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ARTILLERY ON BOTH SIDES IS SHOWING INTENSE ACTIVITY

Indications Are That the Turning Point in Strategy Has Been Reached--- Days of Trench Warfare Numbered ---New Type Favorable to Allies.

(By Canadian Press Direct Wire.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—A special cable to the Sun from London under yesterday's date says:

The most intense artillery activity that has been seen at any time since the war began is in progress on both sides on the western front. It is taken here to mean a possible approach of the turning point in strategy. While trench warfare continues in some areas, both the British and French staffs say its days as a dominating factor in the situation are numbered.

Two years ago the generals of both armies were showing how to get the armies safely out of the trenches. Apparently the problem has been solved by the slow development of events instead of by the supreme genius of a Napoleonic commander.

NO SHARP LINES OF DEMARKATION.

Under the present system there is no longer any sharp line of demarcation between the opposing forces. Instead, they are scattered apparently in a promiscuous fashion over a wide belt of country. Shell holes, fortified concealed posts and concrete pill-boxes are taking the place of trenches. Letters from soldiers at the front declare the new warfare is much more terrible than when trenches were used.

The minor positions, shell holes and cement blockhouses, are scattered about in such a mixed and confused manner that it is impossible even for those officers who have long been familiar with the ground, to be certain whether a given shell hole is occupied by friends or enemies. A mistake is often fatal, for when the enemy machine guns open fire, the destruction of a blundering party follows quickly.

While the shell holes have been converted into permanent positions of bottomless mud, the ground between them has dried and become fine dust, almost as difficult as mud when an attempt is made to move artillery.

THE MASTERY OF THE AIR.

The soldiers confronted by this condition are striving desperately on both sides for the mastery of the air, each desiring to monopolize the privilege of observing the enemy. The Germans have demonstrated that they have more airplanes than was supposed, permitting them to conduct constant raids on England and simultaneously to maintain contests along the whole battle line.

The British and French staffs are pleased with the development of the new warfare, although it has temporarily checked the Allies' advance. They are confident that they will be able to stop the air raids in time.

An immense American contribution of airplanes is expected and an early increase in the British programme. A new type of warfare is regarded as especially favorable to the Allies, as it gives wider play to the individuality and initiative of the soldiers and minor officers, in which the English, French and Americans are much superior to the Germans.

THE ALLIES USING GAS.

The Allies are confident also that they will have soon an overwhelming superiority in the production and use of gas, which is even now an important method of fighting. The British especially have developed most efficient methods of using new gases with unparalleled deadliness.

CONDEMNED FRANCHISE BILL

Montreal, Sept. 7.—A despatch to the Gazette from Ottawa says: It is estimated that the section of the new war time election bill providing for the disfranchisement during the period of the war of citizens of enemy origin naturalized since March 31, 1902 and of Doukhobors and Mennonites will mean that some fifty thousand persons will be struck off the lists of voters. That number may be swelled to a greater or less extent by persons who seek exemption from service under the conscription act as "conscientious objectors." On the other hand it is estimated that the provision of the bill granting the ballot to mothers, wives, widows, sisters and daughters, who have attained the age of twenty-one years, of soldiers who have gone overseas will add not less than four hundred thousand voters to the electorate in Canada.

BARBAROUS WORK OF HUNS

London, Sept. 7.—The Germans yesterday made an aerial attack upon the American hospitals occupied by St. Louis and Harvard contingents, situated in a coast village, killing one officer of the United States Army Medical Corps, and wounding three others severely, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in France telegraphs today.

Headquarters of the French Army in France, Sept. 6.—The Vandelaincourt hospital, in the region of Verdun was again bombarded by German aviators for six and half hours last night. Nineteen persons were killed and twenty-six wounded. The huts attacked contained only severely wounded men, who are unable to move from their cots. Hostile aeroplanes flew over the hospital every twenty minutes from 8.30 o'clock in the evening until three o'clock in the morning.

SELECTION IS EXCELLENT ONE

J. J. McCaffrey Chosen by Sir Wilfrid for Board of Selection—Has Accepted the Appointment.

Mr. J. J. McCaffrey, proprietor of the Queen Hotel in this city, who has been named by Sir Wilfrid Laurier as a member from New Brunswick of the Board of Selection in connection with conscription, accepted the appointment yesterday when notified from Ottawa that he had been selected. He has received no official notification concerning the appointment yet, however.

The selection of Mr. McCaffrey for this very important post is generally approved in this city. Mr. McCaffrey has taken a prominent part in public affairs. For about a year and a half he has been chief recruiter for York county.

CANADIANS WERE KILLED

London, Sept. 7.—Coming home on leave from France, two Ontario soldiers met death in Tuesday's air raid. They were Sergt. Lumley, of E'gin, and Private Bond, of Woodstock. They were sitting smoking in the front room on the ground floor of a small hotel and when hit by the high explosives were carried in the chair as they were across the street to the hospital. They expired shortly afterwards.

QUEBEC BRIDGE READY SOON

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Quebec, Sept. 7.—The central span of the Quebec bridge will be put in place on the 17th of September if nothing further happens to disarrange the plans.

The huge piece of lifting apparatus that was dropped into the river the other day is being cast anew in Montreal by the St. Lawrence Bridge Co., and will be ready on time.

STOCK MARKET SLIGHTLY OFF

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
New York, Sept. 7.—Wall Street: Shippings were the feature of today's early stock market, falling two to five points as a result of the reported severe reduction in ocean rates for government and Allied war supplies.

New Havens further decline to the new low level of 24½ also caused additional unsettlement, other rails receding from large fractions to a point.

United States Steel opened unchanged at 108, but immediately fell to 106½.

MORE VICTORIA CROSSES HAVE BEEN AWARDED

A Stirring Story of Heroism Told in the Official Gazette—Officer With Six Men Captures a Position.

(By Canadian Press Direct Wire.)

LONDON, Sept. 7.—Most stirring stories of bravery are related in the Official Gazette in announcing nine new Victoria Crosses. Five of the recipients are dead. The most remarkable one was that of Second Lieut. Thomas G. Ferguson, of the Northampton. A bad situation had come up. It was impossible for his company to adhere to its original plan of deployment, and owing to the difficulty of the ground and the enemy's wire, he found himself with a sergeant and five men only. Nevertheless he carried out the attack, captured the enemy trench and disposed of the garrison, after which his little force successfully resisted a heavy counter attack.

AN AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT.

Then, assisted by an orderly only, he attacked and captured an enemy machine gun and turned it upon his enemies, killing many of them and driving many others into the hands of an adjoining British force. Later, assisted only by the sergeant, he reached an attacked and captured a second enemy machine gun. He was then joined by other portions of his company and was able to consolidate the situation.

His conduct throughout is an amazing record of dash, gallantry and skill, for which no reward can be too great in view of the importance of the position won. This gallant officer was shortly afterwards killed by a sniper.

Freedom of World Depends On Supremacy of the Sea

UNIONS OPPOSED TO CONSCRIPTION

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Winnipeg, Sept. 7.—At a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last night a progress report was submitted in connection with the referendum vote taken on the position as to whether the unions favor the Military Service bill or not.

Twenty unions have still to report, but the vote as it stands from thirty unions that have made their returns is 1,787 against, 736 for, the enforcement of the act, the majority opposed being 1,051.

MANY VOTERS DISFRANCHISED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Toronto, Sept. 7.—The proposed franchise act by the Dominion parliament was condemned last night by the Toronto Trades and Labor Council. The act was termed "A vote getter" and "a government measure to legislate itself back into power by legislation and not by the voice of the people."

CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

San Francisco, Sept. 7.—Rudolf Lasada, an actor, was arrested here yesterday by a Department of Justice officer on a telegraphic warrant from San Diego, charging conspiracy to furnish agents of Germany in Mexico with a wireless telegraph plant.

Lasada denied knowledge of the alleged plot and was held in \$5,000 bail.

MEXICANS IN A BLOODY CLASH

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Laredo, Texas, Sept. 7.—Reports received here early this morning tell of the defeat and practical annihilation of a body of 100 Carranza soldiers in an encounter with bandits near Villa Darcia. Only a few wounded soldiers escaped.

PERSONAL

Mr. Byron Porter, who has been in the United States for some time, is visiting his home here.

Mr. C. H. Hitchcock of Sudbury, is in the city.

Mr. J. C. Phillips of Toronto, is a guest at the Queen.

Lloyd George Declares That the German Submarine Will Never Beat Down Strength of the British Empire--- Premier Discussed Russian Situation

(By Canadian Press Direct Wire.)

BIRKENHEAD, Sept. 7.—Premier Lloyd George in an address here today on receiving the freedom of the city, declared that the whole Allied cause and the freedom of the world depends on supremacy at sea, and that he was certain it would be maintained. German statesmen, he said, had been at great pains to impress upon their people that the submarine warfare figures given out by him in the House of Commons recently were inaccurate. He declared these figures were absolutely correct and that they put an end to all hopes of the enemy to win. The Premier asserted he was absolutely convinced that the German submarine never would be able to beat down the strength of the British Empire or beat down the hopes of the Allies by means of all efforts with the submarine.

CONFIDENT THAT RUSSIAN LEADERS WILL SUCCEED IN REPAIRING THE BROKEN MACHINE

Mr. Lloyd George said that the Russian leaders, all brave and patriotic men, knew that the enemy attempt in the Riga region involved the fate of the revolution, the fruits of which they would do their best to defend. Under fire, the Russian leaders were preparing the machine which had broken down, and he was confident that in the end they would succeed.

"What I am concerned about most," the Premier went on, "if not the effect which failure of Russia would have upon the war, but the particular effect it would have, on the cause of democracy in the world."

GERMAN ATTEMPTS TO SOW DISSENSION AMONG THE ALLIES EAST AND WEST HAVE FAILED

"It took a long time," said Lloyd George, "for oppressed people to get accustomed to freedom, as it did for free people to get accustomed to oppression. One thing gives us satisfaction," he continued, "German attempts to sow dissension between the Allies east and the Allies west have failed. Germany only decided to invade Russia with the sword because all her other methods and machinations failed."

The Premier said he repudiated with scorn the calumny that England was responsible for the war.

PRESS COMMENT ON THE NEW FRANCHISE BILL

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Ottawa, Sept. 7.—The following comment is made by Canadian papers on the franchise bill introduced in the House of Commons by Solicitor General Meighen:

Toronto Globe: The bill is a party measure. The principle of the bill is wrong and is inconsistent with national honor and British traditions.

Toronto Mail and Empire: The opponents of war time franchise will have themselves to blame. There would be no war time franchise bill if there were to be no war time election.

Montreal Herald-Telegraph: Apparently close relationship to any soldier gives a woman the right to vote, while all the rest of the women of the Dominion are declared unfit to vote. The votes attached to the soldiers may be multiplied into a million.

St. John, Sept. 7.—The Times, Liberal, calls the franchise act a partisan measure and says that while every disloyal Nationalist in Quebec may vote, the naturalized alien who is thoroughly loyal is barred. With regard to women, it charges discrimination against the great army of childless women and married or single women who had no near relatives of military age, but who have to the full extent of their ability made sacrifices ever since the war began.

CARPENTIER WILL TRAIN AIRMEN

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Paris, Sept. 7.—Georges Carpentier, the French pugilist, at present an aviator in the French army, according to the Herald, is going to the United States as an aviation instructor and will be stationed at Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Sayre of St. John are at the Queen. They arrived today by motor.

J. J. M'CAFFREY ON BOARD OF SELECTION

Ottawa, Sept. 7.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier handed to Sir George Foster this afternoon in the continued absence of Sir Robert Borden through temporary indisposition, the list of twelve men whom the prime minister asked the opposition leader to name as members of the board of selection to be appointed by joint resolution of both houses of parliament to select members of the local appeal tribunals throughout Canada under the military service act. Sir Wilfrid's selections are an earnest of his desire "to see that the act is carried out as harmoniously as possible."

The names given by Sir Wilfrid to the government are as follows: Ontario, Sir J. M. Gibson, Hamilton, ex-Lieut.-Governor; A. B. Lowe, Ottawa, representative of the International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees.

Quebec—Hon. S. N. Parent, Montreal, ex-premier of Quebec; Hon. Sidney Fisher of Knowlton, ex-minister of agriculture.

Nova Scotia—D. A. Cameron, barrister, Sydney (N. S.)

New Brunswick—John J. McCaffrey, Fredericton (N. B.)

Manitoba—Sir Donald McMillan, Winnipeg, ex-lieutenant-governor of Manitoba.

Saskatchewan—Arthur Hitchcock, Moose Jaw.

Alberta—A. H. Clark, K. C., M. P., Calgary.

British Columbia—Hon. J. H. King, Victoria, minister of public works.

Yukon—F. C. Wade, K. C., Vancouver.

Prince Edward Island—James J. Johnston, K. C., Charlottetown.

Mr. F. D. Wheaton of Parrsboro, is in the city.

Mr. C. M. H. Grant of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.