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Further Gains In West and East For The Allies

HAIG'S MEN PUSHING AHEAD EVERY DAY

Appreciable Gain Is Made Near Courcelette

FRENCH DRIVING ON

Heavy Losses Inflicted on the Enemy in Yesterday's Fighting—Deniecourt is Now Encircled and There Have Been Gains Elsewhere

London, Sept. 18.—In small operations on the Somme front last night the British gained further ground. The war office announced today that "the general situation continues unchanged. south of the Ancre, we improved out position north of Martinpuich. East of Courcelette a minor attack made last night upon elements of enemy trenches was entirely successful. Our line has been advanced appreciably at this point.

"West of Mouquet farm the enemy entered one of our trenches under cover of heavy shelling, but was counter-attacked immediately and driven out with loss.

"South of Thiepval we have taken a further portion of the enemy trench system. The enemy heavily shelled various parts of our line at intervals during the night.

"On the rest of the front there were no developments of importance."

French Victorious

Paris, Sept. 18.—(Noon)—The Germans lost heavily in several counter-attacks north and south of the Somme last night, the war office announced today. The French maintained the ground recently won and made further progress near Clery and Berny and on the eastern edge of Deniecourt. The French took 1,200 prisoners and ten machine guns, the statement says. The town of Deniecourt is now completely encircled by the French. The number of prisoners counted up to the present time reaches 1,200. Also ten machine guns of the enemy are now in our possession.

According to information obtained from some of these prisoners the losses inflicted during the fighting of yesterday in the vicinity of Berny upon the tenth division of German reserves and upon the 120th reserve regiment were enormous. Two battalions of the 88th regiment, 11th division, were almost annihilated by our artillery.

Flight Adjutant Tarascon has brought down his fifth enemy machine. This aeroplane fell near Deniecourt on the same day. Flight Lieutenant Hurteaux brought down his seventh German aeriplane.

French aero-squadrons have conducted various bombardments.

Russian Report

Petrograd, Sept. 18—"Attempts by the Turks to make an attack in the region of the village of Adisa, on the Caucasusian front, were frustrated by our fire," says the official announcement issued here today.

"On the western (Russian and Galician) front there were no events of importance."

BRITISH RAID GERMAN AERODROMES

London, Sept. 18 (Noon)—The War Office announces:—

"Yesterday afternoon a squadron of our naval aeroplanes carried out a further attack on enemy aerodromes at St. Denis and Westrehem. A large number of bombs were dropped with successful result. One of our machines was obliged to make a forced landing in Holland and the pilot has been interned.

RIVER GIVES UP ONE VICTIM OF THE BRIDGE DISASTER

Quebec, Sept. 18—The first body to be recovered in the Quebec bridge disaster was found floating at noon off the pier at Stromuald, a mile from the bridge site. It was that of Cyrille Bernier of Levis, who was last seen jumping from the south shore cantilever arm, when the centre span crashed down into the river. The body was mangled and could be identified only by the trousers. A Levis tailor recognized them as those he made for Bernier some time ago. The coroner's inquest will be opened tomorrow, Tuesday morning, at ten-thirty, in St. Romuald. The inquest will be held in the Quebec court house.

It is the intention of the attorney-general to go into the matter deeply. The bodies of two men were seen floating with the ebb tide yesterday afternoon near Lauzon. Search is being made.

NOTIFY POLICE CHIEF

Chief Simpson has a letter from the Canadian Courier office in Toronto with an interesting bit of information. It states that complaints have reached them from the maritime provinces regarding a man who has been representing himself as an authorized agent of the Canadian Courier periodical. The man is said to have been here not very long ago. It is said he engaged as agent with the Courier concern some three years ago, but was given his release.

NEW ARMORED CAR A MIGHTY JUGGERNAUT

Would Bring Down Flatiron Building in Minute

MAY SHORTEN TERM OF WAR

Hall Caine Writes of Britain's Latest War Contrivance, Which Sir Douglas Reported Using for First Time Last Week

London, Sept. 18.—(Toronto Globe cable, by Hall Caine.)—Will war itself, which hitherto has resisted the efforts of twenty millions of men on all fronts to bring it to an end, which has withstood all the physical forces of incalculable masses of munitions as well as the economic strain of unparalleled national debts and the mighty pressure of the normal sense of the world be terminated at least at last by its own terrors?

For weeks past I have been hearing whispers of a new arm which would soon be launched on the battlefields, which would drive everything before it. News of it was a secret not to be revealed until the day it came into action.

Nobody was to know where or how it was made or yet what it was. The men who manufactured it were bound by oath not to say anything about it. To make assurances doubly sure they were interned within a vast area whose boundaries were guarded by armed men every hundred yards. Once within, they were never allowed out. Notices posted at the entrances warned intending intruders they would be shot at sight.

Then I heard that the new weapon had already reached the scene of operations in large numbers and that yet greater numbers were to follow. If the enemy was to hear anything about it at all they must hear now. In a few days more it would be in action. The results which might be expected would be stupendous. It was impossible not to be stirred by the mystery that surrounded the new arm and by the confident faith of those who knew of its irresistible power. It was a gigantic car, a colossal Juggernaut, a moving arsenal of unimaginable driving force. Nothing could stand before it. It would pass over trenches like flat ground, climb out of the bed of a river and walk over houses as over ant-hills. In the inferno of its enterior the men who worked it, nearly nude, would be safe from almost any force known to military science, except that of the unconquerable monster they controlled.

Such was the story whispered during the last weeks to those who could be trusted to keep the secret until the day came to reveal it. The secret has now been revealed in Sir Douglas Haig's despatch and we may perhaps look for still greater, more momentous results.

If what is said of the new armored car be true, it may prove to be the mightiest argument for a speedy termination of the war that has yet been heard of in this bloodstained continent.

I am told the power of this new Juggernaut is such that if it rolled up Broadway and was directed at the Flatiron building, it would bring it down and roll out at the other side almost as rapidly as I tell the tale.

I am also told that if we had 3,000 new Juggernauts they would end the war in a month. It sounds like a dream. Some will surely say it sounds like madness, but few or none can be so susceptical of this tremendous story as not at least to hope for the sake of humanity and future world peace that, please God, it may be true.

P. E. ISLAND COMPANY SUFFERS HEAVY FIRE LOSS

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Sept. 18.—The warehouse of the Tignish Trading Company at Tignish was burned on Saturday night with all its contents, including a heavy stock of hardware, paints, and fishing supplies. The loss is $9,000, partially covered by insurance.

This is the second fire loss the company has sustained within a year, another building on the same site having been destroyed. Senator P. C. Murphy is president and the largest shareholder of the company.

Maine Boy Killed in War.

Hallowell, Sept. 16—A cablegram was received on Friday by A. F. Goodrich of this city, from the secretary of the British war office stating that his son, Captain Frank E. Goodrich of the British Royal Flying Corps, was killed in action September 12, somewhere in France. No further particulars were given. Goodrich, who was twenty-two years of age, enlisted in Canada early in the war and was decorated and promoted for bravery in the face of the enemy. The cablegram also stated that the army council expresses their sympathy.

FIRE IN BENDU HOLD

Capetown, S. A., Sept. 18—The British steamer Bendu, at this port from Montreal, has a fire in hold No. 2, which has been burning for more than a week. It is feared that the cargo is seriously damaged.

The steamer is well known in this port having loaded here several times in the South African service. J. T. Knight & Company, steamship brokers, are local agents for the steamer. Captain Burroughs, who is well known here, is in command.

NOT MUCH IN THE FUNDS FOR PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY

Some Features of Recommendations Made by Commissioner Fisher

As only three members of the council were on hand the noon committee meeting was not held today. Commissioner Fisher had an extended report to present but, as one of the matters involved a bond issue, the whole report was allowed to stand over until tomorrow.

The most important feature of the report is a recommendation that tenders be called for a section of granite block paving in Main street for a length of 300 feet on the north side between Acadia and Portland streets, at an estimated cost of $2,847, to be provided for by a bond issue. The commissioner urges that the work be undertaken immediately and that no further paving in Main street be undertaken this year.

Another section recommends that, if local improvement taxation is not taken advantage of, the request of the residents of Clarendon street for new work in that street should be complied with by doing half of the work next year and the balance the following year.

Other features of the report deal with a request for $750 from general revenue for garbage disposal; the suggestion for an ornamental pole at the corner of Mill and Main streets; reduction in rates charged for coal holes, etc., in sidewalks, and departmental finances. The expenditures for the year so far are $108,047. The estimated balance available until the end of the year is $18,500. The commissioner thinks that this amount will not be sufficient and that he will be obliged either to ask for an overdraft or to cut down the public services to an extent which he cannot recommend.

VILLA AGAIN

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 18.—Two columns of government cavalry today were pursuing Villa and his main band.

The bandits are well mounted and apparently were leading the de facto forces over jagged rocks into a canyon.

New London, Conn., Sept. 18.—The Mexican-American commissioners resumed their conference today. There was reason to believe that Mexican representatives were prepared to insist that their deliberations be directed toward an agreement on the control of the border. The American representatives believing that the border situation was merely incident to the general conditions in Mexico, had planned to continue their study of Mexico's internal affairs.

A TERRIBLE DEATH

E. Poulin Drowned in Lime Bath in Tannery.

Quebec, Sept. 18.—Elzear Poulin, a tanner, was drowned today at the tannery of Poulin and Brothers, when he fell into a lime bath where leather was cured. His body was partly burned by the lime, though removed from the bath in a few seconds.

MORE VIOLENCE IN THE NEW YORK STRIKE

New York, Sept. 18.—Repeated attacks from rooftops were made on passing elevated trains early today by persons armed with stones and bottles. Several passengers were injured. Normal service on subway and elevated lines was being operated today.

FREDERICTON NEWS

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 18—An incoming freight on the Canada Eastern branch was derailed near Cross Creek on Saturday afternoon but nobody was injured. Cars suffered some damage and traffic was tied up for a time.

Hon. C. W. Robinson, Hon. F. J. Sweeney, of Moncton, and James McQueen, of Shediac, motored to Woodstock today to participate in the Carleton campaign.

A gentleman who returned from Woodstock today says that motor cars arrived at Aroostook yesterday in search of potato diggers who have votes in Carleton. They were out in the government interests.

Lectures were resumed at the U. N. B. this morning and a successful year is anticipated. Thirty-one new students entered, three of whom are in the sophomore class. The new students enrolled from St. John are S. T. McCavour, Wm. H. Murray, Kenneth B. Seely, Harold E. Seely, J. Clarke Somerville, and A. Douglas Foster.

BEFORE COURT

An insurance agent was taken into custody today on a charge of misappropriation of funds belonging to his employers, Wm. Thomson & Company. The amount stated in the information is $10.

Flagrant Attempt To Steal Soldiers' Vote

Only Those of Carleton County Known to Favor Government Allowed Home From Valcartier

(Special to Times.)

The opposition party has just discovered a plot of government men to deprive the Carleton county boys in the 140th of votes in this election. A telegram from Valcartier to F. B. Carvell says "Passes and transportation have been granted to government supporters as per list furnished by higher authority. At 6.30 p. m. today we received your message and at once submitted list of opposition supporters to O. C. battalion, and it was turned down as he has no authority to grant pass to any whose names were not on the original list."

Mr. Carvell at once telegraphed the contents of this message to the authorities and demanded that all the electors from Carleton county be treated alike. When Col. Beer, the officer commanding the 140th, was in Woodstock last week he said that his battalion expected to go overseas soon and no more passes would be given. It was intimated to him ththe government would be permitted to c at there was a rumor that supporters ofome home and vote. "No more passes," he said, "will be given except over my earnest protest." In spite of this, passes and transportation have been issued to government voters and refused to the supporters of the opposition.

AGED MILLIONAIRE BECOMES ENGAGED

Alonzo R. Peck to Wed Niece of His First Wife

New York, Sept. 18—Alonzo R. Peck, eighty-five, and a millionaire, announces today his engagement to Miss Fannie Ferris Gahagan, fifty, a niece of Mr. Peck's first wife.

The announcement was coupled with the statement that Mr. Peck and Miss Gahagan had celebrated the publication of their marriage intentions by attending a Broadway theatre.

Very few men in New York are better known in religious as well as business and social elements than Mr. Peck. He is a staunch Presbyterian and for half a century has occupied the pew nearest to the pulpit in the Brick Presbyterian Church. Before his retirement from business Mr. Peck was a senior member of the firm of Peck, Robinson & Co., silk and ribbon merchants of Broadway and Worth street. His estate is chiefly in realty.

"No date has been set for the wedding," Mr. Peck is quoted as saying. "It will take place in less than a year, and it will be more than a month before we are married."

BLACKMAILING RICH MEN CHARGED; EIGHT ARRESTS ARE MADE

Chicago, Sept. 18—Eight members of an alleged blackmail gang are in custody of federal authorities today and will be taken to Philadelphia for trial. Five men and three women were arrested before midnight on Saturday in a raid on a fashionable south side apartment hotel. They are accused of fleecing men and women of social prominence in Chicago, Batlimore, New York and Philadelphia. Their scheme, according to Hinton G. Clabaugh of the department of justice, was to compromise their victims and then blackmail them. Impersonation of department of justice officials is another charge against the men. The men are said to have used the charms of their women confederates to win attention from rich men and then to have threatened their victims with prosecution under the Mann Act. It is said they got $250,000. George Irwin, alleged director of the group, is still at large.

SON OF PREMIER ASQUITH KILLED

London, Sept. 18.—Lieut. Raymond Asquith, son of Premier Asquith, was killed in action on Sept. 15. This was announced today.

ONE TODAY.

Thomas Terrik, of Moncton, signed today for overseas service with the Field Ambulance Train.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—The weather is showery in the province of Quebec, and fine in all other parts. It has become warm again in the western provinces but continues cool in Ontario.

Ottawa valley—Moderate westerly winds, fair and cooler tonight and on Tuesday.

Partly Fair.

Maritime—Light winds, fine. Tuesday moderate southwest winds; some local showers but partly fair.

New England—Fair tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature; gentle west winds.

CANNOT FIRE GREAT GUNS TOGETHER

Trouble Develops on New American Super-dreadnought

New York, Sept. 18.—(Toronto Globe) The huge 16-inch guns of the new super-dreadnought Pennsylvania cannot be fired simultaneously. This fact was revealed during the recent target practice indulged in during the government acceptance tests.

The Pennsylvania, with her sister ship the Arizona—just completed in the Brooklyn navy yard—are the first dreadnoughts to have all their big guns installed thrpe to a turret. The super-dreadnoughts Oklahoma and Nevada have two of their turrets containing three guns, but the remaining two turrets contain only two guns each. The trouble discovered on the Pennsylvania also exists in the three inch gun turrets. When the three guns in the turret are fired simultaneously the middle gun becomes deflected and cannot be controlled.

ARTHUR WALTONEN LEAPS FROM TRAIN

Man Arrested on Murder Charge is Badly Hurt

New York, Sept. 15—Arthur Waltonen, who was arrested in Ironwood, Mich., in connection with the murder of Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols, a wealthy widow of this city, leaped from the New York Central train on which he was being brought to this city in the custody of detectives, as it passed through Harmon, N. Y.

The train was brought to a stop and Waltonen was found in a ditch at the side of the tracks, severely injured. He was carried to the train, which resumed its journey to this city. On arriving here Waltonen was removed to a hospital. His condition is said to be serious.

LIBERALS HAVE 39 IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 18—According to the latest returns the Liberals are expected to have thirty-nine seats in the new legislature out of forty-seven. The Conservatives have five seats, and three are still uncertain. The Conservatives hold Cowichan, Nelson, South Okanagan and Similkameen. It is not expected the soldiers' vote will change these results materially.

TO EXPEDITE HANDLING OF COMMERCIAL MAIL

Washington, Sept. 18—A conference between British embassy officials and representatives of important American firms which have suffered from the British mail censorship is being arranged by the embassy with a view to working out some plan to expedite the handling of commercial mail through the censor's office.

The conference will be held soon in New York, with Sir Richard Crawford, commercial adviser of the embassy, as the chief representative of the British government.

WANT MEN FOR THE RANKS MORE THAN THEY DO OFFICERS

Ottawa, Sept. 18—It is announced that there are 2,000 more trained officers in Canada than there are placed in overseas units. To give them the training, schools have been working faster than the recruiting organization. Today privates are more desired than officers. Most of the 2,000 are lieutenants.

MAJOR PERCY McAVITY WOUNDED IN CHEST

VERY BENEVOLENT NEUTRALITY THE NEW GREEK POLICY

Latest Premier Makes The Announcement For Cabinet

PEOPLE WANT WAR

Serbs Make Further Advance, Capturing Bulgars' First and Second Lines of Trenches

Athens, Sept. 16.—(Delayed)—Nikolas Kalageropoulos, the new premier, made the following declaration today:

"The new ministry will follow a benevolent, very benevolent, neutrality toward the Entente. It will decide its attitude in other respects after examination of the situation and studying the diplomatic documents."

Premier Kalageropoulos indignantly repudiated any suggestion that he is pro-German in his sympathies. The cabinet was sworn in at noon.

People Want War

The first boat load of Greek soldiers from Kavala, arrived here today. The men marched through the streets cheering King Constantine and crying: "Down with the Bulgarians."

The demand for war is growing rapidly among the people. Even the anti-Venizelos press plans an active pro-war campaign which will be opened tomorrow.

Serbs Victorious

London, Sept. 18—A further advance for the Serbians on the western end of the Macedonian front is reported in a Saloniki despatch by the Exchange Telegraph Company. It says the first and second line trenches of the Bulgarians at Kaimakcalan have been taken by the Serbians, who have crossed the Broda river. Heavy fighting continues on the farther bank of the river.

The Serbians are reported to have taken four field guns and eight machine guns, bringing up to sixteen the number of guns captured. A large number of prisoners also are said to have fallen into the hands of the Serbians.

The despatch also reports that French troops on the allied left wing have captured the station at Florina. Heavy fighting continues.

Enemy Report

Sofia, Sept. 18—An attack made by Entente forces in the Struma valley, on the Macedonian front, was repulsed by the Bulgarians, so it was announce officially today.

This Greek Fussy

Athens, Sept. 16—There was much excitement at the British legation on Saturday when a Greek officer, who applied for permission to go to Andros, feeling that he had not received the consideration due to his rank, called out the Greek guard.

Athens, Sept. 17—Premier Kalageropolous announced today that the new ministry had assumed full responsibility before the country for its acts. The cabinet evidently accepts the note presented by the Entente Powers last June in the same spirit as the previous cabinet.

The note referred to said that the Entente Powers did not require Greece to abandon neutrality, but demanded demobilization of the Greek army, the formation of a non-political government, and the holding of general elections after demobilization had restored the electoral body to normal conditions.

TURKS BEATEN.

London, Sept. 18—Defeat of the Turks in a minor engagement on the Sinai Peninsula, sixty-five miles east of the Suez Canal, was announced officially today as follows:

A mobile column composed of Anzac mounted troops and a camel corps with some artillery, left Bir-El-Abd on September 6 to carry out reconnaissance of enemy troops west of El-Arish. The column reached an enemy position at Bir-El-Mazar, sixty-five miles from the canal, at dawn on Sunday.

A sharp encounter followed in which our troops penetrated the enemy trenches at several points and inflicted considerable casualties, while our artillery shelled the enemy camps.

The attack appears to have been a surprise to the Turks, and our aircraft saw and fired on several parties of them, among whom were German officers riding rapidly back to El-Arish. We took some prisoners. Our casualties were slight.

TODAY'S BALL GAMES

National League—Pittsburg at New York, clear (2), first 1.30 p.m.; Cincinnati at Brooklyn, clear (2), first 1.30 p. m.; Chicago at Philadelphia, clear, 3 p. m.; St. Louis at Boston, clear, 3.15 p.m.

American League—Philadelphia at Detroit, clear, 3 p.m.; Washington at St. Louis, clear, 3 p.m.; Boston at Chicago, clear, 3 p.m.; no other games scheduled.

Taken To Hospital In Boulogne Yesterday

NEWS COMES TO FATHER

Had Not Even Been Ill a Day Up to This Time—Lieut. J. M. Humphrey of This City and Corporal Andrew Coutts in List

MAJOR PERCY McAVITY

Major Percy Douglas McAvity was admitted to No. 7 Stationary Hospital at Boulogne on September 17, suffering from a gunshot wound in the chest.

This brief message with the promise of further particulars when available, was received this morning by the major's father, Stephen S. McAvity of T. McAvity & Sons, Limited. He cabled to Dr. Murray MacLaren asking if he could obtain any further information in advance of the official communications.

Major McAvity left St. John as a lieutenant and won steady promotion by his recognized ability, recently succeeding to the command of B company in his battalion.

During all the time he has been at the front he has escaped being wounded and has not even had a day's sickness until the present casualty. His many friends are hoping that the wound is not a serious one.

Lieut. J. M. Humphrey

Lieutenant James McGivern Humphrey of this city, who went overseas with the Montreal Grenadier Guards battalion, the 87th, in last May, is reported wounded on September 18. The official message reached his father, William H. Humphrey of J. M. Humphrey & Co., Ltd., yesterday and contained no information beyond the bare fact that he had been wounded. Before joining the overseas forces Lieutenant Humphrey was a member of the staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia here.

The midnight casualty list follows:

Corp. Andrew Coutts

That Corporal Andrew Coutts of this city had been wounded and admitted to the war hospital at Guilford, is the word received by Mrs. Coutts of 58 Wall street.

Corporal Coutts and his brother James went overseas with the 12th battalion. Corporal Coutts was transferred to another, while his brother was transferred to the Princess Pats and was killed in the heavy fighting on Hill 60 in April, 1915.

That Corporal Coutts was very efficient in his work was marked by the fact that when he arrived in France he was appointed to the position as instructor in a bombing school, after which he was made bombing instructor in a divisional school. He is twenty-eight years old and was a carpenter by trade. His wife and two small children reside in Wall street.

Gunshot in Arm.

A telegram, which Mr. and Mrs. Howard Logan, of Millidge Avenue, received Saturday from Ottawa notifying them that their son, Gordon, had been wounded, said that he was suffering from a gun shot wound in the arm. He went overseas with the 69th Battalion and was transferred to another battalion after his arrival in England. Mr. and Mrs. Logan have four sons in khaki. Howard, with the 26th, Gordon and Maxwell with the 14th, and Arthur with a local unit.

Infantry

Wounded—Harry Evans Fulmer, Two Islands, N.S.; Corp. Truman Spurgeon, McLanders, N.S.; Neil McLean, Glace Bay, N.S.; Ferdinand McLachlan, Tracadie, N.B.; Archie McLaughlin, New Glasgow, N.S.; Corp. Colin McLeod, Stellarton, N.S.; Samuel McDaniel, Margaree Forks, C. B.; Corp. Andrew Coutts, 58 Wall street, St. John, N.B.; Lieut. James McGivern Humphrey, 12 King street, St. John, N.B.; Noble C. Yould, Canso, N.S.

Artillery

Wounded—Harry J. Irving, Botsford street, Moncton, N.B.