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RUSSIANS CAPTURE HALICZ, KEY TO LEMBERG; TEUTONS SEVERELY DEFEATED BY THE FRENCH

FRENCH DEFEAT GERMANS AT CHEMIN DES DAMES

Teuton Forces Take French Positions, But Are Eventually Routed.

PERFECT HURRICANE OF SHELLS ABOUNDS

Germans Sustain Very Heavy Losses in Desperate Assault.

THE FRENCH ALSO LOSE SEVERELY

Large Quantity of German Material Falls Into Hands of Opponents.

French Front in France, Monday, July 9.—(By The Associated Press)—The French troops holding the sector of the Chemin Des Dames to the south of Flixas, although drenched to the skin and mud covered, from head to foot, were full of confidence and cheerfulness today.

They repulsed an attack of the most formidable nature, in which the Germans sustained shocking losses without obtaining more than a temporary foothold in these constantly contested positions.

The sector in question comprises the Pantheon Farm, astride the Chemin Des Dames, and is menaced at all times because of the domination of it by the ancient Fort De Malmaison, which is in the hands of the Germans. Early this morning the Germans opened a most intense bombardment of the French lines and while the hurricane of shells was still falling a German force comprising from ten to twelve infantry battalions made a sudden rush into the French positions.

Famous Brigades.

A brigade of the famous Chasseurs-A-Pied had occupied the sector and was holding the line firmly. The French, however, were forced to fall back before the overwhelming numbers which followed on the heels of the German shock units brought especially from other points of the line to aid the attack.

The Germans apparently considered their success certain, as they brought with them quantities of barbed wire trench mortars, boxes of grenades and gas throwers and everything necessary to the rapid organization of the captured position, which if held would give them command of a large section of Chemin Des Dames.

Hand-to-hand fighting with grenades and bayonets was still proceeding when the correspondent left this evening, while the shell casters and communication trenches were encumbered with many German dead. Many of their wounded were engulfed into the west deep mud caused by the recent extremely heavy rain. The French losses were severe.

In general the fighting was so desperate throughout the section that few prisoners were taken by either side.

CHARGED WITH STABBING MAN

Charlotteville, P.E.I., July 10.—Jan. Gunn of St. Peter's Bay, is under arrest charged with stabbing Addison Macdonald at Phipps's lobster factory three weeks ago. Gunn had been hiding in the woods near Savage Harbor, stock.

HON. ROBERT ROGERS IS WITNESS

Counsel Denies That Minister Was Connected in Any Way with Conspiracy in Manitoba Contract Cases.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, July 10.—The public sitting of the court of inquiry which is being held by Sir Esmeal McLeod, chief justice of the supreme court of New Brunswick, and the Hon. Louis Teller, former justice of the superior court of Quebec, into the findings of the Galt commission which condemned the Hon. Robert Rogers' association with the contract for the construction of the Manitoba Agricultural College, was opened this morning. It was definitely adjourned half an hour later.

Regarding a Telegram. The questions put to Hon. Mr. Rogers related, first, to a telegram which appeared from the record to have been sent by him from North Bay on August 10, 1911, leading to the conclusion that he was on the Montreal-Winnipeg train at the time, whereas he explained that he was in Toronto on August 10, leaving that city the same evening direct for Winnipeg, where he arrived on August 12. He did not go to North Bay, but passed through there. The fact that the telegraph company's receipts registered the telegram at North Bay was no doubt because North Bay was the collecting office for the district.

Total Denial of Charges. For the rest today's proceedings consisted of a brief address and of the filing by Mr. Montgomery, on Mr. Rogers' behalf, of a typewritten analysis by the lawyers of the findings of Justice Galt, which findings, it was submitted, were misleading and not supported by testimony as affecting Mr. Rogers. As a matter of fact, Mr. Montgomery maintained that there was nothing in the evidence which affected Mr. Rogers in the slightest degree, or called for any statement or explanation from him, and so they had advised Mr. Rogers. This referred to the charges in relation to the contract work, and on their face, they were charges which were made subsequent to Mr. Rogers' association with the public works of Manitoba.

SUMMER SCHOOLS BEGIN. Sussex, July 10.—The government summer schools were opened at Woodstock and Sussex today. Between 40 and 50 are taking the course at each school. Chancellor O. C. Jones of the University of N. B. in the lecture here and Rev. Frank Baird at Woodstock.

PEACE WITHOUT ANNEXATION UNACCEPTABLE TO GERMANY, SAYS BETHMANN-HOLLWEG

Declares Teutons Cannot Announce Their Peace Terms but Must Continue the War with Whole Energies.

Berne, Switzerland, July 10.—According to Berlin newspapers, the German chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, said to the members of the Reichstag, "I repeat that the formula of peace without annexations is unacceptable to us. We cannot declare our terms of peace. We must fight and conquer."

The chancellor made a strong attack on Matthias Erbsberger, leader of the Catholic centre party, who assailed the Pan-Germans in his address before the main committee last week and advocated peace without annexations or indemnities. Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg said Herr Erbsberger's attitude was unpatriotic.



VON BETHMANN-HOLLWEG.

Must Continue War. According to the summary of the chancellor's speech before the main committee published in the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin, he said: "We must continue the war with our whole energies. I do not deny that we have great difficulties to overcome, but so have our enemies. We shall see whether their difficulties are ours are greater."

SCHOONER UNIQUE WITH COAL SINKS

Nova Scotia Vessel Was Bound to Halifax—Crew Safe.

Nantucket, Mass., July 10.—The British schooner Unique, coal laden, from New York for Halifax, N. S., struck the submerged wreckage of the schooner Alice M. Lawrence, off Tuckerneck Shoal in Nantucket Sound today and sank. The schooner shortly after her crew had been taken off by coast guardsmen. The schooner had anchored in the sound because of rough weather and during a blow this morning broke away from her anchorage and drifted on the wreckage.

KATE SANBORN, NOTED AUTHOR, PASSES AWAY

Boston, July 10.—The death is announced at Holliston of Kate Sanborn, the noted author and lecturer. Miss Katherine Abbott Sanborn was born at Hanover, N. H., July 11, 1839. She was a grand niece of Daniel Webster and a descendant of Captain Ebenezer Webster, who stood guard at George Washington's tent after the battle of Bennington. Her father was Edwin David Sanborn, professor at Dartmouth College for forty-seven years and later president of Washington University. She wrote "Adopting an Abandoned Farm," "Home Pictures of English Poets," "Vanity and Insanity," "Shadows of Genius," "The Wit of Women," "A Truthful Woman in Southern California," "My Literary Zoo," "Purple and Gold," "Grandmother's Garden" and other books. She was formerly professor at Smith College.

CASUALTIES

Ottawa, July 10.—Infantry. Wounded—Corporal C. Wright, Newcastle, N. B. Corporal C. Fleet, St. John. A. S. Goodwin, Amherst, N. S. E. G. McEachern, Amherst, N. S. G. K. W. Baker, Yarmouth, N. S. E. Baukman, Bridgewater, N. S. Capt. E. S. Spurr, Middleton, N. S. A. E. Goguen, Sackville, N. B. N. Miles, Yarmouth, N. S. H. G. Everett, Dumfries, N. B. M. A. Robinson, Woodstock, N. B.

Boston, July 10.—Norman McDonald, formerly of P. E. Island, is dead as the result of being struck by a train at North Billerica.

SAVING WILL NOT BE ENDANGERED

Government Will Probably Introduce Income Tax Measure.

Ottawa, July 10.—(Leased wire).—A statement that there need be no apprehension on the part of the public that action of a detrimental character with respect to the savings of the public will be taken by the Canadian government was made by Sir Thomas White in the Commons today. Coupled with this declaration and the assertion that it was the government's policy to encourage thrift, was the intimation they must not, however, be understood as precluding legislation providing for income taxation upon those whose incomes are such as to make it just and equitable that they should contribute a share of the war expenditure of the Dominion.

MONTGOMERY STORES ARE DAMAGED BY FIRE

Blaze Starts in Murdock McLeod's Tailoring Store—Loss Several Thousand Dollars.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, July 10.—Fire that caused several thousand dollars damage broke out at six o'clock this evening in the work room of the Murdock McLeod, tailoring shop in the W.C.T.U. building, corner of Main and Westmoreland streets. The blaze is supposed to have originated from gas-line used in connection with pressing and cleaning and made rapid headway.

There was no one in the shop at the time, Mr. McLeod having just locked up and gone to bed. The ladies' art store, conducted by E. H. Barnes, is situated next door in the same building and the stock was considerably damaged by water. The fire was confined to the extent of about \$1,500, covered by insurance. McLeod carried no insurance and sustains probably \$500 loss. The damage to the art store stock will probably amount to \$1,200 or \$1,500, covered by insurance.

LIUT. MINARD KILLED.

Boston, July 10.—Lieut. Asa Raymond Minard, son of Capt. Asa R. Minard, former secretary of the Boston Canadian Club, has been killed in action. Lieut. Minard enlisted in Toronto.

CAPITAL OF GALICIA MENACED BY RUSSIA

General Brusiloff's Armies Capture Halicz, Key to Lemberg, Capital of Galicia—Russia's Forces Break Austro-German Line in Halicz-Stanislaw Sector, One of Most Important on Eastern Front.

PROBLEM OF EXEMPTION DISCUSSED

Agricultural Classes Will Be Least Affected by Conscript Measure.

CANADIAN BILL LIKE BRITISH ONE

Attempt Made to Exempt Men Employed on the Farms Objected To.

PUGSLEY SUGGESTS RADICAL CHANGE

Would Cut Pay of Eligibles Who Elect to Work to Level of Soldier's Wage.

Ottawa, July 10.—When the House met several more petitions against conscription were presented by Messrs. Froulx and L. A. Lapointe, after which the House returned to committee of the whole on the military service bill taking up clause eleven, which deals with exemptions. The opening discussion took place on the first sub-section of the exemption clause. The sub-section provides for exemption where "it is expedient in the national interest that the man should, instead of being employed in military service, be engaged in other work in which he is habitually engaged."

Mr. Froulx asked that the bill be made more explicit, and that it be made clear that farmers should not be conscripted. Hon. Mr. Meighen replied that it was recognized that agriculture was an essential occupation, and as the bill stood the agricultural class would undoubtedly be the largest class that could claim exemption. But to go further and to say that purely a man was engaged in some sort of agricultural occupation he should be exempt would rob the bill of its force.

Like British Bill. In this regard the solicitor-general said that the bill almost exactly followed the British bill, with the additional advantage of their experience. For exemption it should be necessary to show that a man's place could not be taken by a man not qualified for military service, or by a woman.

Mr. Joe Rainville said he had considered this very question. The intention of the bill was that the whole strength of the nation should be put forth in this crisis, some in war, some in other industries. He suggested that the word "agriculture" be inserted in the preamble to the exemption clause, so that it would read that instead of being employed in military work the man should be "engaged in agriculture or other work in which he is habitually engaged."

Lieut.-Col. Bradbury, Selkirk, opposed the idea on the ground that it would be impossible to make special exemptions in the bill. No Narrow Limits. Hon. Arthur Meighen pointed out that the government in drafting the (Continued on page 2)

RUSSIANS TAKE FOUR ADDITIONAL VILLAGES AND INCREASE THEIR CAPTURES OF PRISONERS BY MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND—ARTILLERY HAMMERING ENEMY SOUTH OF BRZANZY.

(BULLETIN) London, July 11.—Halicz, the strategic key to Lemberg, capital of Galicia, has been captured by the Russians, says a despatch from Reuter's Petrograd correspondent.

The Teuton Line Broken

Russia's armies have broken the Austro-German line in the Halicz-Stanislaw sector, one of the most important on the eastern front, and the Russian advance continues, and have captured Halicz, the key to Lemberg, the capital of Galicia. The Austro-German forces already have withdrawn beyond the Lomnica river, about ten miles west of Jezupol, which was occupied Sunday by the Russians. The Russians have taken four more villages and increased their captures of prisoners more than one thousand. Seven more field guns and other material fell into Russian hands. West of Stanislaw toward Kalusz and Dolina the Russians have penetrated the Teutonic lines to a depth of nearly seven miles and between Stanislaw and Halicz, they have widened their wedge. In their retirement, judging by the large amount of guns and military stores captured by the Russians, the Austro-Germans failed to make a stand at two rivers, the Lukovtiza and the Luvka.

The Capture of Halicz. The Russians approached Halicz on the three sides and only one avenue of retreat toward Lemberg was left open, that between the Dniester and the Liptza rivers. The evacuation of Halicz will make a retreat from Brzesany-Zlochoff-Brody line by the Austro-Germans almost a necessity.

Another Missing Miss in Gotham. Twenty Year Old College Graduate Gone—Step-Father in Canada.

New York, July 10.—Although a score of detectives have been searching the city since last Friday for Miss Clara Leicester Harrison, 20 years old, who disappeared Thursday mysteriously as did Ruth Cruger, the murdered girl, no trace of her had been found.

British Advance Line. A vigorous artillery duel is in progress between the British and Germans in Flanders. The German artillery fire also has been intense along the front held by the Belgian army. In Flanders near the French border, the British have advanced their line east of Coestaverne.

Peace without annexations is not looked upon with favor by the government, the chancellor is reported to have said, adding: "I am sure we can win if we hold out."

Petrograd, July 10.—(Russian official)—General Korniloff's operations in Galicia along a front of 20 miles have broken the Austro-German front between Halicz and the Carpathians and already the Russian cavalry has pressed forward for a distance of sixteen miles.

To the west of the Dniester, as a result of the Russian forward movement, Halicz has been hemmed in from the south and southwest and the Russians

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