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SMASHING BRITISH VICTORY IN FLANDERS

THE FIRST PUSH GAINS IMPORTANT STRATEGIC POINTS -- HUGE GERMAN LOSSES

BRITISH TROOPS CARRY ON INTO GERMAN LINES

Battle of Menin Road Results in Further Losses to Germans -- Three Thousand Prisoners Captured.

(Special to The Daily News). London, Sept. 22.—Behind an arrow of bursting steel, the British troops carried on still further into the German positions along the Ypres and Menin Road, that is probably the greatest armoured duel of the whole war so far last night over the eight miles on which General Haig's troops struck early yesterday morning. The Germans poured a terrific barrage to cover their counter attacks, while the British disposed a wall of shells before the enemy's advances, or ahead of their own troops. German prisoners declare that the British barrage fire is the most deadly they have experienced.

COUNTER ATTACKS.

Several strong counter attacks were made by the Germans to recover the positions which the British had taken from them, as they are vital to the enemy's retention of a large area. Tower Hamlet Ridge was the position which the German High Command determined to regain at all costs. Very heavy fighting was experienced at this point, but the British stood all the enemy attempts to dislodge them, once they were in possession. East of St. Julien, the Liverpool and Lancashire regiments captured strongly fortified positions and tremendous losses were inflicted upon the enemy. Counter attacks made east of Langemarck were broken up by the British artillery fire, which was particularly efficacious. The German communication trenches proved to be of little service as communication trenches to the enemy by the deadly accuracy of the British bombardment.

Britain's Answer. The London morning papers herald the new British offensive in Flanders as the answer of the Allies to Germany's peace manœuvres.

Berlin's Account. Berlin, Sept. 22.—The British troops at Paschendaele and Gheluwe on the Belgian front pressed forward more than two-thirds of a mile. The British were pressed back by the valour of our troops in counter attacks, north of the Menin-Ypres Road, but a portion of the terrain remains in the hands of the British.

French Front. Paris, Sept. 22.—The troops of the German Crown Prince attacked the positions of the French armies last night in the Cham-

FIRST CLASS TO BE CALLED BY OCTOBER 1

Ottawa, Sept. 21.—The proclamation calling out the men of the first class under the military service act will be issued, according to present plans, about October 1, although the date may be postponed a little if it is found that all the preliminary arrangements cannot be completed in time.

The Local Exemption Tribunals are all to be appointed by September 25. The Board of Selection meets in Ottawa on September 24, to appoint the second member of each tribunal, the first member having already been named by the local Judges. The 24 Liberal and Conservative members on the Board of Selection are now receiving nominations for appointment from the various members and candidates in each riding, and when the Board meets it will probably be a comparatively simple matter to agree on a list equally divided between Liberals and Conservatives. In cases where no agreement is reached without delay the Minister of Justice, acting within his prerogative under the act, will forthwith appoint the men.

It is understood that the pay of members of the Local Exemption Tribunals will be \$5 per day. All applications for exemption must be in writing, and the grounds for exemption must be likewise submitted in writing. This will simplify proceedings if further appeals from the decisions of the Local Tribunals are taken, since all the evidence will be in documentary form.

It is expected that the Exemption Tribunals will be at work about the middle of next month. In most districts it is hoped they will have concluded their work by the end of October. After that will come the actual calling of the unexempted men to the colors.

pagne region, but were repulsed with very serious losses.

Wilhelm the Peaceful. London, Sept. 22.—The Emperor Wilhelm passed through Buda-Pest on his way to Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, yesterday. It is believed his intention is to make peace and to smooth over difficulties which have arisen between Bulgaria and Germany. The Bulgarian Czar is having some difficulty in restraining his people from acts of violence, as they are becoming very restive under war conditions.

Hard Up. The King of Bavaria has despatched pearls to the value of half a million marks to neutral countries for sale.

Russian Front.

Petrograd, Sept. 22.—The Russian troops yesterday on the Riga front repulsed attacks by the Germans with great losses to the invaders. On the Roumanian front, the Roumanian troops were compelled to abandon the enemy positions they had occupied in the region of Ocnia.

Reign of Terror.

Stockholm, Sept. 22.—Russia has now reached the Reign of Terror period. Today the cry is for blood, for wholesale executions. Bolshevik members in the Petrograd Council of Workmen and Soldiers are demanding the lives of the former Foreign Secretary Miliukoff, Rodzianko, president of the Duma, and twenty other Duma members.

China's Help. Tokio, Sept. 22.—China has been sounding Japan regarding the sending of troops to Europe. Japan has made no objection to China sending three hundred thousand men.



THE DEPOSED CZAR'S PALACE.—The summer palace at Tsarkoe Selo, which Nicholas Romanoff exchanged for apartments at Tobolsk.

TWENTY MILLIONS FOR SHIPBUILDING

Washington, Sept. 21.—Contracts for construction of a Government-owned shipbuilding yard at Hog Island, Penn., and for the construction therein of fifty fabricated steel merchant vessels, were let by the Emergency Fleet Corporation to the American International Corporation.

These contracts are the first actually signed for the three new plants in which the Government will have built a large number of fabricated ships. The Hog Island plant will cost slightly less than \$20,000,000. The other contracts will go to the Submarine Boat Corporation for a plant at Newark and to the Merchants' Shipbuilding Company for one at Chester, Pa.

The first of the fifty ships will be completed by the American International Corporation within ten or eleven months, and the entire number will be finished probably within fifteen or sixteen months.

Long before they are finished, however, the Shipping Board, in all likelihood, will have asked for additional money to build more ships.

Shipping Board officials believe that the fabrication of ships will mean that America within a few years will have the largest fleet of merchant ships of any nation in the world.

THE POLICE COURT

At the police court this morning before Magistrate Cars, Isaac Wright, Frank Blacking, and Paul Wright, all Indians, were fined \$10 for being drunk. Tom Jennings and C. Molten, white men, were fined \$5 for the same offence. Charles Hunter was charged with supplying, which case was adjourned until Monday.

An infraction of the early closing bylaw was charged against Mr. Scheinmann and Mr. W. Gerhardt. These cases were adjourned until Tuesday.

THE PRICE OF COPPER

(Special to The Daily News) Washington, Sept. 22.—Copper prices have been fixed at 23½¢ per pound, effective for four months.

The favorite household Coal is Ladysmith Wellington. Phone 15, Fir Lumber of all dimensions. Prince Rupert Coal Co. If. phone 116.

CLOSING DAY OF THE EXHIBITION

The Fair is over! Yesterday, the last day, was quite a strenuous one. There was so much on, so many different things, a big programme of sports, the departure of the earlier visitors to the Fair, and the arrival of the latest ones, so that between one thing and another, yesterday was the busiest day of the three. Everybody admits that they have spent a most enjoyable time at this annual celebration. Both the out-of-town visitors who were entertained, and the Prince Rupert people who did the entertaining.

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NOTICE

The adjourned annual meeting of the Northern British Columbia Agricultural and Industrial Association will be held in the city hall on Saturday evening at 8 p.m.

All members are requested to attend.

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ALEXIEFF AND KERENSKY DISAGREE

(Special to The Daily News) Petrograd, Sept. 22.—General Alexieff and Premier Kerensky have had a disagreement, and the former is about to resign from his duties as commander-in-chief. The trouble is said to have arisen over the punishment to be inflicted upon Korniloff and those who were with him in his revolt.

LED-CAPPED NAILS BOUND FOR SWEDEN

New York, Sept. 21.—Accidental discovery that wire nails in a consignment for Sweden were covered with lead caps caused the customs authorities today to hold up a shipment of 300 cases of the nails. The smashing of one of the cases by a passing truck on a Brooklyn pier led to the discovery. It was said there was enough lead on each nail for the manufacture of a rifle bullet, and that the application for shipping license contained no mention of the lead, simply stating that the cases contained wire nails.

The cases have been standing on a dock for about three weeks. The investigation will seek to determine whether the lead was placed on the nails as a subterfuge to get needed war material to Germany or whether it was there for some legitimate purpose. The lead caps are described as fitting closely and easily removable.

Earlier in the afternoon, there was an association football match between Kispiox and Kitimat. The Indians can play football, too. The game was an exciting one in its way, and resulted in a win by three goals to none in favor of the Red Shirts.

A pyrotechnic display took place from the Acropolis Hill between 8 and 9 o'clock, and notwithstanding the rain—it had to shower once in a while—some very fine effects were seen. The Fair proceedings wound up with a barn dance in the Exhibition building at ten o'clock, which was well attended. The music was good, the big building afforded plenty of room for the dancers and a very successful Fair was brought to a conclusion.

TRADE PROHIBITED WITH ENEMY FIRMS

Ottawa, Sept. 21.—A supplement to The Canada Gazette has been issued containing a proclamation giving effect in Canada to the prohibition by the Imperial Government of trading with firms and persons in various countries of enemy nationality or association. The names of the firms and persons included in the list number several thousand, the majority belonging to countries of South America.

Subscribers to the Patriotic Fund would greatly help in the work of administering the Fund by paying their subscriptions as regularly as possible, either to the credit of the Fund at any of the banks, or to the local treasurer, Mr. R. Seymour Wright, P. O. Box 1632 City. 223

W. E. COLLISON, Hon. Sec.

FURTHER DISCLOSURES BY SECRETARY LANSING

(Special to The Daily News).

Washington, Sept. 22.—An astounding addition to the series of disclosures of German intrigues in America and elsewhere was made public today by Secretary Lansing. He showed that a message was sent to the Berlin Foreign Office on January 22nd last by Count von Bernstorff, requesting authority to pay out fifty thousand dollars to influence Congress through an unnamed organization, which was apparently known to the German authorities. This money was to influence Congress "as on former occasions;" perhaps to prevent war. The message also urged that friendly utterance be made about Ireland.

THE LABOR CONGRESS

(Special to The Daily News).

Ottawa, Sept. 22.—The Military Service Act has been under discussion at the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada now in convention at Ottawa. The Congress approved of the resolution of the executive, by a small majority, not to fight conscription, and that their opposition to the Act be only verbal and quite passive. One Montreal delegate asserted that Belgium was much better under German rule.

BOURASSA ASSAILED NEW ELECTION ACT

Montreal, Sept. 18.—Henri Bourassa, the Nationalist chief, in the course of articles in *Le Droit* on the Franchise Act, says:

"The British warred on the Boers in South Africa because the latter would not give the franchise to foreigners who had not lived in the country for more than fourteen years after Kruger had offered to reduce the term to five years. Here our own Boches take the vote away from thousands of settlers who have come here in good faith."

Mr. Bourassa deals with Sir Robert Borden's statement that the foreigners thus disfranchised are not compelled to serve in the army by replying that if that is the case, what about thousands of women, relatives of soldiers, who are going to be given the vote. They don't serve.

Mr. Bourassa also contends:

"We have reached that degree of aberration that glorification of militarism may be imposed upon us without the slightest regard for social order, and for the honor of the army itself.

"If the bandit Monette and the unfortunate Handfield spent a few days in England and France, all their relatives would have votes, while the sisters of Paul Caron and Jean Chauvin, dying gloriously for France, would be deprived of the franchise."

"VIKING" HAS MADE PORT

The American fishing schooner "Viking" which took the ground in the Metlakatla Passage yesterday was successfully floated and arrived safely this morning. The vessel has only sustained minor damage. She is slightly scraped but otherwise sound. She brought in 12,000 lbs. halibut, which sold for 13 cents this morning.

The Canadian "Viking" also arrived today with 1,500 lbs. halibut, Unity with 2,000, Kubein 2,000, and the Kiatawa with 300 lbs.

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