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## EX-PREMIER ASQUITH ASKS THE HUNS SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS

### Great British Statesman Delivers Able Speech at Leeds---Puts it up Straight to the Germans---War Must Be Fought to a Finish

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Although former Premier Asquith is in retirement from nominatorship in Great Britain's policies, his strength and commanding position as spokesman for the nation has not diminished, but rather increased during his retirement. His plain question to Germany in the House of Commons, calling on her to say what she proposed to do about Belgium, has been one of the most important notes in the questions which the European governments are addressing to each other, not directly, but through recognized channels of speech making to their own people and which have inspired press statements that are really intended for their adversaries.

Hence there was the greatest interest in his speech last night at a meeting held under the auspices of the war committee at Leeds, where he addressed nearly four thousand persons, and was received with great enthusiasm.

#### GERMANY SHOULD ANSWER.

Mr. Asquith reiterated his idea for a plain and simple answer from Germany as to her intentions toward Belgium and whether she was willing to restore Alsace Lorraine, and declared that a definite answer to these questions was worth a column of pious platitudes and unctious generalities such as were contained in the German reply to the Pope. He declared that the Allies were fighting against war and he looked forward to a world confederation of the peoples based on justice and liberty, and recognizing arbitration as the natural solvent of international differences. "Is there any reason to think that Germany has learned the lesson of the inevitable consequences of international spoliation?" asked Mr. Asquith. "Is there in the Chancellor's despatch or in any recent authoritative declaration of the German government any indication that it is prepared not only not to repeat the crime of 1871, but to take any practical steps which alone can open the road to lasting peace?"

#### FIGHTING FOR TWO AIMS.

Passing to the subject of war aims, Mr. Asquith declared: "We are fighting for two aims, one immediately, the other ulterior. The first is not the restoration of the status quo, not a revival of what formerly was called the balance of power, but the substitution for them; and the other of an international system under which both large and small states can be assured of a stable foundation and independent development."

The attainment of peace at the present moment, he said, is the supreme interest of mankind; it is worth any sacrifice, except the sacrifice of things which make peace worth having, and which insure its stability by basing it on the solid rock of right, internationally recognized and guaranteed.

## WHITE PLAGUE FIGHTERS HELD CONFERENCE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Sept. 27.—The closing session of the 17th annual meeting of the Canadian Association for the prevention of tuberculosis was held last evening here. The feature of the evening was an address by Dr. W. A. Evans, of Chicago. Dr. Evans, who is the president of United States Public Health Association, interested a small, though appreciative audience with his explanations and suggestions as to how the white plague could best be fought and finally eliminated.

In introducing Dr. Evans, the Hon. J. W. Daniel, M. D., St. John, delivered an address demonstrating the valuable work of the association which, aided by the co-operation of other kindred societies, was able to reduce the death rate from tuberculosis in Ontario from 249 per 100,000 to 91 per 100,000. The new officers include Senator McLennan, Nova Scotia, vice-president.

## GEN. BRIDGES LOSES A LEG

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Sept. 27.—Lieut. General G. T. M. Bridges, who accompanied the Balfour mission to the United States and Canada last summer, has lost a leg below the knee in consequence of a wound received in action, according to the Times.

Captain J. K. Law, son of Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who was reported missing yesterday, is a military aviator. Captain Law has not returned from a flight he made over the German lines Friday.

## AEROPLANES CONTINUE TO BE VERY ACTIVE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Sept. 27.—An official statement of aerial operations last night: "Our airplanes on Tuesday were extremely active, working with our artillery, bombing and taking photographs of the enemy's forward areas and trenches."

"Most successful bombing raids were carried out during the day on air-dromes and railroad sidings near the town of Ghent, where a large fire was started, and on air-dromes near Courtrai. Eight tons of bombs were dropped in these raids."

"A great deal of fighting took place yesterday and a large number of hostile machines were accounted for. In air fighting seventeen German airplanes were brought down and six more were driven down out of control. In addition a German three-seater bombing machine was shot down by our anti-aircraft guns. One of our machines is missing."

## VESSELS SUNK THE PAST WEEK

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Sept. 27.—The text of the Admiralty statement regarding sinkings last week follows:

Arrivals, 2,775; sailings, 2,691. British merchantmen over 1,600 tons sunk by submarines, including 1 previously reported, 13; under 1,600 tons, two. Fishing vessels sunk, two. British merchantmen unsuccessfully attacked, including three previously, ten.

## MILITARY CROSS FOR NEPHEW OF PREMIER FOSTER

Lieut. Robt. P. Foster, of Sackville, Won Honor August 15th—Son of Late R. P. Foster.

Word has reached Sackville that Lieut. Robert Pattison Foster, for the past year in France, has been awarded the military cross for bravery on the field of battle on August 15th last. Mr. Foster was born in Sackville, being the son of the late Robert P. Foster, at one time manager of the Royal Bank. Lieut. Foster's mother is Mrs. Trites, wife of Warden Trites of Dorchester. Two brothers, Messrs. Fred and Gerald Foster enlisted and are both lieutenants. Mr. Gerald Foster has been in France but is now on the Home Defense in Halifax. Mr. Fred Foster is now in France. All three are young men, the oldest, the winner of the military cross being scarcely more than twenty-five years of age.

They are nephews of Hon. Walter E. Foster, premier of New Brunswick

## NO CHANGE IN MILK PRICES

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, Sept. 27.—Local milk dealers decided yesterday not to raise the price of milk before October 31, as requested by Hon. W. J. Hanna, food controller. If the producers raise the price in the meantime, however, the dealers say they will have no alternative but to follow suit.

## RETURNED MEN REACH QUEBEC

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Quebec, Sept. 27.—Another batch of close to one thousand invalids arrived here by two special I. C. R. trains today from Halifax. Only a small detachment disembarked here, most of the men proceeding direct to Ontario and the west. No list is as yet available.

**Soldiers Returning Home.**  
Among the Fredericton soldiers who are reported to be in Canada on their way home as invalids are Lieut. William Buswell, C.A.M.C., Bandmaster James White and Private Robert King of the infantry.

## NOTED FRENCH AVIATOR PUT UP A GAME FIGHT

### Capt. Guynemer Now Missing, When Last Seen was Five Miles Inside the German Lines—His Companion Makes Statement

(By Canadian Press Direct Wire.)

PARIS, Sept. 27.—Major Brocard, commander of the Storks, the squadron to which Captain Guynemer belonged, in a statement to the Matin, says the last fight of the great French aviator occurred some four or five miles inside the German lines northeast of Ypres and opposite the British lines.

Guynemer was accompanied by Lieut. Verduras, who says that they were flying at a height of 15,000 feet when Guynemer sighted an enemy two-seater which he attacked immediately. Almost at the same moment Verduras saw four German monoplanes approaching at full speed. He turned towards them instantly so as to draw them off. They circled round and round for a while and then disappeared. Verduras then returned to the place where he had left Guynemer engaged with the German biplane, but Guynemer had vanished completely. This is all that is known of Guynemer's fate, and exhaustive inquiries have failed to add any information. All that can be said officially is that Captain Guynemer is "missing."

## MAY USE THE BIG STICK

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Sept. 27.—Hon. T. W. Crothers has notified the general manager of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company that he expects to be informed by telegraph today that the company has accepted the award of the board of conciliation. The Minister of Labor does not state what action he will take but asserts that he will use the "big stick" if necessary.

"It is the duty of the company to accept the award, whether they like it or not," he said last night. "The act provides that the majority award is the award. The award is very moderate and the men do not get all they ask for."

## British Smash Through Hun Trenches in the West

### SELECTION BOARD TO MEET AGAIN

#### J. J. McCaffrey Returned Today—New Brunswick Board the Only One Completed.

Mr. J. J. McCaffrey of this city, who was in Ottawa as one of New Brunswick's members on the Board of Selection under the Military Service Act returned this morning. Another meeting of the board is to be held on October 9th, the work not being sufficiently advanced to proceed at once. Seven of the eighteen members of the board make a quorum. Sir John Gibson, ex-lieutenant governor of Ontario, was chairman, Hon. Sydney Fisher vice chairman and Mr. M. G. Teed, K. C., of St. John, second vice chairman. The names of the members of tribunals selected by the board have not yet been approved by the Department of Justice and for that reason cannot be announced now. They will be given out from Ottawa later. New Brunswick was complimented for having the only complete board.

## LLOYD GEORGE VISITS FRANCE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Sept. 27.—Premier Lloyd George, accompanied by General Sir Wm. R. Robertson, chief of the imperial staff, left London for France Monday night, according to official announcement. He had a conference with W. Painleve, the French Premier, on Tuesday, and afterwards visited Field Marshal Haig at British headquarters in France. He returned to London last night.

## MORE MONEY FOR FRANCE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Washington, Sept. 27.—A further credit of \$40,000,000 was extended yesterday by the government to France. This brings the total advanced the Allies up to 2,466,400,000.

## The New Offensive is Being Attended With Great Success---From 1,000 to 1,300 Yards of Enemy Front Has Been Captured.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

British Front in France and Belgium, Sept. 26 (delayed by the Associated Press).—Once more the British fighting machine has crushed its way through the German trenches along the Ypres battlefield with great success. The offensive, begun in the grey dawn of a misty morning, had by noon accomplished virtually all that had been planned for it, and this afternoon the men of Australia, England and Scotland were holding positions which represented a gain of from 1,000 to 1,300 yards over a large part of the sector involved.

They had secured the whole of the Tower Hamlets ridge, which the Germans had fought bitterly to retain; they were clear of the famous Polygon wood, whose eastern slopes had been filled with concrete redoubts and sniping shelters; they had battled half way through Zennebeke village of immortal memory, and north of the Ypres-Roulers railway they were holding many German strongholds in the valley of the Hanebeek river.

### GERMANS LAUNCH SERIES OF FIERCE COUNTER ATTACKS IN EFFORT TO PUSH BACK BRITISH FRONT

Hard fighting still continued, especially south of the Polygon wood, where the Germans were trying determinedly to regain the ground lost, and further counter attacks were not unexpected.

The advance on the extreme right was not deep, but was in accord with the plan to drive the Germans from Tower Hamlets ridge. The battle for this position really began yesterday, when the Germans, in an endeavor to push back the British flank, launched a series of fierce counter attacks on both sides of the Ypres-Menin highway. The fighting here yesterday was continuous and sanguinary, for the Germans kept using infantry in waves against British positions. The defenders were forced to give way slightly, but with undaunted courage they hurled themselves on the enemy with such fierceness that they were able to re-establish themselves before the hour for the advance arrived.

### THE AUSTRALIAN TROOPS SQUARE AN OLD ACCOUNT IN A BRILLIANT DASH AGAINST ENEMY

The Australians, who negotiated most of the territory between the Ypres-Roulers railway and the Ypres-Menin road, appeared to have had comparatively little trouble in getting through, with the exception of a narrow stretch just south of the Polygon wood, where the Germans held on tenaciously for a time. They had to fight their way through a more or less intricate trench system to Polygon wood and encountered a great number of Germans, which turned a vicious machine gun and rifle fire against them. The troops opposing them were Poles. The Germans in redoubts on the eastern slopes of the woods surrendered, and within a comparatively short time the Australians were surging across the race course on the level below, North of Polygon wood the... poryU. MgaglNemfwypewp. The Australian operation was accomplished with exceedingly small casualties. It was a proud day for those British troops who forced their way into the western end of Zonnebeke village. Not since the bitter pill of April, 1915, when the British were compelled to withdraw from this place, had an Allied soldier entered it.

### BRITISH ARE HOLDING NEW GROUND FIRMLY AND THE SITUATION IS VERY SATISFACTORY

The British are maintaining their new hold strongly. The new battle today was in the neighborhood of Comronhouse, and south of the eastern extremity of Polygon wood, where the Australians are pressing the Germans hard.

Northwest of Zonnebeke heavy fighting continues in the region of the elevations which dominate a considerable extent of territory. From the British standpoint the situation resulting from the new offensive is exceedingly satisfactory.

## S. A. REPUBLICS MAY TAKE JOINT ACTION IN WAR

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Buenos Aires, Sept. 27.—President Irogovan, it is understood, is attempting to organize concerted action by the Latin-American nations, looking to a break with Germany by all the republics of South America. In the meantime, he is preparing a message to congress in which he will advocate that there be no actual rupture until the receipt of the translations of the hundreds of telegrams received or sent by the Swedish legation here, copies of which had been telegraphed to Ambassador Naon at Washington for decoding.

## MAY SPEAK ENGLISH OVER THE PHONE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Paris, Sept. 27.—English now may be spoken over the telephone in Paris for the first time since the war began. The presence here of several thousand newly arrived Americans, who have not been able to master French vernacular, induced the authorities to modify the rule laid down at the beginning of the hostilities that no language but French could be used over the telephone.

#### Recruit for 236th.

William J. Gilpin, aged forty-three years and a native of Ireland, was enlisted here yesterday for the 236th Highlanders. He was sent here from the United States.