

CANADIANS PRAISED FOR TAKING REGINA

"Signal and Economical Victory," Says Sir Douglas Haig in Official Report

In a further review of the operations on the British front in France and Belgium, dated last week, Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, the British commander, reports: "Since my last review, Oct. 10, the weather has been mostly unfavorable to extended operations; the heavy rain almost daily has converted the chalk soil of the upland between the Ancre and the Somme into a wilderness of mud. Nevertheless during the past fortnight we advanced our front towards Butte le Warlen-court, near Guedecourt and Les Bouafs."

Haig's Chance Seized

After narrating the capture of the Schwaben redoubt and showing from German sources the importance of this post the report continues: "Early on the 21st we attacked Schwaben redoubt in considerable strength. This attack came as an opportunity for us. We repelled by an attack delivered shortly after noon against the whole length of Regina trench. The attack was completely successful. We took the whole Staff and Regina redoubts, and pushed our advanced posts well to the north-east of Schwaben redoubt, taking nearly 1,100 prisoners."

Praise For Canadians

"The Canadians and the troops of our new army, who conducted the operation, deserve great credit for their signal and most economical victory. During the period under review we carried out many raids on the enemy trenches, from which useful results were obtained. The captures during the fortnight brought the total prisoners taken in the Somme battlefield to 81,132."

WANT NO WAR ELECTION

Borden Cabinet to Ask Parliament to Extend Term

Hon. A. E. Kemp, who announced that he came direct from Cabinet deliberations at Ottawa, reached Toronto about 9:30 o'clock Friday evening, proceeding to Ward One Conservative Association and commented on behalf of the Dominion Government its intention to seek from Parliament a further extension of its term of office, and if it was resisted by the Liberal party, to throw the responsibility for an election in war time upon that party.

Hon. Mr. Kemp gave the Government's reasons as follows: "If constitutional considerations were alone regarded it would have been proper to have held an election in the autumn of 1914 or 1915. The higher consideration of the public interest and decent regard for public opinion were taken into account by the Government and an extension of the Parliamentary term was proposed for reasons which apply with equal if not greater force to such further extension as will make an election unnecessary during the continuance of the war."

RUSS. CAPTURE ENLIGHTS

Czar Resumes Advances into Transylvania With Victories

Despatches on Monday said: Resuming their delayed march southward into Transylvania, the Russians made an advance in the region south of Dorna Water, capturing in the process a series of heights between Mount Lamitelu and Putna from the village of Enolo and southeast of Putna from the Sistro-Germans and consolidating the newly won positions. In the wooded Carpathians, Capul Mount district, the Russians' artillery fire compelled an Austrian battery to abandon its position. It is expected that an advance will shortly be begun here also.

On Monday Falkenhayn's forces seized Laomu heights, southwest of Predeal, and advanced slightly in the neighborhood of Racowitza, in the Alt Valley, where Bucharest reports the continuance of furious fighting. In the Jiu Valley, on the western end of the front where the Roumanians have been pushing forward steadily for two weeks, the Teuton resistance has stiffened.

ADVANCE ON TRIESTE

Italians Make Repeated Gains—Thousands of Prisoners

London reported on Sunday: Italian troops fighting on the Austro-Italian front in the last four days have taken 270 Austro-Hungarian officers and 8,962 men, says the Italian War Department. The Italians gained toward Trieste, and on the coast line are only twelve miles from the city.

A new offensive was opened last Wednesday against the Austrians by the Italian forces who are advancing toward Trieste, the Italian War Office announced. Advances have been secured at some points, and in the first two days 4,731 prisoners were taken.

Winnipeg Man Murdered

Geo. Clements, aged forty-two, a son of the late Geo. Clements, an old-time tailor of Winnipeg, was murdered, it is alleged, on Saturday last in a little shack four miles west of Husavik, near Lake Winnipeg, by Mike Hyrchorak, an Austrian.

Entente Loans to Greeks

A London dispatch says: The Entente powers have loaned the sum of \$500,000 francs to the provisional Government at Saloniki, according to an Athens despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Germans Cede Port Vaux

Fort Vaux, captured on June 7 by the Crown Prince at a cost of 100,000 men, was yielded back to the French, according to Berlin official admissions last week.

To restrict their use to war purposes only, it has been ordered that the letters "O.H.M.S." shall be painted on all military cars used in Canada. General Roques, French Minister of War, has arrived at Saloniki.

PROVINCES CONTROL LANGUAGE TEACHING

Ontario School Issue Decided by Privy Council—Regulations Upheld, But Special Act Disallowed

The Privy Council last week dismissed the appeal of the French-Canadian members of the Board of Trustees of the Ottawa Separate Schools from the decision of the Ontario Appellate Division in favor of Robert Mackell. The appeal of the trustees from the judgment in favor of the city of Ottawa, which upheld the validity of the legislation appointing the Commission to administer the schools, has been declared ultra vires. The first judgment holds, in brief, that the regulation complained of, "Regulation 17," was not ultra vires. The second judgment holds that the act by which the power of the elected trustees were vested in an appointed Commission was ultra vires of the Ontario Legislature. The appeal was heard originally by Lord Chancellor Buckmaster, Lords Haldane, Atkinson, Shaw and Parmoor.

Affects All Canada

Stripped of all legal form and phraseology, the decision means that French is not a language with equal rights as English in Ontario schools, (and by parity in the other Provinces, except Quebec), but that the regulation does not prohibit French being taught, only it must be according to a timetable over which the Province alone has control.

Regulation 17 was issued in 1913 after the famous Dr. Merchant report on conditions in French-English schools to prescribe the rules under which French might be taught in these schools. The judgment says in part: "In the result it is their Lordships' opinion that on the construction of the acts and documents before them the regulations impeached were duly made and approved under the authority of the Department of Education, and became binding according to the terms of those provisions on the appellants and the school under their control. They will advise his Majesty to dismiss the appeal, and the appellants will pay the costs."

Ontario's Position

Under the above judgment the Legislature of Ontario, according to the provisions of the British North America Act, has control over language teaching in all the schools of the Province, Public and Separate, and the Department of Education of the Province is within its rights in so regulating the teaching of French that instruction in French reading, grammar and composition may be taken only by pupils in English-French schools whose parents or guardians direct that they shall do so, and in requiring that such instruction shall not interfere with the adequacy of the instruction in English.

ALLIES' CUSTOMS UNION

Sir George Foster on Results of Paris Conference

A gigantic customs union including nearly one-half of the world's population, was outlined by Sir George Foster in his address before the Toronto Canadian Club Monday upon the "economic conference of the allies at Paris." Sir George represented Canada at the conference. "Premier Hughes and I," he said, "were the only delegates who could not speak and understand French perfectly, and I was not specially proud of my ignorance. If I had my life to live over again, I would certainly master the French language."

Following is Sir George's eloquent summary of the results and probable effects of the Economic Conference: "Something new has come to the world through this war. There has come an aggregation of some of the most powerful nations of the world, which, by blood compact on the field of battle, have accentuated their oneness of purpose. The fundamental thing is this union of widely distributed powers along lines of defence on the field, and along lines of co-operation in economic, industrial and commercial progress. There is the 'bond'—the combination which shall round the world and make it impossible for a man like the Kaiser, or any aggregation of men like the Kaiser, to throw this whole world into a war. And the world has made up its mind that if it is possible to police the robbers of the world they shall be policed."

East African Victory

An official communication dealing with the situation in East Africa made public by the War Office Saturday night said: "Advices from East Africa report the overthrow at dawn October 30 by Brigadier-General Northey's troops to the east of Lupembe of a strong enemy force entrenched west of the Ruhudje River and the capture of eighty-two prisoners, an undamaged field gun, three machine guns and a quantity of material. Fighting continues in this area."

Bank Bandits Got Haul

Holding up at their revolver points a number of the staff who slept on the premises and then gagging and binding them, two masked highway-men blew open the safe of the Merchants Bank of Canada at Okotoks, thirty miles south of Calgary, at 2 o'clock Sunday morning and escaped with the cash contents, amounting to \$7,000. The bandits had cut the telegraph and telephone wires at each end of the town.

Liebknecht Gets no Mercy

Berlin on Monday officially announced that the Imperial Military Tribunal has rejected the appeal of Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the Socialist leader, from the sentence imposed upon him by the court-martial at Berlin. Dr. Liebknecht was sentenced to four years and one month imprisonment for military treason.

Nurses For Canada's West

Princess Henry of Battenberg attended a meeting to consider nursing requirements in Canada's Prairie Provinces, and proposed inviting women to train for maternity work.

Honor Roll —for— Durham and District

- A Adair, John Adair, Robin Allan, Lieut. T. Allen, Johnston Atkinson, Herbert Ayott, Bert B Banks, George Bailey, Michael Bailey, J. Bailey, T. Baker, Chris Basham, A. Baker, Richard Bell, Alex. Blyth, Cecil Bolger, John Borthwick, David Box, Fred Bradley, Thos. Bryon, J. C. Brown, R. Bryon, Percy Bunce, Frank C Catton, Victor Calder, Roy Campbell, W. A. Campbell, G. W. Carey, James Chislett, Charles Clark, Campbell Colville, John Conroy, D. Cove, J. A. Corkill, Joseph Connolly, Arthur Coutts, James Corbett, Fred Cross, Roy Cross, J. H. Crawford, Chas. D Daniel, Percy Darby, Wm. Darling, C. H. Derby, John Davis, J. A. Davis, Percy Davis, Cecil Dewar, A. C. Dodsworth, H. W. Donaldson, Alex. Drum, H. G. Dunbar, Lechlan Dyre, A E Eccles, Roy Edwards, Elmo Edwards, Ivan Elvidge, Vernon Ewen, Robt F Falkingham, Wm. Fluker, Ray Findlay, Alex Findlay, Murray G Gadd, Wm. Glover, E. Goleby, Wm. Grigsby, Frank Grigsby, H. Gray, H. Grant, Brock Gray, Thos. Greenwood, J. W. Grundy, Wm. Grierson, Nathan Gun, Dr. A. Gun, Gordon Gun, Cecil Hay, Alex. Hase, C. C. Hase, C. C. Havens, Ed. Havens, Chas. Hamlet, Joseph Hartford, S. J. Hase, Wm. Hillis, Sam. Hoy, Murray Hopkins, W. J. Hunt, R. Hughes, Jesse I Irwin, Duncan K Kelly, Fred Keith, Robert Knisley, W. H. Kress, George Kress, Lieut. H L Lake, Wilfrid Lake, Wm. Lidlaw, N. A. Launder, W. A. Launder, T. A. Lawrence, John A. Ledingham, John Ledingham, George Legge, C. L. Leeson, Fred Lindsay, E. G. Lindsay, R. G. Lloyd, George Lloyd, J. A. Lucas, J. N M Marshall, C. A. Mountain, Lorne Munroe, Wm. Morton, Wesley Mather, T. L. Matheson, L. Mort, A. Murray, George Mc McAllister, T. W. McAllister, W. W. McAsey, F. M. McComb, Archie McComb, Alex. McConnell, Harold McDonald, John C. McDonald, H. H. McDonald, John McDonald, Thos. McDonald, Norman McDonald, Philip McFarlane, David B. McFadden, J. R. McGirr, Wm. McGirr, E. J. McGirr, Lance McMillan, Frank McMillan, J. H. McKeown, J. J. MacKay, Frank McMillan, N. J. McKinnon, Hector McKechnie, H. C. McMahon, J. McNally, Stanley McNally, Cecil N Ness, George Newell, Lewis Nichol, John C. Nichol, Wilfrid Nichol, C. W. Nicholson, Noel O Oyna, C. H. P Patterson, G. (killed in action.) Petty, Wm Pilgrim, Chas Pinkerton, F. Pinkerton, John R. Pollock, H. Pust, J. A. Pust, Ezra R Ramage, Chas. C. Ramage, James Renwick, Edgar Robb, Robert Ross, Clarence Ross, John Ross, Percy S Saunders, Mack Saunders, Allister Scheuermann, V. Seaman, S. Smith, J. Fred. Smith, Andrew Smith, Andrew Stedman, John Stewart, Thos. Stewart, Corp Standen, S. Styles, Wm. T Torry, Fred Thompson, David Thompson, Walter Thomas, J. E. V Vollett, James Vollett, Harold Vollett, Harry W Warnington, James Warnington, Joseph Wall, James Watson, Ferguson Wallace, Jas. died Aug. 30. Wells, Alex. Weir, J. Weir, John (killed in action.) Whitmore, W. N. White, Alex. White, E. J. Willis, Stanley Willis, B. H. Wolfe, Capt. C. M. Wright, J. Wylie, W. J.

ALLIES AGAIN SHAKE FOE GRIP ON BAPAUME

Haig Sweeps Thousand Yards of Trenches on Heights After Bitter Fighting—Foch's Triumphs

London despatches on Sunday said: The French obtained important success on the Somme front to-day, crushing through the enemy's defences for their greatest advance in days. Simultaneously with their ally's stroke the British struck forward north of the Somme and made progress in the region immediately south of Bapaume. The French successes on the Somme front greatly strengthened their grip on the Transloy region. The French also assailed the powerfully-fortified St. Pierre Vaast Wood from three sides at the same time, and succeeded in seizing three trenches defending the northern part of the wood and sweeping the whole line of the enemy's defences on its southern western rim. This won an advance of half a mile at nearly every point on a four-mile line.

In Stormy Weather

The British official communication dealing with the operations on Sunday on the Somme front says: "We attacked at several points along the front, making some progress and taking a few prisoners. On our extreme right we cleared a pocket of Germans. In the centre we progressed on a front of over a thousand yards, securing the high ground in the neighborhood of the Butte de Warlencourt. The weather continues stormy."

Capture 522 Prisoners

The following official communication was issued Sunday evening: "North of the Somme we made several successful attacks during the course of the day, accomplishing a series of appreciable advances between the region south of Le Transloy, and the district south of the St. Pierre Vaast Wood. Between Lee Bouafs and Sully-Sallisel we pushed our lines several hundred metres in the direction of Le Transloy. East of Sully-Sallisel we captured a trench, and conquered the greater part of the village of Sallisel. South of this village we attacked from three sides at once the St. Pierre Vaast Wood, which is powerfully organized by the enemy, and made an important advance, capturing three trenches which defended the northern horn of the wood, and also taking the whole line of the enemy's positions on the south-western outskirts. The fighting was particularly bitter on that section of the front. German counter-attacks were brilliantly repulsed with the hand grenade and bayonet. In the course of these actions we captured 522 prisoners, of whom fifteen were officers."

Counter-Attacks Failed

Picked German troops struck back on the Somme Monday night in the most desperate counter-attacks launched since September. Onslaughts were made both against the positions captured by the French between Sully-Sallisel and the St. Pierre-Vaast wood, and also against the new British position on the high ground in the neighborhood of Butte de Warlencourt. The Germans temporarily gained some ground in the wood and in the village of Sallisel.

but at daylight the French again attacked, and not only retook the lost ground, but made additional progress in the northern part of the wood and captured additional prisoners—six hundred of whom were taken in the fighting of Sunday and Monday. Sir Douglas Haig admits that the British were compelled to give back to the Germans part of the ground the British won on Sunday.

FRENCH REGAIN VAUX

Fort and Village Straighten Out Verdun Lines

French patrols have penetrated far beyond Fort Vaux into the lines hitherto held by the Germans, but were not able to get in touch with the former defenders. It appears probable that the Germans have retired their Verdun lines considerably to the rear. Sunday afternoon the French occupied the village of Damloup, and later occupied the entire village of Vaux. Military observers point out that the Germans were forced to withdraw from Fort Vaux within eight days after Douaumont fell, whereas the French held Fort Vaux four months after the Germans had captured Douaumont. Signs that the Germans are preparing for a counter-stroke are entirely lacking. These two operations carried out by separate columns with perfect co-ordination represent an advance north and east of nearly two miles. The French lines are now straightened out along the entire front north and northeast of Verdun.

IRISH SEA COLLISION

Nearly Hundred Lives Lost When British Steamer Sinks

The death list as a result of the disaster to the steamers Connemara and Retriever last week is set at ninety-one by Monday's reports. Eighty-two persons lost their lives on the Connemara and nine on the Retriever. The collision occurred at 8.30 o'clock in the evening a mile off the Irish coast. The sole survivor of the Retriever, James Boyle, was in the water half an hour clinging to an overturned boat, which was washed ashore. The disaster was due directly to a storm. The Connemara immediately began to settle, turning over five minutes later. The Retriever was so badly damaged that she sank in a quarter of an hour.

All Officers to Front

A London despatch last week announced: General Steele has been presiding over a board with the purpose of utilizing more fully the surplus senior officers coming over with battalions, which on arrival here are broken up. The result will be that every officer coming from Canada will have at least some service at the front. Many will remain there, and others will return to Canada for instructional duty.

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W IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor
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CORNER CONCERNS.
Ritchie Bros. have completed the brickwork of R. Mead's new house.
Mr. Archie Allan, who has spent the past year on the American side, helping install engines, boats, returned home on Saturday for a few weeks' visit. He reports good wages.
Pastor Hawkins and Ward Queen and Philip Lawrence have passed the parish for the envelope system of raising funds, and had good success.
The well drillers found water. Mr. Fred Noble at a depth of 166 feet, and it is clear and wholesome.
Hallowe'en was celebrated, the juveniles in a mild way. Mr. Alex. Allan raised his dog shed last week, and has about completed.
Mr. and Mrs. John Poole and children of Buffalo, spent a week at our home.
The Green Grove beef-ring has its annual meeting last Thursday night, and although the night had there was sufficient evidence that the ring will again be run to the original 16-shares ring.
Although Mr. Wm. Allan turned from the west a fortnight ago, looking well, having gained 20 pounds, he does not feel so well of late, and has been advised by the doctors to consult a specialist to see if there is anything seriously wrong.
Mr. Wm. Allan, ex-licensed spectator, since being relieved of his duties as such, has been filling the pulpits of the Presbyterial pulpits at Ayton and Midway. He may soon take up his abode at latter place at least the greater part of the week.
Mr. Alf. McCabe has been awarded the contract of carrying mail on our route, and it is a general satisfaction, as he is obliging, courteous and faithful. Our Sunday school entertainment last Wednesday night was possibly the best ever held here, from points of attendance, order, excellence of program. Our school teacher, Miss Ritchie, won much praise for herself for the she took in training the children and decorating the school, a best of all, the confidence of parents that she is a thorough teacher. Rev. Mr. Hawkins occupied the chair and Rev. Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Wm. Allan and Falkingham were the speakers. The former also sang a song which was very much appreciated. The Durham Quartette, which is much in demand, favored us with some excellent numbers. We were forced to respond to an encore each time. A quartette of the Drummer choir also gave fine numbers and had to respond to encores. Leader Wm. Ram keeps good talent in his choir, well trained. He also sang a song and got a hearty encore. Mr. Winnie Blyth, who enjoys the title of "the sweet singer of Vaux," rendered a solo in pleasing style, and got rapturous applause. Little Miss Gertie Lawrence also remains a favorite and continues to maintain her reputation in the home choir also sang in the usual good style. The school's performances were in singing, dialogues, drills and recitations. Rita Irwin was accompanist of the Durham quartette, composed of Messrs. Search, Mistele, McFarlane and Glass. After a treat of can and prize books for the children the meeting was closed with the National Anthem. Proceeds \$20.

A STICKER FOR POP
"Pa,
'Well my son,'
'How can a solid fact leak