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British Hit Enemy, Another Severe Blow

Capture German Trenches And Straighten Out Their Line

Gains Between Flers and Martinpuich; French Hurl Back Lines of Attacking Germans and Inflict Heavy Losses

The British are again striking hard on the Somme front. Their latest thrust, delivered last night, netted them two lines of German trenches on a line about a mile long between Flers and Martinpuich.

The French, for their part of the Somme fighting have had another series of German attacks to cope with. Strong forces advanced in waves this morning against positions recently captured by the French between Kanoort and Pites Farm.

"During the night we advanced on a front of about a mile," the statement says, "capturing two lines of hostile trenches, approximately between Flers and Martinpuich. The front now runs approximately on a direct line north of Flers and Martinpuich."

"The enemy's trenches were successfully entered last night south of Arras, prisoners being taken and many casualties inflicted by us and the crater occupied."

Paris, Sept. 22.—German infantry, advancing in waves, made renewed efforts this morning to break the French from positions recently captured north of the Somme. The official announcement of today says the attacks were broken by French artillery before the Germans reached the French lines compelling them to retire to their own trenches after sustaining heavy losses.

"The attacks of the Germans, made in strong force, were centered on the French positions between Le Pites Farm and Rancourt."

BRITISH KEEPS THE ENEMY BUSY

London, Sept. 22.—(New York Times cable).—A Petrograd despatch to the Daily Chronicle dated September 20, says that the present Brusilov's armies are maintaining a steady pressure on all parts of the southwestern front, more particularly in the neighborhood of Halicz and in the difficult region of the wooded Carpathians on the border of Bukovina and Hungary.

Petrograd, Sept. 22.—"On the western and Caucasian fronts there was no development of importance," says the official statement issued today.

A German Admission Berlin, Sept. 22.—Desperate fighting between the Austro-Germans and Russians in the Carpathian Mountains continues. The summit of Smotrovo, which has changed hands several times, has again been captured from the Germans by the Russians.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Mrs. George T. Hennessy of this city received a telegram this morning saying that her husband, Pte. George T. Hennessy, had been admitted to the General Military Hospital, Colchester, England, on Sept. 19, suffering from a slight gunshot wound in the arm.

Malcolm Beattie of Fredericton, has been notified that his son, Frank Beattie, has been killed in action in France. William Mine of Fredericton, has been notified that his son, Private Mark Mine, has been wounded in the arm. He left Canada with the 35th Battalion.

FIELD AMBULANCE INSPECTION TODAY

The men of the Field Ambulance Depot were inspected this morning by Colonel Potter of Ottawa and Lieut. Colonel Grant, A. D. of M. S. of the staff of M. D. No. 6.

The men were examined in all branches of their work, being first inspected in sections, drill, followed by company drill and stretcher drill. All made a good showing and the officials were well satisfied with the progress made.

The depot has now a strength of 141 men, and as the full complement of the unit is only 128 it should be but a short time before the unit is at full strength.

IS WITHDRAWN

In the matter between an insurance agent and a city firm, referred to a few days ago, the information has been withdrawn and it has been shown that there was nothing of criminal intent.

BRUTAL GERMAN WORK SWORN TO

Fearful Tortures Inflicted Upon Russian Prisoners — Pictures in Proof

London, Sept. 22.—The Daily Mail says this morning: "Some evidence of cruelties practiced by German officers, soldiers and prison guards upon Russian prisoners contained in the latest report of a Russian commission of inquiry issued in English, with photographs."

"Torture by drawing of nails, cutting off of tongues and tearing off of ears has been inflicted upon the Russians unwilling to betray their comrades. Men have been buried alive in revenge or for other amusement, by the captors. In the camp at Danes-Verderahy, Austria-Hungary, Russians were punished by being screwed up in a coffin. This has been sworn to by many prisoners and by a Russian Sister of Mercy. Some were shot because they were too weak to work."

"Tied to a post with their toes bare, touching the ground and beaten with tongues, many found death more merciful than their captors. For two weeks Private Paul Kreschchenko, relates a Georgian prisoner, was compelled to live in a dog kennel in which he could neither sit nor lie down. Each time the guard was changed he was dragged out by the chain, struck, and driven back again. His crime was that he attempted to escape."

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M. G. MURPHY GOES AHEAD ONCE MORE

Popular C. P. R. Official Gets Appointment to Important Post in Detroit

Matthew G. Murphy is today receiving congratulations from his many friends upon another promotion. Mr. Murphy has received notice of his transfer from the office of district passenger agent at St. John to the position of general agent for the passenger department of the C. P. Railway and ocean services in Detroit to take effect on October 1.

Having been here several years ago as a member of the passenger staff, Mr. Murphy received a warm welcome when he returned to the city in last February, when he was transferred from Toronto. During his present stay in the city he has added to his already large circle of friends and it is with sincere regret that he leaves the city.

In addition to his activities in his own work, Mr. Murphy has been active in matters of public interest and has given generously of his spare time for the public weal. He has been chairman of the transportation committee of the Rotary Club and in that capacity did much towards the success of the mammoth picnic held this summer in aid of the patriotic fund.

While the government does not now plan to invoke conscription or compulsory service, the system being involved contemplates the raising not only of the additional 100,000 men required for overseas, but all that are needed for vital industries.

Conscription would be a last resort, but meanwhile a sort of census is proposed to establish what those enlisted are engaged at and to what degree it is of utility to the country.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of the meteorological service.

Sydney—The depression which was over Lake Superior yesterday now covers Lake Michigan with its energy diminished. Showers and local thunderstorms have occurred in Ontario and Quebec.

Ottawa Valley—Moderate winds, scattered showers today and on Saturday with fair intervals.

Some Showers Tomorrow Maritime—Moderate southerly winds, fair and warm; local showers on Saturday.

ALLIES' DRIVE IN BALKANS DEVELOPING STRENGTH

Pushing on Toward Monastir; French and Serbians Score Success; King George's Naval Guns Are at Work

On the Macedonian front in the region north of Florina the Entente towards Monastir apparently is developing strength.

The Serbians are reported to be continuing their advance along the Broda reaching a point near Urban (Vrbina), Naval Guns Booming London, Sept. 22.—British warships have been booming Bulgarian positions in the vicinity of Neohori, on the east bank of the Struma, near its mouth, northeast of Saloniki. On the left of the British position on the Macedonian front, in the Dobruja region an artillery duel of increasing intensity is in progress.

Paris, Sept. 22.—French and Serbian troops operating along the western end of the Macedonian front have scored new success against the Bulgarians, so the War Office announced today. Serbian troops, continuing their advance along the Entente front, have reached the neighborhood of Urban, where 100 prisoners were taken. North of the road from Saloniki to the Bulgarian front, the Entente forces were able to break up by the fire of the French infantry. As a result of heavy fighting, the Entente forces were able to make progress on the heights dominating the road from Florina to Popoli.

Athens, Sept. 22.—Constantino Melas, deputy for Janina has published an appeal to the inhabitants of Epirus asking them to join in the national defence movement started at Saloniki.

London, Sept. 22.—(New York Times cable).—The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at Bucharest sends the following, dated September 18: "News from both Rumania, Transylvania and Dobruja, continues satisfactory. The fighting Bulgarians have been attempting to dig themselves into cover, but this attempt has been frustrated by concentrated artillery fire from the allies' guns. Here the enemy has made no fresh infantry assaults on the Russo-Roumanian positions. It would seem that he is disheartened by his recent failures. The allied artillery has silenced a number of the enemy's heavy guns."

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INSPECTING QUARTERS OF KILTIES IN CAPITAL Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 22.—Lieut. Colonel A. F. Desroches, director of general works and buildings, arrived in Fredericton at noon today from Ottawa, accompanied by Mrs. Desroches, and this evening will leave for St. John en route to Halifax and Sydney, N. S. Today he is inspecting the quarters in which is proposed to house the Kilties Battalion.

BOUGHT FOR \$22,700; SOLD FOR \$102,000 The Centre Austral Cable, now lying at the Liverpool wharf, Halifax, and which was sold by the French Cable Company to W. N. McDonald, of Sydney, N. S., for \$22,700, and by Mr. McDonald to New York parties for \$102,000, is being fitted up to go to Port McLeary, where she will load pulp for New York.

FIRST GRAIN ON WAY HERE The first of the shipment of a million bushels of grain, which is to be sent through this port, left Port William ten days ago and will be here before long. Preparations have been made to handle it, and two bagging machines have been installed in the C. P. R. elevator at West St. John through which the shipment will pass.

As the grain is bagged, it will be stored in warehouses at berths 14 and 15 to await shipment.

AGAIN ARRESTED Mary Rumley, recently released from custody after having served a term for stealing a man, was arrested yesterday by Detectives Barrett and Briggs on suspicion of having stolen several articles of jewelry from the home of Duncan G. Lingley, city chamberlain, in Riverdale, Mo., several months ago is said to have been recovered the missing articles.

Dominion Lads Gave The Germans Surprise

TAKE LONG TIME TO GET BOYS HOME WHEN WAR IS OVER

Calgary, Alta., Sept. 22.—At a reception and luncheon given to Lord Shaugnessy by the board of trade yesterday, His Lordship, in dealing with problems of Canada after the war, said: "The important question for us is, what will the Canadian situation be after the war. We want, above all things, a larger population. We have vast areas of unsettled land which will be most productive when once tilled. Many believe that soldiers will become farmers. We hope they will, and if so there is nothing that we can do to make such work for them profitable that should not be done, but we must bear this in mind, that our transportation facilities on the Atlantic Ocean for a considerable time will be required to bring home these troops when the war is over."

"Assuming we have 200,000 troops to bring home, it will take at least three months to afford transportation and if the government secures the 500,000 men that we are now doubling."

"No doubt there are many British boys who would wish to come out but we cannot deal with them until our men are taken care of first, so that it will be a considerable time before any immigrants from England or the Continent of Europe can arrive."

"The immigration of the country is of vital importance to every citizen. We do not want as immigrant agents in Europe or the United States or elsewhere, men who receive such a position for political services performed. Our immigration work should start not here in Canada, but where the settler is to be the hands of steamship agents whose only interest in the business is the \$2 a head and the agent's commission they receive. We should have connected with our immigration organization a well established bureau which would look after the immigrant at the point of origin, which would not allow the immigrant to drift from one place to another when he reaches this side. A combination of immigration and labor bureau would be the ideal thing."

Referring to the question of returned soldiers, Baron Shaugnessy said: "Whatever the policy of the government may be in assisting our soldiers to the land, I sincerely trust that the old policy of land scrip will be avoided. It never accomplished any good. It did not develop a field but furnished a magnificent field for speculators. Whatever should be done for our soldiers should be done in placing the soldier himself on the land and to give him assistance that will enable him for the first few years to carry on his work successfully. After that time he should be able to take care of himself."

THE GERMAN TRAPPED "Turning corners and digging in and out, the men cleared the streets of German soldiers and saw that the dugouts were guarded. Given another half hour and the Germans would have organized their defenses. As it was, they were helplessly confined in their cellars."

One of the two battalion commanders captured was a baron. "Being of the aristocratic class, he put a good deal of money into his cell, and was very comfortable. Then he became amiable."

"Two German doctors worked like Trojans looking after their own and (Continued on page 7, fifth column.)"

MEXICANS KILL TWO BRITONS Galveston, Texas, Sept. 22.—Two British subjects were taken from their home and shot and thirty-six of a party of thirty-eight Carranza soldiers were killed in a raid on September 16 on Aquila Oil camp near Tampam by bandits calling themselves Villistas, according to a report brought here today by the steamer Topile from Tampico.

PREMIER TISZA SAID TO HAVE WEATHERED STORM

London, Sept. 22.—The Hungarian Diet has rejected a motion of Counts Andrássy and Apponyi, leaders of the opposition, for the convocation of the diet, according to a Budapest despatch to Reuters.

SOME ECHOES OF THE CARLETON ELECTION Woodstock, Sept. 22.—J. K. Fleming last night claimed the result in Carleton county as a personal victory, and his friends shall it as a vindication. Smith's majority was 150 less than when he ran as a private member in 1915. It is estimated that the government fund for the campaign was between \$60,000 and \$80,000. The expenses of the opposition were purely legitimate, and most of the expenditure went for automobile hire and printing.

The most shameful abuse of F. B. Carevell was a faculty of the party at the open-air meeting last evening. The chief officers were J. C. Hartley and F. C. Squires.

DRAFT OF MACHINE GUNNERS NOW OFFICIALLY AUTHORIZED Although it has been generally understood that J. K. Fleming is to make a draft of machine gunners, consisting of one lieutenant and fifty of other ranks, it was not until today that the official authorization was received. The draft is recruited to full strength it will proceed overseas and will be attached to the machine gun depot in England, from which depot machine gunners are drafted to the front.