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The Weather.

Maffitine: Moderate to fresh northwest winds. A few scattered showers at first, then fair and comparatively cool today and on Saturday.

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Strong German Positions Captured by the British

General Haig's New Offensive Being Attended With Great Success---Heavy Fighting at Close Range---British Front Pushed Forward a Mile.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

British Headquarters in France, Thursday, Sept. 20.—The British offensive, which began at dawn over a wide front east of the Ypres salient, found the attacking forces late today holding many new positions of vital importance and continuing in the direction of German territory along a line which in many places represented an average gain of a mile in depth.

Such redoubtable strongholds as Nun's Wood, Glencorse Wood, Inverness Copse and Shrewsbury Forest, have withstood numerous fierce assaults recently, but this time they were entirely overrun by the British, who reached points well beyond them. Heavy fighting was continued at close range at various points, and the Germans were massing troops with the evident intention of delivering a counter attack. It had been a day of great success for the British arms, for the possession of the wooded heights which they captured east of Ypres is unquestionably of crucial importance since these dominating positions form the keystone of the German structure of defence in this sector. The greatest gains have been made between St. Julien and Hollebeke, which was as had been planned, for within this stretch of country lie the important defences mentioned.

BRITISH TROOPS ENTERED THE CONFLICT IN HIGH SPIRITS AND EAGER FOR THE FRAY

The troops that went out to the attack represented some of the finest men in the British army. They entered the conflict in high spirits and eager for the fray. Their advance was preceded by one of the most perfect and heavy barrage fires yet attempted. "The men went over the top stripped light, and as a result of this, coupled with the fine artillery support, they were enabled to negotiate the first stages of the difficult ground rapidly. They had swept through Glencorse Wood, Inverness Copse and the eastern part of Shrewsbury Forest by 8 o'clock, two hours and twenty minutes after the attack began, and other advanced positions were reached with equal rapidity.

GENERAL HAIG REPORTS THAT THE GERMAN LINES WERE PENETRATED MORE THAN A MILE

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Field Marshal Haig, in later reports regarding the British offensive on the Belgian front east of Ypres yesterday, when the British troops pushed through the German lines for a distance of more than a mile, says that the completeness of the British success is confirmed by detailed accounts of the battle.

The War Office, after the receipt of Field Marshal Haig's report, issued this bulletin today: "More detailed accounts of yesterday's battle confirm the completeness of our success. During the evening local attacks by us in the neighborhood of Langemark cleared up a number strong points and completed established that in the many counter attacks the enemy during the afternoon and evening the enemy suffered unusually heavy casualties. The clear light for the latter part of the day enabled our troops to obtain warning of impending attacks, and in every case the advancing lines of German infantry were destroyed by the concentrated fire from our rifles and machine guns. Our own losses in the battle are light."

SWEDISH MAIL DETAINED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Washington, Sept. 21.—Four diplomatic mail pouches sent by the Swedish foreign office to the legation in Washington are being detained by the British authorities. They were taken from the steamer on which were Dr. Hjalmar Lundholm, who is coming to the United States as special envoy, and first secretary Reuterswold, of the Swedish foreign office. No reason for the detention of the mail could be obtained here, the British embassy being without information on the subject. Baron Akerhielm, the Swedish charge, called at the state department yesterday and was understood to have taken up the matter with officials there in an effort to have the mail quickly forwarded to its destination. Whether he made a formal protest on behalf of his government was not announced.

Moncton Transcript: Mrs. W. A. Clarke, of Fredericton, has returned home after spending a few days in the city the guest of Mrs. Roy Humes. Among the guests registered at the Queen Hotel today are Messrs. Frank Cairns, Hamilton; G. S. MacDonald, New Glasgow; W. K. Howard, Bangor; Henry H. Nelson, Boston; Thomas Morrison, John D. Neger, Pittsburg; C. E. Dinkey, Braddick, and E. J. Hamilton, Duquesin.

U. S. EQUIPPING MANY TROOPS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Washington, Sept. 20.—While mobilization of the first major increment of the national army was proceeding throughout the country, secretary of war Baker and the chiefs of the War Department appeared before the senate appropriating committee to present requests for an additional \$237,416,000 with which to provide equipment for a total force of 2,300,000 men.

Included among the items is the ordnance equipment for the next 500,000 men of the national army, although the 300,000 or more men on the move today toward the training cantonments are only half of the first call.

Despatches from all parts of the country indicate that mobilization was being carried forward smoothly and amid scenes of popular enthusiasm.

REPULSED HUN ATTACK.

Petrograd, Sept. 21.—The Russians yesterday on the Riga front repulsed a nattack by the Germans with great losses to the invaders, according to the statement issued today by the war office. The Rumanians were compelled to abandon enemy positions that they had occupied in the region of Ocna.

ALEX. M'BEAN DIED AT ST. JOHN

Was a Native of Nashwaak and Was Well Known in This City.

Word was received in the city this morning that Mr. Alex. McBean, son of Mr. John D. McBean of McLaggan & McBean, contractors for new Gaiety Theatre here, had passed away at the General Public Hospital, St. John. The late Mr. McBean was well known in this city and his many friends will sincerely mourn his death. A few years ago he was employed as a barber in the Barker House and later he accepted the position as barber with Mr. John McLenahan, Regent street. Mr. McBean married Miss Hattie Robinson, daughter of Mr. Duncan Robinson, formerly of Marysville, and now residing in St. Stephen.

The deceased is survived by his widow and one small child. His parents also are living. His father, Mr. John McBean, left here this morning for St. John to attend the funeral.

Died This Morning.

Mr. Andrew McConaghy, sixty-one years of age, passed away this morning at his late home on Campbell street. He is survived by five sons, William of this city, Douglas, somewhere in France, Frank with the 236th Battalion, Parker, a returned hero, and Stanley at home; four daughters, Mrs. Porter of this city, Mrs. George Stratman of Stellarton, N. S., Mrs. Morris McLaughlin, Brewer, Me., and Minnie at home; three sisters, Mrs. James King and Mrs. Robert Patrick, both of this city, and Mrs. Graham, California; one brother, James McConaghy of Auburn, Me. The funeral will take place from his late home tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Canon Cowie will conduct the services and interment will be made at the Rural cemetery.

STRONG LANGUAGE USED AT LABOR CONVENTION

Great Majority of Delegates are Opposed to Compulsory Military Service--Repeal of the Act Asks for in an Amendment

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, Sept. 21.—Fred Bancroft, Toronto, in introducing the executive council's amendment report which was carried yesterday by the Labor Congress, referred to the patriotic stand taken by the Typographical Union, who had supported the Allies, and he wanted a successful prosecution of the war. Delegate Tom Moore raised a question, and President Walters asked all those against conscription to stand. There were only a few left sitting, half a dozen or so.

In the course of a heated speech, Delegate Cassidy introduced the following amendment to the amended report of the executive council:

"Resolved, that we reiterate our position of the years 1915 and 1916, and that this Council at once demand of Canada the immediate repeal of the Conscription Act."

Mr. Cassidy said he would rather be a coward with intelligence than be a hero to be used as fertilizer, and that he would be shot by a firing squad before he would be "compelled to take up arms."

Delegate Martel, Montreal, favored the Cassidy amendment and thought a general strike unwise, since the government was not to blame for the situation as much as the labor men themselves.

Delegate Atchison, of Hamilton, said he preferred to leave the matter to the executive council of labor. He made a caustic reference to the "cheap politicians" in the hall, and said that the labor had itself to blame for the Conscription Act.

The election of officers will be held on Saturday.

GERMANS ARE BEING LITERALLY SQUEEZED OUT OF LENS DEFENCES

(By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent Canadian Press.)

CANADIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Sept. 20.—Pressure upon the defences of Lens is unrelenting. Posts have again been pushed out into No Man's Land in the region southeast of St. Laurent, and the ground in the defence of which the enemy a month ago fought fiercely, sustaining hundreds of casualties, has been occupied by us almost without a struggle. The Germans are being literally squeezed out of Lens, and if credence may be placed on the reports of prisoners as to conditions in the city, the garrison would welcome the order to evacuate. Enemy orders are still to hold on at all costs, but there is reason to believe the cost is becoming too great, since the occupation by us of the northern suburb permits the projection of gas into the town from the north as well as from the south and west.

THE NATIONAL SERVICE BOARD ALL THROUGH

Director General Reviews the Work Done—Cards Disclosed 475,363 "Military Prospects."

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Sept. 21.—The National Service Board has ceased to exist. Its valedictory was pronounced yesterday afternoon by R. B. Bennett, director general of national service, just before the arrival of the usher of the black rod brought the debate to a close in the House of Commons.

Mr. Bennett announced that as the Military Service Act is law now, the directors of national service in the several provinces of the Dominion had followed his example and placed their resignations in the hands of the government. To those directors, he said, the country owed thanks for the work they had done.

Mr. Bennett reviewed the work of the board since its organization a year ago.

Of the national service cards sent out, 1,549,360 had been returned, and disclosed 475,363 "military prospects," who had been divided into two classes according to age and marital conditions. Of the "military prospects," 286,911 were in non-essential occupations, 183,727 were farmers, and 4,660 skilled shipbuilders, munition makers and mine workers.

The board had made an occupational survey of the Dominion and had received cards from 250,000 soldiers, indicating their previous occupations, and their feeling with regard to settling upon the land upon their return to Canada. If that information be properly collated, it should prove of great value in dealing with the problems which will confront Canada on the demobilization of troops. The only way to meet these problems would be by creating new wealth by increased production.

BOND BILL MAKING PROGRESS.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Washington, Sept. 21.—The conference report on the \$11,538,000,000 bond bill was adopted unanimously in the Senate yesterday. The measure now goes to the House.

TEN MILLION TONS OF FOODSTUFFS WANTED FROM CANADA AND U. S.

Important Statement by Baron Rhonddda British Food Controller---Will Take Measures to Stabilize Sugar Trade---Big Increase in Prices.

(By Canadian Press Direct Wire.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Baron Rhonddda told correspondents here today that the minimum foodstuff requirements from Canada and the United States during the forthcoming twelve months would be more than ten million tons, representing an expenditure of £250,000,000. The food controller also announced measures for establishing the sugar trade with a committee in New York to supervise Cuban purchases.

"The establishment of this committee and of a meats and fats executive," said Baron Rhonddda, "is typical of the way in which we are all now working together to solve the Allied food question with the least possible dislocation of trade, and in a united determination that the armies and civil populations shall be provided at a fair price with food enough to assure victory.

WILL CO-OPERATE CLOSELY WITH THE FOOD CONTROLLERS OF CANADA AND UNITED STATES

"Most of the money is to be spent in the United States for cereals, hog products, sugar and meat, and in view of the figure it is necessary to emphasize the pre-eminence of the continuation of the closest possible co-operation between Mr. Hoover, the American food controller, and Mr. Hanna, food controller of Canada, and myself. Several steps in this direction had been taken. The first is the formation by France, Italy and Great Britain of a meats and fats executive. In the future all Entente Allied purchases of bacon, ham, lard, butter and cheese in the United States will be pooled through the executive, thus eliminating competitive buying between the Allies which raise prices in the United States and at home.

VICTORY MAY SLIP FROM THE GRASP OF ALLIES UNLESS FOOD SUPPLIES CAN BE IMPORTED

"Unless the Entente Allies are able to import the supplies necessary for the armies and the population, victory may slip from our united grasp. In regard to prices today, we are paying the United States and Canada more than double the rates that existed before the war. I have heard it asked, 'What does that matter as long as the purchases are financed by the United States?' My answer is that unless prices determined upon are fair, an unnecessary burden is placed on the backs of the allied governments, European consumers, American and Canadian taxpayers, and, reactively, on every food consumer in America, for the sole benefit of a small section of the community. I am now able to limit the profits made by those engaged in the food distribution of the United Kingdom. We audit the books and apply a system of cost and expense. I expect to hear that Mr. Hoover and Mr. Hanna have taken similar steps, so that we will be able to assure the people that the existing high prices do not represent profiteering."

KING INSPECTED THE SHIPYARDS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Sept. 21.—King George, after concluding a tour of the merchant shipbuilding yards and the marine engine works of the Clyde district, and the principal steel mills of Scotland, addressed a letter last night to the Lord Lieutenant Provost of Glasgow, expressing his interest in the efforts of workmen to maintain the strength and efficiency of the mercantile marine. King George added: "For it is only by the full development of all our latent resources, combined with co-operation and the good will of the industrial community, that we can expect such a satisfactory issue that this war will give us, by God's help, the blessings of a guaranteed lasting peace."

TREASON CHARGE WAS PROVED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Petrograd, Sept. 20.—In the trial today of General Soukominoff, former minister of war, who is charged with treason, the public prosecutor declared that the general public deserves only justice, not vengeance. He maintained that the charge of treason against the former Minister of War had been proved, and announced that several persons implicated with him later would be prosecuted on the charge of espionage.

PLEASED WITH THEIR VICTORY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Washington, Sept. 21.—Lord Derby, the British Minister of War, according to despatches received here from Rome, has sent the prime minister of Italy a telegram of appreciation of the Italian army's splendid victory, with assurances that the Allies will do everything in their power to support Italy's campaign. Lord Derby recently paid his first visit to the Italian front.

Justice White of Sussex, is a guest at the Barker House. Sir Ezekiel MeLeod, chief justice, is a guest at the Barker House.

COPPER DOWN IN PRICE

Washington, Sept. 21.—Copper prices were fixed yesterday at 23½ cents a pound, about three cents below the prevailing market, by agreement between the government and the leading copper producers, effective for four months.

Justice Grimmer of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.