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## GERMAN SUBMARINE SUNK BY RUSSIANS IN THE BLACK SEA; THE CZAR'S FORCES HARD PRESSED IN RETREAT FROM VILNA

### CANADIAN DIVISION IS NOW IN FRANCE

Ottawa, Sept. 20—The second Canadian division, which has now arrived in France and which will soon take its place with the veteran first contingent, the Royal Canadian Dragoons the Strathconas and the Princess Patricia's on the battlefront is representative in its composition of the whole Dominion of Canada and, according to all reports of its work while in training at Shorncliffe, is the equal of anything which Canada has sent over and will no doubt live up to the splendid record set by its predecessors in the field.

The division is under the able command of General Turner, K.C.B., V.C., D.S.O., who did splendid service in South Africa, and who more recently distinguished himself in command of one of the brigades during the furious fighting of St. Julien, Festubert and Civenchy.

The division is composed of three infantry brigades as follows: 4th infantry brigade, commanded by Lord Brooke and comprising the following battalions: 15th battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. E. S. Wigle of London; 19th battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. J. T. McLaren of Toronto; 20th battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. J. A. V. Allan of Toronto. (Col. Allan, it is understood, is not now in command, but his successor has not been announced); 21st battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. W. S. Hughes of Kingston.

The 4th infantry brigade is under the command of Brigadier General Dave Watson of Quebec, and is composed of the following battalions: 22nd battalion, commanded by Col. F. M. Gaudett of St. Jean, P.Q., (a French-Canadian battalion); 24th battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. J. A. Guzm of Montreal; 25th battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. G. A. Lecain of Halifax; 26th battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. J. L. McAvity of St. John, N.B.

The 6th infantry brigade is commanded by Lt. Col. E. O. B. Ketchen of Winnipeg, and is composed of the following battalions: 27th battalion, in command of Lt. Col. J. R. Snider of Winnipeg; 28th battalion, in command of Lt. Col. J. F. L. Embury of Winnipeg; 29th battalion, in command of Lt. Col. J. S. Tobin of Vancouver; 31st battalion, in command of Lt. Col. A. H. Bell of Calgary.

The 23rd and 30th battalions, which are not in the division, were drafted as reinforcements to the first division several months ago and have already appeared frequently in the casualty lists.

### DRAW OF BRIDGE WAS CLOSED TO HAZEN AND PARTY

Hon. J. D. Hazen, accompanied by Senator Thompson, Sir Frederic Barker and Judge Armstrong, arrived from St. John on Saturday evening on the Dream, the handsome steam yacht owned by Senator Thorne. The caretaker of the railway bridge had not been notified of their coming and was not on the job to open the draw when the yacht arrived. The yacht tooted her whistle a number of times but the draw refused to open. Fortunately a government patronage dispenser was coming up Waterloo Row at the time in his auto and heard the signal of distress. He procured the use of a motor boat owned by a resident of the locality and the minister and party boarding the craft were taken to the A. & B. Club House. Here the patronage dispenser met them and placed his car and chauffeur at their disposal. The party drove to the exhibition building and were met by a director who told them that they were ahead of time. He suggested that they take a run around the block

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### ATTENDANCE AT FAIR BETTER THAN AT LAST

Nearly Two Thousand People Passed the Turnstiles on the Opening Day—Everybody Delighted With the Show—Big Crowds Patronize the Midway Attractions—Wild Animal and Pony Shows Are Big Features.

ATTENDANCE RECORD.	
1913	1915
1st Day .....	1438
2nd Day .....	4283
3rd Day .....	9975
4th Day .....	6127
5th Day .....	7918
6th Day .....	2420
Total .....	32,161

The Fredericton Exhibition of 1915 got away to a good start yesterday. When the turnstile gave the last click last night 1901 paid admissions had been registered. As a result the faces of Secretary Hooper and the directors of the fair were wreathed in smiles. That figure is just 463 in advance of the first day's attendance of the exhibition of 1913. With good weather the attendance record for the full six days will be smashed without a doubt.

Tomorrow should be the big day. The Milltown Cornet Band will be here for its three days' engagement. There also will be several excursions. The St. John & Quebec Railway will run a special train from Centreville. The Fredericton & Grand Lake Railway and N.B. Coal & Railway Company will run a special train from orton. There will be special rates over other lines.

#### BIG MIDWAY SHOWS.

The fair was going full blast yesterday. The Midway is away ahead of those of previous years. All the id-timers are back in Fabers' Row and there are many new ones. On the other side of the main building there are outside attractions all of which are doing a good business. On the eastern side of the building is Luker's Wild Animal Show and also the only circus. Both are good drawing cards. Southern Follies, an old-fashioned darkey show with real Southern songs in it, is also located here and proves attractive to many. The Diving Girls show, without which no air is complete, is in this row. It proves as popular as ever. Raymond Sherburne and his troupe of male and female wrestlers, have a place in this part of the grounds and wrestling bids fair to be as popular here as it was at the 1913 fair, when Frank West had a show here and many local men tried out on the mat against his men. Many of the local wrestlers are now in France or England with the Canadian troops but probably before the week is out some of them will take a try at the same. Sherburne wrestled in St. John last winter under the name of Ludeck. The Dope Show is also on the Midway, also Crazy Town, the merry-go-round and others.

On the eastern side of the grounds is the Walkins Motordrome, which will prove one of the biggest attractions on the grounds. Here Dare Devil Watkins and his troupe of motor-cyclists and autoists defy death as they race around inside the huge bowl, sometimes riding parallel to the earth as they near the upper edge.

#### FREE ATTRACTIONS.

The free attractions are good. They include the double parachute drop from the balloon and the high dive by Frank Hoyle. Both take place according to schedule and yesterday were watched by large crowds.

Judging of live stock began this morning and tomorrow judging in all departments will be well under way.

#### A SUPERB DISPLAY.

The interior of the main buildings, with its myriad of electric bulbs and pretty decorations, presents a fine appearance at night time. All of the available space on the lower floor is taken up with attractive trade and manufacturing exhibits and they naturally come in for much attention from visitors. McMurray & Co., the well known music dealers, have a large space near the right of the main entrance. Mr. McMurray, who is a veteran in the piano trade, is in charge of the exhibit which comprises the finest lot of high grade pianos ever shown in this city. Mr. McMurray will be pleased to see all musically inclined people who visit the exhibition. He is prepared to give values in pianos that cannot be duplicated in this province.

The F. B. Edgecombe Co., dry goods merchants, as usual have one of the most attractive booths at the exhibition. There is a fine collection of furs, ladies' jackets, etc., and real Indians, dressed in native costume, may be seen at this booth.

The New Brunswick Telephone Company has a very fine booth near the centre of the building which is an object of much interest. It includes two pay stations and a lot of appliances and instruments used by a modern telephone system.

James S. Neill & Sons, Limited, are showing a fine collection of stoves and ranges in the main building. This concern carries a big stock and has much to interest visitors to the exhibition.

Cowans Limited of Toronto, n.a.n.

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#### WEDNESDAY'S PROGRAM AT THE EXHIBITION.

- 9 a.m.—Exhibition opens.
- 10 a.m.—Judging in all departments. Recruiting Marquee open.
- 1.45 p.m.—Milltown Cornet Band will parade from the Queen Hotel to the Exhibition Grounds.
- 2.30-5 p.m.—Band concert in building.
- 2.30 p.m.—Free exhibition on the platform by The Four Victors.
- 3 p.m.—Luker's Animal Show opens.
- 3 p.m.—Pony Circus opens.
- 4.30 p.m.—Balloon ascension and parachute drop by A. Blon-din's aeronauts.
- 3 p.m.—Free exhibition on the grounds by Dare Devil Frank Hoyle, champion high diver.
- 6.45 p.m.—Milltown Cornet Band will parade from the Queen Hotel to the grounds.
- 7.30 p.m.—Milltown Cornet Band concert in the building.
- 7.30 p.m.—Free exhibition on the grounds by The Four Victors.
- 7.30 p.m.—Luker's Animal Show opens.
- 8 p.m.—Pony circus opens.
- 9.30 p.m.—Exhibition on the grounds by Dare Devil Frank Hoyle.
- God Save the King.

London, Sept. 21—The British steamer Linkmoor 4,800 tons has been sunk by a submarine. The crew landed safely.

Odessa, Sept. 21—Russian ships have sunk a German submarine in the Black Sea.

Berlin, Sept. 21—Austro-German artillery is bombarding the Serbian positions in an endeavor to force a way to Bulgaria and thence to Constantinople.

#### RUSSIANS HAVE ESCAPED

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

London, Sept. 21—Latest reports from Vilna in the fighting zone indicate that the Russian army has escaped the coils which Von Hindenburg threw about it. By cavalry raids a screen of German horsemen are swarming about both flanks of the retreating Russians and stood astride their main line of communication. It now appears to be probable however that these encircling forces are too weak to impede General Russky's veterans.

#### GERMAN SPIES CONVICTED

London, Sept. 21—A man and woman of German origin, names not given, were convicted by court marshal today, for spying. The man is to be shot. The woman gets ten years in goal.

#### MANY MINERS ENTOMBED

London, Sept. 21—Several miners are entombed in Exhall colliery as the result of fire which destroyed the hoisting cage. Ten bodies already have been brought to surface.

#### BIG BATTLE NEAR VILNA

London, Sept. 21—Of the many big battles fought on the eastern front during the past five months, few, if any, have fought with such importance for the opposing armies as that now in progress to the east and south of Vilna, where the German Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is attempting to cut off the retreat and destroy the Russian army of about 300,000, which defended that city and the adjacent region.

The German official report issued today throws little light on the progress of the operations, simply stating that "the attack against the enemy retreating from the Vilna is proceeding."

Petrograd continues to express confidence in the ability of the Russians to extricate themselves from the net thrown around them. In the opinion of military writers they are in a dangerous position. It is quite likely, however that they got their artillery away before the Germans moved across the railways as the evacuation of Vilna was decided upon weeks ago.