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AUSTRIA'S PEACE OFFENSIVE CLOSED INCIDENT TO WILSON

No Further Consideration to
Be Given Enemy Unless
He Evacuates All Occu-
pied Territory, Including
Russia.

Washington, Sept. 17.—Austria's
peace offensive is a closed incident so
far as the American Government is
concerned.

Secretary Lansing sent to the Swed-
ish minister today the note authorized
last night by President Wilson flatly
rejecting in two short sentences the
proposal of the Austro-Hungarian Gov-
ernment for secret and non-binding
peace discussions. It was started on
the cables at once for transmission to
Vienna by the foreign office at Stock-
holm.

The president's action—including the
precedent-setting brevity of the reply
and the promptness with which it was
delivered—drew expressions of approval
during the day everywhere in Wash-
ington, at the capital, among officials
and through the stifled diplomatic cor-
ridor. Similar responses from the other na-
tions at war with Germany are ex-
pected to follow quickly.

In the senate, Senator Lodge of
Massachusetts, Republican floor leader
and the ranking minority member of
the foreign relations committee, voiced
the feelings of congress on the sub-
ject in a prepared speech heartily ap-
proving the president's course as both
wise and right. The United States,
the senator said, can talk peace only
in a Germany beaten and deprived of
power further to harm a wounded
world. On the house side Representative
Fess of Ohio, chairman of the Repu-
blican congressional committee,
spoke in approval, declaring that the
quick reply might "far upon diplomatic
ears, but is justified as a rebuke to the
double-dealing of our enemy."

Allies to Follow U. S.
Unequivocal rejection of the Aus-
trian offer from all the allies will be
in accordance with the general policy
which has governed the entente pow-
ers and America in meeting the Ger-
man peace offensive. Prompt action
is regarded as the surest means of
defeating the underlying purpose of
the central powers to shake the allies
and develop fatal weaknesses by the
encouragement of the expression of
separate states. Foreign Minister
Balfour's comment yesterday is ac-
cepted in Washington as a sufficient
indication of the attitude of Great
Britain and it is not doubted that
similar expressions will be forthcoming
from other entente capitals in the
next few days.

Regarding this phase of the peace
campaign as practically closed, the
administration is now closely watch-
ing for the next move on the part of
the enemy, for it is not believed that
they will abandon their efforts.
It has been suggested that, denied
unlimited fields of secret discussion of
war issues, Austria may attempt a
coup by asserting to a restriction of
the discussion to the principles laid
down by President Wilson as the only
possible basis of peace.

POSSESSION OF LORRAINE IRON MINES ENABLES GERMANY TO FIGHT WORLD

French High Commissioner Predicts Another War in
Few Years if Enemy Keeps Rich Ore Deposits.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—A prediction that if the rich iron ore of
Lorraine is left in the hands of Germany, that country will "launch a
new big war within the next ten or fifteen years," was made by Marcel
Knecht, member of the French high commission, in an address here to-
night.

GERMANY HEARS NEWS OF REJECTED OFFER

Semi-Official Organ Declares Ameri-
cans Want to Ruin Europe.

Amsterdam, Sept. 17.—American
Washington dispatches indicating the
attitude of the American Government as
to the Austrian peace offer are prom-
inently displayed in all German
newspapers.

PRUSSIANISM ARRANGED BEFORE SCOTTISH RITE

Malignant Growth Must Be Destroyed,
According to Sovereign Grand
Commander.

Boston, Sept. 17.—Prussianism was
hysterically arraigned by Barton Smith,
of Toledo, O., sovereign grand com-
mander of the supreme council of An-
cient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry,
in his allusion at the 16th annual
meeting of the northern jurisdiction of
the order here today.

"That which would destroy all that
we love must itself be destroyed," he
declared, "until every vestige of the
malignant growth of Prussianism has
been eliminated and the world restor-
ed to health, happiness and hope."

Sir John Gibson, past sovereign com-
mander of the supreme council of Canada,
said that the cordial relations
between the Scottish Rite Masons of
the United States and Canada had been
strengthened by the war.

This evening 120 candidates from
various sections of the northern juris-
diction received the 33rd degree form-
ing the largest class in the history of
the rite.

GERMANS BURN TOWNS UPON HINDENBURG LINE

American Headquarters in Lor-
raine, Sept. 17.—In addition to the
towns along the Moselle which would
fall into American hands should the
enemy withdraw behind the Hinden-
burg line and which he is burning,
other fires having been started by the
Germans. The towns of Dommarin-
la-Chaussee and La Chaussee, both on
the Hindenburg line, are in flames.

Foster for State Department; F. P. Jones to Succeed Him?

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—It is rumored
that F. P. Jones, formerly of the
Dominion Steel Company and later
with the Canada Company who is now
on the war trade board, may enter
the government as minister of trade
and commerce. Sir George Foster, the
story runs, will go to the state de-
partment and Hon. Martin Burrell, at
present secretary of state, will retire.

France Reorganizes Bureau For Alsace-Lorraine

Paris, Sept. 17.—The government
department concerned with Alsace-
Lorraine has been reorganized, and
hereafter it will be centralized in the
premier with an under-secretary of
state in actual charge. Jules Cambon,
former French ambassador to Ger-
many, and who is councillor for Al-
sace-Lorraine affairs, will assist the
under-secretary of state.

ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY OF C. N. R. BOARD

Understood That T. Findlay of
Toronto and R. Hobson of Ham-
ilton Will Be Directors.

By Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—At the conclusion
of the cabinet meeting this afternoon,
Sir Robert Borden stated that there
was no announcement to make re-
specting the reorganization of the
Canadian Northern directors, but in-
dicated that an announcement might
be expected tomorrow.

It is generally understood
that several prominent business men
have accepted directorships, including
Thomas Findlay, president of the Mas-
sey-Harris Company, Toronto, and
Robert Hobson, president of the
Canada Steel Co., Hamilton. It also
seems to be pretty well understood
that D. B. Hanna, former president,
will remain in charge as chief execu-
tive, and that the question of the
permanent chairmanship has not been
finally settled. Hon. Dr. J. D. Reid,
minister of railways, says he does not
desire the place and would not ac-
cept it. Hon. Frank Cochrane is
thought to be out of the running, al-
though he has many friends and supporters
both in and out of the government.

The general impression is that the
reorganization of the board will not be
completed, nor the chairman of the
board definitely selected, until after
the negotiations for the acquisition of
the Grand Trunk lines are success-
fully concluded.

FRENCH CARRY OUT RAID ON CHAMPAGNE FRONT

German Attempts Fail From St. Mi-
aire le Grand to Mont Sans Nom.

Paris, Sept. 17.—The text of the
official statement issued at the war
office today reads:

"North of the Aisne the opposing
artilleries have been active.

"In the Champagne French troops
carried out a raid and took prisoners
west of Maison de Champagne. Be-
tween St. Hilaire le Grand and Mont
Sans Nom and also north of Rheims
a number of enemy raids were pre-
vented."

ANOTHER BRITISH PEER KILLED ON BATTLEFIELD

London, Sept. 17.—Lord Alexander
Thynne, member of the house of com-
mons for Bath since 1906, was killed
in action last Sunday.

Lord Alexander George Thynne was
the son of the fourth Marquis of
Hillaire and was born in 1872. He ser-
ved in the South African war and in
the Somaliland campaign of 1904-6. In
1918 he was wounded in action while
fighting with the British expedition-
ary force in France.

ALLIED CITIZENS FACE DANGER FROM SOVIETS

Washington, Sept. 17.—Informa-
tion reached the state department
from a neutral country that allied
citizens in central Russia are in dan-
ger. The position of the Russian popu-
lace was described as tragic in the
extreme. Five hundred persons were
shot in connection with the assassina-
tion of Uritsk, a Bolshevik cabinet
minister, the message said. A large
number of other persons are held for
execution in the event that further
attempts on the lives of the Bolshevik
leaders are made.

ALLIES WIN BATTLE.

Petrograd Report Admits Flight of
Bolshevik Near Archangel.

Petrograd, Sept. 14.—Via Amster-
dam, Sept. 17.—American, British
and French detachments are reported
by the Pravda to have met the
Bolshevik forces in battle on the
Archangel front. The Bolshevik troops
were repulsed by British reinforce-
ments and fled in panic.

AMERICANS TAKE MORE PRISONERS

Stragglers and Crews of
Machine Guns Are
Brought In.

HUNS WON'T ATTACK

No Evidence of Intention to
Try to Regain Lost
Territory.

With the American Army on the
Lorraine front, Sept. 17.—American
artillery, infantry, and aviators made
emphatic replies today to the Ger-
man challenge all along the newly
established line. The enemy bom-
barded certain points with vigor and
threw over quantities of gas, largely
of the mustard variety, while air-
planes endeavored to force their way
thru the aerial defenses, but evidence
was wholly lacking that the Germans
contemplate an attempt to regain the
territory they have lost. Their high
command apparently intends to ad-
here to the policy which resulted in
the relinquishment of a large section
without a bitter struggle.

Reports brought in by aviators as
well as information obtained from
prisoners and verified by patrols show
the Germans are strengthening their
trenches along the Hindenburg line,
but there is nothing to show that they
intend to make a serious counter-
movement.

Patrols sent out by the Americans
have been successful not only in re-
connoitering but in bringing in pris-
oners. Many of the prisoners were
stragglers, but among them were the
crews of several lost or injured ma-
chine guns. In some cases they had
been taken from counter-attacks.
There was much German activity
today on the extreme right of the line,
where the enemy vigorously shelled
and gassed the woods north of Pont-
a-Mousson and in the vicinity of Nancy.
Machine gun action north of Nancy
was spirited, while the German artil-
lery was active from Haumont to the
east of the line. To the east of the
Moselle there has been some skirmish-
ing, but it was of little consequence.
The allied outposts are gradually
pushing towards that region.

CANNOT UNDERSTAND MCGUTCHEON'S ACTION

Rider Added by Jury to Verdict of
Accidental Death in Booth
Tragedy.

After lengthy deliberation the jury
inquiring into the death of Mrs. A. G.
Booth of Toronto, who was drowned
in the Rouge River on Saturday last
returned with a verdict of "accidental
drowning." A rider to the effect that
the jury could not understand why
William McCutcheon, who was with
Mrs. Booth at the time of the acci-
dent, could not save her, was added.
The jury pointed out in their verdict
that the water was only three feet
deep at the spot and the bottom hard
clay. The inquest was conducted by
Coroner McGillivray of Whitby.

NEW AMERICAN LINE.

Front in Lorraine Joins Old System
Near Point-a-Mousson.

With the American Army on the
Lorraine front, Sept. 17.—The Amer-
ican line on the Lorraine front on
Tuesday afternoon stood as follows:
Rouvaux, Manhoules, Pintheville, St.
Hilaire, Doncourt, Woel, Haumont,
a point between Jauly and Rember-
court, north of Vandieres and south
of Champy to the old line east of
Pont-a-Mousson.

SULTAN TO VISIT VIENNA.

Amsterdam, Sept. 17.—The Aus-
trian Reichsrath will meet on Oct. 1.
The Neue Freie Presse says that the
sultan of Turkey will make a visit to
Vienna the end of September.

Lesaid and Rosedale.

On pages ten and eleven will be found
an article and a large map showing the
development of Lesaid as a great manu-
facturing and railway centre northeast of
Rosedale, and the transportation prob-
lems calling for solution. If you are
interested in the growth of Toronto you
ought to read it.

Bloody Bill.

There is a lot of news in the sugges-
tion of a correspondent that all the
English-speaking world concentrate on
one plain outspoken name for that prince
of blackguards and cold-blooded mur-
derers, the German Kaiser. Why not call
him William the Bloody, or Bloody Bill?
All the orzy of crime is done in his name
and at his orders! Let him go down to
all time on this record. Let him be
marked by the everlasting and universal
curse of humanity.

ANOTHER BULGE IS FORCED INTO THE YPRES SALIENT

British Troops Gain More Ground In Vicinity of Holnon Village

Advance Made Near St. Quentin, and German Post
West of La Bassee is Captured.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—The British gained ground today in the
neighborhood of Holnon Village, northwest of St. Quentin,
according to Field Marshal Haig's report tonight.

A German post west of La Bassee was captured. New posts
were established northeast of Neuve Chapelle and in the neigh-
borhood of Ploegsteert. The statement says:

"Fighting of a minor character has continued today north-
west of St. Quentin. Our troops have gained ground in the
neighborhood of Holnon Village.

"On the northern portion of the front also only local encoun-
ters have taken place. Our troops captured a German post west
of La Bassee, taking several prisoners. New posts have been
established by us northeast of Neuve Chapelle and in the neigh-
borhood of Ploegsteert. East of Vierstraat a German raiding
party was captured."

AIR PHOTOGRAPHS EXCEED RECORD

British Aviators Do Biggest
Day's Work in This
Department.

MANY AERIAL FIGHTS

Downing of Sixty-Five Ger-
man Machines Results
From Combats.

London, Sept. 17.—Sixty-six Ger-
man airplanes were accounted for by
the British along their lines yester-
day. Seven of the hostile machines
were destroyed in an engagement by
a British squadron.

Describing the operations in the
battle zone an official statement to-
night says:

"There was great aerial activity all
along the front on Sept. 16,
and our machines were busily en-
gaged in every department of their
work. Photographic reconnaissances
both of our own and distant areas
were carried out with great com-
pleteness in spite of strong opposi-
tion and the number of aerial photo-
graphs taken exceeds any recorded
total for one day.

Observation of our artillery fire
was successfully performed both by
airplanes and balloons. Much dam-
age was reported in hostile battery
positions and many fires and explo-
sions were caused.

"Nearly 24 tons of bombs were
dropped by day, and 15 tons on the
following night, on air-dromes used
by the enemy's night-flying airplanes
and on railroads and dumps.

"The fighting was intense all along
the front through the day, combats
taking place a considerable distance
east of the lines. Forty-five hostile
machines were brought down by our
airmen. Of these, seven were brought
down by one of our
squadrons. Twenty other German
machines were driven down out of
control. In addition, one hostile air-
plane was shot down by our anti-
aircraft guns. One hostile balloon
was destroyed.

"Sixteen of our machines are mis-
sing."

LANCASHIRE STRIKERS MAY RETURN TO WORK

London, Sept. 17.—It was believed
tonight that the Lancashire cotton
operatives will resume work Thurs-
day. Their leaders held a conference
and arranged for a meeting at Man-
chester tomorrow to discuss the ap-
peal of Premier Lloyd George that
they return to work and await the
decision of the board which will be
appointed to consider their grievance.

MUCH ARTILLERY WORK IN ST. MIHIEL SECTOR

Washington, Sept. 17.—Continued
activity by the artillery and airplanes
in the St. Mihiel sector was reported
in General Pershing's communique
for today. American patrols, keeping
in contact with the enemy, brought
in prisoners. The statement follows:

"Headquarters American Expedi-
tionary Forces, Sept. 17: 'In the St.
Mihiel sector the day was quiet, ex-
cept for continued artillery activity
and aviation and patrol encounters in
the captured zone. A German raid in
the Vooges was repulsed.'

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British Troops Attack on 2000-Yard Front Along the Menin Road and Drive Germans Back 500 Yards.

With the British Armies in France,
Sept. 17.—Another small but im-
portant bulge of the Ypres salient into
German territory was forced by the
British troops yesterday when they
attacked on a front of 2000 yards along
the Menin road and drove the Ger-
mans for a distance of 500 yards.

This advance carried Field Marshal
Haig's men within a mile of Hooge,
which figured in many fierce combats
in previous fighting.

Further south the British at the
same time pushed northeastward of
Ploegsteert and established posts 200
yards in advance of the old line which
they had occupied before the German
drive began in March.

This was the third consecutive day
of the warm weather, and the battle-
fields are rapidly drying out.

FRANKFORT STATION HEAVILY ATTACKED

Excellent Results Obtained
From Bombing Mannheim
Chemical Factory.

TREVES ALSO RAIDED

Three Fires Started at Metz-
Sablon by British
Machines.

London, Sept. 17.—British air squad-
rons have again bombed the airplane
works and chemical factory at Mann-
heim, railways at Metz-Sablon and
Treves and the station at Frankfurt.
The air ministry announces these at-
tacks in its communication this even-
ing. It says:

"On the afternoon of Sept. 16 our
squadrons made two separate attacks
on the airplane works and chemical
factory at Mannheim, with excellent
results. The enemy attacked our ma-
chines over the objectives. Three of
our machines are missing.

"A German home air-drome at
Hagenau was attacked by a squad-
ron, and bursts were observed on and
near the hangar. The hangar was
seen in flames. All our machines re-
turned.

"Last night our machines attacked
three home air-dromes at Metz-Sablon
and machine gun fire. Good results
were obtained.

"The railways at Metz-Sablon and
Treves were very heavily attacked and
three fires were started at Metz-
Sablon. Bombs were dropped all
around the Treves station. The sta-
tion at Frankfurt was also heavily at-
tacked and bombs were dropped with
good effect.

"The night at first was calm, but
later high winds got up. At present
seven of our machines have not been
located.

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appointed to consider their grievance.

ROUGH WEATHER HATS AT DINEEN'S.

The weather at this season is a
variable quantity, and the convenience
of a soft hat is simply appreciated by
particular men. Dineen's 140 Yonge
street, have just opened a special ship-
ment of stylish tweed and felt hats,
admirably adapted for present climatic
conditions. Also included in this ship-
ment are several parcels of English
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celebrated Connemara tweeds and
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