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ALLIED AEROPLANES BOMBARD ZEEBRUGGE

GREAT DAMAGE DONE AND EXPLOSIONS CAUSED -- OFFENSIVE AGAINST RUSSIA

ALLIES' GREAT OFFENSIVE IS SUCCESSFUL

Staggering Losses Inflicted Upon Germans and Austrians—British at Ypres are Successful.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, August 24.—General Digby reports a slight advance made successfully southeast of Ypres. On the Ypres front, east of Langemarck, enemy attacks were repulsed.

The allies' great offensive is increasingly boring ahead today. It has already cost the Germans and Austrians close on one hundred thousand dead, wounded and missing, and at least twenty thousand prisoners on the British, French and Italian fronts. Despite their staggering losses, there is today no let up in the deluge of both shells and men thrown against their lines on the western and the Italian fronts.

Roulers Evacuated.
The civilian population of the town of Roulers, due east of Ypres, are evacuating the town in anticipation of a fight for its possession. They are being allowed to do this by the military commanders, and are taking as many of their possessions as possible with them.

French Captures.
Paris, August 24.—The French troops have taken in prisoners since Monday a total of 8,426 Germans. The artillery captured includes twenty-four field guns of various patterns, and more than two hundred machine guns.

Hospitals bombed.
Two incendiary bombs were dropped by two German aviators on two hospitals behind the French lines on the Verdun front Sunday. Ten wounded men were killed and forty-five of the nurses were wounded.

American Troops.
The "Matin" here emphasizes the necessity for the continuance of the American troops being utilized in France and speaks against their being sent anywhere other than the French front. It rebukes the strong belief said to be held in political circles that the situation in Russia demands the presence on the eastern front of the allied troops. If men are necessary there, it urges the sending of Japanese troops to stiffen up the Russians.

NOTICE

The Rev. Dr. Dyde, of Robertson College, Edmonton, will give "An evening with Shakespeare" in the Presbyterian Church Hall on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of yarn for socks for the soldiers. Admission 25c. All are welcome. 199.

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THE ALLIED BLOWS
The accompanying map shows the location of the three allied strokes on Wednesday, and also the importance of the Canadians' capture of Hill 70, just northwest of Lens. This important height dominates the whole of the Loos salient and the city of Lens itself. Its capture was necessary to further advances in this section of the front.

ENORMOUS LOSS AT THE SALONIKA FIRE

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, August 24.—The details of the destructive fire at Salonika last Sunday are now coming to hand. The loss to property has been enormous, and sixty thousand people have been rendered homeless. Insurance companies are interested to the extent of two or three million pounds.

All possible aid was rendered by the military forces stationed outside of the town, but the scarcity of water made it almost hopeless to attempt to subdue the flames. The destitute are being cared for by the entente military authorities.

While the fire was burning, three enemy aeroplanes flew over the flaming city, dropping bombs on the parts not alight.

NO "SAFETY FIRST" WITH RAILROAD BATTALIONS

Word has been received in town from Tom McKinnon, who used to work in the G. T. P. shops here. He is now with the Railroad Battalion "somewhere in France." He says he is working hard every day and a good many nights, and "believe me," he says, "it is no safety first job either." His battalion has been under shell fire nearly all the time, which lends a little color to the job.

At the time of writing, he was living in the remains of what had once been a dwelling house, but which is now a heap of ruins. The boys have constructed for themselves fairly safe dugouts among the ruins and have penetrated some distance underground. This is very necessary when things become "too hot" above. "Like our ancient forefathers," says Tom, "we live in caves."

The abomination of desolation is on view in that part of France where Tom is located. Destruction, he says, is the Hun's long suit.

The Anglican Mission launch "Northern Cross," took a party up to Port Simpson for the Confirmation service held yesterday afternoon at St. Catherine's Church, Port Simpson. Three candidates were presented to the Archbishop of Caledonia by the Rev. W. F. Rushbrook, B. A.

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LIBERALISM! ITS PLATFORM IS DISCUSSED

Mr. Fred Stork, the Prospective Member for This Riding, Explains Position of Affairs.

Last evening, the Liberal rooms were filled to hear Mr. Fred Stork, the Liberal candidate for this riding, discuss the Liberal platform, as adopted at the recent convention at Winnipeg. Mr. A. M. Manson, M. P. P., occupied the chair in the absence of Mr. Fred Dawson. Mr. Manson in his opening remarks spoke of the principles of Liberalism and what they stood for. With the utmost freedom of thought, action and criticism, and inviting these, Liberalism stood for all that was progressive and orderly in human affairs. Misrepresentations of Liberals and Liberalism was all too common at the present time; Mr. Manson referred scathingly to the misrepresentation and deceit which was practiced by certain sections of the press as regards Liberalism and the Liberal party, owing to the ordinarily unrecognized control of a section of the press.

On being called upon, Mr. Fred Stork, the prospective member for the Skeena division, told the meeting of his visit to Winnipeg to take part in the Liberal convention there a few days ago. In order that the position of affairs might be fully appreciated, Mr. Stork reminded his hearers of the state of things existing six years ago during the last election. At the time, the Liberal party fought an election on the question of reciprocity, with the United States. It was defeated. But since that time, the Borden Government have brought in and passed a measure of reciprocity regarding wheat, flour and other products. Thus adopting the Liberal policy. Six years ago, all the arguments resolved themselves at the end to the question of the flag. Whether the Union Jack or the Stars and Stripes was to be the flag for Canada. The present party in power considered it disloyal to even talk of reciprocity, yet they themselves translated talk into action. Who was disloyal, anyway? Mr. Stork made some telling remarks on the manner in which the country fell for the policy of the "big interests" six years ago, and result of which is that today the people of Canada have to pay ten cents more per pound for bacon than it is sold for in Seattle and other United States towns.

Mr. Stork referred to the treatment Prince Rupert received from the present government. A minister of the crown referred publicly to this city as being "under a curse"—the curse was really the Borden Government. It was the G. T. P. track that had to be lifted, and Mr. Stork referred to the drydock as the biggest slacker in the country. The same tactics were being employed today. Mr. Stork averred, for the benefit of the "big interests" as were used six years ago. The same accusations of disloyalty. No one six years ago believed that the Liberals were disloyal because they wanted reciprocity. Yet it served to win the election for the Borden Government. No one believes that the Liberals of today are disloyal because they do not see eye to eye with the Borden Government. Yet such accusations are made.

Mr. Stork told of the plan of Sir Clifford Sifton to dominate the Winnipeg convention and how the

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THINGS THAT HAPPEN NEAR ELECTION TIME

Ottawa, August 22.—Just before the Drummond-Arthabaska by-election in 1910 Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce, wiring on behalf of the government his endorsement of the Nationalist candidate, justified that endorsement by the laconic but forceful remarks: "Anything to beat Laurier," but this battle cry has its counterpart in the present plotting, conspiring and scheming which is going on behind the scenes and in some cases openly, in the Conservative camp at Ottawa. There are strong evidences that the same old tricks to "beat Laurier" are being tried out again in 1917.

"Win-the-War" Movement.
In English-speaking provinces there is the "Win-the-War" movement. In Ontario a Liberal convention of members and candidates endorsed the Liberal chief and condemned the Conservative leader. It was followed immediately after by a "real" Win-the-War convention, whose delegates failed to secure cut-rates on the railroads because they were too few. This convention, however, repudiated the ways and works of the former convention and pledged itself to place candidates in the field against "Lose-the-War" Liberals.

Why Premier's Haste?

In Winnipeg a further convention was held. Now the resolutions passed at that convention are being repudiated and there is further talk of independent candidates being run against Liberal candidates in the west. In the meantime there are strong indications that all the candidates to be put up against the Liberals are not to be "Win-the-War" men. It is considered significant that Sir Robert Borden should have risen in the house last week and have read a statement carefully typewritten, condemning the Nationalist party "In this war" as being unpatriotic and declaring that the government had decided to do all in its power to defeat it. It had been represented, said Sir Robert, that this party was going to run candidates against Liberal and Conservative candidates in the coming election and that there was again collusion. Now Henri Bourassa, who is head of the Nationalist party, has never yet declared this to be his intention, why, therefore, the haste of the Prime Minister to repudiate any talk of collusion?

There May Be a Reason.

There may be a reason. It is noticeable that within the past few weeks, "Le Devoir," Bourassa's paper, which up till now has been suffering as all small papers have suffered since the war, has increased its size and is announcing all sorts of new features, though it has not to any appreciable extent increased its advertising. It also announces a special low rate for three months to readers of his paper. Why three months, and where is the money for the new features and the increased size coming from? Certainly not from the Liberals. They have nothing to gain from the entry of Nationalists into the field. Surely Sir Herbert Ames, who, in 1911, put good Conservative money into the paper, is not again subsidizing it on the behalf of the "loyal Conservative party?" Such a possibility is of course not to be thought of.

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ZEEBRUGGE IS BOMBARDED BY AEROPLANES

For an Hour and a Half Bombs are Rained Upon the Defences of U-Boat Bases—Causes Explosions.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, August 24.—Throughout the attacks by the allied troops on the enemy's positions yesterday, very successful co-operation was received from the allied aeroplanes, in bombing attacks. Zeebrugge and its environments were successfully bombed by an allied air squadron yesterday. Great damage was done to the military and naval defences. The bombardment lasted for an hour and half and five tons of bombs were dropped. Considerable damage was caused and tremendous explosions were heard. The docking facilities for the underwater boats received special attention.

Ships Sunk.

The destruction caused by the submarine campaign during the last week amounted to fifteen British and five French vessels of more than sixteen hundred tons and three British and four French vessels of less than sixteen hundred tons being sunk.

KAISER'S SON CHARGED WITH BURGLARY

Paris—As already announced, one of the princes of the House of Hohenzollern, Prince Eitel Friedrich of Prussia, second son of the Kaiser, is being charged with burglary, theft, and depredations before the Oise Court. The man who has lodged the complaint against the Prince is M. Dubois, owner of the Chateau of Fretoy, a historic building situated near Guiscard.

M. Dubois is a wealthy French official. He has visited the devastated regions recently evacuated by the enemy and also his chateau. He returned last night and said that the latter is completely destroyed.

"I have," he added, "put a complaint into the hands of the Procurator of the Republic of Compiègne against Prince Eitel, who since 1914 had made his residence in my chateau. At the moment of the departure of the Prince the chateau was pillaged, ransacked, and devastated to ruins. It was organized ransacking, with the Prince Presiding. Valuable furniture, pictures and are objects were taken away, and even the gutters and roofs were demolished, so that water could put a finishing ruin to the various rooms.

"The statues in the garden and the park have been broken to pieces by the Huns. This is the second time that the chateau has been destroyed. The actual chateau of Fretoy was built in 1611 by Louis Destournel to replace the one which had been ransacked and destroyed by Charles the Fifth's soldiers in 1552 in the same manner as has been done by the barbarians of the present day. Judicial proceedings are actually going on. I cannot say anything more about it for the present."

The Methodist Sunday School picnic will be held on Wednesday, August 29th, to Digby Island; or, if the weather forbids, on Saturday, September 1. Boats will leave Davis Float from 1:30 p. m.

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HUN OFFENSIVE ON RUSSIANS IS COMMENCED

Germans Resume Fighting Operations Against the Russians on Riga Front—Push Russians Back.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, August 24.—Notwithstanding the tremendous losses which the Germans have suffered on the western and Italian fronts, they have now started an offensive against the Russian lines. The drive has already gained ground on the Riga front. The Russian army's weakness in munitions and supplies permits a relatively small force of well-organized Germans to make a strong impression against them.

At the northern end of the Riga front, the Russian forces were compelled to retire under pressure from the region of Raggedzem to Kemmern. They have taken up positions extending from Lake Splyorn to Frankendorff.

Berlin Says.

Berlin, August 24.—The German forces yesterday occupied without fighting, the Russian positions west of the river Aa from Tooding to Bigaun on the Riga front.

The German Strategy.

Petrograd, August 24.—General Alexieff, the former Russian commander in chief, when interviewed at Moscow, asserted that Germany's strategy included the driving of the Roumanian army from all its possessions for the purpose of compelling Roumania to conclude a separate peace, or to enter an alliance with the Teutonic forces.

SERIOUS SITUATION ARISEN IN FINLAND

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, August 24.—The situation in Finland is serious as a result of the continued difficulty in forming a cabinet and the persistence of the Socialists in their plan to renew the session dissolved by the Landtag on August 20th. Premier Kerensky has forbidden the meeting of the Landtag and will use military force if necessary.

GERMANS FINDING OUT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Amsterdam, August 24.—"A policy based upon might alone and not right, is doomed to failure from the beginning," was the interesting admission made by Dr. Kuehlmann, the German Imperial Foreign Secretary, in his maiden speech to the main committee of the Reichstag yesterday.

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