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BATTLE OF HOOGE STILL IN PROGRESS

The Most Tremendous Artillery Combat Known in British Lines is Being Fought in Section held by Canadians who have valiantly held their ground and driven back every German assault, although at heavy cost.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, June 7.—Fighting between Hooge and Hill 60 in which three or four thousand Canadian casualties have occurred is not yet ended.

It has been the most tremendous artillery combat known in the British lines and concentrated on a long narrow front line of sections of about a mile. For three days and nights each side has kept up its bombardment.

The Germans with an amazing audacity and assurance, advanced some of their batteries to a few hundred yards behind our old positions, and they had gun after gun put out of action.

whatever suicidal attempt is made by the enemy. An interesting suggestion has been given your correspondent by a Canadian staff officer that the Germans hoped to get through the German lines, but failing this, at any cost, they intended to inflict such severe losses on the Dominion troops even at the terrific price of German lives that it would be impossible for the Canadians to figure in any strong offensive which might be planned. The battalions are rapidly being filled up.

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, June 7.—British official last night and today there were heavy artillery bombardments on both sides east of Ypres. In the fighting yesterday the enemy succeeded in capturing our front line of trenches running through the ruins of the village of Hooge. The attacks made against the other portions of the line failed.

(Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, Official, June 7.—On the left bank of the Meuse there has been great artillery activity in the region of Hill 304. On the right bank a very violent bombardment continued against our first and second lines from the region of Douaumont to Damoupp. The Germans announced today that Fort Vaux fell into their hands on the evening of June 6, on June 7 at 5.30 in the morning Fort Vaux was still in our hands. Since that hour by reason of the violence of the bombardment it has been possible to effect any communication with the Fort.

THE RUSSIAN STEAM ROLLER NOW MOVING IN EARNEST

In the New Offensive which is being Pushed Over a Front of 250 Miles and which has Moved Steadily Forward the Russians Captured 40,000 Men in the Last 24 Hours, Taking also a Large Number of Guns and Quantities of Munitions.

(Special to the Guardian.)

PETROGRAD, June 7.—In their new offensive movement the Russians have captured 40,000 men, it is announced officially today. The statement says that on the line between Priepet marshes and the Roumanian frontier over which the campaign is being fought the Russians thus far have taken 900 officers 40,000 men, 77 guns, 134 machine guns and 49 bomb throwers.

With the exception of brief official statements regarding the new offensive movement, which are bare of details, almost no information has been received in regard to the new Russian campaign. It is being conducted on a front of more than 250 miles and although it has every indication of being a major operation carefully prepared for, the story of the campaign so far

has been kept from the world. Petrograd correspondents have been permitted to cable only a few words regarding the expected movements and other subsidiary features. They have been allowed to estimate the Austrian forces engaged but not the Russian, placing the former at about 600,000 men.

Lack of information concerning this campaign probably is due to the policy of General Brusilov, Russian commander on this front. It has been reported that one of his first acts on assuming command was to send the newspaper correspondents back to Petrograd. Yesterday's official report said 25,000 men had been taken so that today's report indicates the capture of 15,000 additional men in 24 hours. There have been no indications in regard to the sections of the front on which the principal successes have been won.

ALL CANADIAN OFFICERS TO WEAR MOURNING BAND

And Flags on all Militia Offices in Dominion to be at Half-Mast from 7th to the 14th June.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, June 7.—All officers of the Canadian force will wear mourning and all flags on Militia buildings throughout the Dominion will be at half mast for one week, June 7 to 14 inclusive, in memory of Earl Kitchener. The order to that effect was promulgated to the troops from Militia headquarters this morning, following the

similar order issued yesterday by the King to the troops of Great Britain. The sign of mourning is to be a band of crepe, three inches wide, worn on the left arm, midway between the shoulder and elbow. The band is to be worn on both uniforms and great coats. The order was wired to the various centres and will take effect in all parts of the country before the day closes.

KITCHENER'S SOLDIER'S DEATH STEELS TROOPS FOR CONFLICT

British Officers Wearing Mourning Band in Memory of the Dead Hero by Order of the King.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, June 7.—Roland and Hill cases. England never showed herself to better advantage than under the heavy blows of the past few days. A grim, imperturbable resolution is the burden of every leading article and every speech. The Times editorial exactly expresses public sentiment, when lamenting Earl Kitchener's death, it says: "The man to whom we owe those new armies had nothing left to do in life which could steel them for the conflict so surely as his soldier's death."

Sir William Robertson's firm guidance the work of war goes on as before. Lord Milner is suggested in some circles as the new War Secretary. If a civilian were chosen it would more probably be Mr. Lloyd George, but most likely the choice will be a soldier like Sir William Robertson or General French. The suggestion is made to place behind barbed wire ten to fifteen thousand untrained German subjects, even though they have been naturalized. Earl Kitchener recently said to a friend, "One more year and it will be over" also "if only our people would stick together, if we would only fight the Germans and not one another, we would soon win through."

ROYAL COMMISSION CONCLUDES EVIDENCE

Justice Duff Asserts there was Nothing in the Evidence to Point to Corruption or Personal Dishonesty.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, June 7.—The final argument by Mr. J. N. Helmut, Commission counsel, and Mr. F. B. Carvell, counsel for Mr. G. W. Kite, was delivered before the Meredith-Duff Commission today. Mr. E. P. Johnston, who has changed his mind at the urging of Mr. Helmut as to presenting an argument to the Commission, was then scheduled to go on but, as he explained, he was unprepared. Adjournment was taken till tomorrow when the inquiry will conclude with an argument by Messrs. Ewart, Nesbitt, Laflamme and others. Mr. Helmut, this morning, made only a brief statement in which he outlined the scope of the inquiry and compared the charges made with the facts as brought out in the evidence.

mission. "Very well, I will take other methods of getting it before the public," was the frequent reply of Mr. Kite's counsel. "It is impossible to conceive a more utter failure of anything approaching evidence in regard to impropriety on the part of any one in authority in this matter I can find no evidence, not a tittle of it, to show that General Hughes used the slightest pressure of any kind on the Shell Committee to induce them to award these contracts for corrupt purposes or bring them about at all," said Mr. Helmut, in reviewing the testimony taken before the inquiry. He pointed out that the whole point of the words of Messrs. Kite and Carvell in Parliament had been that there was a corrupt connection between the Shell Committee and the Minister of Militia in regard to the fuse contracts and that this had not been sustained by one tittle of testimony.

A highly significant statement was made by Mr. Justice Duff during Mr. Helmut's argument, stating that the evidence proved to be a direct and striking contradiction of the purport of Mr. Carvell's whole argument which followed. "I quite concur, however, in what you say, that there is nothing in the evidence to point to any corruption or personal dishonesty," he told Mr. Helmut. This pronouncement of the Commissioner was received with great interest by counsel and was possibly the most important feature of the morning evidence. Despite Justice Duff's expression of opinion, however, Mr. Carvell who followed, imputed most of the crimes in the calendar, including both of those mentioned by the Commissioner, to practically everybody connected with the fuse contracts, Messrs. Bassick, Cadwell, and Youk were men who had "banded themselves together in a nefarious contract to steal from the people of the Empire." Such a deal had been "pulled off." It was he who, by the approval of General Sir Sam Hughes, "This statement was immediately objected to by Mr. Justice Duff and Mr. Carvell had to modify it. As for the Shell Committee, Mr. Carvell said that in placing the fuse contracts in the United States it had been guilty of "a bastardly attempt to strike a deadly blow at Canadian manufacturers." And finally as regards Mr. Kite, his client, the Liberal counsel stated that "the people of Canada would rise up in this generation and call him blessed."

HONOURING THE MEN OF THE 105TH REGIMENT

It is gratifying to know that the citizens and the authorities are entering with spirit into the good-by meeting to be held on Victoria Park this afternoon. His Honour the Lieutenant Governor attended by his staff will arrive on the grounds at 3.15 and be received with a general salute. After inspecting the lines, he will proceed to the saluting base when the regiment will march past. At the close of this part of the ceremony an extensive musical programme will be given consisting of patriotic songs and choruses, and selections from the Band. Five minute addresses will be delivered by the Lieut. Governor and others. If the weather proves unfavourable the celebration will be held tomorrow, Friday.

SECOND MEETING OF N.B. & P.E.I. CONFERENCE

(Special by Phone.) SUMMERSIDE, June 7.—The Ministerial session of the N. B. and P. E. I. Methodist Conference, opened in the Methodist Church, Summerside at 9 a. m. this morning with devotional exercises, the President, Mr. Richard Opie in the chair. The Roll Call of Ministers was responded to by 60 ministers. Rev. Neil McLaughlin of Bermuda was transferred from the Nova Scotia to the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference. Robert E. J. Bond, of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference was transferred to the Newfoundland Conference. Rev. Jacob Heaney, who has been on the Supernumerary list has returned to the Conference and goes to Cornwall. A resolution of appreciation of the Rev. A. E. LePage of Woodstock, N. B. on the Supernumerary list, and who has been in the ministry for fifty one years was adopted. The Conference received into full connection five probationers, the ordination of whom will take place on Sunday. They are as follows: Robert Smart, St. John District; William Godfrey, Chatham District; George Stanley Helps, Sackville District; Walter J. Donville and Geo. T. Methersall, Summerside District. The Committee on Conference Relations presented their report which was laid on the table for future consideration. John Whitlaw, Earl E. Fyche, J. Harold McLennan, George A. Elliott, Walter J. McIntyre, and John L. Lund, probationers were recommended to be continued as such. The following were received as candidates for the ministry: Nathan S. Linton, St. John; Alfred C. Motyer, Bathurst; Bruce E. Crewe, Granville. Rev. Dr. Harrison read the pastoral address which was ordered to be presented and read from all pulpits in the Conference. Rev. Professor Watson, Mount Allison, and Rev. Dr. Aguires, Sackville, were appointed to prepare a pastoral letter to the next Conference. The Evening Session was held in conjunction with the regular weekly prayer meeting, Rev. Samuel Howard, Woodstock, preaching the sermon. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at this service. Today the first session of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference will open at 9 o'clock. A large number of laymen arrived last night from different parts of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island to attend this session.

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Sir R. L. Borden May Go To England

(From our own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, June 6.—Canada will be represented at the economic conference of the Allies by Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, who left New York ten days ago and is now due in England. The conference will be held about middle of June in Paris. Early in May the Imperial government transmitted to Sir Robert Borden an invitation to be present at this important gathering, but the Prime Minister was prevented from accepting by the action of the opposition in prolonging the session. It is still regarded as probable that Sir Robert may visit Great Britain, and possibly France, this summer but not until late in the season.

KITCHENER SUCCESSOR HAS BRILLIANT CAREER

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, June 6.—With the disappearance of Lord Kitchener, General Sir William Robertson stands out as the most famous and efficient soldier Great Britain has with the likelihood that he will become Secretary of State for War in succession to his great chief. From servant to head of the thinking machine of the British Army in the greatest war in history, this is the record of General Sir William Robertson, who a few months ago was appointed chief of the General Staff at the War Office in London and virtual commander in chief of the British Armies. Since his appointment, he has taken over several of the duties formerly performed by Lord Kitchener, leaving time to the work more properly belonging to the province of the civilian Minister of War, for that is the post which Lord Kitchener, although the greatest soldier of his day, had occupied for some time before his untimely end. Robertson's rise to the very highest position in the British Army is unique—use the word that is often abused in its most accurate sense. There is no case on record of a ranker attaining the highest command in the British Army, and only one other case in which a ranker even came within measurable distance of it. The only other case at all comparable with Robertson's is that of General Sir Hector Macdonald, that great soldier who literally fought his way up from the ranks to a Generalship and who was admittedly one of the most brilliant soldiers of his time. Robertson is a genuine ranker, of

ROOSEVELT LOUDLY CHEERED AT CONVENTION

(Special to the Guardian.) CHICAGO, June 7.—At the Republican convention which opened here today in his introductory speech, temporary chairman Robbins introduced the name of Theodore Roosevelt. All the delegates and spectators jumped to their feet wildly cheering and waving flags. At 1.30 p. m. the Roosevelt demonstration had lasted twenty-six minutes and showed signs of continuing indefinitely. Every relaxation was met by renewed activity on the part of the cheer leaders. The characterization of Mr. Roosevelt as the leading citizen of the world was the phrase that won the crowd. "We want Teddy," always was the resultant battle cry. The demonstration in all lasted 34 minutes and it is agreed that the convention officers could not long have restrained the delegates from voicing their demand for Roosevelt.

ISLANDER IN CASUALTY LIST

The Regina Evening Province says:—The Steele, who was for eighteen months on the Regina police force, is reported killed in action. His name appeared in the casualty list a couple of days ago, but since his home is in Prince Edward Island, he was not recognized as a Regina man. A chum, Constable Daley of the police, who had his regimental number, was the first man here to find that Steele of the police force had paid the price with his life. Among the boys on the force he was liked and by his superiors he was respected as a man who attended to his duty. He enlisted only last fall with the 79th Cameron Highlanders, and went into the trenches instead of a friend who was taken sick after being drafted for line duty. Before coming to Regina he was a motorman on the street-railway in Winnipeg.

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