategic retreat of the German forces appears to be the next move expected, and they must move back under critical circumstances from between the two wedges of Flanders and the Aisne, which have been driven into their lines by the British and French.

Italy is passing through a difficult moment, Mr. Baker says. The Austro-German drive is being pressed forward by imposing forces. But once before Italy stemmed the tide of an Austrian rush, under less favorable conditions for the defenders, with only a taste of victory for the enemy during the first days of his terrific onslaught. Winter is now coming to the aid of the Italians.

## NOTED LAWYER PASSED AWAY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Toronto, Oct. 29.—Mahlon K. Cowan, K. C., former M. P. and one of the leaders of the Ontario bar and a member of the law firm of Fasken, Cowan & Chadwick, died here last night after a serious illness of three months. The deceased was particularly well known as a railway counsel, and had for some years been directly connected with the legal department of the Grand Trunk Railway.

### Much Improved But Weak.

Word from St. Stephen concerning the condition of His Honor the Lieut. Governor is to the effect that his symptoms are normal and his condition improved but that he is very weak.

### New Principal.

Mr. Cecil H. Turner, B.A., of Meductic, who graduated from the U.N. B. last spring, has been appointed principal of the superior school at Bathurst.

Dr. T. C. Allen went to St. John this morning.

## WILL SELECT A UNION MAN

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Winnipeg, Oct. 29.—Springfield Conservatives reorganized their association at a meeting held here on Saturday, and appointed a committee of ten to meet a like number from the Win-the-War Association, and a like number from the Springfield Liberal Unionists, with a view to selecting a union candidate.

### Members of Battery Return.

The majority of the members of the 9th Siege Battery who accompanied the Rugby team here for the game Saturday returned to St. John this morning. A few of them are still here on leave.

### Boys' Conference Closed.

The Boys' Conference which had been conducted in the Methodist church since last Tuesday night closed last evening. Many of the delegates left for their homes this morning but others are still in the city.

Dr. and Mrs. Turner of Meductic, spent Sunday in the city.