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WEATHER—FAIR

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BAD WEATHER HALTS ALLIED DRIVE ON THE SOMME; TRIESTE NOW WITHIN GRASP OF THE ITALIANS

AUSTRIANS PREPARING TO EVACUATE TRIESTE

Great Italian Drive About to be Crowned With Success -- Teutons Unable to Keep Gen. Corderna's Men From Their Great Objective.

Athens, Sept. 19, via London.—It is stated, in most reliable diplomatic sources here that the Austrians are preparing for the evacuation of Trieste.

Serbian Success Continues.

London, Sept. 19.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Saloniki, dated Monday, says:

"The Serbian successes in the Florina region continue. They have captured Krushegrad, eight kilometres, and Neokazi, ten kilometres northwest of Gornichevo, while the Serbian cavalry has reached Rosna, and is still advancing."

Victory North of Lake Ostrovo.

London, Sept. 19.—Serbian troops in Macedonia, after a night of desperate fighting, developed a success yesterday on the Kaimak Calani range, to the north of Lake Ostrovo, says a Reuter despatch from Saloniki today. At ten o'clock at night they occupied the highest summit of the range, 2,500 metres in height, which the Bulgarians had been ordered to defend to the last man.

Bulgarian counter-attacks were completely repulsed, the despatch adds, and the Serbian offensive is continuing successfully.

TEUTONS ON OFFENSIVE IN THE STOCKHOD REGION?

Stormed Strong Bridgehead and Drove Russians Across the River, Berlin Report Says.

Berlin, Sept. 19, via London, 5.05 p. m.—Taking the offensive on the Stockhod river, the Germans yesterday stormed a strong Russian bridgehead and drove the Russians across the river, the war office announced today. More than 2,500 Russians were captured, as well as 17 machine guns. The announcement follows:

"Army group of Prince Leopold: German and Austro-Hungarian troops belonging to the command of General Von Bernhard, under the leadership of Lieut-General Clausius, stormed the strongly fortified Russian bridgehead north of Zarzeze, on the Stockhod, and pursued the enemy to the eastern bank. Thirty-one officers, 2,511 men and 17 machine guns fell into our hands."

"Near Pereplnki, between the Sereth and the Stripa, a German patrol captured two officers and 80 men."

"Army group of Archduke Charles Francis: A counter-attack on the Narayuka (a tributary of the Galla Lapa), in Galicia, brought us further success. The number of prisoners has been increased to more than 4,000."

"Lively fighting is taking place in the Carpathians, from Smotree to the region of Kirilbaba. Several strong Russian attacks have been repulsed. The enemy gained small advantages in the Ludowa region."

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ODDFELLOWS MEMBERSHIP OVER TWO MILLION MARK

Annual Session of Sovereign Grand Lodge at Chattanooga Elected New Officers Yesterday.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 19.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge of Oddfellows, in annual session here, elected today the following officers:

CORRUPTION FUND TO AID OPPOSITION "PURITY" CAUSE ARRIVES IN CARLETON CO.

Brought From Liberal Headquarters at Ottawa Yesterday by Mr. Turiff, M. P., and Albion Foster.

Gang Who Cry Down Graft and pose as Exponents of Clean Elections are Well Supplied with Booze to be Used in Tomorrow's Fight—Reported Candidate McCain Offering to Cancel Notes He Holds Against Government Supporters if they Vote for Him.

Special to The Standard.

Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 19.—The corruption fund of "Purity Carter" arrived at noon today. On Saturday Albion Foster, ex-Deputy Sheriff, left here for Ottawa. On the arrival of the train at noon today Mr. Foster and Mr. Turiff, M. P., the custodian of election funds, stepped out of the car with a good sized valise. They entered an auto driven by Dr. Arthur Fisher, son-in-law of F. B. Carvell, and a returned soldier, and went at once to the residence of F. B. Carvell. Shortly afterwards they left Mr. Carvell's house without the valise and by the smiling faces of the Grit heeled tonight, everybody knows that they are ready for business.

SOME MORE OF THE GRIT "PURITY TACTICS."

Hartland, N. B., Sept. 19.—As the day for election draws nearer the Grit "Purists" are getting in their fine work. It is reported there tonight that a brother of F. B. Carvell offered a man in the Parish of Simonds against whom he had a note for \$35.00 that he would cancel the amount if the party would vote for McCain and Upton. Several electors here have been presented with whole boxes of cigars, the object being to get their "pure" votes. Others have received money to stay away from Hartland on election day.

Another report of opposition "purity" is that Andrew McCain has been offering to cancel notes which he holds against several government voters. An enthusiastic and over-zealous oppositionist secured a B. F. Smith letter head and wrote to a Jewish voter that he could buy all the Jews in the country at 50 cents each.

Enthusiastic but orderly meetings were held tonight in the interests of the government candidates, one at Lower Windsor, addressed by Hon. Dr. Landry and M. L. Hayward, another at Simonds, addressed by Fred Squires and Reuben Hagerman, the young man who created quite a stir in the Liberal camp when he took the platform at the Government meeting here a couple of weeks ago. Several other encouraging meetings were held tonight and were addressed by former Liberals who had tired of the present abusive campaign of the purists.

ver. Col.; deputy grand sire, Henry C. Borst, of Amsterdam, N. Y.; grand secretary, J. B. Goodwin, Atlanta; grand treasurer, William H. Cox, Louisville, Ky. There was a spirited fight over the office of deputy grand sire. The third and final ballot stood: Grand sire, Frank C. Coudy, of Den-

GIVES THE LIE TO GRIT SLANDER GANG

Arnill Slander Completely Exposed in Letter by Mr. Irving R. Todd—What the Globe Says.

The Arnill slander, the latest effort of the opposition party in Carleton county to discredit the government has been completely exposed. Mr. Irving R. Todd in a letter to The Standard and Telegraph completely establishes that the government was in no way connected with the transaction alleged by Mr. Arnill, or with the settlement of the Smith and Merrithew claim on which the Arnill business was said to depend. Mr. Todd's letter was published on the first page of The Standard yesterday morning, but through error his signature was omitted. It was also published in an obscure corner of the Telegraph, designedly placed so it would escape attention. However, it is worthy of a second perusal by the people of this province who love fair play and decency, consequently we reproduce it as follows:

St. Stephen, Sept. 16.

Editor of The Standard:

Dear Sir.—The editorial in today's Telegraph strongly implies that the accounts of the St. John & Quebec R. R. Company, settled by the commissioners appointed by the government and myself, were settled under the direction of the government, or at least, after consultation with them. The accounts of the St. John & Quebec R. R. Company were settled by Mr. Dunlop, the commissioners and myself; after Mr. Dunlop's resignation, by Mr. Blanchet, his successor, and myself, without any interference from the government, or any knowledge on their part as to the nature of the settlements. The government were not even consulted about the settlement of these bills, with the exception of one account, which account had nothing to do with the Smith & Merrithew settlement, and then only on legal points which arose.

IRVING R. TODD.

What the Globe Says.

Commenting on Mr. Todd's letter the Globe last evening said:

No interference.

Mr. I. R. Todd's letter re the payment of the Valley railroad claims of Messrs. Smith & Merrithew is an effective answer to any and all charges and insinuations of government interference in the matter. Mr. Todd's statement that the claim was settled without reference to the government will be accepted by men of both political parties and of all shades of political belief as final and conclusive on that point, and should put a quietus on attempts to make it appear that the government or individual members of the government were guilty of any wrong-doing in connection with the settlement of that claim. Because of Mr. Todd's statement the mystery of the \$2,500 payment to Mr. J. H. Crockett becomes still more of a mystery. The claim of Messrs. Smith & Merrithew was settled on its merits and yet \$2,500 of the settlement money was handed over to a Frederick publisher, whose explanation of the payment is that as a friend of both Smith and Merrithew and the manager of the Hibbard company, from whom Messrs. Smith & Merrithew had a sub-contract, he interviewed the manager to urge an early adjustment of the claim of the local contractor. Whatsoever Mr. Crockett earned this money, it is a satisfaction to know that there was no government interference with the commission entrusted with the work of building the Valley road. That was the point of the charge of Mr. Arnill, and on that point the evidence is conclusive.

St. John and Quebec Railway. A meeting of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company was held yesterday in the government rooms. Several matters in connection with the construction of the road were dealt with and another meeting will be held on Friday.

St. John and Quebec Railway.

Reports of officers showed the membership of the order to be 2,188,458; total paid out for relief funds, \$5,975,208; total receipts for the past year, \$17,822,992.79, and total expenses of grand and subordinate lodges, \$9,860,670.96.

INFANTRY HALTED BY BAD WEATHER

Temporary Lull in Operations on Western Front but Allied Artillery Keeps Hammering at Enemy.

BERLIN CONCEDES LOSS OF SEVERAL TRENCHES

German Attack on Part of British Front Breaks Down—Heavy Battles in Progress on the Eastern Front.

Although there is a pause in the violent infantry fighting in the Somme region of France, due to the inclement weather, heavy battles are in progress on the eastern front in Russia, Galicia, Transylvania and Roumania, and on the southern front in Macedonia.

Along the Stokhod river in Russia the Germans and Austro-Hungarians have taken the offensive against the Russians, and, according to Berlin, near Zarzeze have crossed the river in pursuit of their retreating foe and captured thirty-one officers and 2,511 men and seventeen machine guns. Here four lines of Russian trenches were penetrated by the Teutonic Allies, says Vienna.

In Galicia, a counter-attack by the forces of the Central Powers along the Narayuka river, southeast of Lemberg, brought a further success to their arms and resulted in the capture of an additional 4,200 men. In the Ludowa region of the Carpathians the Russians have gained some new positions in the fighting among the snow-clad peaks. The war chancelleries at Berlin, Sofia and Vienna record victories for the Teutonic Allies over the Roumanians in Transylvania and Dobruja. In Southern Transylvania near Hatszeg, according to Berlin, the invading Roumanians have been repulsed, and are being pursued by the Austro-Germans, while in Dobruja the new line formed by the Russians south of the Constanza railway and running from the Black Sea to the Danube has been penetrated at points, and several villages captured.

Heavy Artillery Duels in West.

In France and Belgium there has been violent artillery activity on the Somme and Verdun fronts and around Dixmude. A local German attack on British trenches east of Martinpuich, north of the Somme, was repulsed. Berlin admits the relinquishment to the Entente forces of trenches east of Ghinchy and near Combes, which had been previously demolished by the Entente artillery.

The infantry fighting between the Italians and Austrians on the Carso highlands has noticeably diminished, although the artillery of both sides continues active. A report attributed to reliable diplomatic sources in Athens is to the effect that the Austrians are preparing to evacuate Trieste.

Belgian Towns Heavily Fined.

New York, Sept. 19.—A London despatch to a news agency here today says:

"The Germans have fined the Belgian towns of Jemeppe-Sur-Sambre and Moustier-Sur-Sambre \$10,000 each because enemy fliers dropped bombs in their vicinity, said a Bernese despatch today."

Twenty-Six Condemned To Death.

Amsterdam, Sept. 19, via London.—According to a press despatch from Maastricht today, sixty-two persons have been on trial at Hasselt, Belgium, on charges of espionage, of whom twenty-six were condemned to death on Friday last.

It is rumored, the advices stated, that these persons, including M. Golevnaux, Burgomaster of Namur, have already been executed.

DISGUSTED WITH METHODS OF CARVELL GANG CARLETON CO. STRONG FOR GOV'T CANDIDATES

Rousing Meetings Last Night Presage Triumph For Hon. Mr. Smith and Mayor Sutton Tomorrow

Hon. Mr. Baxter in Forceful Address Shows Insincerity of Opposition on Prohibition Question—Gives Facts Concerning Cheque Given to A. R. Gould and Shows How Grit Gang Tried to Misrepresent his Action.

Special to The Standard.

Woodstock, Sept. 19.—Four big meetings in the interests of the government candidates were held tonight and at each gathering enthusiasm prevailed. Hon. Mr. Smith, with Mayor Sutton and J. B. Daggett spoke at Holmesville; Hon. Dr. Landry and M. L. Hayward were at Lower Windsor; while F. C. Squires and J. Perley Hartley addressed a big gathering at Lower Simonds.

Attorney General Baxter and Mayor Sutton received a rousing reception at Bristol. Everything points to the return of both Smith and Sutton on Thursday next. The electors have grown disgusted with the slanderous abuse of the opposition hirings and are prepared to resent the small politics being played by the Carvell-Carter-Veniot combination.

At Bristol Hon. J. B. M. Baxter was the principal speaker at tonight's big meeting in the interests of the government candidates, Hon. B. Frank Smith and Mayor Sutton. The attorney general was given a rousing reception. His presentation of the magnificent record of the present government in guiding the destinies of New Brunswick since 1908 was a masterpiece. Hon. Dr. Baxter contrasted the financial record of the present prudent, progressive and businesslike government with that of the old regime, while he pointed out the vast amount of beneficial legislation which had been enacted since this government came into power. The advanced prohibitory legislation which had been placed on the statute book at the last session of the legislature was referred to by the attorney general who showed that the opposition were insincere in their policy with respect to this great issue.

The scurrilous attacks of the opposition hirings against members of the government were ably answered by Hon. Dr. Baxter in his speech tonight. He also took occasion to refer to the character of the campaign being waged by the opposition and urged the electors of Carleton county to resent the tactics of the opposition by rolling up handsome majorities for Hon. Mr. Smith and Mayor Sutton.

Mayor Sutton was present for a few minutes at the meeting, being en route to Holmesville for the government meeting there. His Worship made an admirable address and the reception received from the electors indicates that Bristol is solid for him and Hon. Mr. Smith. Hon. Dr. Baxter, referring to the question of prohibition said that one of the chief assets of the opposition in Westmorland county, and which the speaker presumed was being used on the County of Carleton, was an attempt to connect the government with having received directly or indirectly during the session of 1915 a sum of money as a consideration for having refused to bring down a prohibitory measure in that year.

It was only necessary for fair-minded people to consider facts for a moment and they will be absolutely convinced of the baselessness of the statements. Suppose the statement had any foundation in fact, would not the liquor interests, whose alliance with the opposition has been so very evident in this campaign, have seized the opportunity to reveal all the details of such transactions? Yet, with all the outpouring of affidavits which the present campaign has witnessed, no one has had the temerity to declare under oath that there was any foundation in fact for the story which has

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Identity of Man Who Invented British "Tanks," New Armored Ships on Land, Remains a Secret

Mounted on Four Caterpillar Tractors, New Machines Incapable of Being Capsized and Can Cross Ditches.

London, Sept. 19.—While friends are claiming for Winston Spencer Churchill, former first lord of the admiralty, and Colonel Swinton the credit for the discovery of the "tanks," which played such an important part in the recent advance on the Somme front, the original inventor remains undisclosed, but the Associated Press is informed by a reliable authority that the new war machine is an adaptation of the caterpillar tractor. According to this authority the invention was brought to the attention of the war office early in the war. Great Britain declined to finance the project, unless the machines were manufactured in England.

The armored ships on land are mounted on four caterpillar tractors, which not only make the machine incapable of being capsized, but enable it to cross ditches. The idea of using a caterpillar tractor has been worked on for the last ten years, and the

problem was solved finally by equipping the machine with engines of such tremendous horsepower that they are able to pull the heaviest harvesting machines and gang plows over extremely rough ground.

The man who brought the plans to England declines to permit the use of his name, declaring that for business reasons he does not desire to dim the glory of those claiming the credit. He says he has plans for a tractor which will probably be more effective than the tanks.

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