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OSTEND IS BOMBARDED BY NAVAL FORCES

HAIG PREPARING FOR ANOTHER DRIVE --- TURKS ARE ROUTED IN MESOPOTAMIA

LOCAL ATTACKS PRECEDING THE BIG OFFENSIVE

British Artillery is Exceedingly Active in Flanders—French Troops Co-operate in Local Attacks.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Oct. 23.—Local attacks were made by the British troops on both sides of the Ypres-Staden railway. For five or six days, the British artillery has been exceedingly active on this sector, indicating the resumption of General Haig's Offensive. The assault notified today, however, is specifically notified as one of the local attacks in advance of the general offensive blow.

French Co-operate.

Paris, October 23.—Co-operating with the British troops on our left, we advanced on a front of one kilometre in Belgium this morning. All our objectives were gained. Appreciable advances were made north of Biedet. On the Aisne front, severe artillery actions are in progress. Two German attacks were repulsed.

Air Raids.

London, October 23.—France's coup in destroying four of the leading German Zeppelins on Saturday and crippling two or three more gave a powerful impetus today to the demand for the immediate assumption of the aerial offensive by Great Britain. The King and Queen are said to be in favor of reprisals. Yesterday, six German aeroplanes were brought down by the British naval aeroplanes. Numerous attacks were made from the air by the British fliers in many parts of Belgium during the last two days, causing much damage to the enemy.

Zeppelin Secrets Known.

Paris, Oct. 23.—Among the German Zeppelins brought down by the French aviators on Saturday, one came to earth intact. The machinery and all the instruments were undamaged. It was a Zeppelin of the newest type. By the study of the apparatus, all the secrets of the German airship are now known.

Germany Gets Ready.

Germany is preparing for a great air offensive to forestall the entry of the United States into the war, Le Temps declares. Prisoners newly captured state that the production of aeroplanes from German factories during the month of July totalled two thousand.

Bombard Ostend.

London, Oct. 23.—British naval forces have again bombarded Ostend yesterday. Much damage was done to enemy military establishments.

In Mesopotamia.

London, October 23.—Near the Persian border, northeast of Bagdad, the British forces made an enveloping drive upon the enemy, forcing them across the Diala river. Many casualties were inflicted upon the Turks, and prisoners taken.

German Deserters.

Paris, Oct. 23.—Over twelve thousand German deserters have found refuge in Switzerland, according to reports.

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cording to advices received here from Berne.

The French Ministry.

The French ministerial situation here remains uneasy. Opposition to M. Ribot in the Cabinet still persists.

Lloyd George Speaks.

London, October 23.—Premier Lloyd George delivered an inspiring speech in the Albert Hall. He declared that there will be no peace until the shrine of war is shattered. Time, he said, is no longer a neutral, but is now on the side of the Allies.

NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

The meeting of the city council held last evening was a short one. Mayor McCaffery was again back in the chair. Possibly with the knowledge that there was not much business, such as there was was attended to in a businesslike way and was soon disposed of.

A letter was read from Mrs. McIntosh, secretary for the Red Cross Society, requesting that the city make a grant to the Red Cross Society. Which matter was referred to the finance committee.

Then the board of works committee brought in a report from the city engineer recommending the grading of a stretch of Eighth Avenue near Conrad Street. This was to take the place of redecking, and owing to the ease of this particular piece of work, it would cost but little more than the cost of the proposed redecking. On the motion of Ald. McGlymont, seconded by Ald. Smith, this report was adopted. Ald. Casey also drew the attention of the council to the lack of drainage for surface water on Eighth Avenue. This was caused by the guardrail not having any outlet for the water to run off.

The board of works had another formal recommendation to make regarding the renting of the city's tools. This is not to be done in future unless with the permission of the council. Regarding the sale of tools or material during this year, Ald. Casey enquired for the report from the heads of the departments which the council had requested at their previous meeting. Ald. McGlymont, the chairman of the board of works committee, informed the council that no tools nor material had been sold this year. Whereupon both Aldermen Casey and Montgomery rejected this manner of doing things. The heads of the departments had been requested to report on the matter, not Ald. McGlymont.

The public utilities committee reported upon a petition received from B. A. Webster, et al, E. Van Gastel and also a report from the superintendent of utilities recommending the installation of street lights on Bacon Street, Ninth and Tenth Avenues.

The health report was received from Dr. Cade for the months of August and September. Births for the two months numbered 28, deaths 6. During the same period there had been 70 cases of whooping cough, 1 German measles, and 1 chickenpox. These cases were all of a mild character, and otherwise the general health of the community remained good. One sample of milk had been tested which had been found to be slightly below the standard.

A communication was also read from Messrs. Spitzer, Roerig & Co. regarding the purchase of the city's bonds for \$10,000 @ 6%. In speaking on this matter the mayor said that it was a matter of congratulation that the city was able to borrow at this rate, as the Government had recently to pay more.

After this, supplies were passed and the council adjourned.



ONE OF CANADA'S PEERS FIGURES IN A FUNCTION.—Lord Beaverbrook opening the exhibition of war pictures, which recently drew large crowds to the Grafton Galleries, Brighton.

WOULD START SHIPYARD WITH FREE SITE AND GUARANTEE OF BONDS

City Council Requested to Assist Vancouver Man to Establish Plant.

At the city council meeting last evening, the first matter brought to the attention of the councillors was a letter from one S. E. Landry, of 25 Hastings Street Vancouver. The letter referred to the establishment of a shipbuilding plant in Prince Rupert. The writer would undertake to establish a branch of a well known eastern shipbuilding firm, who are now building large ocean-going ships for the Imperial Government. However, Mr. Landry did not state just which of the eastern firms he had in mind.

This proposal of course was conditional. The consideration is to be the gift of a site, on the railroad, and with a deep-water frontage, and the guarantee of the bonds of the company for \$100,000. The security of the city would be the first mortgage of the proposed plant, which the writer assures the council will be valued at \$50,000, and which will employ 300 men. The writer was also careful to stipulate that the company should dispose of its own bonds at cost, not at par.

When the city can see its way clear to meet the request of Mr. Landry, he says that the company will start in immediately to build wooden ships for the Imperial Government.

Conditional upon this shipyard being established, the writer has other enterprises in view, and would induce capitalists to invest in a pulp mill, to use up all the small hemlock in this district. The reading of this letter would infer that if the shipbuilding plant fell through, so would the pulp plant project.

There was a little discussion upon the matter. The city, of course, had no sites on the waterfront at all, and the guaranteeing of bonds for \$100,000 on the security of plant worth \$50,000

GREAT FLOODS IN BELLA COOLA VALLEY

Roads and Bridges Washed Out for Sixty Miles—Townsite a Scene of Desolation.

The last published number of the Bella Coola Courier, dated Saturday, October 6, arrived in Prince Rupert yesterday. It tells of the havoc wrought by flood in the beautiful Bella Coola Valley. The damage done has been enormous, and the near approach of winter will make the task of getting back to a normal state a slow piece of work. All means of transportation in the valley are at an end, for the present. Every bridge for sixty miles or so has been swept away and the roads are all washed out. The townsites presents "a scene of desolation and wreckage."

Practically every inhabitant in the valley has suffered loss through the high waters.

The Courier does not give any details of when the floods took place and owing to the difficulties experienced, has suspended publication until the spring.

SOLDIER CANDIDATES AND THEIR PLATFORM

Vancouver, Oct. 23.—A platform has been formulated, and has been submitted to the Great War Veterans' Association for its approval, on which it is proposed that soldier candidates will contest the constituencies of Burrard and South Vancouver. The proposed platform provides for hearty support for the Union Government in the prosecution of the war, heavy taxation of war profits, administration of the Patriotic Fund by the Government, increased pensions for N. C. O.'s and men, universal enfranchisement of women, elimination of war profiteers and utilization of the labor of alien enemies in Canada.

seemed like an "extravagant proposition." So it would, too, for the city. Finally, the city clerk was instructed to make the proper enquiries re the writer and to reply to the letter.

CHIEF PURPOSES OF UNION GOVERNMENT NOT YET ACHIEVED

Nevertheless, Hon. W. S. Fielding Says Union Idea Commends Itself to the People.

Montreal, Oct. 22.—The Journal of Commerce, of which Hon. W. S. Fielding, former Dominion Minister of Finance, is editor, discussing union government says:

"If a Union Government had been formed in Canada in the early months of the war, as took place in Britain, many of the troubles that have since arisen would in all probability have been averted. The Union Government now formed comes late, but better late than never probably will express the opinion of the large majority of the Canadian people, and therefore the new administration will have their best wishes for success. It will be well, however, if the circumstances under which the union comes are remembered, so that there may be an appreciation of the difficulties of the situation and modifying of the expectations. What union government was required for was:

"First, the stoppage of party strife; second, the avoidance of an election by an extension of the parliamentary term; third, the uniting of the Canadian people into one party for all purposes during the war. A moment's reflection will show that not one of these purposes can now be effected by the formation of the Union Government. The very personnel of the new administration makes it clear that differences, which unhappily have arisen, are now much accentuated. So it is clear that the good purposes for which most people desired a Union Government are not attained by the recent appointments at Ottawa. Nevertheless, the union idea will in a way commend itself to the people."

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HUNS' SUCCESS LEAVES GERMAN PEOPLE COLD

No Enthusiasm Displayed by the Hungry Population—Russian Prisoners are Starved and Fired Upon.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Copenhagen, Oct. 23.—The German success on the Gulf of Riga causes no enthusiasm among the long-suffering German people. They are now past rejoicing at what they see to be an empty victory.

Germans Retire.

Petrograd, Oct. 23.—On the Russian northern front the Germans have been executing the manoeuvre of retiring to their main positions in the region of Skuli and Lemberg. The Russian vanguard pursued the retreating enemy forces.

At the Islands.

German submarines have been observed in the Gulf of Finland. Russian patrols watching the Gulf of Riga saw large enemy forces, also transports, landing on the Werder Peninsula. The enemy forces pressed back the Russian advanced posts and occupied the western part of the peninsula.

Fire on Prisoners.

Washington, Oct. 23.—A Petrograd telegram just received says that Oesel Islanders, who escaped from Oesel Island and Moon Island, recently reported to the Russian officials that the prisoners taken by the Germans were being loaded in boats, after being starved. When they asked for food, the Germans replied, "We have nothing with which to feed you." When the boats left the shore, they were fired upon.

Now Berlin Puts It.

Berlin, Oct. 23.—More than twelve hundred prisoners, a number of guns, and a large quantity of stores and material have been captured on Dagoe Island. In nine days, Oesel, Moon and Dagoe Islands, the key positions to the Eastern Baltic have been acquired by our forces. Osten has been bombarded from the sea and the houses damaged.

Russia's Peace Programme.

Petrograd, Oct. 23.—The peace programme of the Council of Soldiers and Workmen is out. The Soldiers' delegates issued instructions to the ex-Minister of Labor Skobeloff, for presentation at the Paris Conference. There are fifteen articles, which cover much ground. The Alsace-Lorraine difficulty they would solve by a vote of the population after the troops had withdrawn. Their programme would be easy of acceptance by Germany, no indemnities are stipulated for. The programme supports compensation to Belgium from an international fund.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Mrs. H. P. Plumptre, Honorary Corresponding Secretary of the Central Council, Canadian Red Cross Society, Toronto, will speak to members of the local Canadian Red Cross Society and all others interested in Red Cross work at the Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, October 23rd at 8 o'clock p.m.

Mrs. Plumptre is an able and accomplished speaker and it is urged that as many as possible be present.