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Allies Displaying Great Activity on All Fronts

Intense Artillery Duel North of Verdun ---Russians on the Riga Front Take the Offensive and Occupy German Positions---General Haig's Report

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

PARIS, Sept. 24.—North of Verdun and in the region of Fosses and Chaumen woods, the artillery duel was intensely violent last night, the War Office announced today. German airplanes bombarded the camp of German prisoners near Bar Le Duc, and two prisoners were killed.

FIELD MARSHAL HAIG REPORTS ENEMY BIG GUNS ACTIVE ON BOTH BANKS OF THE RIVER SCARPE

LONDON, Sept. 24.—German heavy guns were active early this morning on both banks of the river Scarpe, on the Arras front, in France, Field Marshal Haig reported today. A German raiding party near La Basseville was driven away after a sharp fight last night with the British. The statement follows: "A hostile raiding party last night near La Basseville was driven off with loss after a short fight. A few of our men are missing. The enemy's artillery was active early this morning on both banks of the Scarpe, and artillery activity also was a part during the night south of Lens and northeast of Ypres."

PRESIDENT OF THE DUMA SAYS THAT RUSSIA WOULD BE HUMILIATED BY PREMATURE PEACE

PETROGRAD, Sept. 24.—Michael Rodzanko, president of the Duma, told the Moscow union of public workers that any peace which it was possible to conclude at the present juncture must humiliate Russia, and gave conclusive facts why this was so. M. Rodzanko referred to the German plan to conclude a peace at Russia's cost, and then expressed confidence that the Entente Allies would reject it. He warned Russia, however, that she must create a strong power, otherwise the nation would inevitably suffer when peace was negotiated.

Although the Petrograd Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's delegates has fallen under the power of the Bolsheviks, it is notable that the Izvestiya, the organ of the council, does not shrink today from declaring that a strengthened army is the only way of preventing the country from falling a victim of German aggression.

RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE ON RIGA FRONT.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 24.—Russian forces on the Riga front in the region south of the Pskoff high road, yesterday took the offensive and after a fierce struggle occupied the German positions in sector of Silzeme, the Russian War Office says today.

TELEGRAPH OPERATORS OF G. N. W. OUT ON STRIKE

A General Strike along the System From Campbellton to Calgary Has Been Inaugurated--Service Being Kept Open.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Quebec, Sept. 24.—At eleven o'clock this morning part of the G. N. W. telegraphers walked out of the head office here. The general strike of the operators is on now from Campbellton, N. B., to Calgary. In Quebec City, so far, only part of the men have walked out, and business is still going on smoothly as before, according to the officials of the company. In all the Quebec district, seventy operators are interested in the strike, and it is not known whether they will all leave work. In all about fifty-five offices in this section will be affected.

Situation at Montreal.

Montreal, Sept. 24.—Practically all the operators, linemen and automatic

operators, according to E. J. Young, chairman of the Eastern District of the G. N. W. Telegraph Company's employees committee, joined in the strike. The strikers, Mr. Young said, would hold a meeting here this afternoon and decide to offer their services to the Dominion government in order to prevent a tie-up of telegraphic service to such points as depend wholly on G. N. W. service.

The Grand Trunk System this morning issued a statement announcing that its operating and despatching operators had not been affected in any way. Company officials here said that they were experiencing no difficulty in keeping the G. N. W. service open in spite of the strike.

In Toronto.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 24.—The Great Northwestern operators walked out of the main branch offices at 11 a.m., according to schedule. They are holding conferences in groups outside the head offices here.

In Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Sept. 24.—The operators of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company went on strike this morning at ten o'clock. They were supported by the linemen. Between 50 and 75 male and female operators are affected in Winnipeg, including the central office hands.

Sunday Afternoon Fire.

An alarm of fire was rung in yesterday afternoon for a burning chimney at the dwelling in King street owned by Mr. Hugh Calder and occupied by Mr. Richard Darlington. There was no damage.

E. H. ALLEN GOING TO PORTO RICO

Will Leave Friday Morning—
Believed Warmer Climate
Will Improve His State
of Health.

Mr. E. H. Allen of this city, will leave on Friday morning next for Porto Rico where he will reside for some time. Mr. Allen will accompany his son, Mr. A. Byron Allen, who is employed at Central Aguirre, Porto Rico, with a large sugar company. Since having a severe attack of pneumonia which resulted from exposure during the provincial election campaign last February, Mr. Allen has been in very poor health. It is believed that the warmer climate of Porto Rico will improve his condition.

Mr. Richard C. Allen, another son of Mr. Allen, is manager for the Royal Bank of Canada at Ponce, Porto Rico, and a married daughter also is residing on the island.

BAD FIRE IN A QUEBEC VILLAGE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Quebec, Sept. 24.—At least twelve houses, stores or larger establishments are now a heap of ruins in the heart of the village of Metabetchouan, Lake St. John, after a fire that broke out at two this morning and that was only subdued about noon today. Nobody was hurt. Owing to the present difficulties of the G. N. W. Telegraph Co., it is hard getting full details of the conflagration.

In Casualty List.

The name of P. Jeffrey of Pinder, York county, N. B., appears in today's casualty list among the wounded.

AFFAIRS IN GREECE ARE SATISFACTORY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Athens, Sept. 24.—Premier Venizelos, who has returned to Athens much benefited from a rest cure at Hypati, in an interview today said:

"The general trend of affairs is satisfactory. The situation is well in hand. The problem of food supplies, however, is offering great obstacles, especially in the matter of inland communication. But the measures which have been adopted are reaching the existing distress, which amounts to almost a famine."

"The results of recent recruiting in the army exceeded expectations. This indicates that the poison that the late regime tried to introduce among the youth of the country is being eradicated and the future is hopeful."

Exchequer Court Next Monday.

At St. John today his Honor Judge Cassells, presiding at the Exchequer Court, at the request of the Fredericton attorneys engaged in the cases before the court, adjourned the sitting until Monday next at 10 a.m., when the court will sit in the chamber at the County Court House in this city. The adjournment was made to suit the convenience of the attorneys and witnesses in the cases, the great majority of whom reside in or near Fredericton. This will be Judge Cassells' first sitting to Fredericton.

HUNS DREAD THE THOUGHT OF ANOTHER WINTER CAMPAIGN

Captured Officer Tells of Conditions-- Cannot Understand Why the Allies Do Not Make Peace--The Piracy Campaign a Failure.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

With the British Amies in France, Sept. 23.—A German officer captured with the 3,200 prisoners taken by the British in the past few days, said that the Germans had been forced to reduce greatly the number of their light motor cars used in recent operations, because it was virtually impossible to obtain tires. According to this officer, the Germans have no rubber whatever for tires for their lorries. He was much impressed with the morale and fine condition of the men behind the British lines and the operations in general being carried on in the back areas. He could not comprehend why it was that the Allies should not make peace, when Germany was ready to give up all the territory she had conquered.

"Everybody in Germany," said the officer, "dreads the idea of another winter campaign." He recognized that the submarines had failed to accomplish what had been promised to the German people by the German command.

Kaiser Inspected His Troops.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—Emperor William, says a despatch from Amsterdam to Reuter's, has visited the battlefields in Roumania and inspected the troops which participated in the campaign in Transylvania and Roumania in the autumn of 1916. These troops are now on the Moldavia battlefield. Addressing the troops, Emperor William pointed out the world-wide historical importance of this fighting, which he said was also of great importance economically for the home lands.

OFFICER OF STEAMER AT HALIFAX CLAIMS HE SAW 8 STEAMERS SUNK

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

HALIFAX, Sept. 24.—The Herald here today says: According to an officer of a merchant ship in port, the Virginian is one of the latest victims of the Hun submarines on the Irish coast. The officer's story is somewhat in line with a story carried by the Canadian press on Saturday, with the exception that the officer now at this port claims that more than five ships were sunk and that the Virginian, seriously crippled and in a sinking condition, managed to make the beach.

"It is impossible for me to say," he said, "whether any submarines were sunk or not, but I saw at least eight of the steamers go down. We were scattered over quite an area and our ship had her own troubles in getting away. The destroyers were busy, however, and I am quite sure that some of them got what they were aiming at. With a heavy sea running and nothing but a periscope to aim at, it is a difficult matter to get in a killing blow at a submarine."

LONDON PREPARING FOR ANOTHER CROP OF HUN AIR RAIDS

LIKELY TO BE SOMETHING DOING WHILE THE HARVEST MOON IS ON---SOME PEOPLE ARRANGING TO TAKE A HOLIDAY TRIP OUT OF TOWN

(By Canadian Press Direct Wire.)

LONDON, Sept. 24.—London is getting ready for another crop of night raids by air, which it is expected will develop with the coming next week of the harvest moon. Some persons are making arrangements to take a holiday and others are picking out places of safety. It is announced that two of the leading theatres will have no evening performances from Tuesday till Thursday inclusive, but the other theatres are to run as usual. Generally, London's masses are not worried over the prospect, realizing that the danger is not great if refuge is taken under solid buildings.

PARIS NEWSPAPERS SHARPLY CRITICIZE THE TEUTONIC REPLIES TO THE POPE'S PEACE NOTE

PARIS, Sept. 24.—"Evasive," "vague," "hollow" and "empty" are words which appear and re-appear in the comments published in the Paris newspapers today on the replies of Germany and Austria to Pope Benedict's peace proposals.

Gustave Herve, editor of La Victorie, characterizes the reply as "words and wind."

Virtually the whole press chose the same point for criticism and placed first emphasis on the absence of any reference to Belgium, Alsace-Lorraine or Poland, although the Pope referred to them, if it is pointed out "somewhat timidly."

The reply was condemned as avoiding an answer, and yet accepting some of the Pope's suggestions with the idea of inducing His Holiness to send further notes, and thus keep his intervention alive.

HYPOCRITICAL AND HOPELESS.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—The London morning papers are almost unanimous regarding the replies of the Central Empires to the Pope as vague, hypocritical and hopeless, and all the more reason why war should be prosecuted to certain victory.

CAN ONLY PROLONG THE STRUGGLE.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—In a long review of the war situation, the Observer says that premature peace talk, by its tendency to divide public opinion, can only prolong the horrors and misery of the struggle.

THE BRITISH ARE IN NO HURRY.

The Press Association says it has reason to believe that the German reply to the Pope will certainly not call for or produce an earlier British reply to His Holiness than would otherwise have been made. It may, on the other hand, says the association, have a next-to opposite effect.

REVOLTING CYNICISM.

ROME, Sept. 24.—The entire liberal press continues to attack the reply of Germany and Austria to the Pope's peace proposals, calling it "an example of revolting cynicism."

VIOLENT DEATHS IN MONTREAL

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, Sept. 24.—George Grant and Casimir Schwengel have died in the general hospital as a result of fractured skulls received while engaging in brawls while drunk. Schwengel was injured on Friday and Grant on Saturday. The police have taken into custody Robert McKenna in connection with the Grant case, and John Yuskens for the Schwengel affair.

Mrs. M. J. O'Donnell, wife of an official in the Inland Revenue Department died on Sunday as a result of burns received at Shawbridge following the explosion of an oil stove in her summer home there.

A fracture of the skull, sustained in a fall while at work several days ago, resulted in the death of Wilfrid Marcotte, 26 years old, of Shawinigan Falls, at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Mayor Mitchell in City.

Mayor Mitchell who has been engaged during the greater part of the summer on the erection of dwellings and other buildings for Fraser Companies, Ltd., at Edmundston, arrived in the city Saturday night. He says Edmundston is making rapid progress.

Motored to St. John.

St. John Telegraph: An automobile party composed of W. D. Gunter and Ashley Colter of Fredericton, and R. B. Smith, M.P.P. of Oromocto, came down from Fredericton on Sunday and registered at the Victoria.

CO-OPERATION OF RESOURCES

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Washington, Sept. 24.—American and British officials are working on a programme providing for closer economic co-operations with a view to uniting for war purposes the entire resources of the United States and Great Britain and her possessions. As confidential agent of the British government, Viscount Reading, Lord Chief Justice of England, is handling negotiations here. While tremendous in its scope, Lord Reading's mission here is only part of the comprehensive structure of unity of resources which Great Britain is building. The resources of all her dominions and those of all the Allies are to be formed, so far as possible, into a compact whole, providing a mammoth reservoir so all the allies may draw to make more effective the war against the common foe.

GOOD CROPS IN THE WEST

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Edmonton, Alta., Sept. 24.—The reports received by the Department of Agriculture Saturday stated that harvest operations were practically finished and threshing had become quite general throughout the province. Reports announce good yields generally, and high grading. Indications are that the average yield will fully justify the previous reports.