

# BRITISH CAPTURE STRATEGIC POSITIONS COMMANDING FLANDERS PLAIN

Thousands of Prisoners Taken in Fresh Offensive East and North-East of Ypres—All Objectives Won.

A despatch from London says: The anticipated renewal of Field Marshal Haig's big offensive in Flanders has begun, and all the objectives of the first day have been won and held. Like the preceding attacks, the latest one was timed to the minute. The British forces at the given signal at daylight swarmed from their trenches over ground that had been harrowed by myriads of shells from the great array of artillery, and all along the front of more than eight miles, from south of Tower Hamlets to the north of Langemarck, they made notable new gains of terrain, inflicted heavy casualties on the Germans, while themselves suffering slight losses, and took many prisoners, large numbers of whom gladly surrendered.

The Reuter correspondent at British headquarters in France says:

"To-day is one of the great days in army annals. The victory is being proclaimed as one of the greatest since the Marne."

The attack was delivered with all the wonted dash of previous offensives and swiftly the Britishers took positions that had been marked out for them, some of them to a depth of more than a mile. The main ridge of the heights running north and south to the east of Ypres, which affords a dominating point for the launching of future attacks, is nearly all in their hands.

More than 3,000 German prisoners had been passed behind the lines when the latest official communication concerning the day's fighting was sent, and large numbers of others were being gathered in.

"The fruits of Thursday's victory have been held. No infantry counter-attacks occurred during the night time, demonstrating the German exhaustion, due to the manner in which their big offensive was devastated Thursday morning and our reception of the enemy's eight counter-attacks yesterday.

"Five of these counter-attacks were made against a short front to the north of the Ypres-Menin road, being broken up by artillery. Three were delivered against our new positions near Reutel. Two of these were beaten back, but the third advanced in great strength late in the afternoon bending back our line slightly, necessitating, however, only a trifling modification of the front, which has absolutely no bearing on the general tactical results achieved.

"Within a fortnight we have struck the enemy in Flanders three staggering blows in a very vital spot, bent him back reeling about three miles, mostly uphill.

"We have taken about 9,000 prisoners and inflicted casualties conservatively calculated at 40,000."

## RIGID EMBARGO BY ALL ALLIES

Sending of Supplies to European Neutrals Absolutely Prohibited.

A despatch from Washington says: Great Britain's embargo on the export of all supplies to the northern European neutral countries, just announced, was declared after every phase of its possible effect was gone over in conferences between American and allied statesmen.

American officials initiated the discussions, and insisted that the British step be taken to make sure that there be no nullification of the purposes of the United States Government had in view in putting into operation its own embargo.

The step indicated that the allies have united in a decision that the neutrals must cut off the shipment of all supplies to Germany. American officials and some of the allies here have hesitated as to just how far to go in demanding cessation of trade between the neutrals and Germany. At one time it appeared they would ask no more than that neither allied goods nor materials supplanted by allied commodities be sold in Germany by the neutrals.

## BOMBING OF GERMAN TOWNS

French Drop Projectiles on Baden—Italians Attack Austrian Naval Base.

A despatch from London says: While British and French airmen continue their bombing operations against Germany's submarine base at Zeebrugge and points of military importance behind the lines, the French aviators are keeping up their attacks on German towns and cities, in reprisal for shelling by German aircraft of the open town of Bar-le-Duc. More than 15,000 pounds of explosives are reported to have been dropped on numerous German settlements, among them the famous town of Baden, famed as a health resort.

Likewise the Italians are giving the Austrians little respite from aerial incursions, again having dropped four tons of projectiles on military objectives at Pola, the great Austrian naval base on the Adriatic, and bombed other points of military advantage.

## U. S. TO REFUSE COAL TO NEUTRAL SHIPS

A despatch from Washington says: A final move to prevent supplies from reaching Germany from the outside world was taken on Thursday by the American Government, in deciding to refuse coal to neutral ships carrying supplies from South America to the northern European neutral countries, unless their cargoes are inspected in American ports.

When making bread always warm the basins and flour. The bread will be much lighter.

## PROGRESS OF U.S. SHIPBUILDING

Ten Months Gained in Building of Destroyers—Ready Early in 1918.

A despatch from Washington says: Such remarkable progress has been made in the quick building of the immense flotilla of America destroyers to cope with the submarine campaign that the Navy Department now is assured of much quicker delivery of the ships than was contemplated at the last estimate, which in itself was far ahead of the original time. Progress on the ships now building and arrangements for others to follow, it is said at the Navy Department, are such that the American navy will lead the world with its destroyers within eighteen months.

It is now certain that all destroyers now building will be delivered ready for duty in European waters early next year. Many of them had not been expected until the winter of 1918. Approximately, ten months had been saved.

## ARGENTINA HANDS PASSPORTS TO LUXBURG

A despatch from Buenos Ayres says: Announcement was made by the Argentina Foreign Office on Friday that Count Karl von Luxburg, former German Minister to Argentina, who recently was given his passports, will depart from the country within a day or two. He left Buenos Ayres on Friday in an automobile for a visit to the ranch of a friend.

As Chile has notified Argentina that von Luxburg is persona non grata to Chile he will go to Paraguay, where he is the accredited German Minister, and in which country alone in South America he can seek asylum.

## BRITISH TROOPS CHASING GERMANS IN EAST AFRICA.

A despatch from London says: The following communication concerning the operations in Africa was issued on Friday night:

"In the Bemjuru valley (East Africa) the enemy is retreating toward Nanganu, 85 miles south-west of Liwale. We are following him up. In the western area our column moving eastward from the Ruhudje River has reached a point within 13 miles of the road leading south from Mahenge toward Opondas."

## AUSTRALIAN FORCES AGGREGATE 306,000 MEN

A despatch from London says: It is announced that the total enlistments of the Australian forces now aggregate 306,000 men.

## Russ Success Against Hun.

A despatch from Petrograd says: Heavy fighting occurred on Thursday on the Rumanian front, the War Office reports. Near Radautz an attack was checked by the Russian artillery. In the Buzeu region Bulgarians made an advance but later were driven back. On the Caucasian front the Russians captured a bridge near Oromaru.

## Markets of the World

**Breadstuffs**  
Toronto, Oct. 9.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$2.23; No. 2, do., \$2.20; No. 3, do., \$2.17, in store Fort William, including 2c tax.  
Manitoba oats—No. 2 C.W., 68c, in store Fort William.  
American corn—No. 3 yellow, nominal.  
Ontario oats—No. 2 white, 62c, nominal; No. 3, do., 61c, nominal, according to freights outside.  
Ontario wheat—New, No. 2 Winter, \$2.22 basis, in store, Montreal.  
Peas—No. 2, nominal.  
Barley—Maltng, new, \$1.18 to \$1.20, according to freights outside.  
Rye—No. 2, \$1.75, according to freights outside.  
Manitoba flour—First patents, in jute bags, \$11.50; 2nd, do., \$11.00; strong bakers, do., \$10.60, Toronto.  
Ontario flour—Winter according to sample, \$9.80, in bags, Montreal; \$9.60, Toronto, prompt shipment.  
Milleded—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 to \$13; mixed, do., \$9 to \$11, track Toronto.  
Straw—Car lots, per ton, \$7 to \$7.50, track Toronto.

**Country Produce—Wholesale**  
Butter—Creamery solids, per lb., 41c to 42c; prints, per lb., 42 to 42c; dairy per lb., 35 to 36c.  
Eggs—Per doz., 39c.  
Wholesalers are selling to the retail trade at the following prices:  
Cheese—New, large, 23 to 23c; twins, 23 to 23c; triplets, 23 to 24c; old, large, 30c; twins, 30c; triplets, 30c.  
Butter—Fresh dairy, choice, 40 to 41c; creamery prints, 44 to 45c; solids, 43 to 43c.  
Eggs—New laid, in cartons, 51 to 52c; 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.  
Live poultry—Turkeys, 22c; Spring chickens, lb., 22c; hens, 20 to 22c; ducks, Spring, 20c.  
Honey—Comb—Extra fine, 16 oz., \$3.25; 12 oz., \$2.75; No. 2, \$2.40 to \$2.50; strained, tins, 2 1/2 and 5 1/2, 18c per lb.; 10's, 17 to 17c; 60's, 16 1/2 to 17c.  
Beans—No Canadian beans on market until last of October; imported, hand-picked, \$7.75 per bush; Limas, per lb., 15 to 16c.  
Potatoes, on track—Ontario, bag, \$1.35 to \$1.45.

**Provisions—Wholesale**  
Smoked meats—Hams, medium, 30 to 31c; do., heavy, 26 to 27c; cooked, 41 to 42c; rolls, 27 to 28c; breakfast bacon, 30 to 40c; backs, plain, 39 to 40c; boneless, 43 to 44c.  
Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 27 1/2 to 28c lb.; clear bellies, 26 1/2 to 27c.  
Lard—Pure lard, tierces, 26 1/2 to 27c; tubs, 26 1/2 to 27c; pails, 27 to 27 1/2c; compound, tierces, 21 1/2 to 22c; tubs, 21 1/2 to 22c; pails, 22 to 22 1/2c.

**Montreal Markets**  
Montreal, Oct. 9.—Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 77c; No. 3, 76c; extra No. 1 feed, 76c; No. 2 local white, 72c; No. 3 local white, 71c. Barley—Manitoba feed, \$1.29; maltng, \$1.31 to \$1.32. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$11.60; seconds, \$11.10; strong bakers, \$10.90; Winter patents, choice, \$12.00; straight rollers, \$11.50 to \$11.80; do., bags, \$5.60 to \$5.75. Rolled oats—No. 1, \$8.30; do., bags, 90 lbs., \$4.00. Bran, \$35.00. Shorts, \$40.00. Middlings, \$48.00 to \$50.00. Moullie, \$55.00 to \$60.00. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$11.50 to \$12.00. Cheese—Finest Westerns, 21c; finest Easterns, 21c. Butter—Choice creamery, 45 to 45c; seconds, 44c. Eggs—Fresh, 53 to 54c; selected, 47 to 48c; No. 1 stock, 43 to 44c; No. 2 stock, 40 to 41c. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, \$1.60.

**Winnipeg Grain**  
Winnipeg, Oct. 9.—Cash prices:—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$2.21; No. 2, do., \$2.18; No. 3, do., \$2.15; No. 4, \$1.94; No. 5, \$1.85; feed, \$1.73. Oats—No. 2 C.W., 68c; No. 3, do., 65c; extra No. 1 feed, 63c; No. 1 feed, 64c; No. 2, do., 63c. Barley—No. 3 C.W., \$1.22; No. 4, do., \$1.18; rejected and feed, \$1.11. Flax—No. 1 N-W.C., \$3.10; No. 2 C.W., \$3.04; No. 3, do., \$2.93.

**United States Markets**  
Minneapolis, Oct. 9.—Corn—No. 3 yellow, \$1.91 to \$1.92. Oats—No. 3 white, 58 1/2 to 60c. Flour—Fancy patents, \$11. Bran—\$30 to \$31.  
Duluth, Oct. 9.—Linseed—\$3.21 1/2.

October, \$3.21 asked; November, \$3.21 1/2 asked; December, \$3.16 1/2 bid.

**Live Stock Markets**  
Toronto, Oct. 9.—Extra choice heavy steers, \$11.75 to \$12.50; do., good heavy, \$11 to \$11.50; butchers' cattle, choice, \$10.10 to \$10.60; do., good, \$9.50 to \$9.85; do., medium, \$8.50 to \$8.75; do., common, \$6.75 to \$7.40; 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 \$5; butchers' cows, choice, \$8.25 to \$8.75; do., good, \$7.50 to \$7.75; do., medium, \$6.60 to \$6.75; stockers, \$7.50 to \$8.75; feeders, \$8.50 to \$9.25; canners and cutters, \$5 to \$5.50; milkers, good to choice, \$90 to \$125; do., com and med., \$75 to \$85; Springers, \$90 to \$125; light ewes, \$8.50 to \$11.50; sheep heavy, \$5.75 to \$7.50; yearlings, \$11 to \$12; calves, good to choice, \$15 to \$15.50; Spring lambs, \$16 to \$17; hogs, fed and watered, \$18.75; do., weighed off cars, \$19; do., f.o.b., \$17.75.  
Montreal, Oct. 9.—Choice steers, \$10.25 to \$10.50; good, \$9.75 to \$10; lower grades, \$8 to \$9; butchers' cows, \$8.50 to \$8.25; bulls, \$7 to \$8.50; canners' bulls, \$6.40 to \$6.50; canners, cows, \$5 to \$5.25; Ontario lambs, \$14.50 to \$14.75; Quebec lambs, \$13.50 to \$14; sheep, \$8 to \$9.50; milk-fed calves, \$10 to \$14; selected hogs, \$18.25 to \$18.75.

## RUSSIAN FUEL GROWING SCARCE

All Street Car Traffic Has Been Cut One Hour a Day.

A despatch from Washington says: Strenuous efforts are being made in Russia to conserve all fuel resources. Petrograd, according to a despatch from W. C. Huntington, United States Commercial Attache at the Russian Capital, is being brought under strict fuel regulation. All street car traffic has been cut one hour a day. A further regulation compels the railroad companies to observe a rate of speed that saves coal. The decreased speed rule is credited with surprising results. It is reported that it saves eighteen per cent. of fuel, that thirty per cent. fewer cars are laid up, and a decrease in daily expenditures of 3,000 roubles is secured.

## SOUKHOMLINOFF SENT TO ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL

A despatch from Petrograd says:—The Provisional Government has decided to permit Gen. Soukhomlinoff, the former Minister of War, who was convicted of treason last week, to serve his term in the St. Peter and St. Paul prison instead of in Siberia. The general's wife pleaded that if he were sent to Siberia an attempt might be made to murder him.

## NEW GOVERNOR NAMED FOR NEWFOUNDLAND.

A despatch from St. John's Nfld., says: The appointment of Sir Charles Harris to be Governor of Newfoundland is officially announced. He will succeed Sir Walter Davidson.

## HOUSES IN TOKIO WRECKED BY TYPHOON.

A despatch from London says: A Shanghai despatch says that as a result of a typhoon which swept over Tokio on Monday, 100,000 are homeless, and that 138 are dead and 217 missing.

## LIMIT SET TO MILLERS' PROFITS

Results of Conference Between Millmen and Food Controller.

A despatch from Ottawa says: After November 1 the net profits of Canadian millers will be limited to a maximum average of 25 cents on the milling of sufficient wheat to make a barrel of flour of 196 pounds and the offals produced in connection with such milling.

Hon. W. J. Hanna, Food Controller, made this announcement on Friday night, as the outcome of several conferences with representatives of all branches of the milling trade. Every mill with a capacity of 100 barrels of flour or more per day must take out a license from the Food Controller. The licensing will be optional with the mills with a capacity between 50 and 100 barrels per day. Every licensed establishment must submit each month a detailed sworn statement of costs of manufacture and profits on sales. Failure to comply with any of the regulations may result in suspension or cancellation of license.

Mr. Hanna also stated that he would select and approve three standard grades of flour and that all licensed mills would be required to manufacture and sell one or more of these standard grades. One will be a flour made from Manitoba Spring wheat; the second will be a blended flour, from a mixture of Manitoba Spring wheat and Ontario Winter wheat; while the third will be made entirely from Winter wheat. The standard grades will be of first-class quality, suited to all purposes, and will represent a higher percentage extraction than the white flour now in general use in Canada. For their maximum cash prices will be set from time to time. Such prices will be f.o.b. cars on track at point of delivery or the equivalent at point of origin.

## GERMAN ASSAULT REPULSED BY HAIG

Enemy Attack in Polygon Wood Region Proves Futile.

A despatch from London says:—An attack by the Germans Wednesday morning between Tower Hamlets and Polygon Wood, following a vigorous artillery fire, was repulsed either by barrage or by British infantry, according to the report from Field Marshal Haig. All the British positions remained intact. The text of the statement reads:

"Shortly before dawn the enemy heavily bombarded our positions between Tower Hamlets and Polygon Wood; afterwards his infantry attempted to advance. Our artillery opened vigorously, and on the greater part of the front the assault broke down before reaching our lines.

"In the area immediately north of the Menin Road, where a few of the enemy succeeded in passing through the barrage, they were completely repulsed by our infantry. Our positions are intact.

"There has been great artillery activity on both sides during the day east of Ypres."

## CAUGHT IN BRITISH BARRAGE WHILE PREPARING TO ATTACK

A despatch from British Headquarters in France, says:—There was an unusual feature in the battle near Zonnebeke. Three German divisions had been ordered to retake the line the British captured here last week. The attack was set for six o'clock. The Germans were caught in the British barrage as they were preparing to push forward, and lost grievously. Once before, in August, around Lens, the British and Germans planned an attack at the same hour, and Canadian troops going over the top and advancing quickly, came upon masses of Germans moving toward them in the thick haze, and a few minutes later the Germans were making their last stand on the parapet of their trenches.

## EX-KING OF GREECE GIVES TO JEWISH FUND.

A despatch from Zurich, Switzerland, says: Former King Constantine of Greece issued from his retirement to announce a gift of 1,000 francs to the Jewish refugees from the Salonika fire.

## Germans Shouted and Bolted.

A despatch from London says: Reuter's correspondent telegraphing from British headquarters in France says:

Among the haul of prisoners from Thursday's engagement is a larger proportion of mere boys than in any previous battle of the war.

One regiment from the Russian front caused a panic by shouting: "The English are on us," and bolting.



Remarkable Photo Shows Bombing of German Munition Depot

THIS remarkable photo was taken inside the German lines from the aeroplane of the aviator who made a raid on a great Boche ammunition depot. The daring aviator starting out on the apparently reckless adventure of getting by the German lines and successfully bombing the Teuton stores of munitions, flew to a point above the depot and dropped quantities of incendiary bombs while the Germans kept firing a terrific fusillade at him. Despite that danger he kept at his task and earned his reward when he saw the munition store house burst into flames. The smoke from the burning depot can be seen ascending in the photograph. The aviator returned to his own lines safely but his machine was badly damaged.