

CRITICAL PERIOD DEVELOPING NOW - GRAND DUKE CALLED THERE TO ASSUME THE OFFENSIVE - IN THE CALCAUSUS, THINK SOME

Public Feeling is Much Perturbed Over Change.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Sept. 9.—Great concern is expressed by the morning papers over changes in the Russian higher commands. It is considered natural, however, that at a time of such national gravity the Czar should assume supreme command as he is both the spiritual and secular head of the empire in a way not easily understood in Western Europe. As the Times' editorial says, if the Emperor takes the field in person, it is to overcome at the same time foes of Russia at home and embattled foes, who are striking at his sovereignty. "None can know better what vast issues are involved than the monarch, who, in the early years of his reign, favored clemency for Poland and sought to promote human welfare through The Hague conference and who, since the war began, by a heroic stroke, freed his people from the influence of alcohol, and who rises in the title of "little father" of his people. Such a monarch may well instil new confidence into his troops and steel their hearts afresh for victory.

DISAPPEARS PEACE IDEA. It is universally agreed that the Emperor's action dissipates any idea that Russia will listen to proposals for a separate peace, but what puzzles the British press is how to explain the removal of Grand Duke Nicholas to another sphere. The Chronicle fears Berlin will rejoice at his removal which, therefore, bears a sinister aspect. At the same time the Chronicle, like all other papers, has only the highest praise for the manner in which the Grand Duke conducted the great retirement forced upon him by a shortage of munitions.

The Times' military expert also applauds the Grand Duke's strategy in having reunited his northern and central armies and successfully passed the moment of greatest danger. The correspondent says he cannot believe the removal of the Grand Duke implies any change in the conduct of the campaign. He says that short of some serious mistake which the Grand Duke has shown no signs of making, the Russian can now carry on an orderly and quiet retreat, fighting where they please and as long as it pleases them, until the wet season imposes a halt on their enemies. The correspondent declares he fails to understand why the Austrian troops were kept quiescent in Galicia during two critical months instead of being transferred to the Vistula front for the profit of the decisive operation there. He considers that in this the German showed poor strategy and threw away an opportunity which may never recur. The Petrograd correspondent of the Times thinks the appointment of Gen. Polivanoff minister of war, as premier, will be announced soon, and points out that the imperial order coincides with the beginning of a solemn fast ordained by the holy synod which adds solemnity to an historical event.

NEW VIGOROUS OFFENSIVE. Other papers suggest that the appointment of the Grand Duke as commander-in-chief in the Caucasus implies a new and vigorous offensive against Turkey. The Post's Petrograd correspondent declares it is no secret that many attempts have been made through Teutonic instigation to remove the Grand Duke from command of the Caucasus last evening, Emperor Nicholas went to the railroad station to say farewell to the new vicary.

Hun Veracity. London, Sept. 9.—The German version of the latest Austrian war office statement received here by wireless from Berlin, asserts that 20 Russian officers, 400 men and seven machine guns were captured when Austro-Hungarian troops captured Russian positions near the mouth of the Sereth River.

The Austrian official statement received last night from Vienna, while chronicling the capture of positions at Szupaka, made no reference to the capture of Russian troops at that point.

Washington Thinks She Struck a Mine, Though Huns' Reply is Waited

By Special Wire to the Courier. Washington, Sept. 9.—Germany's note explaining the sinking of the White Star Liner Arabic, with the loss of American lives was awaited to-day by administration officials who declined to comment on versions of its text contained in Berlin press despatches. The note, delivered by the Berlin Foreign Office to Ambassador Gerard on Tuesday was understood to ascribe the liner's destruction by a submarine to self-defence, expressing regret over the loss of American lives and to propose to refer to The Hague questions of reparation and compensation.

Assurances previously had been expressed by Ambassador von Bernstorff that full satisfaction would be given in connection with the Arabic's destruction. While some officials thought the submarine commander's explanation appeared unconvincing it was made known that judgment would not be passed until the official text of the note had been received here and decided.

Investigation of the sinking of the Allan Liner Hesperian continued to-day. Ambassador Gerard had been instructed to report any information available in Berlin and efforts were directed to clearing up reports that the ship was torpedoed, but belief still prevails in naval circles in Washington that she encountered a mine.

Pte. Knowles Arrived Home From France. Has Interesting Story to Tell - He Was Twice Wounded.

Pte. George Knowles arrived in this city this morning from the front. He has been in the midst of the heaviest fighting in France and Belgium, and was twice wounded, being hit in the left wrist and in the hip. After he had received these wounds he was sent across the Channel to his native land, and placed in a Southsea hospital. Here he recuperated quickly and was soon able to walk slowly around. His injured hip still hurts a little, but it is not entirely disabled. And so, after thirteen months of hard service in the trenches, he again arrived in Brantford. He is broken in health but not in spirit, and although he has his discharge papers, would not mind having another go at the Germans.

Powder Mill Blown Up. Peoria, Ill., Sept. 9.—A powder mill at Edward's Station, near here, is reported to have been blown up to-day.

Sir Gilbert Parker Now Tells People the Truth. Britishers Are Not Pathetic Or Shirkers Prevalent.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 9.—Sir Gilbert Parker, the novelist, has written from London to Professor William Hobbs, of the University of Michigan, a letter in which he denies that the Englishman was apathetic in this war. "I must make a firm protest against the wicked charges made against the working classes of this country," says Sir Gilbert. "Believe me, they are not more unpatriotic than any other people in the world. They are not commanded and controlled, dragooned and conscripted as the working classes are in other European countries, and perhaps they have not the same national ambitions, since they have been brought up with the idea of fulfilling themselves rather than up-building a state; but since the war began they have contributed enormously in numbers to the three million and a quarter of soldiers, who have voluntarily enlisted to serve king and country. If they have not made the (Continued on Page 4)

LONDONERS GET FIRST GLIMPSE OF REAL WAR. Meagre Details of Zeppelin Raid, in Which Twenty Persons Were Killed.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Sept. 9.—Twenty persons were killed and 86 others injured in last night's Zeppelin raid. These figures were given out here officially to-day. The German airship flew over the eastern counties of England and the London district. The official statement gives the following list of casualties: Killed—12 men, two women and six children. Injured—seriously—8 men, 4 women, 2 children. Injured—slightly—38 men, 23 women and 11 children. One soldier was killed and three were injured. All the other victims were civilians.

CASUALTIES SO FAR. The attack of last night brings up the total of casualties from Zeppelin raids to 122 killed and 349 injured. On the previous night 13 persons were killed and 43 wounded.

FIRST GLIMPSE OF WAR. London, Sept. 9.—The raid of Zeppelins last night is described by the Pall Mall Gazette as "Londoners' first glimpse of the war at close quarters. The Evening Standard speaks of the coolness shown everywhere but warns the public against the noticeably widespread and dangerous disposition to regard the affair as a specie of spectacle. It suggests that in addition to the Zeppelin, which, within limits, is "a terrible instrument of war," there is also danger from anti-air craft guns. Therefore, the public, it says, would be well advised to take aerial visitors more seriously than it did last night.

NEARER HEART OF CITY. Last night's official statement concerning the airship raid, stated that the Zeppelins visited the eastern counties and the London district. English newspapers are prohibited from publishing official details on "affecting such attacks" but the foregoing guarded references indicate that the Zeppelins approached the heart of the city more closely than on previous occasions.

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Rev. Rufus T. Cooper, formerly Methodist pastor in Indiana was arrested for begging at Mount Vernon, N.Y. A wild cat sprang on to the dinner table of Mrs. Maria Baker at Lone Hill Beach, L.I., and scattered the guests.

Russians Made a Big Effort at Tarnopol and Routed Huns

Secretary of State Has Taken Up Matter of Attempted Dynamiting. Whole Line Now Stands Fast Before Hun Armies.

Petrograd, Sept. 8.—Via London, Sept. 9.—In an official statement issued to-night at the war office, occurs the following: "On the Riga-Dvinsk front the general situation remains unchanged. German attempts to advance Tuesday in the region of the railway station at Gross Ekau (south of Riga) and Neuhaus were repulsed. In the direction of Dvinsk there were only unimportant advance post actions. The fight for the River Latzke continues. In order to occupy a more covered position our troops removed a little to the right of the Latzke. NO CHANGES. "There have been no important changes on the routes toward Vilna. The Germans directed a violent artillery fire, accompanied by asphyxiating gases, against our troops occupying the outlets from the lakes in the region of Novo Troki. Near the town of Orany the enemy yesterday made attempts at an offensive. "From Grodno, stubborn German attacks continue in the region of the railway station at Druskeniki and towards Sidel. In the latter direction, repulsing the enemy, we inflicted on him great losses and took some scores of prisoners. ENEMY ATTACKING. "South of the Niemen the enemy delivered extremely stubborn attacks in the region of Wolkowsk on both sides of the railway leading to Slonim. "On the roads from Lutsk to Rovno there has been no change. In the region of Dubobk and Remezet we occupied new positions on the Rivers Ikwa and Upper Goryn. SHORT OF SHELLS. "In Galicia near Tarnopol yesterday we achieved a great success against the Germans. The German third guards division and the 48th reserve division, reinforced by an Austrian brigade with great quantities of heavy and light artillery, according to statements made by prisoners had been preparing for several days for a decisive attack. This was fixed for the night of Tuesday and Wednesday. Forestalling the enemy our troops took the offensive and after a stubborn fight on the River Doljona, the Germans were completely defeated Tuesday evening. At the end of the engagement the enemy developed an artillery fire of most extraordinary intensity. Only the impossibility of replying with the same weight of metal prevented us from further developing the success we had obtained. The Germans, besides suffering enormous losses in killed and wounded left prisoners in our hands more than 200 officers and 8,000 men. We captured thirty guns, fourteen of which were of heavy calibre, many machine guns, gun limbers and other booty. EMPEROR'S MESSAGE. "After a brief pursuit our troops occupied their former positions on the River Sereth. The Emperor, having received a report of the defeat inflicted upon the enemy, sent an order to express to his valorous troops his joy and thankfulness for their success and the heavy losses inflicted on the enemy. "Further south in the region of Trembowla on the 7th we dislodged the enemy from a series of villages, making prisoners over 40 officers and nearly 2,500 soldiers, together with three guns and a dozen machine guns. FURTHER SUCCESSES. "Between the Dniester and the left bank of the Lower Sereth the Austrians passed to the offensive in the course of the 7th in the region of the Village of Voriatynetz. By flank attacks one of our battalions arrested the enemy's offensive and took prisoners 11 officers and over 1,000 Austrians with machine guns. "The fortunate withdrawal of our armies from the difficult position before the Vistula, where they were surrounded by the enemy, is beginning to make itself felt now by partial successes."

Proposal to Have Troops Train Here. There is a movement on foot to have a battalion located in Brantford during the winter. There would be a total of between twelve and fourteen hundred men in all, and the item of accommodation calls for the most consideration. This city has abundantly demonstrated its value as a centre for recruiting, and it is generally felt as entitled to consideration in the way suggested. A number of influential men are getting together with a view to a survey of the possibilities, and the sending of a delegation to the military authorities.

Italian Scheme of Isolation IS SUCCESSFUL

HUN RESERVIST FOUND GUILTY OF PERJURY. Now Admits He Saw No Guns Mounted on the Lusitania.

New Phase of Operations Has Been Entered Upon - Great News Soon. By Special Wire to the Courier. Rome, Sept. 9.—The Italian army has passed to a new phase on its offensive operations. Important news affecting the entire Trentino salient is now awaited.

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Yankee Press Comments ON CHANGE OF LEADERS

Graft and Incompetence Freely Given as Reasons. New York, Sept. 9.—Commenting editorially on the new head of the Russian armies, the Times says: "Something hieratic, symbolic, byzantine, clings to the Czar of all the Russias, to multitudes of his people he is a king of sacred icon, if not a divinity. As in years that outran memory, the chief of the clan, the head of the horde, the king, led his wild followers to battle, so Nicholas II. puts himself at the front of the armies of the nation. A stimulation of patriotism, a half religious fervor creeping through all that mighty mass of men and races, may be stirred thereby. A fine bit of decoration, a good stroke of business. But as the Czar takes his place in the pageant the Russian hero of the war, the victor of Galicia, the captor of Przemysl, the consummate captain who has eluded again and again the Austro-German efforts to envelop him, whose mastery skill in (Continued on Page 2)

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French Again Repulse Heavy Infantry Attack. Argonne the Scene of Renewed German Effort to Smash Line.

GOLF NOTES. The September Cup, presented by Mr. Logan Waterous, will be played off on Saturday afternoon next.