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DECISIVE RESULT IS NOT YET ACHIEVED IN THE GREAT BATTLE

All Paris Waits With Anxiety for Report--Line Gains and Loses at Different Places--Germans Superior at Points.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] PARIS, Sept. 26.—For eleven days and ten nights the battle of the Aisne has continued practically without cessation, and still Paris waits for news of some decisive result.

Here and there, according to the official communications, the line has given way to one side or the other, but the importance of these incidents, if any, on the final result, has not yet become apparent.

The latest French official statement mentions several such movements. On the French left wing to the northwest of Noyon, where the French apparently have been trying to outflank the German

right, the French advanced troops it is announced, were compelled to give a little ground, having come in contact with superior forces. Fresh troops were brought up, however, and the French offensive was vigorously resumed. The communication says the struggle in this region has become extremely violent.

Similarly on the heights of the Meuse the Germans have had successes, but they have not succeeded, the French communication says, in crossing the river.

The French report, however that on their right wing the Germans have begun to give way to attacks coming from Nancy and Toul, while in the southern region of Woerthe the enemy is also retreating, but the action continues.

FUND OF \$100,000 IS QUITE POSSIBLE YET CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS

Nearly \$60,000 Raised in Three Days but Good Work Will Continue--Workers are Gratiated at the Showing Made.

The Whirlwind Campaign has closed and although the workers did not realize the amount aimed at, they were entirely successful and raised the sum of \$59,440. As there are several big subscriptions to come, such as the Country and the City Council, there is little doubt that the whole of the \$100,000 will be raised.

The meeting at the Headquarters last night was one of the most cheerful in spirit it is possible to imagine, and everyone was happy and the spirit was infectious.

The Chairman, Lloyd Harris, opening up, briefly said he was beyond all things pleased with the conduct of the workers. Their Empire had called after they had responded. He, as a member of the Executive, had had an easy time. They had selected the easy marks and passed on the hard nuts to the workers, who had done the hard part of the campaign. He was sure that he and the Mayor, had had a very easy three days of it. The effect of the campaign, was to cement many new friendships and he was sure of his former antagonists. "Why," he said smiling, shouldn't we conduct our political campaigns in this manner. He had now a better opinion of Jack and thought him a really good fellow and he hoped that the Mayor would in future think that Lloyd wasn't so bad either.

Financial Report. The totals announced, showed that \$59,440 had been collected and he saw no reason why the \$100,000 mark should not be reached. The City

Council's donation was not yet to hand, nor was that of the County, while the ladies effort of Saturday would result in an addition of \$1,400 while the theatres were to give, and likewise the organists of the city, who had decided to subscribe \$2500 during the winter. In view of this, and several large subscriptions promised, he felt sure that the whole of the \$100,000 would be obtained. Too much talking had been done from the head table and now he would ask the captains to give a brief speech and he thereupon called upon these units.

The teams' collections showed another substantial addition to the total and team number eight, captained by Mr. Sanderson, carried off the honors of collecting the largest amount during the campaign, they having obtained nearly \$4,000.

Individually for the last count the figures were: 1. ... \$ 827.85 2. ... 1339.05 3. ... 217.00 4. ... 339.62 5. ... 446.50 6. ... 307.05 7. ... 1911.00 8. ... 119.00 9. ... 264.35 10. ...

The Scouts with the kettle, collected \$38.55, and the schools had subscribed \$200. The County donation is likely to be about \$25,000, while the city council is announced as giving \$15,000. Therefore it would seem that the fund eventually will be little short of the \$100,000.

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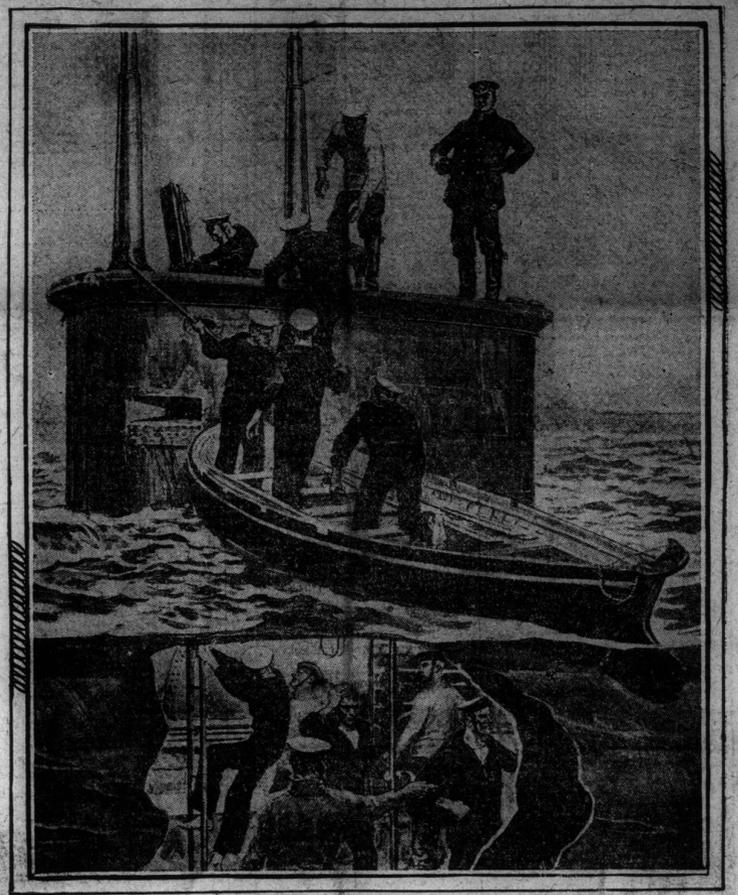
Nation is Calm

[By Special Wire to the Courier.] LONDON, Sept. 26.—The Lancet says: "National self-control during the last two months of poignant anxiety has been remarkable. The country as a whole braced itself to bear any ill fortune with a stiff lip and any good fortune with self-restraint."

"To our psychologists the almost universal attitude must have been somewhat of a surprise. Not a few of them had been prepared to find our population, rich and poor alike, more softened by prosperity than the event has proved."

"There may be many opportunities before the war is over for further display of fortitude, but we are glad to think that the testimony of the medical profession goes to prove that fortitude will generally be forthcoming."

AN INCIDENT IN THE NAVAL FIGHT OFF HELIGOLAND



RESCUED BY SUBMARINE - A STRANGE INCIDENT DURING THE NAVAL ACTION OFF HELIGOLAND FROM THE OPHEUS © THE U.S. BY AP/WIDE WORLD

Philip Dadd, special artist for this newspaper, the London Sphere and the New York Herald, made this drawing from a sketch by G. H. Davis, an English lieutenant who participated in the Heligoland incident. The incident was related as follows: "The Defender, having sunk an enemy cruiser, followed a whaler to pick up her swimming survivors; before the whaler got back an enemy's cruiser came up and chased the Defender, and thus she abandoned her whaler, and the whaler, alone in an open boat, without food, twenty-five miles from the nearest land, and that land the enemy's fortress, with nothing but fog and foes around them. Suddenly a swirl alongside, and, if you please, pops His Britannic Majesty's submarine E-4, opens his conning tower, takes them all on board, shuts up his portholes, and brings them home, 230 miles." The naval lieutenant who describes the happenings adds that it is again, a most romantic, dramatic and piquant episode that modern war can show.

BERESFORD DECLARES THAT KIEL CANAL WILL BE PRIZE OF THE WAR

LEEDS, Eng., Sept. 26 (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Lord Charles Beresford in addressing a recent mass meeting for the purpose of stimulating recruiting here said: "The Kiel canal must be handed over to Denmark so it will be useful for the peaceful pursuits of the world."

The remark has caused widespread comment and has become a part of the discussion of the probable results of the war if the allies should win. When the Kiel canal was opened in 1895 the emperor of Germany with representatives of the leading European powers as his guests, said: "Germany will range the work inaugurated to-day on the side of those accomplished in the service of peace."

English strategists assert that the value of the canal has been discounted considerably by the developments of the present war, and declare that it has, if anything, rendered the German fleet more immobile.

It was Lord Beresford's contention that Denmark would never be safe so long as Germany held this important waterway across the Danish peninsula, and he hoped to see the day when it, together with Schleswig-Holstein, would be restored to Denmark. Enumerating other obligations which he said would fall upon the allies if they defeated Germany, he said the first duty would be to Belgium, which would have to be amply rewarded for the wrongs it had suffered. He said he would then have Krupp plant destroyed and all German forts razed.

CLEVER RUSS BEAT AUSTRIANS

[By Special Wire to the Courier] PETROGRAD, Sept. 26.—The Ruskoe Slavo has obtained from wounded soldiers, it states, a description of a clever Russian detachment in Galicia virtually wiped out a large Austrian force. In its account of the incident it says: "According to a prearranged plan several squadrons of Cosaks and artillerymen, simulating retreat, began to fall back rapidly under cover of the infantry."

The Austrians rose to the bait and emerged from their trenches in pursuit in the direction of a small river where companies of Russian infantry checked the furious Austrian onslaught. Cosaks and artillery, crossing by a bridge, began to entrench themselves on the opposite bank, posting several machine guns, while the artillery hid their guns in trenches under the bushes unknown to the enemy. "When the preparations were complete for the enemy's reception the infantry hurriedly retreated to the opposite bank, where they pretended to set fire to the bridge as though they intended to cut off the enemy's advance. "The Austrian troops, seeing before them a small body of Russians, blindly charged. The enemy's infantry, with shouts of victory, approached the bridge while their cavalry dashed through the river. "Suddenly a terrific explosion was heard and the bridge, which was crowded with masses of Austrian columns, was blown to pieces while on the opposite bank the Russian guns and quick rifles scattered death among the advancing Austrians until the river was choked with bodies. "Panic stricken, the foe attempted to flee, throwing away their weapons, but the Cosaks completed the work, fording the stream and pursuing the enemy with yells of triumph. "Half an hour later it was all over and several Austrian battalions had ceased to exist. "Rev. W. M. Kannawin was inducted as pastor of the North Broadview Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

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SOLDIER DESCRIBES EIGHT DAYS OF THE TERRIBLE CARNAGE

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—A despatch to the Tribune from the London Standard correspondent at Paris says: "A woman friend has just given me a letter received from her son, a soldier at the front. It speaks for itself. Part of it follows: "Life will soon become unendurable here. We have been for eight days holding a village, where at least eight hundred shells fall every day. We are in the thick of the horrors of war."

The enemy occupies the river ford and we have been told to dislodge him. "Four days back we made a night sortie, and I assisted at the most awful butchery you can conceive. We made a bayonet charge in pitch darkness, talking to keep in touch each with another. I had a narrow shave myself, for a German got my rifle away and fired at me point blank, but the bullet only went through my knapsack. "We were regularly surprised one day, for the army played us

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VIOLENT BATTLE IS IN PROGRESS ALONG THE WESTERN WING

Weather Conditions Have Now Improved—Bavarians and Prussians in Brussels are Said to be Quarreling Together.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Sept. 26.—The latest official announcement given out in Berlin, according to advices reaching London, sets forth that there are no actual successes to record in the western arena of the war, where there have been only a few minor engagements.

Weather conditions have now improved along the west wing of the allies, and, according to an official communication given out in Paris, a battle of extraordinary violence is raging in this locality.

Reports continue to come in to London of trouble between Bavarian and Prussian troops in Brussels, and it is said that the German military authorities in Belgian capital have ordered all Bavarians in Belgium to the scene of operations in France. These reports, however, are officially denied in Brussels.

Despatches from Petrograd de-

clare that the Austrian civil government of Cracow are said to be in flight. The city soon will cease its normal functions, and be transformed into a great fortified base. According to these same sources of information, the Germans have thrown three army corps into the Craco district, in preparation for the Russian attack which, it is expected, will not be delayed much longer. The Russian capital has been advised also that all traffic has been stopped between Berlin and the Baltic ports of Danzig, Elbing and Stettin.

Another demand has been made by Austria for the surrender of long suffering Belgrade. This was answered by the shelling of Austrian monitors in the river. In the meantime the Balkan allies continue their attack of Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia.

ONTARIO HAS LOST DYNAMIC FORCE IN RUGGED SIR JAMES

Most Commanding Figure of Province--Died in Harness--A Splendid Career Given to Public Service is Closed--All Ontario Mourns His Loss.

To tell the story of Sir James Whitney's life would be in a large measure to write the history of the fortunes of the Conservative party in the Province of Ontario from Confederation to this time. For nearly half a century he has marched in the vanguard of the development of Canadian national life and contributed in no small consecutive capacity to the growth and position of the Premier's Province of the Dominion.

Sir James Whitney's life presents a study of great and fascinating contrasts. Born of Liberal stock, he himself became a Tory in the traditional meaning of the word, and yet under the impulse of a favoring political fortune he became the leader of the most radical government of his day in Canada.

He was one of the foremost Imperialists of his time. His faith in the future of the British Empire was only equalled by his faith in the common people. His intense loyalty and patriotism found frequent and fervent expression in his speeches. He was devoted to the Empire and sought its welfare with a singleness of purpose. British institutions were to him a sacred trust. His most eloquent platform utterances have been upon Imperial affairs, and he lost no opportunity in advocating a closer bond of co-operation and interest between the motherland and the colonies.

Early Political Affiliations. The first political affiliations that Sir James Whitney made were in the furious struggle in which Geo. Brown, Alexander Mackenzie and Edward Blake assailed and accomplished the downfall of the government of Hon.

John Sanfield Macdonald, in whose office he had been a student-at-law. He was the confident and enthusiastic supporter of Sir William Meredith of the Conservative party in the Legislature; he served faithfully as first lieutenant to the late G. F. Martens, who for a brief two years was leader after Sir William's elevation to the Bench.

Sir James Whitney succeeded to the leadership of the Conservative party at what might be now regarded as a fortuitous time in its affairs. Under Sir William Meredith and Mr. Martens the Opposition had been numerically weak. The third party in the House known as the Patrons of Industry, led by Joseph Haycock, was at the height of its influence, and the Liberal ministry of Sir Oliver Mowat in the heyday of its prosperity. On Mr. Martens' retirement in 1896, when James Pliny Whitney, Q.C., was the unanimous choice for Conservative leader, the Patron influence had started to wane, and the Conservative Opposition gradually increased in strength.

Takes Office as Prime Minister. On the twenty-fifth of January, 1905, Mr. Whitney was called to the Premiership of Ontario by an overwhelming electoral and popular mandate that he had exhibited in Opposition. He carried into office the same downright determination and tenacity of purpose that he had exhibited in Opposition.

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Hard Work in Air

[By Special Wire to the Courier] PARIS, Sept. 26.—An aviator who has just returned from the front tells of the difficulty encountered by the flying men on reconnaissance duty. He said: "We are obliged to fly at a height of about one mile and a quarter, which makes observation difficult, as small objects, even with the aid of the strongest glasses, assume unfamiliar shapes and become foreshortened."

"If we fly under that height we are greeted by a hail of rifle fire, which is far more effective than the cannon. We fear the rifles more than the bursting shrapnel, as the fire of the regiments, concentrated on a single object, is far more deadly."