

MORALE OF RUSSIANS UNIMPAIRED; GERMANS LOSING TWO TO ONE IN MEN

—TIMES CORRESPONDENT SENDS STIRRING DESPATCH—
Dvinsk Will be of Little Advantage to Huns — Stubborn Fighting.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
London, Sept. 20.—Undiminished confidence in high military circles that the Russians will make a successful retreat from Vilna, is reported by the Petrograd correspondent of the Times. The Germans, he says, are making most desperate efforts to bag some of the retreating Russian armies before the withdrawal is completed, but the heaviest transport trains and impedimenta are already beyond the danger zone and there is hope that the Russian forces will extricate themselves.
It is important to bear in mind the correspondent wires, that many meshes in the German net are being pulled through the lines of comparatively weak cavalry units, which will be swamped unless quickly withdrawn.
Viewing the situation in the Northern sector of operations as a whole, the correspondent says: "It is not unworthy that Germany cavalry seized and cut the Vilna-Dvinsk on the 12th, but though a whole week elapsed we are still awaiting a decision, and though communications are cut to the Vilna group of fortresses the latter are able to conduct operations without any appreciable loss."
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Huns Attack Serbs.

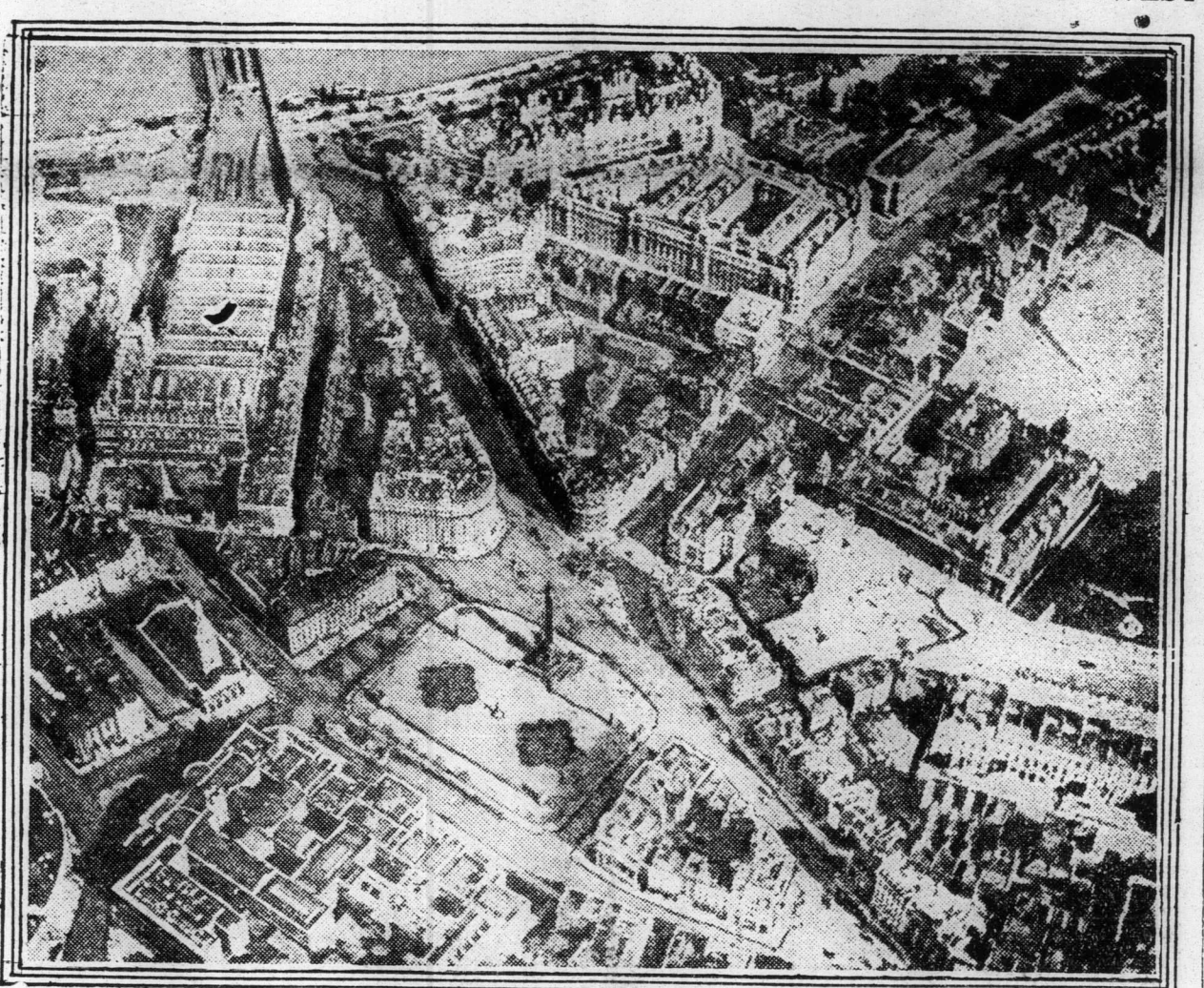
By Special Wire to the Courier.
Berlin, Sept. 20, via London.—An announcement was made by the war office here to-day of an attack by German forces on the Serbians. It was said the Serbians were driven back. German forces are pursuing the Russian army, which is attempting to escape from the enveloping movement in the Vilna region. The Russians are offering little resistance to the advancing Germans.

LARGEST UNDERWRITING SYNDICATE IN WORLD FORMING TO HANDLE LOAN

—WILL BE NATION-WIDE IN CHARACTER AND SCOPE—
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New York, Sept. 20.—The largest underwriting syndicate the western world has ever known, was in process of formation to-day to handle the proposed "billion dollar" credit loan to Great Britain and France, which has now shrunk, it was reported to a sum yet to be determined, between \$600,000,000 and \$800,000,000.
This mammoth syndicate, according to tentative arrangements said to have been agreed upon, will be nation wide in its character and will comprise national and state banks and trust companies from the Atlantic to the Pacific. A number of so-called Pro-German financiers, it was reported, will join the syndicate if it is finally agreed that the proceeds of the big loan shall be available only for commodity exports and not for munitions of war.
The price at which this syndicate will put out the British and French Government bonds, which will be issued to secure the issue, will be determined. The bonds will pay five per cent. interest, and will be a first mortgage upon the entire British Empire and France and her colonies. All other obligations of the two nations will be subordinated to the proposed big bond issue here. Even the staggering sums raised by bond issues at home, will be subordinated to the proposed big bond issue here.
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AEROPLANE VIEW OF TRAFALGAR SQUARE FROM THE NORTHWEST



OPTIMISM WITH HARD HITTING BREATHES THROUGH RUSSIAN REPORT

Petrograd Official is Heartening After Brief Announcements of Past.
By Special Wire to the Courier.
Petrograd, Sept. 19, via London, Sept. 20.—The official communication issued by the War Department to-day says:
"West of Dvinsk and in the region of the lakes stubborn fighting continues. Violent enemy attacks in the region of Illukst were repulsed and the enemy was thrown back on the trenches with heavy losses."
"Following very violent artillery preparations the enemy attacked and occupied the village of Siokkii, in the region west of Illukst."
"In the region between Lakes Tchilchayev and Oville, the enemy made sudden attacks against the village of Imbrody. Our detachments were destroyed and the detachments occupying them thrown back. Enemy cavalry which attempted to cross the River Driswiattsa, in the region of..."
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POSITIVE WORD IS AWAITED AS TO THE GREEK SHIP ATHINAE

Anchor Line Steamship Tuscania Thought to Have Rescued Passengers.
By Special Wire to the Courier.
New York, N. Y., September 20.—The Anchor Line Steamship Tuscania was believed to be on her way to New York to-day bringing the passengers and crew of the Greek steamer Athinae, which was on fire and abandoned at sea, according to wireless messages received from Captain McLean of the Tuscania. The Athinae left New York last Thursday for Piraeus, Greece, carrying a few passengers, a large general cargo and many bags of mail. The position of the burning vessel was given in Captain McLean's message as latitude 40.54 north and longitude 58.47 west, about 200 miles nearly south of Sable Island and more than 500 miles east of New York.
No positive word as to the safety of her passengers and crew had been received as the only information con-
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CHAPLAIN OF FIFTY-EIGHT APPEALS FOR PRAISE MANUALS

—Address on "Camp Life" at St. Jude's—
Last night at evensong, St. Jude's Church was well filled and the talk by the rector on camp life, held the congregation enraptured for over half an hour. Looking well, sun-tanned and speaking with that simple clear enunciation which have made his addresses masterpieces of pure English, the Chaplain of the 58th was as usual, splendid.
The work of the Chaplain concerns the moral and spiritual life of the soldier in his sickness or in health, he said. "We do not force ourselves on our gospel into their lives, we rather, by a kindly word and a handshake try to have them realize that our interests are theirs; that they may come to us."
The routine of camp is much the same, opening after "gunfire" and roll call with a prayer, which the Chaplain leads in then the Lord's Prayer, in which all participate, then "sick boy" is visited and the men cheered by some outside influence their lives need at such a time, and it is enough to see just how pleased they are to see their Chaplain around.
In the work of camp there is a need of hymns and prayer manuals, such can be had in one book and the appeal was made that the members of St. Jude's and friends would contribute by sending same to the rector, Wednesday night meetings are held at which so far, there has been a fair attendance and it is noteworthy that the men asked the meeting be extended to one hour in length as they had enjoyed it.
THE OFFICERS AND MEN.
Speaking of his comrades in arms the rector made a touching and feeling allusion. "Fine men, each of them making the big sacrifice capable and keen as lance points, to answer at duty's call—I am proud to know them all," he averred with emphasis.
The battalion held a route march and he had accompanied them on their tramp, they had ten minute halts every hour and in that period he would go through the ranks talking to them and he felt the lads appreciated the fact that he hiked with them.
SUNDAY SERVICES
After holding Divine service this morning as he left camp to come home, he passed through the lines where the men were playing games of every sort, cricket, baseball, etc and concluded the Chaplain, "I would be the last to say a word at such a time as this to hinder their indulgence in clean, healthy, manly sport. The men many of whom had never troubled church, appreciated this and it brought them closer together at other times. As one young lad said, "Glad to have you here sir. We were forgetting, I've been a bit wild myself—but its easier to pull up, when you are helping." This is a Chaplain's reward and not all that one can do for such fellows is enough to repay the worth of one regenerated and inspired life.
PRAY FOR US.
There was an appeal made for prayer, a united call for those whose lives are being given up for the advance of goodness for throughout the regiment underlying other motives, one sense distinctly the moral principles these men believed are worth dying for and we all must pray for help, guidance and grace; pray for themselves.
3. Because the problem of our cities demands for its solution an unlimited supply of money to provide an adequate equipment at least as strong and attractive as the equipment which is possessed by the forces of evil which we are trying to defeat.
4. Our Foreign Mission fields cry out for union. They believe that a united church would make a much stronger appeal to the non-Christian world. They need union to provide better schools, colleges and universities.
5. Our colleges stretched across the Dominion would profit immensely by union. They are now duplicated in a wasteful and therefore sinful way. Our college heads are practically a unit in favor of union.
Regarding doctrine, Mr. Gordon called attention to the fact that the basis of union conserves what is peculiarly Christian. It has the approval of such saints of our church as Caven, McLaren, Warden and Patrick. Dr. McMullen of Woodstock, who at first was opposed to union, said recently "I have very little fault to find with the doctrinal basis."
The basis of union preserves the "catholic" principles of the "true" of the congregation to call any eligible minister and the unlimited pastorate. It combines with it the Methodist ideal of "every church has a minister and every minister has a church."
Mr. Gordon emphasized the thought that the function which these three churches were meant to perform in God's Providence had been fulfilled. Henceforth they would serve men's needs better by working as an organic unit. Especially is this true regarding the needs of those coming to us from other lands. We are not to present looking after them. There are already thousands in our midst. It will not affect our local congregation, but it will mean a church and a Sunday School and a communion table to the new comers to our land.
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Church Union Discussed by Presbyterian Pastors Throughout the City Yesterday

—FINELY REASONED SERMONS ON SUBJECT ARE PRESENTED—
The local Presbyterian clergymen on Saturday dealt largely with church union. Arguments theological and material for and against were presented and the trend of sentiment which marked the utterances was for union. All the churches will have an opportunity to vote upon this matter, when the ballot should prove of unusual interest.
AT ST. ANDREWS.
Rev. J. W. Gordon, after giving a short history of the union movement from its inception, appealed for a decisive vote in favor of union between the negotiating churches.
Because of the insistent demand from our rural districts that something be done to prevent waste and overlapping.
2. Because of a demand from our Home Mission fields of the same nature—a demand which federation has failed to meet. The shortage of men and money will this winter keep vacant many fields which, if supplied with the right sort of men would be self-sustaining in a year or two. Missionaries lack equipment sadly.
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"CONFOUND THEIR POLITICS AND FRUSTRATE THEIR KNAVISH TRICKS"

—Sang L. O. L. Men at Grace Church—
"Confound their politics, frustrate their knavish tricks," sang the L. O. L. of Brant County yesterday afternoon in Grace church, and the Grace church choir sang it too, and the Grace church organ accompanied. The shadow of the recent Anglican Synod did not lay heavily on Brantford yesterday.
The occasion was the annual church parade of the assembled lodges of Brant County, and over 200 members turned out to participate in the event. The sermon was delivered in Grace church by Rev. E. S. McKegney, of Trinity church, Eagle Place, and gave an excellent discourse, justifying the existence of Orangermen and setting forth the reasons of their being. "People say," said Mr. McKegney, "why do not Orangermen discontinue their work during the war, and drop the old feuds in the face of the common enemy? We cannot stop during the war, because the Roman Catholic church does not stop during the war, annulment of marriage does not stop during the war; canon law does not stop during the war."
The speaker based his sermon on I Cor. 12: 27. The absolute worth of the individual, he asserted was a fact rescued at the time of the Reformation. The fabric of the Roman Empire collapsed because its unity was an outward unity only. Its unity was impelled by the sword. As soon as the hand which held the sword grew weak, the fabric collapsed.
In the Middle Ages, the church as an all pervading power with the centre of Rome took the place of the original idea of the Roman Empire. It collapsed too from inward faults. Today we have not a perfect society either. There are many evils in the world and the cure of them all is Christ.
Men are not brought to Christ for their own salvation alone, affirmed Mr. McKegney. That is only the beginning. The Christian owes social duties to three great institutions: the State, the Family and the Church. Our duty to the state these times is obvious. "Those who carry a big Bible and wear a long face know nothing at all of the spirit of the age."
In the relationship of people to the family Mr. McKegney discussed at some length the work of the order in endeavoring to obtain a uniform marriage law for Canada. He traced the efforts of the Orangermen fighting the Hebert case to the Privy Council, and cited a famous incident near Belfast, Ireland, of the interference of the Roman Church between man and wife. "It is against that we fight and fight always," declared the preacher in showing why the order should continue its work.
The preacher concluded by a strong appeal to support the patriotic fund the proceeds of the offering going to that institution. He noted in passing that the moneys of this fund were so invested that the interest therefrom paid for all working expenses of its organization.
The Grace church choir rendered an anthem very acceptably during the taking of the offering, and before dismissing Archdeacon Mackenzie made a short address of welcome, congratulating the order on their choice of the preacher for the day, and also reminding them that it was in the Anglican church that the order first had its being.
Several of the lodges came in by Radial and upon their arrival at the lodges paraded to the headquarters on Dalhousie street and after a short rest proceeded to the church by way of Dalhousie, Market, Colborne, Brant avenue and Church street. A band from the Hamilton lodge headed the procession, while a five band was also in evidence. At the church a short Church English ritual conducted by Archdeacon Mackenzie and Rev. Patterson Smythe, preceded the sermon.
The procession was formed by three car loads of members from Hamilton, including the Scarlet Knights with the Hamilton band, the Kelvin fire and drum band and members of Kelvin Lodge; members of Paris lodge and members of Commercial lodge, Brant Temperance lodge and L. O. L. from the city. The whole proceedings were under charge of Marshall H. Fielding, assisted by ex-Marshall Jack White and officers of the various lodges.
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Issue Turns on Which Side Takes Constantinople, Say Italian Newspapers

By Special Wire to the Courier.
ROME, Sept. 20.—Active operations are likely soon to be under way along the frontiers of the Balkan states, the Tribuna declares it learns from competent sources. It says that an Austro-German movement has been planned for the latter part of October, the plan involving the expected diversion of 500,000 men from the Russian campaign to the Balkans, with the simultaneous securing of Bulgaria's adherence in the move to open a route from Budapest to Constantinople.
The Tribuna and other journals argue the necessity of offsetting this move by the concentration in the Dardanelles of all possible forces of the entente allies, declaring the issue turns on which side takes Constantinople first, the Austro-Germans through Bulgaria, or the allies through the Dardanelles.
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TURKS LOST OVER 5,000 AT HILL 60

It Took the British Three Days to Oust Enemy From Position.
London, Sept. 20.—A description of the fighting in the Anzac region on the Gallipoli Peninsula during the capture of Hill No. 60 was given by the Dardanelles correspondent of Reuters' Telegram Company.
The capture of Hill No. 60 was important, says the correspondent, as it is the last crest of the last ridge separating the Anzac zone from the plains to the north, and thus constitutes a point of union between the British forces in the Anzac position and the line across the Suvla plain, besides giving access to a ravine leading to high ground beyond it.
The Turks, he says, clung to the hill with the utmost determination, and when they were thrown out of their trenches would fight their way back again, accepting terrible losses unflinchingly to regain the lost ground, with the result that when the trenches finally were captured they were filled with Turkish dead.
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SECOND CANADIAN DIVISION NOW ON THE BATTLEFIELD

Equal in Every Way to the First Contingent After Their Training.
Ottawa, Sept. 20.—The 2nd Canadian Division, which for the past six months has been in strenuous training at Shortcliffe, has been safely landed in France, the last detail of the contingent reaching there on Friday. The division will no doubt remain for a short time behind the battle line before being moved up to assist on the 100-mile front being held by the British troops. It is stated that the 2nd Division is the equal in all particulars of the 1st Division, which made a name for Canada at St. Julien, and which has also now been reinforced to strength.
In addition to the 1st Division, three regiments of horse, comprising the Royal Canadian Dragoons, the Strathconas, and the King Edward Horse, under Lieut.-Col. Seely, have already represented the Dominion at the front. There is a movement on foot to have the Princess Patricia's brigaded with the other Canadian divisions.
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In Brantford Neighbors to Build Up the Following:
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