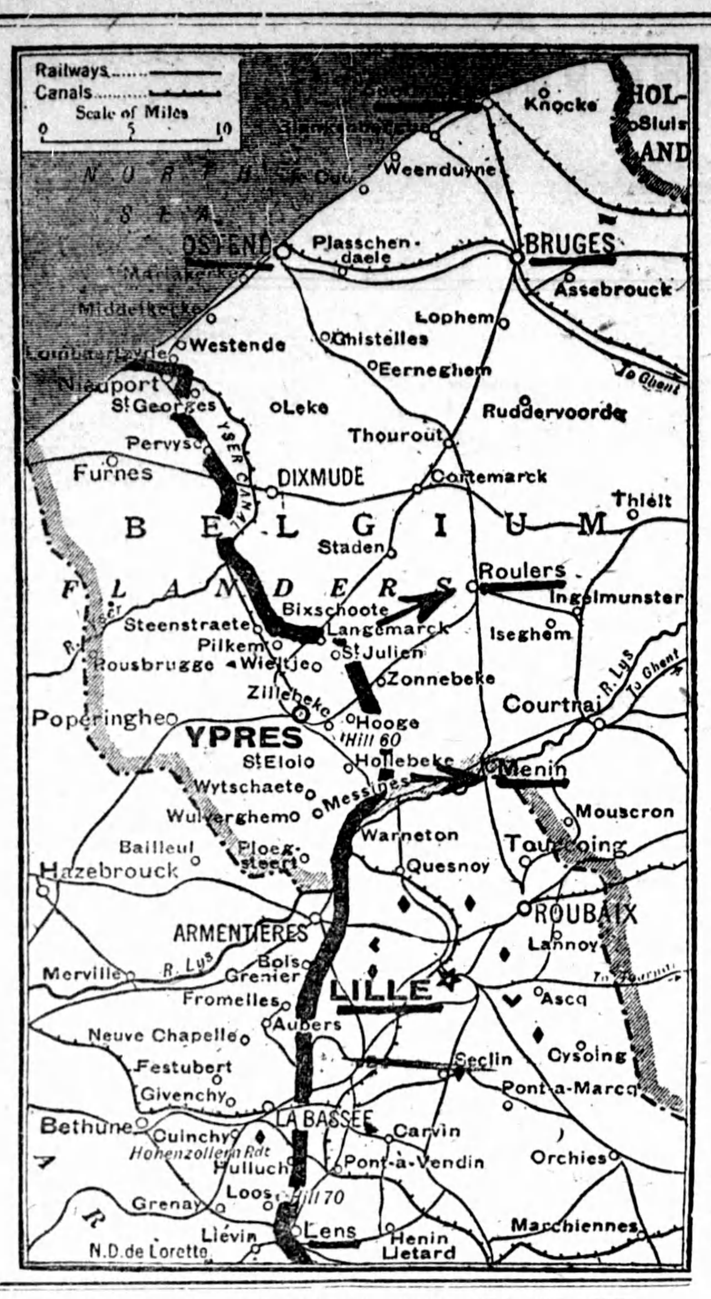


BRITISH AND FRENCH ARMIES MAKE IMPORTANT GAINS IN YPRES SECTOR

Canadians Took Part in Engagement at Which About 800 Prisoners Were Captured and Progress Made on Large Front.

A despatch from London says: Operations with limited objectives were undertaken by the British and French armies in Flanders early Friday morning, and notwithstanding great difficulties caused by weather and bad ground, considerable progress was made and valuable positions taken on the greater part of the front attacked, says the British official communication issued Friday night. The communication says that more than 800 prisoners were captured during today's operations.

The main operation was carried out by English and Canadian regiments on our front north of the Ypres-Roulers Railway. Canadian battalions moved forward along the main ridge in the direction of Passchendaele, and, passing beyond their objectives, established themselves on the rising ground immediately south of the village.

Other Canadian battalions with troops of an English naval brigade and battalions of London territorials made further progress, in the face of strong opposition along the spurs between the main ridge and our positions east of Poelcapelle, capturing a number of strong points and fortified farms.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY AROUND THE WORLD.

A despatch from Brantford says: Wireless telephony to all parts of the world, more than a possibility, is practically an achieved fact, declared Professor Alexander Graham Bell, speaking at a mass meeting held here, terminating the ceremonies of the unveiling of the Bell Memorial.

The eminent inventor told of recent experiments whereby scientists spoke from Washington, D.C., to Paris, France, by word of mouth, the conversation being overheard in Honolulu. The result was achieved by the attachment of telephones to wireless apparatus, and speech to all parts of the world with neither wires nor batteries, is looked forward to in the very near future by Professor Bell.

U. S. Coal For Canada.

A despatch from Washington says: Under a definite allotment of American coal for Canada, announced by the fuel administration, about 2,000,000 tons of bituminous and 700,000 tons of anthracite will be permitted to move across the Canadian border during the next two months.

AUSTRO-GERMANS SUCCEED IN PIERCING THE ITALIAN LINES ON ISONZO FRONT

Enemy Launch Successful Offensive on Bank of Isonzo but Are Checked on Bainsizza Plateau.

A despatch from London says: The Austro-German forces which yesterday began an offensive on the Isonzo front broke through the Italian lines and brought the battle on to the slopes of the right (west) bank of the Isonso, says Thursday's official statement. Powerful Austro-German attacks also were made on the Bainsizza plateau, and on the west slopes of Monte San Gabriele, but these were checked by the Italians, who took a few hundred prisoners.

The enemy attacked on the southern slopes of Monte Rombon and on the northern edge of the Bainsizza plateau. In the former region he was resisted in the narrows of Saga, but further south he broke through the Italian advanced lines, being favored by a thick mist which rendered useless the Italian barrage.

FRENCH AGAIN DEFEAT GERMANS AND ESTABLISH NEW LINES

Petain's Troops Occupy Additional Villages and Add Several Hundred Prisoners to Large Total.

A despatch from Paris says:—With the important junction of Laon on their objective the French troops are continuing their press against the forces of the German Crown Prince north of the Aisne River. In another attack on the right the village of Filain has been captured, a footing has been gained on the plateau north of Epine Lechevrigny, and the enemy has been forced to give ground north of La Chapelle Saint Berthe. These successes, while not as great in importance as those of previous days on the centre and west flank of the attacking line, serve materially to bring the right wing to alignment with the remainder of the front and place the entire line in a better position for another smash northward toward Laon.

However great may be the praise bestowed on the French troops for the brilliance of their victory over the Germans north of the Aisne this week, it is too small an appreciation of their herculean efforts in the face of one of the most difficult tasks of the war. This is the opinion of not only their immediate chief, but of all who have seen them at work. Fronting them were the finest divisions of the German Crown Prince's army, occupying positions that were strongly fortified, and having the keenest appreciation of their value.

Notwithstanding this the French not only succeeded in attaining every objective set them, but exceeded the hopes of the most sanguine, and advanced beyond the appointed places. More than 12,000 prisoners already have been counted and sent to the rear. Others are coming in and the large group still are hiding in subterranean shelters and their fate can only be capture.

The French line now runs along the southern side of the Aisne-Oise canal without a break from westward to the Auxaillon to Pargny-Filain, while the town of Filain has been completely dominated.

AIR REPRISAL AGAINST HUNS

Tons of Explosives Dropped on Factories, Railway Stations and Junctions.

A despatch from London says:—An official statement on aerial operations issued on Thursday night reads:

"On Wednesday night factories and railway communications in the vicinity of Saarbruecken were attacked by our aeroplane squadrons with excellent results. Over three and a half tons of explosives were dropped on the Burbach works, just west of Saarbruecken by naval machines. The damage caused was considerable; many fires were observed.

"Three thousand three hundred and thirty-five pounds of explosives were dropped on railway stations, junctions, goods sidings in and around Saarbruecken by another squadron. Many direct hits were obtained, resulting in numerous explosions. One train proceeding to Saarbruecken received a direct hit from a big bomb and was destroyed. A total of five tons of explosives was dropped by us.

AMUNDSEN DISCARDS GERMAN DECORATIONS.

A despatch from London says: Captain Roald Amundsen, the noted Norwegian explorer, went to the German Legation at Christiania on Tuesday, says Reuter's Christiania correspondent, and returned to the German Minister his German decorations as a "personal protest against the German murder of peaceful Norwegian sailors on October 17 in the North Sea."

ITALY ADMITS WIDE WITHDRAWAL

Austro-Germans Claim Over 30,000 Italian Prisoners and 300 Guns.

A despatch from London says: The Austro-Germans, in their offensive on the Isonzo front, claim to have captured more than 30,000 Italians, Over 300 guns also were taken.

At many places the Germans are now fighting in Italian territory, the announcement says.

The Germans passed beyond their objecives, the announcement says, and threw the Italians from strong rear hill positions. The Italians have begun to evacuate the Bainsizza-Heiligengeist Plateau.

Under the Austro-German pressure on the Isonzo front, the Italians have withdrawn their lines to the border in one sector, and are preparing for the evacuation of the Bainsizza Plateau, the Italian War Office announced.

HOG PRODUCTION TO BE INCREASED

A despatch from Ottawa says:—A Dominion-wide campaign for increased production of hogs is to be undertaken at once. The urgent and rapidly-increasing needs of the allies for pork products were explained on Friday to a gathering of representatives of the Agricultural Departments of Eastern Canada, and swine-breeders, and the initial steps were taken towards an organized effort, under the auspices of the Federal Department of Agriculture, working in co-operation with the Food Controller.

THE WEEKLY WAR PICTURE

War problems of Canadian wool trade and how they are met. The view is of experts grading the clip in the Australian section of the great wool warehouse at Toronto. When war broke out the Canadian manufacturers were faced with an increased demand and decreased supplies. War orders have been piling in ever since, while facilities for import and distribution have declined rapidly. To meet the problems of distribution this warehouse was established and has proved an important link between Canadian and Australian producer and the Canadian manufacturer.

THE BEST CARTOON OF THE WEEK

Cracking Under the Strain.—Darling in New York Tribune.

Markets of the World

Breadstuffs

Toronto, Oct. 30—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, $2.23½; No. 2 do., $2.20½; No. 3 do., $2.17½; No. 4 wheat, $2.09½, in store Fort William, including 2½c tax.

Manitoba oats—No. 2 C.W., 67⅝c; No. 3 C.W., 64⅝c; extra No. 1 feed, 64⅝c; No. 1 feed, 63⅝c, in store Fort William.

American corn—No. 3 yellow, nominal.

Ontario oats—No. 2 white, 64 to 65c, nominal; No. 3, do., 63 to 64c, nominal, according to freights outside.

Ontario wheat—New, No. 2 Winter, $2.22; basis, in store, Montreal.

Peas—No. 3, $3.35 to $3.50, nominal, according to freights outside.

Barley—Malting, $1.16 to $1.18, according to freights outside.

Rye—No. 2, $1.75, according to freights outside.

Manitoba flour—First patents, in jute bags, $11.50; 2nd, do., $11; strong bakers', do., $10.60, Toronto.

Ontario flour—Winter, according to sample, $9.80, in bags, Montreal; $9.60, Toronto, prompt shipment.

Millfeed—Car lots—Delivered Montreal freights, bags included—Bran, per ton, $35; shorts, do., $42; middlings, do., $45 to $46; good feed flour, per bag, $3.25.

Hay—No. 1, new, per ton, $12.50 to $13.50; mixed, do., $10 to $12, track Toronto.

Straw—Car lots, per ton, $7 to $7.50, track Toronto.

Country Produce—Wholesale

Butter—Creamery, solids, per lb., 42½ to 43c; prints, per lb., 43½ to 44c; dairy, per lb., 35 to 36c.

Eggs—Per doz., 39 to 40c.

Wholesalers are selling to the retail trade at the following prices:—

Cheese—New, large, 23 to 23½c; twins, 23½ to 23¾c; triplets, 23½ to 24c; old, large, 30c; twins, 30½c; triplets, 30½c.

Butter—Fresh dairy, choice, 40 to 41c; creamery prints, 45 to 46c; solids, 44 to 45c.

Eggs—New laid, in cartons, 51 to 53c; out of cartons, 45c.

Dressed poultry—Spring chickens, 25 to 30c; fowl, 20 to 22c; squabs, per doz., $4 to $4.50; turkeys, 28 to 32c; ducks, Spring, 22c; geese, 15c.

Live poultry—Turkeys, 22c; Spring chickens, lb., 20c; hens, 13 to 18c; ducks, Spring, 16c; geese, 12c.

Honey—Comb—Extra fine, 16 oz., $3.50; 12 oz., $3.00; No. 2, $2.40 to $2.50. Strained, tins, 2½'s and 5's, 19 to 19½c per lb; 10's, 18½ to 19c; 60's, 18 to 18½c.

Beans—No Canadian beans on market until last of October; imported, hand-picked, $7.50 per bush; Limas, per lb., 17½c.

Potatoes, on track—Ontario, bag, $1.65 to $1.75.

Provisions—Wholesale

Smoked meats—Hams, medium, 30 to 31c; do., heavy, 26 to 27c; cooked, 41 to 42c; rolls, 27 to 28c; breakfast bacon, 36 to 40c; backs, plain, 39 to 40c; boneless, 43 to 44c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 27½ to 28c lb; clear bellies, 26½ to 27c.

Lard—Pure lard, tierces, 27 to 27½c; tubs, 27½ to 27¾c; pails, 27½ to 28c; compound, tierces, 22 to 22½c; tubs, 22½ to 22¾c; pails, 22½ to 23c.

Montreal Markets

Montreal, Oct. 30—Oats—Canadian western, No. 2, 78c; do., No. 3, 76½c; extra No. 1 feed, 76½c; No. 2 local white, 72c; No. 3, do., 71c. Barley—Man. feed, $1.26; malting, $1.31. Flour—Man. Spring wheat patents, firsts, $11.60; seconds, $11.10; strong bakers', $10.90; Winter patents, choice, $11.25; straight rollers, $10.70 to $11; do., bags, $5.20 to $5.35. Rolled oats—Barrels, $8.30 to $8.40; do., bags, 90 lbs., $4.00 to $4.10. Bran, $35.00. Shorts, $40 to $42. Middlings, $48 to $50. Mouillie, $55 to $60. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, $12.00 to $12.50. Cheese—Finest westerns, 21¾c; do., easterns, 21¼c. Butter—Choicest creamery, 46 to 46½c; seconds, 45½c. Eggs—Fresh, 53 to 55c; selected, 47 to 48c; No. 1 stock, 43 to 44c; No. 2 stock, 40 to 41c. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, $2.10 to $2.25.

Winnipeg Grain

Winnipeg, Oct. 30—Cash prices:—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, $2.21; No. 2 Northern, $2.18; No. 3 Northern, $2.15; No. 4, $2.07; No. 5, $1.94; No. 6, $1.87; feed, $1.80. Oats—No. 2 C.W., 67⅝c; No. 3 C.W., 65⅝c; extra No. 1 feed, 65⅝c; No. 1 feed, 63⅝c; No. 2 feed, 62⅝c. Barley—No. 3, $1.21; No. 4, $1.16; rejected and feed, $1.10½. Flax—No. 1 N.W.C., $3.10½; No. 2 C.W., $3.07½; No. 3 C.W., $2.96½.

United States Markets

Minneapolis, Oct. 30—Corn—No. 3 yellow, $1.98 to $2. Oats—No. 3 white, 58 to 59½c. Flax—$3.22 to $3.24. Flour—Unchanged. Bran—$31.50 to $32.

Duluth, Oct. 30—Linseed—$3.20 to $3.23½; arrive, $3.21; October, $3.21½ asked; November, $3.20; December, $3.15 bid; May, $3.16¾ bid.

Live Stock Markets

Toronto, Oct. 30—Extra choice heavy steers, $11.50 to $12; do., good heavy, $10.75 to $11.25; butchers' cattle, choice, $10 to $10.25; do., good, $9.35 to $9.65; do., medium, $8.50 to $8.75; do., common, $7.50 to $8. butchers' bulls, choice, $8.30 to $8.75; do., good bulls, $7.40 to $7.85; do. medium bulls, $6.85 to $7.10; do., rough bulls, $5 to $6; butchers' cows, choice, $8.25 to $8.75; do., good, $7.60 to $8; do., medium, $6.60 to $6.75; stockers, $7.50 to $8.50; feeders, $8.50 to $9.25; canners and cutters, $5 to $6; milkers, good to choice, $90 to $125; do., com. and med., $75 to $85; springers, $90 to $125; light ewes, $11 to $13; bucks and culls, $9 to $10.50; sheep, heavy, $5.75 to $7.50; yearlings, $12 to $13; calves, good to choice, $15 to $15.50; Spring lambs, $16 to $16.40; hogs, fed and watered, $16.75; do., weighed off cars, $17; do., f.o.b., $16.

Montreal, Oct. 30—Choice steers, $9.75 to $10; good, $8.25 to $9.25; cows, $6.25 to $8; bulls, $6.50 to $8.25; canners' bulls, $6.50 to $6.75; canners' cows, $5.25 to $5.50; Ontario lambs, $15.50 to $16; Quebec lambs, $14.50 to $15; sheep, $9 to $10.50; choice milk fed calves, $14 to $15; grass fed, $8 to 11; selected hogs, $17 to $17.50 per 100 pounds weighed off cars.

BRAZIL DECLARES WAR BY VOTE OF 149 TO 1

A despatch from Rio de Janeiro says:—The Chamber of Deputies on Friday by an almost unanimous vote declared that a state of war existed between Germany and Brazil. The vote was 149 to 1.

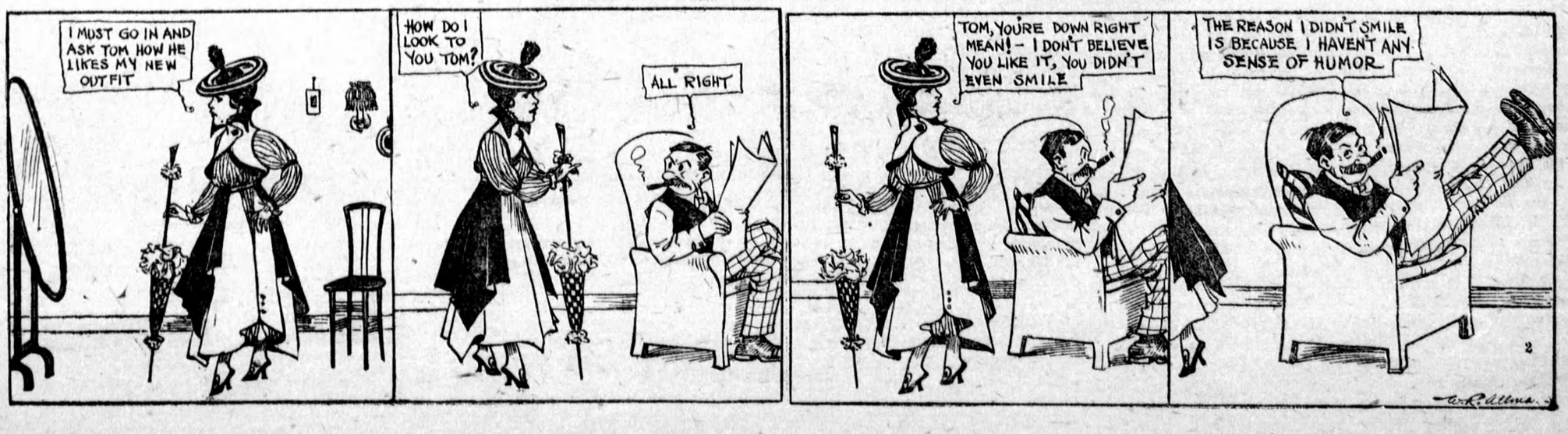
The president of the diplomatic commission spoke in favor of a law worded as follows:

"A state of war between Brazil and Germany is hereby acknowledged and proclaimed. The President of the Republic is authorized to adopt the measures enunciated in his measage of the 25th of October, and to take all steps tending to ensure national defence and public security."

The virtually unanimous vote of the deputies was received with general acclamation.

President Braz has sanctioned the proclamation of a state of war with Germany.

ANOTHER $20,000,000 IS LOANED TO FRANCE.

A despatch from Washington says: Another loan of $20,000,000 was made to France on Thursday, bringing total credits extended by the United States to allied nations to $2,826,400,000.

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