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BRITISH PUSH THEIR LINES FORWARD 300 TO 500 YARDS

Stuff and Regina Trenches Captured From the Germans and Over 1,000 Prisoners Taken.

London, Oct. 22.—General Haig's troops delivered a heavy stroke on the German lines in the direction of Le Sars in Healy Saturday, advancing from 300 to 500 yards, and capturing the Regina and Stuff trenches. The whole of the objective was gained, Sir Douglas Haig reports, and 1,018 prisoners were taken. The British casualties were slight.

"Twice during Sunday—in the morning and in the afternoon—the Germans launched violent attacks against the newly won French positions in the Châlines woods, south of the Somme River, in France. Both attacks were repulsed, the Germans suffering heavy casualties, says Paris. Some of the attackers in the morning offensive gained a foothold in the French first line, but were surrounded and the 150 survivors made prisoner.

The following joint despatch dated Saturday evening has been received from the British war correspondents' headquarters in France:

"The past two days of blue skies and hard cold winds has resulted in a battle area, again permitting activity. The British troops have already taken advantage of the improvement.

"Shortly after noon to-day, following a hurried bombardment an attack was delivered along a front of about 5,000 yards, extending from north of Mouquet Farm in the direction of Le Sars. Our infantry advanced in fine style and the enemy, apparently surprised, put up a comparatively small show of resistance. A trench, which the Germans had seemingly already found untenable, was occupied and various useful positions were secured. Our casualties are said to have been very light.

"Schwabben redoubt has been the scene of something pretty expensive to the enemy. Yesterday morning the Germans delivered a counter-attack against this work, to which they appear to have attached much importance. Our men employed bombs and rifle grenades so vigorously that the foe never reached the parapet, but was beaten back, leaving a great number of dead and wounded in the open.

"In the small hours of the morning a stronger and more determined assault was launched against the same post. On this occasion the enemy gained a footing in the redoubt, but our men fought so fiercely that the enemy was soon routed, leaving one officer and 70 men in our hands.

"A feature of the past few days has been the highly successful counter-battery work of our artillery, direct hits having been made upon a large number of the enemy guns and emplacements. In view of the fact that the Germans admit they are sweeping out their guns on the Somme front more rapidly than they can be replaced, this is eminently satisfactory.

OUR NEW GOVERNOR

He is Popular With the Tenants of His Vast Estate.

Although Canada is losing a royal duke and duchess in consequence of the resignation of King George's distinguished uncle from the position of Governor-General and commander-in-chief, the Dominion is gaining, in the Duke of Devonshire and his consort, a pair who are worthy representatives of two of the greatest and most powerful families in this realm, says a London correspondent.

The history of the house of Cavendish, whose dual head is master of nearly 200,000 acres, goes back to 1381, its founder being that Chief Justice Sir John Cavendish who was headed by Jack Straw's followers.

Even more venerable is the Irish family of Fitzmaurice, to which the Duchess of Devonshire, as a daughter of the present Marquis of Lansdowne, belongs, its history stretching back to Strongbow, of whom the first Earl of Kerry, whose title is now borne by the Duchess of Devonshire's brother, was a grandson.

It is hardly to be said that the Duke of Devonshire looks like shaping into either a statesman or a power in the political world comparable with his late uncle, the third of a great triad of virate of whom the others were the late Lord Salisbury and the late Joseph Chamberlain.

But the new Governor-General's career has been an honorable and useful, if not a distinguished, one, and he is beloved in all parts of his vast estate. He is the ninth holder of the dukedom, and is Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire and Chancellor of Leeds University.

For the last two years he has been a Civil Lord of the Admiralty, and he has had a wide experience of both office and politics. For seventeen years, Victor Cavendish, he represents West Derbyshire, and he has been Treasurer of the Household and financial secretary to the Treasury. He was also chief Unionist whip in the House of Lords.

BAKU, PITTSBURG OF ASIA.

Tartars, Who Own Oil Land, Roll in Jeweled Motor Cars.

I'm afraid that I shall have to tell my great-grandchildren that the Caspian sea is very little to look at, at least from Baku. It has no color, and it smells outrageously of kerosene, says H. G. Dwight.

Baku, however, is something to look at. (Baku is the Russian trans-Caucasian seaport on the Caspian Sea.) It is a kind of Pittsburgh dipped in Asia, and it tickled me beyond measure. Not so long ago it was a wretched fishing village, inhabited chiefly by Persians and Tartars who were too stupid to sell their land to prowling oil prospectors. So those same Persians and Tartars now roll in gold. And they don't know what on earth to do with it. The consequence is that nobody but a millionaire can afford to live in Baku.

But what a fantastic hodgepodge of civilization and barbarism! What times! What customs!

Above all, what motor cars, satin lined, emblazoned, gilded, jewelled, skittering there on the edge of Asia!

It's too good to be true, but I shan't tell you about it. What I want to tell you about is a park the Russians have made there on the shore of their Caspian. They always do those things well, you know. No green thing will grow for miles around Baku, but those Russians have coaxed a few trees to sprout in tubs in that tidy little park, and bands far better than I ever heard in Central Park play you Tschaikevsky and Rinsky-Korsakoff, not to say Wagner and Verdi and Bizet.

CANADA'S FIRST FARMER.

How an Apothecary From France Tilled the Soil.

The first farmer settler in Canada who lived on the produce of the soil was Louis Hébert, an apothecary from Paris, who landed in Quebec in 1617 with his wife and children, and at once started to clear and cultivate the soil on what is now the site of the Cathedral of Quebec, the Seminary and part of the Upper Town. With a spade as his only tool he worked and re-worked the soil until it was ready to receive seed from France, planted apple and rose trees, and at last waving in the breeze the golden grain, the flowers and fruits from his motherland. The third century of the landing of Louis Hébert will be celebrated in Quebec in 1917, and a Citizens' Committee has been formed to erect a monument to the first farmer of the Dominion.

Proved His Point.

The old Scotch professor was trying to impress upon his students the value of observation.

"No," he complained, "ye dinna use ye faculties of observation."

Picking up a pot of chemicals of horrible odor, he stuck his finger into it, and then into his mouth.

"Taste it; gentlemen," he commanded, as he passed the pot from student to student.

After each had licked a finger and had felt a rebellion through his whole soul, the old professor laughed in triumph.

"I told ye so!" he shouted. "Ye dinna use ye faculties of observation! For if ye had observed ye would ha' seen that the finger which I stuck into the pot was the finger which I stuck into my mouth!"

SERB TROOPS NEAR MONASTIR

German Aid Reaches the Retreating Bulgarian Forces.

London, Oct. 22.—The Serbian forces which, having captured by long hard fighting, the flanking mountain positions to the east, pushed down to the plains and across the Cerna River, are now advancing rapidly on Monastir. In the river bend they have reached the suburbs of the town of Baldenti, four miles north of Brod, and but 10 miles from Monastir. German troops are now assisting the Bulgarians in an attempt to check the advance of the Serbians who forced a passage of the Cerna River on the Macedonian front south-east of Monastir and captured several towns.

VIENNA EDITOR SLAYS PREMIER

Count Stuerghk, Prime Minister of Austria, Victim of Assassant's Bullet.

Vienna, Oct. 22.—Count Karl Stuerghk, Premier of Austria, was shot and killed in a restaurant here yesterday by Dr. Friedrich Adler, editor of the Socialist paper Der Kampf. Three bullets were fired at the Premier by Adler, two of which lodged in Count Stuerghk's head, killing him instantly. The assassination of the Austrian Premier, Count Karl Stuerghk, was purely political, and was induced by his refusal to convene Parliament, according to the assistant of Dr. Friedrich Adler, his son, shortly after his arrest.

GERMAN CRUISER TORPEDOED BY BRITISH SUBMARINE.

London, Oct. 22.—A German light cruiser, has been torpedoed by a British submarine. The announcement by the Admiralty reads: "A British submarine just returned from the North Sea reports that she torpedoed a German light cruiser of the Kolberg class early Thursday morning. When last seen the cruiser was steaming slowly in evident difficulties towards German waters."

ITALIANS TAKE POSITION AT POINT OF BAYONET.

London, Oct. 22.—Charging in a blizzard, the Italians have captured a strong Austrian position in the Dolomite Alps at the point of the bayonet. All but eighteen of the garrison were killed: Snow and fog called a halt in the fierce fight for the Tooth of Pansubio, but nearby, in the Roite region, the Italians made progress.

AUSTRIA'S LOSSES TO DATE AGGREGATE 4,400,000

Rome, Oct. 22.—According to a report issued to-day by the Italian general staff, up to date the Austrians have mobilized 7,400,000 men between the ages of 18 and 50. In 26 months Austria's losses in dead and wounded and prisoners totals 4,400,000. Austria's present army according to these official estimates, consists of not more than 3,000,000 officers and men.

TEUTONS RECOGNIZE RUSSIAN READINESS

A wireless despatch from Berne to London quotes the war correspondent of the Vienna Zeit on the eastern front as referring to improvement in the Russian artillery as follows: "It must be recognized that the advantages enjoyed by our armies owing to the Russian shortage of ammunition are disappearing."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON
OCTOBER 29.
Lesson VI.—The Voyage—Acts 27.
1-38. Golden Text.—
Ps. 37. 5.

Verse 13. Their purpose.—To reach Phoenix (verse 12). There is a harbor still called Phoenix, which does not look southwest and northwest. For this, it must be admitted, is the possible rendering there. It is just the back of Lotze, which has usually been identified with Phoenix, and has produced the strained interpretation in the Revised Version (see margin).

14. Down from it.—From Mount Libanus in Crete. Tempestuous.—This is the word from which we get typhoon. The wind that sweeps down from Ida is described as coming "in heavy squalls and eddies." Calliope and Aquilo.—A combination of Eurus, east, and Aquilo—northeast; it came accordingly, from east-northeast. The steerman's term; compare King's late, "Welcome, wild northeaster!"

15. Face the wind.—She would have had to run northward and then southward to make Phoenix, and in such a gale it was impossible to run so near the wind.

16. Under the lee.—So as to get shelter enough for these necessary precautions. Cauda.—Still called Gonia. We were able.—This implies that Luke lent a hand in a job which an unwilling handlubber could tackle. The next verse we have operations that demanded the skill of sailors. Presumably all of them joined in pulling the rope by which she was trailing, and it took some pulling. The work with difficulty is Luke's reminiscence of the effort.

17. Undergirding.—Passing the cables under the keel and fastening them tightly on deck amidstships, to prevent the timbers' starting with the tremendous strain of the mast. This operation, technically known as frapping, is naturally unfamiliar in our time, when shipbuilders have learned how to forestall such dangers. Syrtis.—This was, of course, waterlogged, and it took some pulling. The work with difficulty is Luke's reminiscence of the effort.

21. Without food.—Not absolutely; the word describes "loss of appetite" in the medical literature with which Luke has so much in common. Paul stood forth.—Commentators well compare the splendid ode in which Horace describes the "just man, unshakable," who remains unmoved amid the storms of "restless despair." It does not seem that the despairing men accepted Paul's comfort yet. The turning point apparently comes after verse 29, where, having exhausted all possible action, the men take to prayer; (October 22). It is at least suggested that at that point Paul virtually takes command. They "prayed for the day," which no prayer would hasten, and God instead sent them a man with his wits about him. Have prospered.—Literally, gained. The word has irony in it—it was the "gain" of a minus quantity. Injury.—A word often denoting a criminal assault on the person, a combination of insult and injury.

22. And now.—Emphatic; he recalls his previous neglected counsel, which he had just justified, only to induce them to listen now.

23. An angel.—The pagans whom Paul was addressing the word would simply mean a messenger. The God—Note Paul's delicate consideration for the men's religious susceptibilities. Another day he would plead for his God as the one God; now it is enough to identify him as the God to whom his own life and service were given. The order of the Greek is "of the God whose I am" a messenger. The whole stress is laid on the God; the messenger is nothing.

24. Fear not.—The form of the Greek implies that even Paul's stout spirit was not untouched by the fear of death. He had "spent a night and a day in the deep," and he was not a phlegmatic fool who can despise danger. Must.—The little word that determined all Paul's action: to determine his human destiny. Granted

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WAR OFFICE REQUISITIONS HIDES

Each from Washington says: British War Office requisition on Friday was announced in the American General at London. It reads: The War Office gives notice to take possession of all the ball hides imported into the United Kingdom from Australia, New Zealand and South America, and all the imported ox, cow and bull hides of 45 pounds, dry salted or over, and dry of 18 pounds and over. Hides in process of conversion, leather are excepted from this order.

TWO FRENCH GENERALS WOUNDED ON THE SOMME

Paris, Oct. 22.—Two of the best French generals, Brigadier-General Paul Deville, and General Charles Deville, have been wounded in a battle. Gen. Deville was not regarded as serious, in fact, it is announced that he will continue in command of his brigade in the western front. Gen. Deville, however, is seriously wounded.

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