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The Weather.

Maritime: Moderate winds a few local showers, but mostly fair today and on Friday, with stationary or a little lower temperature.

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British Start New Offensive On the Western Front

Attack for Which Careful Preparations Had Been Made Commenced on a Wide Front East of Ypres---Valuable Positions Captured From Enemy

(By Canadian Press Direct Wire.)
LONDON, Sept. 20.—The British forces on the Belgian front attacked the German positions at 5.40 o'clock this morning east of Ypres. Field Marshal Haig reports that satisfactory progress was made and that the British already have captured some valuable positions. The text of the official statement announcing that Field Marshal Haig had taken the offensive this morning says:
"We attacked on a wide front east of Ypres at 5.40 this morning. Satisfactory progress is reported. Our troops already have captured some valuable positions."

THE BRITISH ATTACK BEGAN AT DAYLIGHT TODAY ALONG A WIDE FRONT EAST OF YPRES

The new British offensive, for which recent reports of heavy artillery bombardments, aerial activity and raids into the German lines had prepared the public, commenced at daylight this morning. The attack was made on a wide front east of Ypres, and according to Field Marshal Haig's report, satisfactory progress was made and valuable positions were captured. This attack apparently is a continuation of the earlier offensive which was brought to a stop by bad weather and the necessity of bringing up guns for the assault which was made this morning.

THE OBJECT OF GENERAL HAIG IS TO ROUT THE HUNS FROM NORTHERN COAST OF BELGIUM

Field Marshal Haig's announcement of the offensive on the battlefield to the east of Ypres in Belgium as the scene of his latest offensive against the Germans, indicates that it is a continuance of the purpose of the British commander in chief to force the armies of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria from the western coast of Belgium, and to cut off the German submarine and airplane bases on the North Sea from Zeebrugge to Newport, including Ostend.

The British drive apparently is being made in the direction of Roulers and Courtrai, from which Belgian towns, according to recent despatches from the Dutch frontier, the German military authorities have been ordering the civilian population to evacuate. That the British offensive had been in preparation for several days was made known in recent statements of the general German army headquarters staff. The Germans reported that the British are directing a violent and destructive fire against the Teuton positions, the bombardment frequently reaching the intensity of drumfire.

ARTILLERY WORK HAS DONE MUCH TO MAKE THE FIRST STAGE OF THE BIG DRIVE A SUCCESS

British Headquarters in France and Belgium, Sept. 20.—Field Marshal Haig's offensive, which was begun at dawn this morning on the Belgian battlefield, is proceeding with marked success, especially in the crucial sector between the Ypres-Roulers railway and Hollekege.

A bitter fight is in progress in the neighborhood of Inverness copse, Nun's wood and Glencorse wood. If the attacks maintain the positions to which they have advanced in this section they have accomplished one of the most remarkable and important achievements in recent months.

The German infantry is making a determined resistance to retain this village, and the Teuton artillery is retaliating heavily against the British big guns.

THE BATTLE OF THE MENIN ROAD.

Today's offensive will be known as the battle of the Menin Road. Fair weather has improved the ground, but the mud still was deep and the whole territory covered with water-filled shell holes, tangled barbed wire and shattered trees. The British encountered hard fighting at many places, but their magnificent artillery work had done much to make the first stage of their drive easier.

MAYOR MITCHELL AGAIN CHOSEN

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
New York, Sept. 20. — Mayor J. P. Mitchell won the Republican mayoralty nomination in yesterday's primary by a plurality of 1,129 over William M. Bennett. With only two districts missing out of 2,060 Mayor Mitchell's vote was 36,646 and Bennett's 35,527. Judge John F. Hylan of Brooklyn, Democratic candidate, was unopposed.

Picnic Postponed.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church had planned a picnic for today at Raven Lodge, but on account of inclement weather it had to be postponed until a future date.

WILL GET RID OF GERMAN NAME

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Regina, Sask., Sept. 20. — Prussia, Sask., will shortly be known by another name. A delegation of army and naval veterans from Regina met the town council at that place Tuesday night, when it was decided to offer a prize for the best suggestion in the way of a new name, and new names for the streets whose German names found disfavor with the veterans.

Door Unlocked.

The police while on their usual rounds last evening found another door unlocked of some merchant's store. They sprung the lock and notified the owner.

CENTRE SPAN OF BRIDGE ALMOST IN POSITION

Quebec, Sept. 20.—A 25-mile-an-hour wind held up the operations in connection with the raising of the central span of the Quebec bridge, which had only thirty more feet to go when the engineers took their places at the raising jacks this morning.

For several hours a careful watch was kept on the span to see if the wind caused it to swing, which would make it dangerous to continue lifting.

The tests reassured the engineers, and it was decided to go on with the lifting. At 9 o'clock the jacks were started and found to be working so smoothly that two hoists were taken in twenty-eight minutes. It was computed by the engineers that if this rate of speed could be maintained the bridge would be completed this afternoon.

The span was put on its last hoisting link at 10.30, sixty-four two-foot lifts having been made.

The 132 foot mark was safely passed at 10.40, leaving the span but 18 feet more to go.

At 2 p.m. the final lift was practically completed. After this the pins which will bolt the span to the cantilever arms were to be inserted to complete the work.

ASSAULT CASE AT GAGETOWN

Three young men belonging to Upper Gagetown are to come before Stipendiary Magistrate T. Sherman Peters at Gagetown on Saturday for a preliminary hearing on a charge of assaulting with intent to do grievous bodily harm one Paul Briggs, railway contractor of that place. They were placed under arrest last week on complaint of Briggs and released on five hundred dollars bail, hearing being fixed for tomorrow. Mr. Peter J. Hughes of this city, has been retained as counsel by Briggs. Mr. John R. Dunn of Gagetown, will appear for the prosecution and A. J. Gregory, K. C., of this city, for one of the defendants.

It is alleged that the assault was the result of a long standing feud. Briggs was set upon and badly beaten, and but for the intervention of some colored men who chanced to be near it might have gone hard with him. The case has aroused great interest in the community and there is certain to be a large attendance in court.

WILL APPLY THE PRUNING KNIFE

Ottawa, Sept. 19. — Officers of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, drawing both military pay and pay as civilians are to be returned from overseas. This applies only to officers in England and not to officers on active service in France. Sir George Perley, overseas minister, has been requested by the militia department to take action in this regard.

SERGT.-AT-ARMS DIED AT KINGSTON

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Kingston, Ont., Sept. 20. — Col. Henry Smith, sergeant at arms of the house of commons, died suddenly at his home here early this morning.

Mr. A. K. Grimmer, C. E., St. Andrews, is a guest at the Queen Hotel.

AUSTRIANS ARE DESPERATE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Rome, Sept. 19.—Prisoners taken by the Italians on the Carso front include several Turks, which proves, army officers say, that Austro-Hungary is getting reserves from every possible quarter in making a last desperate effort to stem the Italian advance.

DISASTER IN LAKE ONTARIO

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Kingston, Sept. 20. — The barge Hiawatha, belonging to the Montreal Transportation Company, with coal from Sudas, N. Y., for Kingston, went down on Lake Ontario during the night. All on board with the exception of the captain, were lost.

REPLY TO POPE'S PEACE NOTE HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED

Papal Secretary of State Gives Out a Statement---Thinks Reply Was Held Up by the Kaiser and Will Not Arrive Until Next Week

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

ROME, Sept. 19.—Cardinal Gasparri, the Papal Secretary of State, tonight declared that the reply of the Central Powers to Pope Benedict's peace proposals had not been received at the Vatican. This is taken to prove that the statement recently published to the effect that the reply had left Berlin on Saturday is untrue, as otherwise, even admitting a delay of one day in Switzerland, the reply should have arrived in Rome on Tuesday night or this morning.

Cardinal Gasparri believed that the reply of the Central Powers was held up when Emperor William went to Riga, and that it is not likely that it will reach here until next week.

The reply of the Entente Allies to the Pope's peace proposals must necessarily arrive after that of the Central Powers, because Great Britain, before the compilation of the Entente note, asked for some information of the Vatican, which in turn applied for it to the Central Powers, which notified the Holy See that the explanations asked for would be contained in their own reply to the Papal note. On these explanations, therefore, the answer of the Entente Allies, or at least that of Great Britain, will depend.

CANADIANS BEAT OFF GERMANS IN SPIRITED OUTPOST ACTIONS

(By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent with Canadian press.)

CANADIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, via London, Sept. 19.—Sharp outpost actions occurred west of Lens yesterday morning, and again this morning, in which the enemy were the aggressors. In the first affair picked German troops raided our outpost line and succeeded in cutting off one of the garrison. He tried to hide in a shell hole, but was discovered and captured. Shortly afterwards the score was evened by one of our patrols that caught a member of a raiding party who had missed his way. The objective of this morning's skirmish was a certain ruined house in the western part of Lens, occupied by us as an outpost. Early last night a strong party of Germans attacked the house, but were driven off. They returned to the attack a second time in stronger force and captured the house. The Canadians who had held it at once organized a counter attack, driving out the Germans. Artillery activity has been greater today, aided by brilliant sunshine, than for several days past.

ARREST MADE IN MURDER CASE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
New Britain, Conn., Sept. 19.—Mrs. Anna Tobin, 25 years old, of this city, was murdered on Pearl street early today, and William J. Wise, a private in the quartermaster's department at Fort Slocum, is charged with the crime. Screams attracted the police to the spot to find the woman lying dead with her throat cut, and a short distance away, Wise, suffering from a deep cut in the throat. Nearby was a razor. Wise was taken to a hospital. His recovery is expected. Immediately after the finding of the body, the police went to the Tobin home. There they found the woman's husband, John L. Tobin, partly clothed, walking the floor with a baby. He was taken into custody pending an investigation but was later released, the authorities being convinced that he had no connection with the crime. The charge was then placed against Wise and he was put under guard at the hospital. The police say letters in their possession exchanged between Mrs. Tobin and Wise refer to their mutual love.

CHINESE AND JAPS IN A ROW

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Peking, Sept. 20. — Riots between Chinese and Japanese soldiers and policemen have occurred along the Yalu river, over the question of lumber interests. Two Chinese and one Japanese were killed and many were wounded. Japanese troops crossed into Manchuria and seized the Chinese town of Tsianghsien, which they are holding pending an investigation. The Chinese government alleges the trouble was started by the employees of a lumber company and not by Chinese soldiers and denies all responsibility. The Japanese officials declare that Chinese soldiers incited the trouble.

TO GUARANTEE THE COST PRICE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Toronto, Sept. 19. — That the Wm. Davies Co., will guarantee cost price for pork supplied the British war office and that the prevailing market prices were paid at the time of delivery, no matter above cost was admitted by General Manager Fox in the cold storage inquiry today. He admitted that these circumstances tended to increase hog products prices in Canada owing to buying activity by the company. The Sheet Thompson Company in England furnished information four weeks ahead of what quantities were necessary to be delivered in England. They got their information from Dennys & Company who acted for the war office.

GERMAN SPIES CONTINUE VERY ACTIVE IN PARIS

(By Canadian Press Direct Wire.)

PARIS, Sept. 20.—Recent disclosures in the Bennet Rouge affair have attracted public attention to the danger of German agents in Paris. It is stated on good authority that the German spy system works on the following lines: Each agent sends a report of any information he can gather that strikes him as likely to affect the political, economic, military or moral conduct of the war. Central bureaus, operating in neutral countries, connect and check up all this data and pass it on to the intelligence department in Germany. The latter then considers the collection of information and draws deductions therefrom. Thus an apparently trifling fact may prove an important link in the chain of reasoning.

Herein lies the real danger to anyone who talks to chance acquaintances. It is just the fact that they may think is harmless which may be of essential value to the enemy.

FUEL ADMINISTRATOR ALLAYS FEARS OF A COAL SHORTAGE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Fears of Canadian coal shortage, that the supply from the United States would be cut off, were allayed yesterday by the explanation to Dr. H. A. Garfield, fuel administrator, that restriction of exports is meant only to insure that Canada gets no more than its share, while the Northwestern States suffer a fuel shortage. Information is now being solicited from coal producers to ascertain the export to Canada last year and plans for future shipments. By conserving the supply, Dr. Garfield said, it is hoped to furnish sufficient coal for the northwest, Canada and New England, for even extraordinary war demands. The exports administrative board has been asked by Dr. Garfield to forbid coal export without license, and to permit the fuel administrators to pass on all licenses. The Canadian government is co-operating with the fuel administrator and the exports board to make the restriction effective without hampering either American or Canadian coal consuming interests.

A CLERGYMAN'S SUDDEN DEATH

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Guelph, Ont., Sept. 20. — Rev. Dr. W. C. Henderson of Guelph, died suddenly yesterday while visiting his son, Dr. A. Henderson at Grimsby. He was in his 84th year and was born in Huntington, P. Q. He was for forty years in the active work of the Methodist church.