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BRITISH RESUME SMASH IN FLANDERS

GAINS MADE IN MUD UPON WIDE FRONT

British Steam Roller Crashes Thru German Lines for Nearly a Mile
Advance on Six-Mile Front North-east of Ypres, Despite Heavy Rain
Mud Proves Worse Enemy Than Germans—Objective Is Remainder of Commanding Ridge.

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.

The official report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters today reads:

"We attacked at 5:25 o'clock this morning on a front of about six miles northeast of Ypres. Our troops are reported to be making satisfactory progress. Rain fell heavily during the night."

On Six Mile Front.
BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Oct. 12.—By the Associated Press.—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 from near Houtholst wood to a point below the Ypres-Roulers railway and were battling along the Passchendaele ridge within 1000 yards of the center of the village of Passchendaele.

By 7:45 o'clock this morning reports were received that everything was going well with today's British attack in Flanders. The troops along a wide front had pushed forward to a depth averaging 800 yards or more.

Prisoners Arriving.
Prisoners were beginning to come in early, although slowly, owing to the condition of the ground.

The main enemy today was not the Germans but the mud. The Germans were far less formidable than previously, owing to the disorganization occasioned among them by the recent terrific blows of the British.

The correspondent yesterday spoke to Field Marshal Haig, who does not confine himself to headquarters. The field marshal paid the highest tribute to his men for their gallant work in the bad weather.

Associated Press Summary.
The British roller "goes up hill very slowly, but it is now going down hill 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 the assertion was driven home less than 24 hours after it was made by the beginning this morning of another British attack in Flanders.

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 dominant points of which the British have

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GOVERNMENT TO USE SMALL SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—In its requisitioning of ships October 13, the shipping board is considering taking over all American vessels of more than 1500 tons deadweight capacity instead of 2500 tons, as at first announced. The great need of trans-Atlantic tonnage, it was said today, has made this step necessary.

5000 YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT FOR ALSATIANS

Fresh Evidence of German Campaign of Terrorization in Alsace-Lorraine—All Classes and Districts Have Suffered Because of Expression of Opinions About France.

FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE, Sept. 26 (correspondence of the Associated Press).—Fresh evidence of the German campaign of terrorization in Alsace-Lorraine comes to hand every day. Since the beginning of hostilities German court martial sitting in the annexed provinces have inflicted sentences totalling 5000 years' imprisonment on citizens of Alsace-Lorraine, whose sole offense has been the expression of opinions favorable to France. All classes and all districts have suffered.

Immediately after the declaration of war three years ago every one of military age or Lorraine origin who could find a way to do so made a hurried departure over the frontier line. Hundreds of those remaining, owing to their inability to leave in time, were at once seized as suspects and sent to prisons or internment camps, where they have been kept in confinement for three years.

While the migration was in progress the younger and more daring spirits among the men of Alsace and Lorraine took the still more serious step of joining the French army. Over 30,000 of them have fought beneath the tri-color since the war began. Many of them by their heroism have gained high rank, while numbers of their comrades have made the great sacrifice.

In addition to the men in the ranks and among the minor officers who have fought for France, the two provinces have supplied many military leaders of high renown, among them no other than five generals have sealed their patriotism by dying a soldier's death by fighting the Germans. These five were Generals Sibelle, Dupuy, Dion, Trumelet-Faber and Strin.

GENERAL STRIKE THREATENED OF PHONE EMPLOYEES

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—A general strike of approximately 5000 telephone employees of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for demands said to include a wage increase of 81 per cent, was declared imminent today. Conference to avert the threatened strike which would tie up company lines from Vancouver to San Diego were being held, it was announced.

D. P. Fullerton, general superintendent of the company, said that demands for a wage increase were under discussion. He denied published reports that employees, which include linemen, plant operators, repairmen and electrical workers, had issued an ultimatum calling the strike for next Monday unless their demands were granted.

Conferees between company of officials and representatives of the men are now going on. We are hopeful of averting trouble which might lead to a walkout," Fullerton said.

It was declared that a referendum vote taken by locals of the different crafts affiliated with the electrical workers' organizations in different Pacific coast cities favored a strike unless the company met wage demands.

"Apart from a wage increase, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is seeking elimination of the present examination system, and recognition of the girl operators' union," declared John S. Wilson, secretary of the district council of the brotherhood.

"The present agreement between (Continued on Page Four.)

PARTIES MERGE IN GOVERNMENT OF DOMINION

Coalition Ministry for Canada Perfected Under Premier Borden—Members Not Sworn In Because of Eleventh - Hour Differences Between Liberals.

OTTAWA, Oct. 12.—Ten members of the new union government for Canada, which it was agreed to form during an all-night conference between the leaders of the two major parties, were sworn in at 1 o'clock today. These portfolios were announced:

Premier and secretary of state for external affairs, Sir Robert Borden, conservative.
Minister of overseas service, Sir Edward Kemp, conservative.
Minister of militia, Major General Mewburn, liberal.
Immigration and colonization, J. A. Calder, liberal.
Interior, Arthur Meighen, conservative.

Agriculture, F. Free, liberal.
Customs, A. L. Sifton, liberal.
President of the Privy council, N. W. Roell, liberal.
Railways and canals, J. D. Reid, conservative.
Secretary of state for mines (new), Martin Burrell, conservative.

As minister of overseas service, Sir Edward Kemp succeeds Sir George Perley, who becomes Canadian high commissioner at London, in which capacity he has been acting temporarily.

Frank Cochrane was appointed chairman of the board of directors of the Canadian Northern railroad.

Some Vacancies Yet.
Other portfolios remaining to be filled were still the subject of conference this afternoon. It was expected that the final composition of the new government would be announced tonight. With the entrance of five liberals into cabinet today the liberal representation is thus far brought up to seven. Colonel C. C. Ballouette and Hugh Guthrie, liberals, were sworn in as minister of public works and solicitor general, respectively, last week.

Indications were that Premier George Murray of Nova Scotia and F. B. Carvell of New Brunswick, liberals, would agree to join the government before night.

OTTAWA, Oct. 12.—Conferences attended by representatives of the two major political parties resulted early today in the formation of a union government under Premier Sir Robert Borden.

The coalition, however, was threatened when differences developed among the liberals. Automobiles ordered by Premier Borden to take the members of the new government to the residence of the Duke of Devonshire, governor-general, to be sworn in, were dismissed, and it was decided not to have the new ministers take the oath until later in the day.

Liberals Cooperate.
The liberals have been brought into the government as a consequence of the opposition of Sir Wilfred Laurier to compulsory military service. The decision of Sir Wilfred Laurier not to remain at the head of the liberal party also had an effect upon the situation. Other liberals decided apparently that they could not im-

RUSSIANS RETAKE TRENCHES AT RIGA

PETROGRAD, Oct. 12.—By a counter-attack yesterday Russian troops recaptured the trenches lost Wednesday south of the Pskoff road in the Riga region, the war office announced today. North of the road Russian advance posts were drawn in where they were exposed to a violent artillery fire by the Germans.

THE LION OF FLANDERS



MEDFORD RATE CASE DISMISSED BY COMMISSION

PORTLAND, Oct. 12.—Special dispatches from Washington received here today state that the case of the Medford, Ore., Commercial club against the Southern Pacific company has been dismissed "without prejudice" by the interstate commerce commission. The complaint made by the Medford organization was against proposed reductions allowed by the California railroad commission in class rates from California centers to northern California points. Medford declared these would subject its jolting business houses to disadvantage in the territory affected.

The examiner for the federal commission held that as the proposed rates have not become operative, no basis exists for action by the commission.

FIRST SNOWFALL OF SEASON AT CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, Oct. 12.—The first snowfall of the season struck Cleveland today in the form of a small blizzard. Heavy snowfalls are reported from adjoining counties.

Liberty Bond Exemptions

The new 4 per cent Liberty Bonds are exempt from all state and local taxes. The new 4 per cent Liberty Bonds are exempt from the normal federal income tax. New 4 per cent Liberty Bonds to a principal amount of \$5000 in the hands of each investor, in addition to the above, are exempt from all federal taxation except estate and inheritance taxes—that is, are exempt from surtaxes and excess profit taxes, as well as normal income taxes. This means that as regards the average citizen, including those in comfortable circumstances, the new 4 per cent bonds are practically tax exempt. Official statistics show that of the 100,000,000 or more population of the United States, only 3824 have incomes above \$100,000 per annum, and in the case of anyone having an income less than this figure, the new 4 per cent bonds are a more desirable investment than the fully tax exempt 3 1/2 per cent bonds of the first loan.

LIBERTY BOND BUYING BELOW EXPECTATIONS

Strenuous Work Necessary If Desired Goal Is to Be Reached—Failure of Second Liberty Loan Means That We Resign From the War," States Gerard.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Only by the most strenuous campaign during the next thirteen working days, the treasury department announced today, can the liberty loan reach the subscription goal officials are hoping for.

"Revelation by publication of official reports from all federal reserve banks that only \$325,465,000 in subscriptions had been reported to them," reads the announcement, "caused committee chairmen to send out hurried rallying calls today to their army of salesmen. This amount is less than 7 per cent of the total \$5,000,000,000 subscription it is hoped by Secretary McAdoo will be rolled up by October 27."

Strenuous Campaigning.

"Only by the most strenuous campaigning, it is realized, can the desired goal be reached in the remaining thirteen selling days. The most hopeful sign in the situation is the virtually unanimous declaration of district chairmen that the official figures fall far short of representing actual sales made."

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Liberty bond buying in the United States army has thus far averaged from 60 to 90 per cent in the various regiments throughout the country, it was announced here today at headquarters of the department of the east. The national army men have subscribed approximately \$2,000,000.

We Resign From War.

Total subscriptions of \$286,383,150 were announced today by the New York federal reserve district committee. This is an overnight gain of \$3,150,000. Among new large subscriptions was \$3,000,000 by the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. The tobacco trade committee has subscribed \$5,000,000 from sixteen of the leading tobacco companies.

The liberty loan committee here made public a telegram from James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, saying that failure of the second liberty loan "means that we resign from the war."

LA FOLLETTE TO BE HEARD TUESDAY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Senator La Follette of Wisconsin today was invited by the senate committee investigating his alleged disloyal speech at St. Paul to appear next Tuesday before the committee for a hearing regarding assertions in his address.

The committee advised the senator that its investigating authority does not extend to his right to make the Non-Partisan league speech, nor into the motives of his critics. Senator La Follette is expected to be the first witness on Tuesday and to submit much data towards substantiating his statements.

It has not been determined when William J. Bryan will be asked to appear.

RUSSIA DEMOBILIZES SUPERFLUOUS TROOPS

PETROGRAD, Oct. 12.—The demobilization of superfluous troops attached to the Russian army has begun. The classes called for the years 1895-96, which include the men 43 and 44 years old, are the first to be relieved from duty. These men are being sent to their home villages in special trains, committees at the various towns on the way assisting in their return.

AMERICANISM SHOWN BY DUTY SAYS CARDINAL

"All Americans Can Do the Greatest Good to Themselves and Their Country by a Cheerful and Generous Performance of Duty," States Cardinal Gibbons.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Cardinal Gibbons wrote President Wilson in a letter trying to persuade all Americans that they can do the greatest good to themselves and their country by a cheerful and generous performance of their duty, as it is pointed out to them by lawfully constituted authority. The letter was written on the occasion of the recent formation of the League for National Unity, of which Cardinal Gibbons is honorary chairman.

President Wilson, in reply, thanked the cardinal for accepting the chairmanship of the league.

"In these days of the gravest problems which have ever weighed upon our American government," wrote the cardinal, "our thoughts go out to the chief executive, warmed by a heartfelt sympathy for the heavy burdens of office which he must bear."

Cardinal's Exhortation.

"Guided as we are by the sublime teachings of Christianity, we have no other course open to us but that of obedience and devotion to our country. Our Divine Lord tells us 'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's,' and St. Paul, following the steps of his Master, says 'Let every soul be subject to the higher powers for there is no authority but from God, and those that are, are ordained by God. Therefore he who resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of God, and they who resist purchase to themselves condemnation.'"

"We have been exerting our every effort and will continue to do so to persuade all Americans that they can do the greatest good to themselves and their country by a cheerful and generous performance of their duty as it is pointed out to them by lawfully constituted authority."

The president wrote the cardinal in reply:

President's Reply.
"May I not express my very deep and sincere appreciation of your letter of October 6. It has brought me cheer and reassurance and I want you to know how much I appreciate your own action consenting to preside over the important and influential group of men and women who have so generously undertaken to support the administration in its efforts to make the whole character and purpose of this war and of the government of the United States in the prosecution of it, clear to the whole people."

COAL FAMINE THREATENS OHIO

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The threatened coal shortage in Ohio will be avoided, fuel administration officials said today, by an order just issued, suspending in part provisions of a recent priority proclamation directing that all coal moving toward lake ports go to the northwest. Ohio operators have been directed to supply first enough fuel to meet pressing needs in Ohio and send what is left to the northwest.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 12.—Mayors throughout Ohio today were preparing to seize coal to prevent suffering, which is becoming widespread. Demands for coal are pouring in on the state officials.

Ohio State university officials reported that unless coal can be obtained by late this afternoon that institution probably would close.