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The Weather.

Moderate winds, shifting to eastward, fair today, showers in west portion tonight; Friday, easterly winds with rain.

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Steady Advance of British Troops Toward St. Quentin

Marshal Haig Reports the Capture of Three More Towns --- Germans Offered Stiff Opposition to British Advance But it Was Overcome

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Sept. 12.—British forces have effected a crossing of the Canal du Nord to the northwest of the town of Havrincourt, Field Marshal Haig announces in his official report today. The canal line here forms the main defence of Cambrai on the southwest. A short distance to the north the British have pushed to the westerly bank of the canal, east and north of Moeuvres, and established themselves there.

The British have captured the towns of Vermand, Attily and Vendes, along the front northwest of St. Quentin. In their advance towards St. Quentin the British have progressed as far as the western outskirts of Holmon wood, southeast of Attily. The Germans offered stiff opposition in the Havrincourt and Moeuvres sectors, which the British overcame.

AMERICAN FORCES ON THE LORRAINE FRONT DIRECT HEAVY BARRAGE FIRE AT THE HUNS

American Forces on the Lorraine Front, Sept. 12.—French and American artillery this morning directed a terrific barrage fire on the German positions on this front. The reply of the German big guns was vigorous at some places, although at others it was weak. There are some indications that the Germans are withdrawing their artillery, although it is more probable that they are going to fight hard before being driven out after enduring a stifling barrage of more than eight hours.

The Germans at some points are increasing the volume of their big gun fire, but ineffectually. The American forces this morning launched an attack on German positions. At nine o'clock they had progressed generally along the line. Some prisoners were taken at different parts of the sector. The first wave of Americans met with little resistance, and at eight o'clock the second American wave was in possession of several points on the German first line.

"THIS MUST BE THE LAST WAR," DECLARES LLOYD GEORGE IN A SPEECH AT MANCHESTER

MANCHESTER, Sept. 12.—Premier Lloyd George was accorded a popular demonstration on his arrival here today. Thousands of munition girls, with flags and banners were drawn up on platforms while great crowds lined the whole route to the Mansion House along which the Premier drove amid the cheers of the throng.

"Nothing but heart failure on the part of the British nation can prevent our achieving a real victory," said the Premier in his public address. "This must be the last war. Do not let us be misled with the idea that the establishment of a league of nations without power will in itself secure the world against a catastrophe. A league of nations with the Prussian military power triumphant would be a league of fox and geese—one fox and many geese. The geese would gradually diminish in numbers. The only sure foundation for a league of nations was a victory for the Allies."

THE KAISER INDULGES IN PEACE TALK

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Amsterdam, Sept. 12.—Speaking at the Krupp munition works at Essen, Emperor William declared that every one in the remotest corner of the Fatherland knew that he had "Left no stone unturned to shorten the war as far as possible for your people and for the entire civilized European world."

The Emperor said it took two to make peace, that one could not do it unless he could over-come the other. Germany, he declared, was confronted with her enemies will to destroy her, and she must place against this scheme efforts to preserve herself.

After mentioning his offers of peace the Emperor said that the German leaders had made it plain to everyone who wished to understand "that we are at all times ready to offer the hand of peace."

SIR GEO. REID PASSES AWAY

London, Sept. 12.—Sir George Reid, former high commissioner for Australia, and member of parliament for St. George's, died in London today after a prolonged illness.

Sir George Reid was born in Scotland, but lived for many years in Australia. He held the post of premier of Australia and prime minister of New South Wales.

MILLIONS OF AMERICANS REGISTERED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Washington, Sept. 12.—While American soldiers at the front in France stood ready with French and British forces for what may prove the greatest battle of the war, thirteen million other Americans registered today for military duty and gave the most inspiring demonstration of patriotism in the nation's history. There was delay in starting the machine by which the man-power of the country will be made available to bring the war to a speedy and triumphant end.

A GIRL SPY IN THE TOILS

New York, Sept. 12.—Information has been obtained that Miss Wanda Kreutinger, a Postal Telegraph Company operator, who was taken into custody here today, has transmitted directly to the German government important information regarding munition ships, obtained from cablegrams and telegrams which passed through her hands, according to a statement tonight by federal officials.

STEAMER SANK IN HARBOR.

Bridgetown, Barbadoes, Sept. 11.—The steamship Berwind, from New York, has sunk in the harbor here. All the crew are safe.

FOREST RANGERS ALREADY HAVE BEGUN WORK

Additional Appointments are Announced by the Department—Fire Protection Work Later.

The Forest Rangers appointed by the Department of Lands and Mines already have taken up their work. Game protection is an important matter at this time of the year and many of the lumber operators have begun work. The construction of observation towers to be used in fire-protection will be begun later. Hon. E. A. Smith, Minister of Lands and Mines who was here on official business left for St. John this morning.

More Forest Rangers

Additional Forest Rangers who have accepted positions are announced by the forestry section department of land and mines as follows: Levite A. Soucy, formerly of Petit Rocher, now of St. Basile; S. A. Holohan, formerly of Bathurst, now of Newcastle; H. J. Ultican, formerly of Newcastle, now of Armstrong's Brook; J. R. Lawlor, formerly of Red Bank, now of Jacques River; Charles McGivney, formerly of Renous, now of Nashwaak Bridge; H. J. Russell, formerly of Hopewell, now of Doaktown.

RED SOX WON CHAMPIONSHIP

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Fenway Park, Boston, Sept. 11.—Boston Red Sox are the non-essential world's series champions of 1918.

They defeated the Chicago Cubs by a score of 2 to 1 today in a hotly contested game which was replete with fielding plays. Flack's error in the third inning, erased the National League Champions from the world's series pictures, the last to be shown on the baseball screen until the great war is over.

May's underhand delivery held the Cubs helpless throughout. Thomas and Whiteman made bright field plays.

A ROYAL COMMISSION PROBING CHARGES MADE BY LIBERAL M. P.

Alleged Irregularities in Connection With the Soldiers' Vote at St. Johns, P. Q.—Lieut. Col. Melville and Lieut. Adney, Carleton County Men, are Witnesses—Ballots Cast by the Soldiers Cannot be Identified.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

ST. JOHNS, Que., Sept. 12.—The Royal Commission appointed by the Federal government to enquire into charges laid in the House of Commons by Joseph Archambault, Liberal M.P. for Chambly-Vercheres, relative to the voting of soldiers in his constituency during the last general election, opened in the Court House here this morning. The commission is presided over by Mr. Justice MacLennan, of Montreal.

The charges include allegations of conspiracy among certain officers of the garrison at St. Johns to cast their votes illicitly in favor of J. H. Rainville, Mr. Archambault's unsuccessful unionist opponent, violations of the Dominion Elections and Military Voters Acts of 1917, and perjury.

SOME OF THE WITNESSES ARE OVERSEAS.

Fabre Surveyor, K. C., and John MacNaughton, Montreal, appeared on behalf of the Crown, and Aime Geoffrion, K. C., Montreal, acted for Mr. Archambault. The calling of the names of the military witnesses disclosed the fact that a number wanted were not available, having gone overseas. The majority sailed in February, 1918. Among the military witnesses who are in attendance at the court are: Lieut. Colonel Melville, Major T. C. Keefer and Lieut. Tappan Adney. The majority of the officers against whom the charges were made were found to be present in the court.

WANTS THE BALLOTS PRODUCED.

The commissioner ordered that steps be taken to secure the testimony of officers overseas. He said he desired the inquiry to be an exhaustive one.

F. Chadwick, deputy clerk of the crown, was then called and asked to produce the ballots cast in St. Johns Barracks during the election. Mr. Chadwick said this was impossible, as it would entail bringing the envelopes containing every ballot cast in the barracks. The commissioner said if the documents needed were not to be produced, it was no good going on with the enquiry. He thought it should be easy to find the ballots.

Mr. Chadwick said he had been advised by the Department of Justice that the ballots could not be identified.

After a conference between the witness, counsel and the commissioner, it was decided to send Mr. Chadwick to Ottawa to secure the envelopes containing all the votes cast in Chambly-Vercheres constituency.

A DAMNING INDICTMENT AGAINST HUNS

Sensational Reports on German Colonial Methods in East Africa Now Coming to Light.

London, Sept. 11.—E. H. L. Gorges administrator of southwest Africa, has presented one of the most sensational reports ever issued in connection with German colonial methods. It constitutes a most damning indictment of German fitness to rule black native races and is brimful of well authenticated instances of rapine, murder, lust, chicanery, knavery and of depopulation of simple, harmless natives of Southwest Africa. The evidence upon which the report is based is drawn from official German documents at Windhoek, from sworn statements by native chiefs and Europeans familiar with the country and from the writings of governor Leutwein, whose tenure of office embraced the years from 1894 to 1905, Mr. Haul Rohrbach, professor Karl Dove and other impeccable German sources. Although the report constitutes a telling reply to Dr. Solf's recent claim that 'Germany's pre-war humane treatment of the native races won for her the morale right to be a great colonial power.'

In view of this claim the following statement by Mr. Gorges is interesting: "Native opinion here is unanimously against any idea of their ever being handed to the tender mercies of Germany. Any suggestion of a policy of this kind on the part of Great Britain produces the utmost consternation." Mr. Gorges supplies sworn statements by natives which give some idea of the reign of terror existing under German rule. Mr. Gorges goes on: "Instances of gross, bestial conduct, which for sheer depravity and immorality, are well nigh unbelievable are also contained in files of affidavits, but they are hardly fit for publication."

Calling for Tenders.

The provincial Department of Public Works is calling for tenders for the construction of new structures at the Lawson Brook Bridge and the John Clark Bridge, both in the parish of Brunswick, Queens county. Tenders close September 25th.

Mr. F. C. Carey, of Campbellton, is at the Queen today.

THINKS THE GERMANS CANNOT WITHSTAND THE HEAVY PRESSURE

What a German Non-Commissioned Officer Thinks of the War --- Extract From a Letter Found on a Prisoner ---Work of Carrier Pigeons

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

With the British Armies in France, Sept. 11.—Some idea of just what the average intelligent German soldier thinks of the war now may be gathered from a letter written on August 20 by a non-commissioned officer to his brother in the ranks:

"I had to do retreat through Galicia in 1916," says the writer, "and I know well enough what it means. It is perfectly obvious that you have had heavy casualties from a retirement of the kind you have been making, but it cannot be helped. You must be glad to be resting now, but you won't be allowed that satisfaction long, for a lot of men and material are needed now and there is not much of either."

THINKS THAT THE ENGLISH WILL PUT CROWDS OF AMERICANS INTO THE WAR NEXT SPRING

"I am only interested in whether we are going to hold out longer than this winter. In my opinion the English will bring up such crowds of Americans and others next spring that we will be unable to withstand the heavy pressure. Also, our enemies will have such a number of aircraft available that we shall not know where to find cover from this horror."

"Taking it all around, we are in a bad position. Not only here at the front, but at home, too, things are in a very bad way. And the eastern problem crops up again and I shall be interested to see when the French will succeed in starting a mess there again. As far as I can hear, we are again moving a great many troops to the east."

CARRIER PIGEON, ALTHOUGH WOUNDED IN THE LEG, SUCCEEDED IN CARRYING A MESSAGE SAFELY

LONDON, Sept. 12.—Wonderful stories are told of the life saving work of the British army carrier pigeons in the war zone. Recently a pigeon was liberated from one of two British seaplanes in the North Sea. Flying through an aerial battle, the pigeon was wounded in the leg by a bullet, but it arrived at its destination in an exhausted condition, its feathers stained with blood. The message contained the one word, "attacked."

According to the aviators, who subsequently returned, the two British machines were opposed by six German planes. The Germans, however, made off before there was any chance of a more vital fight. The sturdy pigeon, which recovered from its wounds, is now the pet of the flying station and has been "pensioned off." Another pigeon, at the cost of its own life, saved the lives of six British airmen who were adrift in the North Sea. After delivering the message, an appeal for help, the pigeon dropped dead from exhaustion.

Destroying Masterpieces of Architecture.

With the French Army, Sept. 11.—Since their defeat by General Mangin, the Germans have undertaken the destruction of the architectural masterpieces of Soissons. With the same methods as they have previously employed in burning or blowing up every structure in the regions out of which they have been driven, they are proceeding with demolition of churches and other edifices in this town, rich in specimens of the best work of the architects of the thirteenth century.

MRS. PANKHURST AT TORONTO

Toronto, Sept. 11.—Speaking to the members of the Canadian Club at luncheon today, Mrs. Pankhurst, the noted British woman's suffrage leader, briefly outlined the objects of her present mission to America. "One part of my two fold mission," she said, "is to what our friends and woman allies of the United States were doing to help to increase production of the necessary munitions of war."

The second part of her mission was to dispel the camouflage spread by some sinister agency over the Russian situation, which, up to the time of her coming to America, had been successful in misleading public opinion in the United States.

REPORT ON FISHERIES FILED

Washington, Sept. 11.—The American-Canadian Fisheries Conference which has been investigating long standing differences between the United States and Canada respecting fishing rights today filed its report with the state department of com-

MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Sept. 12.—Casualties among Maritime men include the following: Killed in action—N. B. Bradford, Black's Harbor, N. B.; P. L. McLaughlin, Honeydale, N. B.; J. F. Bastian, Rogersville, N. B.; W. H. Hall, Penobscus, N. B.; D. R. Allan, St. John; A. Hall, St. John; J. P. McDonald, Sunny Brae, N. B.; A. Duguay, Caraque, N. B.; A. P. Neville, Sydney, N. S.

Died of wounds—Lance Corp. W. F. Glass, St. John. Ill—P. Coughle, Fairville, N. B. Died—J. W. Crowell, Norton Land. Wounded—J. W. Breaux, Chatham, Ing, N. B.

Boys Did Well at Fair.

At the St. Stephen Exhibition, now going on, two members of the Boys' Pig Club at Leverville, Charlotte Co., won first and second prizes respectively in the Yorkshire sow class. The boys are Dan and Will McLeod. Club pigs showed up well in all classes.

merce, under the direction of which the inquiry was conducted, announced that the report was unanimous on all question and was expected to lead to a satisfactory and permanent adjustment of the questions involved.