

BAZIN SEES DASH OF AUSTRALIANS

Graphically Describes Wonderful Victory Over Boche at Zonnebeker

FIELD COCKPIT OF WAR Vision Looms of Final Triumph of English-Speaking Troops When Sammees Enter

By HENRI BAZIN Staff Correspondent of the Evening Ledger with the American Army in France WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN THE FIELD, October 5.

I have come from our American training camps upon my British prerogative in time to see a wonderful victory over the Boche offensive methods in the Australian topping of Zonnebeker. The battle had been on for two days when from an observatory point I saw the Anzeer, visible against a gray skyline along the Brodetsine road. As they stormed down under a withering back fire the Germans ran before them, many falling from the fire of their own batteries. Farther back and clearly in sight through my glass were retreating Boche field guns going through a level country upon the right of which were great marshes. These Australians are the equals of Canadians, or the Sammees, when the latter get into action. Take it from me, the ending of this war will be through the valor and bravery of English-speaking troops, and this is as certain as that for three years the politics of France have held true and waiting with quite a bit of real fighting on the side.

As I looked this afternoon, the Australians faced the Boche at perhaps 200 yards over the ridge, and upon the left the British were firing upon the Anzeer infantry and bombing batteries. I saw the opening of the battle at 6 this morning, and in order that what I witnessed may be made clear, let it be remembered that the enemy had been forced at Menin road on September 20 and at Polygon Wood on September 25, when he had to substitute men for trenches. In these two fights, the Boche found his system of concrete abri and defense broken down so completely that proportionately he lost more life than ever before. His local attacks and counter-attacks then collapsed as would a blown-up paper bag at a slap of the hand. The barbarian of vaunted pre-war fame had learned something from defeat, and he went into today's fight with his back literally against the wall. The ridge was a vital thing to his winter defense. He had buttressed his position on it with all the weight of support available. Prisoners taken proved that new divisions and picked divisions had been hurled into line, some of which were from the Russian front. His guns were very great in quantity. All of his front elsewhere had been fine-tooth-combed out of action, who filled the very air over the ridge. They were flying low, firing upon the Anzeer infantry and bombing batteries.

COCKPIT OF WAR The field was hideous with the chemistry of modern war. There was not a spot for miles safe from shell or gas or bomb or fire, and the nearer to the line, the greater number of breaking shells. It was a cockpit of war, indeed. Every mechanical and chemical expert of the Boche was in use. All his power was focused upon the one spot before my eyes. He has surely been brought to bay, and that after neglecting nothing. He had been compelled, notwithstanding, to withdraw his guns to safer spots, where he retained them upon the very points these same guns had been anchored. All his fire was cloaked by smoke screens. And through this hell of hells went Australia through it, undisturbed, through it all the way, clean to the very crown of the ridge, and while they did it, the Flemish villages of Gravenstafel, Polderbeek and Nordenhoek, plus all the tortured ground between the north of Post-Capelle and the north of Hollebeke, rocked and swayed in a writhing tumult of battle such as neither Homer nor Napoleon nor Alexander ever dreamed of. There were Australian losses, of course. But skillful leadership materially reduced them, and as the phase goes, they were light. But war is war, and this has been a center of death, notwithstanding. The Boche loss was infinitely great. It gave full six to seven men for one.

There was wind and gun and rain from the northwest all day. It blew a full gale at times. And the rain stung the face like hail even from my observation post. But through the half light of a wet cold sky prisoners began to pour down the Gravenstafel road in the early afternoon, a whole column of them marching back amidst scattered shell. HERDS OF WOUNDED BOCHE As they came up in scale before my eyes later passed our party of observers, a little squad of Boche totting up and bearing both their own and Australian wounds. I never saw so many wounded. A great majority were walking kind. They passed and passed, sound men and under the ridge for which Australian sent and struggled amid a seething, and singing convulsion of shell. And, said before, they won.

To describe the battle would have needed a thousand eyes, and I have but two. Glued to the glass, they saw a single bit typical of the whole. A huge crater with a redoubt behind it, constructed in the most advanced Boche method of defense, was literally packed with German machine guns. Nine-tenths of them were in British hands. A farm to the north of this crater was equally fortified, but the Australian went up to it as he went over the top, in an irresistible rush on the very edge of his own barrage, overcoming all checks as if they were flies before him.



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HAIG'S ARMY NEARING ROULERS



Roulers, key to the railway lines leading to the U-boat bases of Ostend and Zeebrugge, is reported to be under British bombardment. The map shows the location of this strategic point and the surrounding places in line of the latest British advance.

GLI ITALIANI OCCUPANO NUOVA LINEA DI DIFESA

Le Truppe di Cadorna Ordinate a Ritirarsi sul Fiume Livenza

ROMA 7 novembre. Dispiaci perveriti dal Quartier Generale Italiano annunziano che il Generale Cadorna ha stabilito la sua nuova linea di difesa, ma non sono stati indicati i punti tra i quali essa si estende. Le esplorazioni sono state notate ai piedi delle montagne di Maniago, a 12 miglia ad occidente del fiume Tagliamento. La prima truppe nemiche che riuscirono ad attraversare il fiume furono di cavalleria, seguite da auto-carri muniti di mitragliatrici. La cavalleria italiana valorosamente respinse la cavalleria nemica, ma dovette posarsi a ritirarsi di fronte al fuoco micidiale delle mitragliatrici avversarie.

Un comunicato ufficiale, pubblicato oggi, annuncia che la ritirata delle truppe Italiane sul fiume Livenza si e' effettuata in perfetto ordine. La ritirata e' stata efficacemente coperta al nord dai contingenti di sostegno ed al sud da adeguate retroguardie.

Stando al detto comunicato si puo' anche supporre che la nuova linea difensiva del generale Cadorna sia stata fissata sul fiume Livenza.

Per il ministero della guerra italiano pubblicato il seguente comunicato del generale Cadorna: Oltre a persistere nella sua intenzione di combattere in questa zona, l'armata italiana continua a ritirarsi verso il fiume Tagliamento, e si e' ritirata in perfetto ordine. La ritirata e' stata efficacemente coperta al nord dai contingenti di sostegno ed al sud da adeguate retroguardie.

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KERENSKY SEEKS AID TO CHECK EXTREMISTS

Puts It Up to Preliminary Parliament to Back His Disregarded Orders

PETROGRAD, Nov. 7. Flatly declaring that the Maximalists "threaten to open the front to Germany," Premier Kerensky today asked the preliminary Russian Parliament if it would support the Government in suppression of its attempts to seize civil and war powers. A definite break between the Bolsheviki-controlled local Soviet of workmen and soldiers and the Russian General Army Staff came today. The Soviet's military committee ordered troops at Peterhof, Pavlovsk and Tsarko Selo to disobey orders from the War Ministry summoning them to Petrograd.

BASTA'S FUNERAL TODAY

Noted Italian Chef Buried at Holy Cross Cemetery. The funeral of Frank Basta, widely known Italian chef, who died at his home, 1214 Spruce street, Saturday, took place today from St. Rita's Church, Broad and Ellsworth streets. Interment was made in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Named Attorney for Aircraft Board. W. W. Montgomery, Jr., an attorney, of Radnor, has been appointed counsel for the aircraft board of the Government, which is turning out a huge air fleet for service in France.

BOCHES CUT THROAT OF SAMMEE IN RAID

Deadly Trench Knife Used by German Attackers on One of Pershing's Men

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Nov. 7. One of the American soldiers killed in the recent German trench raid was overwhelmed by Boches, backed up against the trench wall and his throat cut. The wound was inflicted with a trench knife—a deadly tool carried by the fighting men for hand-to-hand battling. All wounded Sammees now in the base hospital were improving today.

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FOUR DOWNTOWN WARDS FILE TAX APPEALS

A score or more property owners of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Wards appeared before the real estate assessors in City Hall today and protested against the increased assessments placed on their properties for next year.

The additional assessments in the four wards amounts to about \$600,000. Of this entire increase about \$200,000 is on properties located in the First Ward.

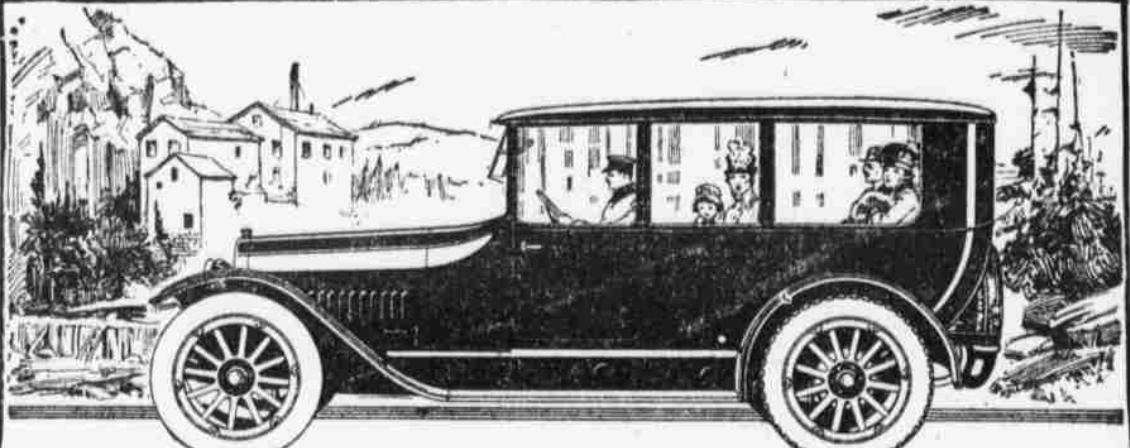
The advanced assessment, it was explained by the assessors, was based on improvements during the last year and sales made in the immediate neighborhood in which the properties affected are located.

The hearing of appeals will be continued from day to day until the city has been covered.

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Fall Downstairs Brings Death LANCASTER, Pa., Nov. 7.—Mrs. Agnes Boyce, seventy-two years old, widow of William Boyce, Drumore township, fell downstairs last evening, breaking her neck and dying early this morning. She had just returned home from a visit to Ohio.



Year-Round Sedan—Two Sizes and Two Styles

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