

# CRITICAL MOMENT REACHED

## SERVIANS DEAL AUSTRILIANS CRUSHING BLOW IN BATTLE ALONG THE DRINA RIVER

### Engagement of several days near Kroupani ends in Rout of Enemy—Austrian attempt to take Shabotz repulsed—German General reported among the killed.

Nish, Serbia, Sept. 22, via London, 3.30 p. m.—The battle which has been in progress for several days near Kroupani, on the Drina River has, according to an official announcement made today, ended in complete disaster for the Austrians.

The announcement declared that 16,000 Austrian troops were engaged in this encounter, while the Serbian forces included various bodies of men who had been concentrated along the Drina.

The Austrian attempt on Shabotz was repulsed with heavy loss.

VESEL OF 12,000 TONS REPORTED SUNK BY MINE IN NORTH SEA.

Lowestoft, England, Sept. 22, via London, 3.30 p. m.—It is reported that a vessel of 12,000 tons has been sunk by a mine in the North Sea.

Another large vessel is standing by.

No official confirmation of the report can be obtained.

GERMAN GENERAL STEINMETZ REPORTED AMONG KILLED

London, Sept. 22, 7.12 p. m.—Telegraphing from Amsterdam the correspondent of the Central News says it is reported there that Gen. Steinmetz, of the German artillery, was killed in France, September 15.

QUEEN MARY VISITS BELGIAN REFUGEES.

London, Sept. 22, 6.05 p. m.—Queen Mary, accompanied by the Belgian minister to Great Britain, and several of her ladies, visited the Belgian refugees in Alexandra Palace this afternoon. Her Majesty was very much interested in these unfortunate people, and gave expression to her sympathy. As she entered the dining hall, a new batch of refugees had just arrived she was greeted by a wild outburst of cheering.

# CANADIAN GOVERNMENT MAKING GET OF FIELD GUNS TO WAR OFFICE

(Continued from page 1)

After careful consideration it was determined yesterday to send forward all the effective men in camp, that is, all those who have passed the necessary medical examination. The expeditionary force, including the Princess Patricia (Canadian Light Infantry) will thus number approximately 31,200 men and 7,500 horses.

It will comprise eleven batteries of horse and field artillery of the same type and are the same as those used in the British army. In addition four heavy guns known as the "Howitzers" will also go forward as well as a number of machine guns many of which have been generously donated by patriotic citizens whose gifts have already been acknowledged and to whom very sincere thanks of the government and people of Canada are due.

The news that the entire force assembled will go forward was received with loud demonstrations of the keenest delight and satisfaction. Yesterday I visited every brigade, shook hands with every officer of the force who was available and addressed the assembled officers of each brigade. In speaking to the officers at the headquarters of the force, I said that the Canadian people bade them God speed in the full assurance of their faith that the Canadian force was called on to perform the soldiers' sternest duty in meeting the foe who were confident that officers and men would bear themselves as to bring pride to the hearts of all Canadians. I said also that while Canada was proud of the response which had been evoked by the call to arms for the defense of our institutions and liberties, the officers and men inspired by the duty of service to the state should also be proud that the occasion gave them the opportunity and privilege of performing that duty.

Why Entire Force at Valenciennes Being Sent.

The reasons for sending forward the entire force are obvious. These men have come forward with great earnestness and enthusiasm and have spent some weeks at Valenciennes in training and in preparation. The numbers assembled will greatly exceed the strength of the force at first proposed to be sent forward, to a considerable extent being necessary for the purpose of the reinforcements, which from time to time will be required. The total reinforcements for the first year of a great war are estimated at from sixty to seventy per cent. while the reserve depots necessary for supplying such reinforcements were established in Canada, eight or ten weeks might elapse before they could reach the front through difficulties of transport if on the other hand such reserve depots of men are established in Great Britain the Canadian expeditionary force can be reinforced to its full strength within four or five days. For this reason as well as others of a like character we deemed it advisable that the reserves should be kept on hand in Great Britain as the force at the front must continuously be kept at its full strength and that without the slightest unnecessary delay.

The great demands upon the British government in supplying guns and rifles have made it essential that Canada should assist in every possible way, therefore, in addition to the 20

field guns and the machine guns with which the Canadian expeditionary force is equipped, we are arranging to supply the British government with the following:

Forty-seven 18-pounders of the most modern type which had been ordered from Great Britain before the outbreak of war, are to be handed over to the British government.

Sixty guns of the same type which the department of militia has on hand. These will go forward on the transports.

Sixty-pounders, which will also be sent forward at the same time.

About thirty machine guns ordered by the Canadian government in England before the outbreak of war.

All this is being done by the Canadian government at the request of the war office in order to assist in equipping the great army which is being assembled in the Mother Country.

It is also expected that a considerable number of rifles will be supplied from Canada to the war office.

The recent delay in forwarding the force has been altogether due to the requirements of transport which it is very difficult to meet. The force must be under convoy and the convoys numbering twenty-eight or more must sail at the same time. It will be seen, therefore, that the provision of so large a number of steamers suitably equipped for the transportation of men, horses, guns, lorries, field transport and the very numerous articles necessary for the equipment of a modern army is no slight task.

The services of Captain Lindsay of the Marine and Fisheries Department, who is an expert in such matters, have been engaged for many weeks past in assisting the transportation of the force across the Atlantic in the transport across the Atlantic has also volunteered its services to the government and these gentlemen have been of great assistance for which the thanks of the government are tendered.

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# ALLEGED PRISON CASE IN ALBERT CO.

Preliminary hearing of Jethro Downing, charged with attempted murder, begun yesterday.

Special to The Standard.

Albert, N. B., Sept. 22.—The preliminary hearing in the police court against Jethro J. Downing, charged with the attempted murder of Carl Johnson by causing poison to be administered to and taken by him was on before the Magistrate, E. E. Peck at 10 a. m. today, and the hearing lasted until after five p. m. in the afternoon.

Allan W. Bray, the clerk of the peace, of the county of Albert, appeared for the prosecution, and Daniel W. Stuart, of Gunningsville, was present in the interest of the prisoner.

Arthur W. Mulligan, the constable who made the arrest, gave evidence of the apprehension of the prisoner Downing, in company with Chief Rideout of Moncton, who was sworn in especially to assist.

The witness told of the search and discovery of a large number of letters which were taken charge of by Chief Rideout and which are still in his possession. The constable testified that both the shop and the dwelling house of Downing, which are only a few yards apart were both locked up by the officers—who still hold the keys for further search and investigation.

Charles M. Robertson, of the Shepody Hotel, Riverside, which is right in front of Downing's shop testified that he had during the past summer and within two months driven Mrs. Johnson, the wife of the informant, on two or three occasions from Riverside to Hopewell Hill, a distance of about three miles. On one occasion only he drove her to her home, and on the other one or two occasions he had driven her to the hill corner near George Newcomb's store.

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He stated that he had found a quantity of broken glass which had been mixed with his porridge and that he had taken a week before he had had his breakfast with his wife, but that he might have sold them.

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# FRONT LINE FREIGHT DESCRIBES BRITISH ARMY'S PART IN 1914

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Maubeuge, as well as these with the corps.

"All their counter-attacks, however, failed, although in some places they were repulsed six times. One made on the Fourth Guards Division was repulsed with heavy slaughter.

"An attempt to advance slightly, made by the First Army, was unsuccessful as regards gain of ground, but led to the withdrawal of part of the enemy's infantry and artillery.

"Further counter-attacks made during the night were beaten off. Rain came on towards evening and continued in the evening. Besides adding to the discomfort of the soldiers holding the line the wet weather to some extent hampered the motor transport service, which was also hindered by broken bridges.

"On Wednesday, the 18th, there was little change in the situation opposite the British. The efforts made by the enemy were less active than on the previous day though their bombardment continued throughout the morning.

"Both woods around the village of the defenders of one of the salients of their position, but they returned to their original positions. The trenches were taken by the Third Division.

"On Thursday, the 17th, the situation still remained unchanged. The efforts made by the enemy were less active than on the previous day. The only infantry attacks made by the enemy were on the extreme right of the front of the British. They were repulsed with heavy loss, chiefly on this occasion, by our field guns.

"In order to convey some idea of the nature of the fighting it may be said that along the greater part of the front the fighting was of a trench warfare character and cleverly contrived. The British were driven back from the forward slope on the north of the river. Their trenches are holding steady lines of the numerous woods which crown the slopes. These trenches are elaborately constructed and cleverly contrived. In many places there are wire entanglements.

"The woods around the open are carefully cleared, so that they can be swept by rifle fire and machine guns which are invisible from our side of the valley. The ground in front of the infantry trenches is also, as a rule, under cover from the field guns and under high angle fire from pieces placed well back behind the woods on top of the plateau.

British in Fine Spirit in Spite of Fatigue and Weather

"A feature of this action, as of the previous fighting, is the use by the enemy of their numerous heavy howitzers, which they are able to direct long range and fire all over the valley and right across it. Upon these, they evidently place great reliance.

"The British are holding their own on the north side they are now strongly entrenched. They are well fed and in spite of the wet weather of the past week are cheerful and confident.

"The bombardment by both sides has been very heavy and on Monday and Tuesday, was practically continuous. Nevertheless, in spite of the general idea caused by the reports of the immense number of heavy guns in action along our front on Wednesday, the arrival of the French firing artillery with which their attack was opened.

Gaining Ground Slowly But Surely

"So far as the British are concerned, the greater part of this week has been spent in holding their own on the ground by degrees and in beating back severe counter-attacks with heavy slaughter. The British have been severe, but it is probable that those of the enemy are heavier.

"The rain has caused a great drop in the temperature and there is more than a distinct feeling of autumn in the air especially in the early morning.

"On our right and left, the French have been fighting fiercely and have also been gradually gaining ground. One village has already during this battle been captured and re-captured twice by each side, and at the time of writing remains in the hands of the Germans.

"The fighting has been at close quarters and of the most desperate nature, and the streets of the village are filled with dead of both sides.

"As an example of the spirit which is inspiring our allies the following translation of an Ordre Du Jour, published on September 8, after the battle of Montmirail, by the commander of the French fifth army, is given:

"Soldiers! Upon the memorable fields of Champagne, which a century ago witnessed the victories of our ancestors over the Frisians, your vigorous offensive has triumphed over the resistance of the Germans.

"The most renowned army corps of old Prussia, the contingent of Westphalia, of Hanover, of Brandenburg have retired in haste before you. This first success is no more than the prelude. The enemy is shaken but not yet decisively beaten. You have still to undergo severe hardships to make long marches, to fight hard battles. May the image of our country, sold by barbarians, always remain before your eyes—never forget it more necessary to sacrifice all for her.

"Saluting the heroes who have fallen in the fighting of the last few days my thoughts turn toward you, the victors in the next battle. Forward, soldiers, for France.

"Montmirail, 28th, Sept., 1914.

"General Commanding the Fifth Army.

"Franchet D'Esperey."

Enemy Determined to Win by Fair Means or Foul.

"The Germans are a formidable enemy, well trained, long prepared and brave. Their soldiers are carrying on the contest with skill and valor. Nevertheless they are fighting to win any way, regardless of all the rules of fair play, and there is evidence that they do not stop at anything in order to gain victory.

"A large number of the tales of their misbehaviors are exaggerations, and some of the stringent precautions they have taken to guard themselves against the inhabitants of the areas traversed are possibly justifiable measures of war. But at the same time it has been definitely established that they have committed atrocities on many occasions, and they have been guilty of brutal conduct.

"So many letters and statements of our wounded soldiers have been published in our newspapers that it is following epistles from a German soldier of the 74th Infantry Regiment, Tenth Corps, to his wife may also be of interest.

"My Dear Wife: I have just been living through days that defy imagination. I should never have thought that I would die in a war. Not a second has passed but my life has been in danger, and yet not a hair of my head has been hurt.

"It was horrible; it was ghastly, but I have been saved for you and for our happiness, and I take heart again, although I am still terribly unnerved. God grant that I may see you again soon, and that this horror may soon be over.

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# NO MARKED CHANGE YET ALONG BATTLE FRONT

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The allies had the plateau a few days ago, but the German official report claims that it has been recaptured, together with the village of Bethony.

In the centre between Rheims and Soissons, which the French occupied early in the week, there has been more desperate fighting, the Germans taking the offensive, and according to the French reports, being repulsed.

The Germans also have made some attacks in the Woerth district with success, but they have succeeded in again crossing the Lorraine frontier and occupying Donstere, to the south of Blamont.

The French have captured additional prisoners and supplies. The Russians have followed up their successes in Galicia where a third great battle is about to begin. If it has not already begun, by capturing the important fortress of Jersal, on the River San, just north of Jersal, which they are surrounded. Jaroslau commands the passage of the San river and its possession will greatly assist the Russians in their operations against Przemysl.

For the Hospital Ship  
Mrs. S. A. Jones, treasurer, has received \$1 from the League of Women Friends of Victoria street church, and \$25 from Miss Wark (daughter of the late Senator Wark), Plaster Rock, Ireland.

# DIED.

COLLARD—In this city, on the 22nd inst., George E. Collard aged 87. Funeral from his late residence, 414 Union street, on Thursday 24th. Sep. 29th at 2.30 o'clock.

COWAN—In this city, on the 19th inst., William Cowan, aged 82 years. Funeral at the Range, Queens County, on Wednesday afternoon.

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# EVIDENCE TAKEN YESTERDAY

Counsel presented argument — Chief Clerk stand — Thomas H. Bullock thought out — men were needed on force—Several witnesses stand.

The investigation into the charges made against Chief Clerk in regard to his work in the police department closed yesterday afternoon. Commissioner Chandler has been conducting the enquiry since early in July but sessions in city hall were held continuously.

After the examination of witnesses had been completed yesterday afternoon Chandler in the case presented their arguments.

J. B. Baxter, K. drew attention to the evidence that he had shown to the people had not received proper protection. He pointed to evidence that seemed to indicate that the Chief of Police had not been as efficient as possible. He thought that the evidence supported the charge as made by the Common Council.

"That W. Walker Clark, Chief of Police of the city of St. John, is inefficient in the discharge of the duties of his office, that by reason of such inefficiency the discipline of the force is relaxed; that the body is in a state of practical demoralization and that the Chief does not receive adequate protection for the money which is expended for the purposes of the police department."

Mr. Mullin argued in opposition and pointed out to the commissioner that according to the evidence he could not show the Chief of Police and his Police on the charge as laid. He thought that evidence was very strong in favor of the Chief of Police.

Several witnesses were examined, but very little new evidence was brought out at the session yesterday afternoon.

Chief Clerk on Stand.

Chief Clerk was again on the stand and was questioned in regard to the Perry case. Witness had met Mr. Martin in city hall and had been called there. That was the first time Martin had spoken to him about the matter. Witness thought and he had been spoken to by the Chief in connection with the Perry matter. The Chief had often got written statements from people in regard to the action of officers. He thought Perry had no business in Martin's store and when it was said that Perry had been fooling the store the Chief thought he reprimanded Perry for his action, but he did not have a clear recollection of the mode of reprimand.

The question of dictating the statement of Martin as written by Chandler was brought up and the witness testified that he did not dictate the statement in question.

In answer to Mr. Baxter witness said that he had supplied Detective Killen with a list of people, who were to come here as witnesses, and he thought that the evidence on Killen's list had been approached before. He had given Killen the list and told him to notify the persons mentioned.

Mr. Baxter then took up the matter of sending policemen outside the city on police duty.

Witness said that when this was necessary he detailed the men for duty on his own authority. He had not asked any commissioner or authority to send men out on duty. He thought he had authority for that himself.

Sometimes the men were paid outside the city but a case originated in the city the men were kept on the city payroll but sometimes people wanting to be sent out, would pay the cost themselves. The Attorney General signed the bills after the work was done.

The chief then told of the routine of his duties during a day.

He had never been absent from office for days at a time when he was supposed to be on duty.

When he went to Fredericton he notified the Attorney General, and also informed the Mayor. He had no recollection of ever leaving the city without the consent of the attorney general.

He had never been absent for weeks when the reports were made up by some one else.

In connection with the street railway riot Mr. Baxter pointed out that there was a strike on and he asked what was the arrangement he had made in that connection.

Witness said that on the morning of the riot he had gone down to the city and had seen the railway men quiet, and he did not anticipate any trouble. He thought it was only a question of time in connection with the settlement of the strike, and he took no extra precaution.

During the evening witness had talked to Judge Forbes. Witness