

BRITISH PRESS TOWARDS SERRE

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WIDENING OF THE FRONT

MADE POSSIBLE BY THE CAPTURE OF THIEPVAL.

Enemy Trenches Entered West of Serre—The French Capture Part of Sully-Saillille Village North-east of Comblis.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Oct. 17.—British troops extended the Somme offensive north of Ancre Brook last night, and entered the enemy trenches west of Serre, Gen. Haig reported this afternoon.

Since the first day of the offensive when the British drew their lines close to Serre, and then were driven back, there has been no fighting on this front. The Germans, holding a strong position at Thiepval, made it inadvisable for the Allies to extend their operations further north. The capture of Thiepval opened the way for a widening of the front.

French at Sully-Saillille. (Special to the Whig.) Paris, Oct. 17.—French troops conquered a number of houses in the village of Sully-Saillille, north-east of Comblis, last night, it was officially announced to-day, and repulsed severe German counter-attacks. Ninety prisoners were taken.

MONTGOMERY INQUEST ADJOURNED TO FRIDAY

A Delay in Getting the Presence of Witnesses From Madoc.

Hellville, Oct. 17.—The inquest into the death of Joseph Montgomery, suicide, and the alleged slayer of his brother, Walter of Madoc township, has been adjourned until Friday evening. Last evening had been set for the session, but as witnesses could not be secured from Madoc the inquest was enlarged. Crown Attorney Carnew has written Magistrate Cassment at Madoc, before whom Joseph Montgomery was to have come up for preliminary hearing today on the charge of murder, advising him to open the court at the specified hour, and forwarding him the Coroner's certificate of the death of the accused.

STOCK EXCHANGE

The Prices at Which the Goods Are Delivered.

Table with columns for New York Stocks, Open, and Close. Includes items like Atchison, Baltimore & Ohio, etc.

CANADIAN FISHERIES

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CHICAGO GRAIN

Wheat—December, \$1.62; May, \$1.63. Corn—December, 73 1/2c.

NEW YORK COTTON

December, \$18.03; March, \$18.10; May, \$18.19.

PREMIER MAY TOUR ONTARIO

His Visit, if Undertaken, Would Be Entirely Non-political.

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—Sir Robert Borden may undertake a brief tour of Ontario in the near future. No arrangements have been made as much depends whether the Prime Minister's administrative duties in Ottawa in connection with the war, will permit him to make the trip. The visit, if made, will, of course, be non-political.

South Grey Liberals selected W. H. Wright of Owen Sound and Dr. Means of Hanover as Federal and Provincial candidates, respectively.

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ULTIMATUM HANDED TO GREEK GOVERNMENT

By Commander of Anglo-French Fleet—Allies in Charge at Athens.

(Special to the Whig.) Athens, via London (Delayed), Oct. 17.—The Exchange Telegraph correspondent here learns authoritatively that a new note, in the form of an ultimatum of an extremely grave character has been handed to the Greek Government by Vice-Admiral Fournet, commander of the Anglo-French fleet in the Mediterranean. King Constantine has returned to the capital from his residence at Tatoi since the note was presented. French and Italian marines with machine guns have been placed in charge of railway stations, Municipal buildings and other meeting places in Athens and Piræus. The population is quiet and expectant.

KING CONTRIBUTES \$5,000

To British Red Cross Society—Asks For Support.

Toronto, Oct. 17.—The following cablegram from His Majesty King George has just been received by the Provincial British Red Cross Committee. Its commendation of Red Cross work and the practical example set, make a powerful appeal for October 1916: "The work of mercy jointly carried out by the British Red Cross Society and the order of St. John of Jerusalem has evoked among my people the deepest feeling of gratitude and pride. From what I have seen at home and at the front, I fully appreciate the splendid work the Society has accomplished as it is only by a united Empire that victory will be secured, so for the relief of those who suffer in its attainment must we stand equally united. I have great pleasure in giving five thousand pounds as a donation to the fund, upon the resources of which there must be ever increasing demands. (Signed) George, R. I."

SEND PRIESTS TO FRONT; CLOSE CHURCHES

Peterboro, Oct. 17.—Bishop O'Brien, in announcing in St. Peter's Cathedral that five priests of Ontario dioceses were wanted for chaplain service overseas, said that though priests for home parochial work were badly needed, priests would be sent to the front even if some churches would have to be closed.

PROTEST TO HEARST

Against Permits for Moving Pictures on Sunday. (Special to the Whig.) Toronto, Oct. 17.—Premier Hearst to-day promised serious consideration of the arguments of the deputation which appeared before the Government to protest against the Government's issuance of special permits for the use of moving pictures on Sunday for philanthropic purposes. The deputation was a strong one, representative of Roman Catholic as well as all Protestant denominations in Ontario.

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LINDSAY TELEPHONE PLANT DESTROYED

(Special to the Whig.) Lindsay, Oct. 17.—Fire destroyed the plant and central office of the Machine Telephone Company to-day, putting three hundred phones out of commission. Local manager Lee and his family had a narrow escape owing to the rapid progress of the flames.

REVISE ANGLICAN HYMNAL

Would Eliminate "Amen" From Many of the Hymns. St. Louis, Oct. 17.—Revision of the Church hymnal, entailing the elimination of the "Amen" at the conclusion of all hymns save those of direct prayer or praise, was recommended to the annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church yesterday in the report of the Commission on Hymnal. The revised book would contain 559 hymns, instead of 579, as does the book now in use. It is also recommended that in hymns the word "Jesus" be substituted for the old form "Iesu."

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London, Ont., Oct. 17.—The taxation of churches for garbage collection is valid, according to a decision given out by Judge Macbeth, who ruled that the general exemption from taxation enjoyed by churches did not exempt the property from local improvements and similar taxation.

RUSSIANS CHECK ENEMY INVASION

Austro-German Offensive Near the Rumanian Frontier is Stopped.

FIGHTING HAS BROKEN OUT

ALONG THE WHOLE DOBRUDJA FRONT, PETROGRAD REPORTS

Enemy Advances Eastward in Invasion of Northwestern Rumania—The Serbians Repulse Bulgarian Counter-Attacks Southeast of Monastir.

(Special to the Whig.) Petrograd, Oct. 17.—The Austro-German offensive near the Rumanian frontier south of Dorna Vatra, has been checked, it was officially announced to-day. The Russians repulsed several enemy attacks. In Dobrudja fighting has broken out along the whole front. North of Koryntica and near Bolshoye obstinate fighting is going on. Fierce enemy counter-attacks were repulsed yesterday, and throughout the day there was no interruption in the intense bombardment. The Russians captured a machine gun and fifty prisoners in this region.

ENEMY PUSHES EASTWARD

(Special to the Whig.) Bucharest, Oct. 17.—Enemy forces advancing for an invasion of Northwestern Rumania have pushed eastward in the Trotus Valley as far as Agas, it was officially announced to-day. Fighting is proceeding at that point.

SERBS REPULSE BULGARS

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, Oct. 17.—Serbian troops repulsed several Bulgarian counter-attacks in the Cetina river region, southeast of Monastir, it was officially announced to-day.

RUSSIANS DEFEAT TURKS

(Special to the Whig.) Petrograd, Oct. 17.—Heavy Cavalry fighting in Turkish Armenia, in which great losses were inflicted by the Russians, is reported by the War Office.

RUSSIAN ARMY READY TO HELP RUMANIANS

None Too Soon, for Hindenburg Has Gathered a Strong Force.

Lausanne, Switzerland, Oct. 17.—It is now announced that the main Russian army of 300,000 men is ready to take the field against the Bulgars. It is time, for the Germans are developing a powerful offensive. I am told Hindenburg himself is directing operations from a distance. Information verified from several sources shows that since September 1 the Germans have sent 12 divisions against General Brusiloff, in addition to 12 divisions despatched months ago. Of the last twelve divisions nine were used in the defence of Kovel, Vladimir and Volynsk. For the defence of Kovel, Hindenburg concentrated some thirty-one divisions. When Rumania entered the war three German divisions were sent in part to Transylvania, in part to Dobrudja, while Austria sent seven divisions, of which six came from the Russian front, and one from Albania.

NORWAY CURBS U-BOATS

Requires Them to Remain on Surface and Fly Flag. Christiania, Norway, Oct. 17.—King Haaakon has approved an ordinance forbidding submarines of belligerent powers to traverse Norwegian waters except in cases of emergency, when they must remain upon the surface and fly the national flag. Any submarine violating the ordinance will, according to its provisions, be attacked by armed forces. Mercantile submarines are only to be allowed in Norwegian waters in a surface position in full daylight and flying the national colors. The ordinance takes effect on Oct. 20.

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FIGURES IN OTTAWA'S SENSATION



R. B. Bennett, M.P., (left) is made director of national service in Canada, Sir Thomas Tait having resigned because of trouble over his appointment of G. M. Murray (right) as secretary. Mr. Murray is secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

LIZZIE METZNER ASHORE; CREW WAS TAKEN OFF

Kingston Men Had a Thrilling Time in a Gale Off Oswego.

A despatch from Oswego says: "The schooner Lizzie Metzner went ashore off Oswego, early this morning in a sixty-mile gale. Tremendous seas were running in the lake, and the crew, consisting of Capt. Chauncey Daryaw, Samuel Willard, and J. R. Lobb, all of Kingston, Ont., were rescued by coast guards by means of breeches buoy. "Several yachts in Oswego harbor were driven on rocks by the gale. Fearful reports of safety of several other ships on the great lakes."

SERIOUSLY INJURED

Ernest Vavalstine and Miss Isabella Jordan Struck by Engine. Brockville, Oct. 17.—Saturday evening Miss Isabella Jordan, and Ernest Vavalstine, were found lying unconscious alongside of the G.T.R. track at a point a few yards east of the platform at the Union depot. It is thought that they had been struck by a light engine which came in from the east a few minutes before.

STYLE NEW GOVERNOR "HIS EXCELLENCY"

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—Official announcement is made that Canada's new Governor-General, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Chief Justice, is acting as administrator of the Government. Koenig to Make Second Trip. Amsterdam, Oct. 17.—According to the Hamburg Nachrichten, Captain Paul Koenig, of the German submarine Deutschland, replying to a telegram of congratulations to his native town on his voyage to the United States and return, said he was busy with preparations for a second trip across the ocean which would soon begin.

NEEDS IN CANADA

A number of recommendations affecting arrangements in Canada are made. These are, that immediate steps be taken to provide hospitals with a thousand beds each in Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, with a smaller one in Ottawa, that these provide accommodation for a limited number of officers, that for the purpose of assisting in the organization of these hospitals, a number of Canadian medical officers who have had experience at the front be detailed for duty in Canada; that all ranks, before leaving Canada, be examined by an independent medical board, a number of these boards to be established in various parts of Canada, this to be done for the weeding out of unfit; that no medical units be organized in Canada in future for overseas duties; that the officers of the Canadian Army Medical Corps in future be thoroughly trained at well-equipped depots to be established in Canada.

"TIN SICKNESS" ADDS TO HUNTS DISCOMFORT

London, Oct. 17.—"According to travellers from Germany," says the Exchange Telegraph Amsterdam correspondent, "a remarkable disease is spreading in many parts of Germany, especially in Berlin, Hamburg, Munich and Cologne, caused by continual feasting on preserved foods. "The sickness is described as 'tin sickness.' It is considered a serious form of blood poison.

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THE BRITISH GAINS ARE SIGNIFICANT

German Gun Captured With "Green Cross" Shells Turned on Enemy.

British Headquarters in France, Oct. 16.—Perhaps the most striking evidence of the extent of our recent advance is the fact that our line now is over 5,000 yards due north of that last bit of main ridge to the east of Ginchy, to which the enemy for the sake of his last possibility of direct observation was clinging so desperately. There, beyond Guendecourt, we are already practically at the end of the descent on the farther side of the ridge, on the very lowest ground, that is before the new ascent commences.

MEDICAL SERVICE IS DEFECTIVE

Some Defects in Canadian Service Shown By Col. H. A. Bruce.

COMPLETE RE-ORGANIZATION

IN ENGLAND AND CANADA IS RECOMMENDED. First Defect in Canada—Authorities Have Been Ignoring Natural Desire of Canadian Wounded to Go to Own Hospitals.

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—Important recommendations of the re-organization of the Canadian Army Medical Service in England, and to some extent in Canada, are contained, it is understood, in a report submitted by Col. H. A. Bruce, special Inspector-General of Medical Services, to the Minister of Militia.

Col. Bruce, of Toronto, who is one of Canada's leading surgeons, it will be remembered, was appointed by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, to investigate and report upon the work of the Canadian Army Medical Corps in England, including the administration of the various Canadian hospitals. Col. Bruce left Canada with the Minister of Militia in July, and the investigation was conducted during the presence of Sir Sam Hughes in England.

Col. Bruce was assisted by a committee composed of several of the leading medical officers of the Canadian Army Medical Corps in England. The report, which has been submitted to the Minister constitutes, it is said, a serious condemnation of the service in England. As already announced from England, Surgeon-General Carleton-Jones, who has been director-general of Medical Service in England, is returning to Canada.

A complete re-organization of the Canadian Medical Service is recommended with the suggestion that the England and overseas be co-ordinated. Other recommendations are that Canadian casualties be, as far as possible, treated in Canadian hospitals, and that the care of Canadian sick and wounded be the first duty of the Canadian Army Medical Corps, that the Canadian hospitals be concentrated and voluntary hospitals for Canadians be abolished, hospitals now conducted or equipped by the Red Cross being taken over by the Medical Service for administration; that incapacitated Canadian soldiers be returned to Canada as soon as they are fit to travel, for further medical treatment and re-education; that three Canadian hospitals now at Salonika be returned to England immediately if they can be spared by the Imperial authorities.

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Reduce Size of Sunday Paper. Washington, Oct. 17.—Reduction in the size of Sunday newspapers as a means of conserving the newsprint supply of the country and possibly preventing the suspension of smaller newspapers were recommended in a letter sent to-day by the Federal Trade Commission to all the publishers of large Sunday newspapers in the United States.

Make Paper From Hemp Hurd. Washington, Oct. 17.—Specialists of the Department of Agriculture are convinced that a satisfactory quality of book paper can be made from hemp hurds, the waste stalk fragments produced in preparing hemp fibre for the market.

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These words were spoken to-day by General Edouard Castelnau, chief of staff of all the French armies in the field, to the American and British war correspondents. "The great question at issue," continued General Castelnau, "was whether we should be the slaves of the Germans. We shall not be, we will be on the battlefield, but we never shall be their slaves."

General Castelnau had just witnessed a review of the first infantry regiment, which despite over two years of constant campaign, during which it had distinguished itself on many battlefields and to-day had had its regimental flag decorated by General Joffre, appeared on parade as though fresh from the barracks room. Many of the officers and men were personally decorated by the generalissimo, General Joffre, who embraced them.

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