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RUPPRECHT'S BATTERED LINES
AGAIN SMASHED BY THE
BRITISH TOMMIES

GERMANS BEING FORCED BACK

A Determined Effort to Clear Foe
from Dominating Ridge East
of Ypres, in Belgium.

London, Oct. 12.—The British troops in Flanders attacked the Germans this morning on a front of about six miles northeast of Ypres. They are reported to be making satisfactory progress. Rain fell heavily during last night. The official report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters today reads:

"We attacked at 5:25 this morning on a front of about six miles to the northeast of Ypres. Our troops are reported to be making satisfactory progress. Rain fell heavily during the night."

Field Marshal Haig's latest effort is being pushed in the same region as the attack of Tuesday, in which the British, in co-operation with the French, drove back the Germans all along a front of seven miles and captured more than 2,000 prisoners. It is probable that the present effort is an attempt to clear the Germans out of the remaining portions of the dominant ridge east of Ypres. Tuesday's attack gave the British more ground on the ridge and left the Germans with only a small section in the region of Passchendaele. The British now hold most of the good positions on the ridge, from which they dominate with their artillery the important Roulers-Menin railroad and the railroad towns of Roulers, Staden and Menin.

Apparently the present drive is being made under weather conditions similar to those which existed on Tuesday. Following several days of heavy rain, Field Marshal Haig suddenly threw his men forward and surprised the Germans, who did not think that the British would attempt to attack while the battlefield was waterlogged.

TOMMIES FIGHT IN DEEP MUD

Penetrate Enemy Lines on a Six-Mile Front in Belgium.

British Front in France and Belgium, Oct. 12.—At an early hour today British troops, which began an attack in Flanders this morning, had penetrated several hundred yards into the enemy's territory on a six-mile front from near Houtholst wood to a point below the Ypres-Roulers railway, and were battling along the Passchendaele ridge within 1,000 yards of the center of the village of Passchendaele.

By 7:45 this morning reports were received that everything was going well with today's British attack in Flanders. The troops along a wide front had pushed forward to a depth averaging 800 yards or more.

Prisoners were beginning to come in early, although slowly, owing to the condition of the ground.

Indications are that the Germans early were aware that trouble was impending, as about 4 a. m. a large number of gas shells were fired by them along the British front.

The main enemy today was not the Germans, but the mud. The Germans were far less formidable than previously owing to the disorganization occasioned among them by the recent terrific blows of the British.

The correspondent yesterday talked to Field Marshal Haig who does not confine himself to headquarters. The field marshal paid the highest tribute to his men for their gallant work in the bad weather.

FREE BOOK ON CANCER

A new book has just been published by Dr. O. A. Johnson, Suite 520, 1320 Main street, Kansas City, Mo., which gives reliable information of greatest value to cancer sufferers. The author of this book has spent 20 years in study and scientific research in cancer and has personally treated and investigated many hundreds of cases. He is known today as one of the foremost investigators in the field of cancer research, and his book should be read by every cancer sufferer. A limited number of these valuable books will be distributed free. You should send for a copy today and if you have a friend suffering from cancer urge him to write to the above address for the book.

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RAILROADS MAY ASK AID OF GOVERNMENT

LIBERTY BOND ISSUES MONOPOLIZE INVESTMENT FUNDS OF NATION, MAKING RAILWAY BONDS IMPOSSIBLE TO MOVE.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Reports that the railroads are considering informally asking the government to help them in some way to obtain money with which to maintain and enlarge their present plants and equipment to enable them to cope with the high tide of traffic are regarded by officials here as forecasting a concerted move soon toward that end. What form this move will assume apparently has not yet been decided

by the roads themselves. It is reported that they have under consideration several courses.

One possible method is renewed petition for a general increase in freight rates.

Another is to request the government to lend the railroads money on railroad securities. For this, however, special legislation would be necessary. Other plans, details of which have not been revealed, are said to be under consideration.

Railroads at present are earning very nearly as much as last year, which marked the high tide, but within the last two months operating expenses have shown an increase said to be out of all proportion to the increase in gross receipts.

Railroad executives say that as the government has a practical monopoly through Liberty bond issues of the investment funds of the country, they have found it almost impossible to obtain funds.

ADMIRAL MAYO AND HIS STAFF RETURN

ATLANTIC FLEET HEAD HOME AFTER NAVAL CONFERENCE WITH THE ALLIES.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Admiral Mayo, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, and his staff have returned from England, where they participated in naval conferences with the allies, his announcement was authorized today by the navy department.

"Admiral H. T. Mayo, United States navy, and his staff have returned from England. The purpose of the visit of Admiral Mayo to England was to permit him to confer with officials of the allied navies, to become intimate in every detail with the situation as it is at present,

what had been done before and to discuss the plans for the future. The British admiralty extended every courtesy and every facility to promote the success of the mission.

"Admiral Mayo will proceed immediately to Washington and will there make a full report to the secretary of the navy. Admiral Mayo visited the English fleet and our own forces in British and French waters in order that he might familiarize himself with the conditions under which the allied forces are operating."

The fact that Admiral Mayo had been sent to England was disclosed to the press at the time of his departure with the request of the government not to mention the trip. Except in one or two instances, the request was generally carried out.

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GOVERNOR CAPPER COMPLAINS OF THE COAL SITUATION IN KANSAS

Topeka, Kas., Oct. 12.—Declaring that "concerted action by retail dealers in advancing prices to unreasonable figures, apparently with a determination to ignore federal action is producing a lack of confidence in authority which must inevitably prove injurious," Governor Capper today sent a letter to Harry A. Garfield, federal coal administrator, calling his attention to the extremely unsatisfactory condition of the coal market in the state of Kansas.

"A careful inquiry has developed no justification for the prices now prevailing," writes the governor. "Prolonged delay on the part of the federal government in giving our people the relief they had expected from a situation which has become

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