

RECRUITS IN SEPTEMBER LESS THAN THE WASTAGE

Eight Thousand Canadian Soldiers Have Returned From the Front and Have Been Discharged.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The falling off in recruiting during the past two or three months, and the imperative need of systematic method of adjusting the supply of men to meet the needs of industry, call for prompt action by Sir Thomas Tait and his fellow-directors. Sir Thomas, in co-operation with the officials of the Militia Department and of the State, is now preparing detailed recommendations for the consideration of the board.

It may be noted that the recruiting total of 6,351 for last month fell very considerably short of wastage at the front during September. Considering the number of casualties, and the comparatively large number of men who are now being weeded out of the battalions proceeding overseas through the final medical inspection prior to leaving Canada, it is safe to say that there are fewer men actually in the expeditionary ranks now than there were at the beginning of August.

Montreal enlistments for the fortnight ending September 30 are given as 856, nearly double the enlistment

FOE GARRISONS SUFFER TERRIBLY

Activity of British Planes is Terrorizing the German Soldiers.

A despatch from London says: The Germans garrisoning Eaucourt l'Abbaye and Le Sars suffered terribly from the British shelling of those villages in the past few days. According to some prisoners, the Germans lost three-fourths of their men. A correspondent at the British front telegraphs:

"Prisoners declare that the ever-increasing activity of the British aeroplanes inspires terror behind the German lines. There was a wild scene at the railroad station at Cambrai, an important junction far behind the German trenches, when British aeroplanes attacked."

"The hard-pressed German infantry in the trenches had been shouting for help, and troop trains, ammunition trains and transports of all sorts filled the yards at Cambrai. They presented a fair target for the British aeroplanes that suddenly appeared out of a clear sky. One heavy bomb blew up an ammunition train with a terrible explosion, the second hit the engine and the third struck a troop train. A fourth landed in the centre of a group of retreating troops."

"Then the aeroplane dropped with machine gun range and peppered a transport train alongside the railway and the groups of panic-stricken soldiers. Great damage was done and the enemy lines of communication were disorganized."

AUSTRIA'S EMPEROR CONFINED TO HIS BED

A despatch from London says: A report reaching Vienna from Geneva, as forwarded to London by the Exchange Telegraph Company, says that Emperor Francis Joseph is confined to his bed with bronchitis, and that his condition is causing anxiety.

BRITISH HAVE TAKEN 26,735 AND SMASHED 29 DIVISIONS

The Fruits of Somme Advance Set Forth Officially—Enemies' Reserves are Used Up.

A despatch from London says: An official statement issued gives details of the fighting on the Somme front after the advance of Sept. 15, describing the capture of villages, including Combles, Gueudecourt and Thiepval, and proceeds:

"These victories bought our front line, at more than one mile of the German fourth position west of the Bapaume-Thiepval road."

"The statement continues: 'The enemy has fought stubbornly to check our advance, and since Sept. 15 seven new divisions have been brought against us and five against the French. The severe and prolonged struggle demanded on the part of our troops a great determination and courage.'

"At the end of September the situation may be summarized as follows: Since the opening of the battle on July 1 we have taken 26,735 prisoners, and engaged 88 German divisions, of which 29 (about 350,000 men) have been withdrawn exhausted and broken. We hold upland south of the Aisne, occupy every height of importance, and so two hundred British machines cross the enemy's front."

GERMANS MADE A PEACE OFFER

Withdrawal From Belgium and Payment of Indemnity Part of Offer.

The London correspondent of the New York Tribune cables as follows: German agents, acting through King Albert of the Belgians, suggested recently definite terms to the allies regarding Belgium, Serbia and Loraine. This I learn from excellent authority. The proposal included the withdrawal of the Germans from Belgium, the payment of an indemnity for destruction due to military occupation, the retirement of the Kaiser's forces from Serbia without an indemnity, and the return of Lorraine to France.

The aggregate enlistment to the end of the month was 365,867, to which Toronto district has contributed 82,830; Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 73,895; Kingston-Ottawa, 38,555; British Columbia, 35,871; Alberta, 33,147; Maritimes Provinces, 33,074; London, 30,500, and Quebec, 7,206.

About eight thousand soldiers have so far returned to Canada from the front and have been discharged as unfit for further active service. Most of these have been incapacitated by wounds, and will receive pensions for the rest of their lives. In England there are several thousand more members of the Canadian force in hospitals who will probably never be able to go back to the front, and who will be sent to Canada for discharge as soon as they are sufficiently convalescent. By the end of the present year Canada's pension roll will probably be well over the ten thousand mark.

BRITISH REGAIN ALL EAUCOURT

French Carry a Powerful Line of Field Fortifications.

A despatch from London says: With the French and British, before the German fourth line after more than two months of almost continuous fighting, the Autumn storms, for which Picardy is famous, have brought a temporary lull in the operations on the Somme.

A despatch from London says: The Germans on Friday delivered numerous counter-attacks in strength along a great part of the front north of the Somme. Their artillery fire also is becoming heavier, new supplies of ammunition having been brought up. Despite their strenuous efforts, however, the British and French lines are unchanged, except for some local advances made by the French in the Morval sector. Here Foch's troops have pressed further to the eastward, in the region of the Peronne-Bapaume highway.

The report from General Haig's headquarters contains an interesting statement of the number of artillery pieces and machine guns captured from the Germans during the progress of the Franco-British offensive. It says: "Between July 1st and Sept. 3rd, besides large quantities of other war material, we captured or recovered from the Somme battlefield, 29 field guns and heavy howitzers, 92 trench artillery pieces and 397 machine guns."

The allies' position is everywhere excellent, the line having been straightened out after the capture of Combles and Thiepval, and, contrary to German reports, has been extended not shortened.

ZEPPELIN WRECKED
OFF DANISH COAST

A despatch from Esbjerg, Denmark, says: Fishermen who arrived here on Friday report that at noon on Monday they sighted a partly submerged Zeppelin thirty-five miles northwest of the Island of Sylt, in the North Sea, off the coast of Schleswig. Several German destroyers and two large vessels were surrounding the Zeppelin, the fishermen said, in an attempt to keep her afloat.

Winnipeg Oct. 10.—Crown Jewels FOR WAR PURPOSES.

A despatch from Paris says: Emperor William of Germany has turned over all the royal gold plate and part of the crown jewels to the Imperial treasury to be converted into funds to aid in the prosecution of the war, according to information reaching here.

"The importance of the three months' offensive is not to be judged by the distance advanced or the number of enemy trench lines taken. It must be looked for in the effect upon the enemy's strength in numbers, material and morale. The enemy has used up his reserves in repeated, costly and unsuccessful counter-attacks without causing our allies or ourselves to relax our steady, methodical pressure. In this action troops from every part of the British Empire and British Islands have been engaged. All behaved with discipline and resolution of veterans. Our aircraft have shown in the highest degree the spirit of the offensive. They have patrolled regularly far behind the enemy's lines and have fought many battles in the air with hostile machines and many with enemy troops on the ground. For every enemy machine that succeeds temporarily while fresh supplies were being brought up to the front, is again in full swing on the entire southern portion of the front. Tremendous efforts are being made by the Russian offensive, which halted temporarily when the drive, however, the defence of Lemberg and along the Volhynia lines, being especially determined.

"It is officially announced that Emperor William has left for the eastern front to visit the troops of Gen. von Linsingen, against whom the principal Russian attack is being directed.

Markets Of The World

Breadstuffs
Toronto, Oct. 10.—Manitoba wheat New, No. 1 Northern, \$1.78½; No. 2 Northern, \$1.75½; No. 3 Northern, \$1.70½; No. 4 wheat, \$1.62½, track Bay ports. Old crop bidding 2c above new crop.

Manitoba oats—No. 2 C.W., 60½c; No. 3 C.W., 60c; extra No. 1 feed, 60c; No. 1 feed, 50c, track Bay ports.

American corn—No. 3 yellow, 98c, track Toronto.

Ontario oats—No. 2 white, 54 to 56c; No. 3 white, 53 to 55c, according to freight outside.

Ontario wheat—New, No. 2 Winter, per car lot, \$1.50 to \$1.55, according to freight outside.

Commercial, \$1.44 to \$1.47; No. 2 commercial, \$1.39 to \$1.42; No. 3 commercial, \$1.31 to \$1.34, according to freight outside.

Peas—No. 2, \$2.25 to \$2.25, according to freight outside.

Barley—Malting, 10 to 92c; feed, 85c to 87c, according to freight outside.

Buckwheat—\$5c, nominal, according to freight outside.

Rye—No. 2, new, \$1.15 to \$1.20, according to freight outside.

Manitoba flour—First patents, in bags, \$3.30; second patents, in bags, \$3.80; (strong bakers), in bags, \$3.60, Toronto.

Oats—40c to 45c, winter, according to sample, \$7.24, in bags, track Toronto.

Milfeed—Car lots, delivered Montreal, real freight, bags included—Bran, per ton, \$29; shorts, per ton, \$31; middlings, per ton, \$32; feed flour, per bag, \$2.35.

Hay—New, per ton, \$10 to \$12; No. 2 per ton, \$9 to \$9.50, track Toronto.

Straw—Car lots, per ton, \$7 to \$8, track Toronto.

Country Produce—Wholesale.

Butter—Fresh dairy, choice, 34 to 35c; inferior, 28 to 30c; creamery, 38 to 40c; solids, 37 to 38c.

Eggs—No. 1 storage, 35 to 36c; storage, selects, 37 to 38c; new-laid, 40 to 42c.

Dressed poultry—Chickens, 24 to 25c; fowl, 18 to 20c; ducks, 18 to 20c; squabs, per dozen, \$4.00 to \$4.50; turkeys, 30 to 35c; geese, \$4.50; turkeys, 17c.

Live poultry—Chickens, 17 to 18c; fowl, 14 to 16c; ducks, 13 to 15c; turkeys, 25 to 26c; geese, 19c; spring, 17c.

Cheese—New, large, 22 to 22½c; twins, 22½ to 23c; triplets, 23 to 23½c.

Honey—Extra fine, 54 to 56c; 1½lb. tins, 13c; 5-lb. tins, 12½c; 10-lb. tins, 11½c; 20-lb. tins, 12c; honey, select, \$2.50 to \$2.75; No. 2, 25c to 28c.

Potatoes—Ontario, \$1.75; British Columbia Rose, per bag, \$1.75; British Columbian whites, per bag, \$1.76; New Brunswick Delawares, per bag, \$1.70 to \$1.80.

Cabbages—British Columbia, per ton, \$40.

Beans—Marrowfat, \$5.50 to \$6; handpicked, \$5.50; prunes, 55c.

Provisions—Wholesale.

Smoked meats—Hams, medium, 25c to 28c; heavy, 22 to 25c; cooked, 35 to 37c; rolls, 20 to 21c; breakfast bacon, 25 to 27c; bacon, plain, 26 to 27c; hamless, 25 to 29c.

Pickled or dry cured meats, 1 cent less than cured.

Cured meats—Long ear bacon, 18 to 18½c per lb; clear bellies, 18 to 18½c.

Lard—Pure lard, 17c to 17½c;豚肉, 17c to 17½c; Compound, 17c to 17½c.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Oct. 10.—Crown American

No. 2 yellow, 97 to 98c.

Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 42½c; No. 3, 61½c; extra No. 1 feed, 61½c; No. 3, 61½c; white, 55c.

Barley—Manitoba Spring wheat, per bushel, \$1.40; do, 89½c; strong bakers', 87½c; winter, 87½c; bran, 87½c; straight, 88½c; rolled, 88½c; do, 88½c.

Winter, per bushel, \$1.40 to \$1.50; bran, 88½c to 89½c; do, 88½c.

Rolled oats—Barrels, \$6.45

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Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat, per bushel, \$1.40; do, 89½c; bran, 87½c; straight, 88½c; rolled, 88½c; do, 88½c.

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calves, good to choice, \$10.50 to \$11.75; spring lambs, choice, \$10.10 to \$10.40; do, medium, \$9.40 to \$9.60; hogs, fed and watered, \$11.40 to \$11.60; do, weighed on cars, \$11.60 to \$11.75; do, f.o.b. \$10.90.

Montreal, Oct. 10.—Choice steers, \$7.25 to \$7.75; good, \$6.60 to \$7; medium, \$6.50 to \$6.60; choice cows, \$6 to \$6.50; good, \$5.80 to \$6; butcher bulls, \$6.50 to \$7; canner bulls, \$4.50 to \$5; Sheep, 60c to 62c; lambs, 8½c to 10c; Calves, milk-fed, 6½c to 7c; grass-fed, 5c to 5½c; Hogs, select, 1½c to 1½c; heavies and lights, 9c.

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