

OPERATIONS ON BELGIAN COAST WERE THRILLING

Shell Explosions Along Water's Edge So Intense That Thousands of Fish Were Killed.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The operations on the Belgian coast are described in a thrilling narrative issued by the admiralty. There has come a rumor from up the coast that the Germans had removed the heavy batteries with which the coast was armed, but in the afternoon when a reconnaissance was made to the head of Westdepe, miles after mile of big guns awoke and blazed at the slowly crawling screen of smoke in which the ships had massed themselves.

Shells of all calibers, from six to eleven inch, roared out from coast and plunged into or burst upon the sea and spat leaping fountains of water. Only one burst was near enough a ship to drop fragments aboard her and between the spouts the smoke-making motor launches, each dragging a swelling tail of vapor behind it, moved unhurried, the men leaning from the rails with landing net, scooping up fish killed by the explosions.

In the evening it was the turn of the coastal motor boats, the smallest of all. Their function was to pay a visit to Zeebrugge where the old cross channel boat Brussels was reported lying and sing her where she lay. The boats, working up to speed, swung around in an arc that had a point of the mole with a lighthouse and searchlight for its center and drove in toward the beach at Heyst, just east of Zeebrugge.

At 700 yards the bulk of the Brussels was visible, clear enough against the mole in the moonlight, with its two funnels standing against a big store shed. The airplanes had ceased flare dropping and were bombarding, and to this accompaniment the first torpedoes were fired. The second torpedoes were then let go at 400 yards and the boats, bearing away seaward, heard and saw the bursts of three of them.

Independent observation by an officer in the leading boat and by a torpedo specialist in the last boat agree that one torpedo hit the target close to the stern. No boat was hit and there were no casualties.

CONGRESS WILL CLEAR DECKS THIS WEEK FOR TWO WEEKS' RECESS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Congress this week will clean up urgent legislation in preparation for a two weeks' recess over the November elections. The most important matter is the six billion dollar deficiency bill passed last week by the house and now before the senate appropriations committee.

While the senate is disposing of this measure the house will mark time by a series of three-day recesses until Oct. 29, the date set for adjournment over the elections. The senate appropriations committee plans to report the army bill by Wednesday and leaders expect the measure to be passed before the end of the week.

The senate finance committee tomorrow will resume revision of the war revenue bill with a view to reporting it before adjournment so that consideration by the senate can begin immediately after congress reconvenes on Nov. 12, the date set for adjournment over the elections.

The emergency agricultural appropriation bill to which is attached an amendment providing for national war-time prohibition after next July is still incomplete, owing to disagreements between the house and senate conferees to the rent proffering amendment, and it is generally understood this matter will go over until after the election.

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SIR CHARLES ELIOT. Sir Charles Eliot, who has been appointed British high commissioner for Siberia. Sir Charles will leave shortly for Siberia to take up his duties there.

ESTABLISH DISTRICTS TO RECRUIT STAFF OFFICERS FOR ARMY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Applications for commissions of staff corps and departments of the army need no longer come or write to Washington to have their applications acted upon. Gen. March, chief of staff, announced today that the procurement of officers for all branches of the army had been centralized in the personnel branch of the general staff and that district headquarters have been established in 13 principal cities to which applications can be made. Separate recruiting endeavors of individual staff corps are discontinued.

The district headquarters were announced as follows: New York city, 13 W. 44th st.; Boston, room 230, 84 State st.; Philadelphia, 117 Commercial Trust building; Atlanta, Ga., 78 S. Pryor st.; Chicago, Consumers building; Cleveland, 37 Wade building; St. Paul, Minn., 10 1-2 Pioneer building; Dallas, Texas, 420 Interurban building; Kansas City, New England National Bank building; Portland, Ore., Corbett building; San Francisco, 1029 Mills building; Los Angeles, 201 W. 7th st.; Washington, D. C., War Service exchange, State, War and Navy building.

MEXICO CITY ALONE TAKES MORE THAN THE REPUBLIC'S LOAN QUOTA

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 21.—With a quota for the entire republic of \$1,000,000 Mexico up to early Sunday night had subscribed \$2,280,000 to the fourth American Liberty loan. Mexico City alone subscribed more than the quota of the entire republic. Of the total \$130,000 was subscribed in the border states and will be credited to American banks in border towns. Subscriptions were still being received tonight.

MAN HUNTING EASY DURING WAR TIMES

CLEVELAND, Oct. 21.—It's getting harder every day for an honest crook to get by. Police here are not satisfied to hunt crooks in the regular way, but are going out of their line to look them up, according to the complaints of the underworld. It isn't enough to make them give up their easy life earned at the expense of the city, to register and go to war, but now the local police are going to get a lot more of them by means of registration cards for the draft.

Many of the robbers and other criminals have escaped detection through a series of aliases, but with their registration under the 18-45 call they had to make known their right names, and police assert that it will be "easy picking" now to gather in a number of men who have been wanted for some time.

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YANK TROOPERS ENJOYING LIFE

Convalescents Live Where the Royalty of France Once Spent Leisure Time.

HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN TROOPS WITH BRITISH FORCES IN FRANCE, Oct. 21.—Some of the "new" army men who have fallen ill or met with accident in France are convalescing in bracing air that cost seaside visitors from \$5 to \$20 per day each before the war. They are living in a place that was once the favorite resort of royalty where a new mixed Anglo-American hospital town of 2,000 beds has sprung up on a high and dry promontory facing the sea and overlooking a handsome bay, a popular bathing beach and a little port into which picturesque fishing smacks bring mackerel every day to be sold out at auction on the quay.

William Shortrose, son of William the Conqueror, brought the port into history by using it for the embarkation of the forces with which he tried in vain to wrest the throne of England from his brother William Rufus. It would gratify all the home friends of these American boys to see how they are being cared for, and how they begin to thrive as soon as their passing ills are conquered. The American part of this hospital was originally a Philadelphia enterprise with Philadelphia surgeons and Philadelphia nurses, many of whom are still there. The British predominate largely among the patients. The small proportion of American cases are mostly ills such as mumps, measles with a few cases of diphtheria, principally contagious diseases contracted coming over. There are some that prove that a young man who has been engaged in professional or clerical work, unaccustomed to heavy work or long physical strain, may not through simple training become able to carry a load of 60 to 70 pounds on his back over distances that troops are obliged to cover. They have developed hernia under the strain.

The number of these cases of rupture is not sufficient to cause alarm but it is enough to emphasize the necessity of careful selection of young men who are not hardened to toil before they are incorporated in the army. The hospitalized men are so few in proportion to the size of the units from which they come, and the surroundings and care they are given are of such a character reassuring to the folks at home.

REPUBLIC INCREASES SERVICE FACILITIES THROUGH NEW DEPOTS

A series of five centrally located distributing parts' depots is now being established by the service department of the Republic Motor Truck Co., Inc., Alma, Mich. These supply depots, located at the five most accessible points in the United States, will function exactly as if they were an integral part of the great factories at Alma.

It is expected that the establishment of these five distributing depots, at New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Atlanta and Kansas City, will make it possible to keep in continuous operation the 40,000 and more Republic trucks now in service. With five great branches of the service department in the most important sectors, with a million dollars worth of service supplies at these branches, with its 1,300 service facilities than ever for rendering satisfactory service. Each parts' depot has been located in a city where careful study of conditions has shown it best suited to the task of meeting the needs of the surrounding territory with the least possible loss of time. Not one of the depots will be more than 24 hours away from any point in the territory which it serves. In fact, in the majority of cases the parts depot will be within a few hours ride of the small dealer, or most remote service station.

Parts and supplies totalling more than a million dollars will be constantly on hand at the five depots. This huge stock will include everything that goes into the construction of a Republic truck, from a cotter pin to the engine itself. And, furthermore, an elaborate checking system will automatically call attention to depleted stocks long before the point of exhausted supply is reached. The human equation is removed entirely and fresh supplies of needed parts from the factory come through as the various bins and shelves run low. And, because the parts' depot will never be "out" of any part, Republic dealers and service stations may replenish their stocks quickly and without the delay incident to sending direct to the factory at Alma.

KAISER'S ABDICATION DEMANDED BY PAPERS

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The abdication of Emperor William and the crown prince is the only means of solving the "terrible crisis," according to opinions expressed by the Munich Post, the Schwabische Tagwacht and Frankische Morgen Post, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Zurich says. It is added that the more rapidly the abdication is brought about the better for the country.

Room for a few more trucks and cars at the Martin Garage, Centrally located, Home 5516- Bell 114, Advt. 8770-1f

CZAR NICHOLAS GRIEVED BY LACK OF RESPECT

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The American Red Cross mission to Roumania traveled across Siberia in the train which had carried the former Emperor Nicholas and his family into exile at Tobolsk. The engineer, conductor and trainmen were the same, and they told the Americans many interesting details of their journey with the royal family.

The conductor was an energetic little man who spoke French very well and had been employed on the trans-Siberian express for several years. He was a thorough convert to the bolshevik doctrine and showed no sympathy with the late emperor. "Both Nicholas and his wife were disconsolate and despondent during their trip with me," he said. "They seemed to think that there was little left to live for, now that their crowns had been taken away from them. Neither the guards nor the railway employes deigned to give them any salutes or open mark of recognition, and in the little village stations where we stopped now and then the soldiers merely stared at the members of the royal party.

This lack of deference seemed to hurt the former emperor's feelings. At one station, where he was permitted to walk up and down the platform in the sunshine with one of his armed guards, he spoke to a soldier. "Why do you not salute me?" he asked. "The soldier replied solemnly, 'You are no longer my emperor.' "But I am still a colonel in the Russian army," said Nicholas. "The soldier hesitated only a moment and then replied, 'Yes, but we are all equal now; the common soldier is as good as the officer, and there is no occasion for anybody saluting anybody else.'"

Nicholas never complained about anything during the trip," said the conductor. "He kept closely to his compartment, but did no writing or work of any kind. He ate very little food, while the guards fared sumptuously on poultry and wine. The guards were so busy drinking wine and playing cards that they had little time to devote to the royal party. It was very much like a picnic for everybody except Nicholas and his household."

CLEVELAND JUDGE SELLS BONDS IN COURT

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 21.—About the surest source of Liberty bond sales in Cleveland is the municipal court with Judge Phillips presiding. In one half day he sold bonds amounting to \$2,250 to defendants who appeared before him, and every day found its added quota to his court's sales. Prisoners who have not bought bonds or enough bonds to come up to the judge's idea of what they ought to have are told to buy or go to jail. They generally buy.

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