

AN AVALANCHE OF SHELLS POURED INTO GERMAN LINES

General Offensive Foreseen by French and British on the Western Front.

A despatch from Paris says: The French have been pouring an avalanche of shells into the German lines in the west. It is not believed that this ammunition would be used simply for the purpose of damaging the German trenches, and therefore, an early general offensive is looked for.

Asphyxiating gas was used without success by the Germans in an attack against Linge and Schatzmaennel in the Vosges. After releasing the gas the Germans charged the French positions, but were driven back. Elsewhere on the French front there were no infantry actions, though heavy cannonading occurred at several places. German aviators violated

Swiss territory for the fourth time. Five German military aeroplanes flew inside the Swiss frontier opposite the French town of Delle. Although under fire from French artillery, the aeroplanes turned back. One damaged machine came down near the Swiss village of Buix, but afterwards took to the air and escaped towards Alsace.

The Municipal Council is making arrangements with the Government for an official commemoration of the Battle of the Marne, in which the German advanced through France in the early weeks of the war was ended. The celebration will be held on September 12.

FURTHER VICTORIES IN THE CAMEROONS

Germans are Retreating in Great Disorder After a Series of Defeats.

A despatch from Paris says: Fighting continues in the Cameroons, the German colony in Western Africa which the British and French have been attempting since the early part of the war to wrest from the Germans. The Ministry of Colonies gave out a statement to-day announcing further victories. It follows:

"French forces in the eastern and south-eastern Cameroons are continuing a vigorous offensive in the direction of Yaunde, capital of the colony. The German troops were defeated in a series of engagements and are retreating in great disorder."

"Many of the native German troops surrendered, with their arms and other equipment. A party of these deserters while on their way to our post at Aradomakai encountered company of Germans, who attempted to bar their way. The deserters defeated the Germans, and also attacked a German post at Sanganimina.

"Our right column, coming from the north, attacked the strongly-fortified positions at the Dume station, simultaneously, with an attack from our southern column. The Germans were defeated completely. They abandoned their positions, and in retreat threw most of their supplies into the river and allowed natives to pillage other abandoned stores. In evacuating Dume the enemy set it on fire, making it stand on a hill overlooking the town. This position, which was defended with artillery and machine guns, was carried by assault by one of our officers and by prisoners."

SAYS BOSTON BARQUE FIRED ON BY U-BOAT

A despatch from Boston says: The American barque Ruth Stark, owned in this city, was fired upon twice by a German submarine, when 150 miles off Cape Clear, Ireland, according to the report of her commander upon her arrival here from Liverpool.

Youngest Hero is Back From France



PETER RUTLEDGE
The youngest son of Canada to reach the fighting line in Flanders is Peter Rutledge, 17, of Galt, Ontario, who is away on a troophip after his three brothers had crossed the sea as Canadian soldiers. He was adopted by the 3rd Battalion and "made up" to the rank of private when he was sent home with injuries. His pals, who are in Toronto with him,

FINE HARBOR AT ZEEBRUGGE IS SHELTER FOR SUBMARINES

A COMPARISON OF FORCES FOR WAR

CANADA'S RESPONSIBILITY.

From Toronto Daily News.

In a year's time we have seen our army come into being and grow into a force of very considerable size and efficiency; but this is no time to rest on our laurels, much less to indulge a tendency towards self-congratulation. Our duty now is to appreciate the full extent of our responsibilities and make adequate provision for discharging them.

The United Kingdom entered the war with a naval force of not less than 225,000, and with a military force of at least 200,000. Since the outbreak there have been added to the military force, of completely trained and equipped soldiers, not less than 500,000. Adding to these the soldiers which the United Kingdom now has in the making, in all stages of equipment and training, numbering not less than 1,500,000, the total is at least 2,525,000. The figures are approximately only, but they will serve.

Our population being about one-sixth the population of the United Kingdom, we can readily ascertain the minimum number of men that we should now have available for service if we were doing our full share. In round figures, we should have a force of at least 400,000 men.

Turning from the ideal to the real, we may estimate the strength of the Canadian forces as follows:

"Adding the few thousands we had in hand to those organized during the year, the total number of trained and equipped troops is not more than 60,000. Our incompletely trained and equipped troops will number not more than an additional 100,000; and that none of our fighting resources may be overlooked, we will add a naval force of 1,000, making a total of 160,000."

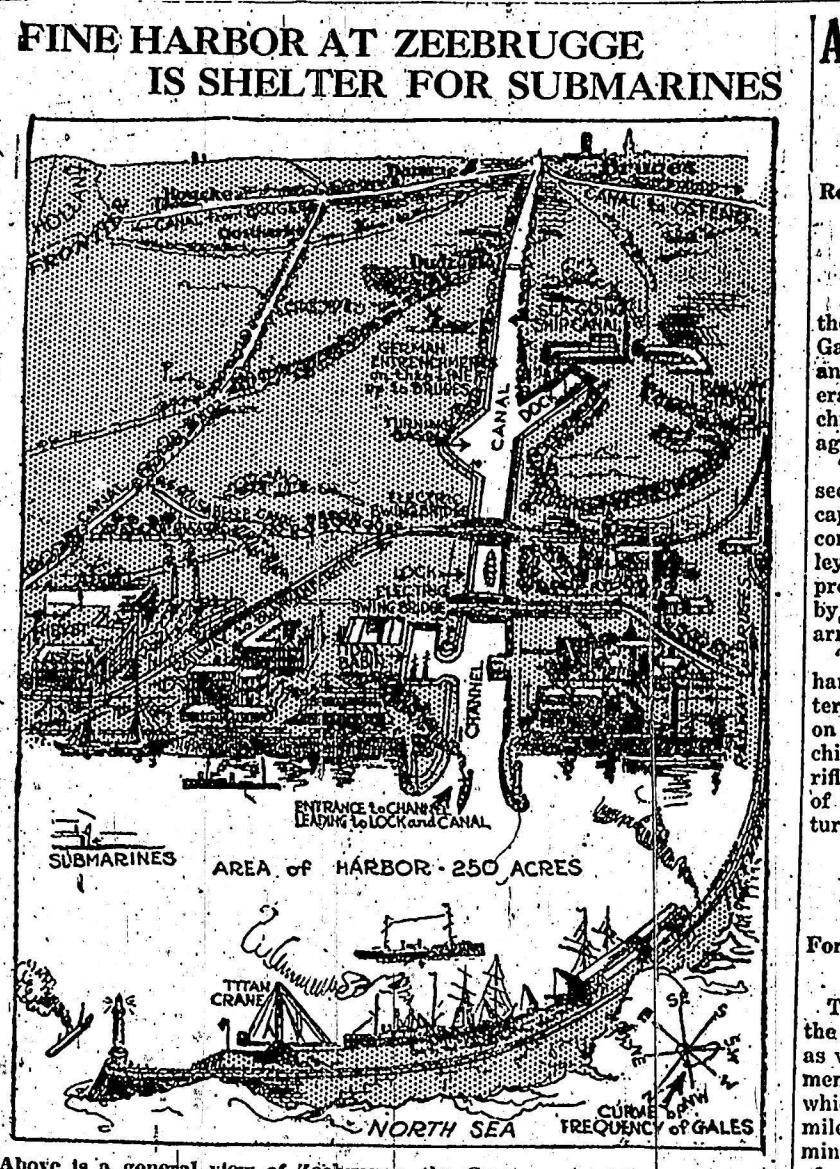
"Our ideal minimum is 400,000, our real maximum is 161,000. The result of our calculations need not make us down-hearted. We are quite entitled to comfort ourselves with the thought that the original forces of the United Kingdom were incomparably superior to ours and that the British Isles were much better supplied than we were with the means, both human and material, of creating a vast new army.

"But this will not alter the fact that in the past we have not done our full duty, and we are therefore under the greater obligation to respond to the call the Government is now making. Many of the initial difficulties connected with the raising of an army have been overcome, and men are now being accepted for overseas service as rapidly as they present themselves for enlistment. Their pay, separation and other allowances commence at once, and they are clothed, equipped and trained with all possible rapidity.

"But the real responsibility for the supply of men rests with the men themselves. To the man without dependents the call to service is well-nigh absolute, and it comes to the man with a job with precisely the same urgency as it does to the man without one. Your present job, important as it may be, is as nothing in importance to the one your country has for you. The call comes next to those with others dependent on them, who would suffer if they went. Some men in this position should go, others should not. No one may decide for any man but himself. But the freedom of choice which is his carries with it a corresponding responsibility. If no man may say to you, 'You ought to go,' neither may you lay the responsibility of your staying on anyone but yourself. You're in the choice. Stay if your conscience says so; but go if it says to go, for your Empire needs the men.

The Rake.

A small hunched, worried-looking man was about to take an examination for life insurance. "You don't dissipate, do you?" asked the examiner as he made ready for the tests. "Not a last liver, or anything of that sort?" The little man hesitated a moment, looked a bit frightened, then replied, in a small, piping voice— "I some—men chew a little gum."



Above is a general view of Zeebrugge, the German naval base on the Belgian coast. The extensive waterways provide an almost ideal haven for submarines. British warships have repeatedly shelled the German works and vessels at Zeebrugge.

Markets Of The World

Breadstuffs.

Toronto, Sept. 7.—Manitoba wheat—Old crop—No. 1 Northern, none of ferring; No. 2 Northern, \$1.14 to \$1.16; No. 3 Northern, \$1.09 to \$1.11, track, lake ports.

Manitoba oats—None offered.

American corn—No. 2 yellow, \$3 1/2c, track, lake ports.

Canadian corn—No. 2 yellow, nominal, track, Toronto.

Ontario oats—Old: No. 2 white, \$1.51 to \$2.00, nominal, according to freights outside; No. 3 white, 60 to 61c, according to freights outside; new oats, 40 to 42c.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 winter, 50c per lot; \$1.15; new, 96 to 98c; wheat slightly tough, 88 to 93c; sprouted or smutty, 75 to 85c, according to same.

Pens—No. 2, per car lots, nominal, according to freights outside.

Barley—Good malting barley, nominal; No. 3 feed, nominal; feed, barley, nominal, according to freights outside.

Rye—No. 2, nominal, according to freights outside.

Manitoba flour—First patents, in bags, \$6.25; strong bakers', in bags, \$6.50; medium, \$6.75; common, \$6.50 to \$7.00; feeders, good, \$6.25 to \$7.25; stockers, 70 to 90 lbs., \$6.25 to \$7.25; canners' and cutters, \$7.75 to \$8; milkers', choice, medium, each \$8.50 to \$9.50; Springers, \$50 to \$95; light eves, \$6 to \$6.75; ducks, \$5.50 to \$6.50; yearling lambs, \$7 to \$7.75; Spring lambs, cwt., \$7.75 to \$9; calves, \$8 to \$11; hogs, off cars, \$9.40 to \$10.65; feed, watered, \$9.25 to \$10.30; do., fed, \$8.90.

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