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RETREAT OF MACKENSEN CONTINUES

BRITISH GAIN HALF MILE—FRENCH APPROACH COMBLES FOUR WINNIPEG JOURNALISTS JAILED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT

LT.-COL. GRAHAM IS SUSPENDED FOR STRAPPING YOUNG PRIVATE; ALLEGED TO BE AN INCORRIGIBLE

Commander of London's Own Admits He Disobeyed Regulations, But Contends He Had Sergeant's "Spank" 18-Year-Old London Boy in Fatherly Spirit to Save Him From Disgrace.

Lieut.-Col. C. M. R. Graham, who organized and has commanded the 142nd Battalion (London's Own), is in the city, while Acting Minister of Militia McCurdy decides whether or not he is to be dismissed for administering corporal punishment to Pte. Bellinger, until recently with the 142nd, now transferred to one of the battalions at present training in the city.

Pte. Bellinger is 18 years of age, and in a statement made to The Advertiser this morning, he was described by Col. Graham as a young incorrigible in whom the colonel had a fatherly interest. His "crime sheet," said the colonel, had at least fifteen offences on it, and he had been repeatedly admonished for breaches of discipline.

Threw Away His Rifle. His conduct had attracted the attention of other officers while inspecting the records of the London battalion, and when, after this, and following suggestions that what the lad needed was a

"good spanking," the private again was guilty of further breaches of discipline, throwing away his rifle while at drill, and telling his company commander to "Go to H—." Col. Graham had Bellinger before him, and told him that he was tired of trying to correct his lapses, and that, just as he would act with his own son, he was going to administer a spanking.

Sergeants Would Strap. Col. Graham said that he then communicated with Sergt. Colter, acting battalion sergeant-major, and gave him orders to take Bellinger to a tent and give him a spanking. The sergeant, Col. Graham said, aided by Sergt. Gilder, Bellinger's company sergeant, took Bellinger into a tent, and with a strap which was formerly a rifle sling, but which had been softened by use as a razor strap by one of the sergeants, gave him seven or eight slaps on the buttocks. One of the sergeants held

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FIGHT FOR MONASTIR HAS BEGUN; SERBIANS CAN SEE OBJECTIVE

But Strong Entrenchments of the Enemy Must Be Passed Before City Falls, Says British Correspondence.

London, Sept. 23.—Ward Price, the official British press representative in the Balkans, in a dispatch to the Daily News from the Serbian front near Florina, states that the battle of Ostrovo is now over, and that the battle for Monastir has begun. Rapid though the first part of the Serbian advance has been, he says, it must not be thought disappointing, if it now goes more slowly.

Strong Defences. "The Serbs," he continued, "are fighting within sight of Monastir, but across that broad valley up which they look there is a stretch of three lines of strong enemy entrenchments prepared at leisure throughout the year. The first is the one the Allies are attacking now. The next is the strongest of all, and runs on the other side of the former Greek frontier.

WINTER CAMPAIGN OF ALLIES WILL BE CONSTANT ATTACK

Have Enemy by Throat and Will Cut Off His Wind.

NO LONGER PLAY FOR TIME

Lieut.-Col. Rousset Predicts That Allies Will No Longer Remain Inactive.

Paris, Sept. 23.—(New York Times Cable).—Lieut.-Col. Rousset says operations of the coming winter campaign will differ from those of predecessors. He said: "I think that I can predict that the coming winter will not be entirely one of stagnation, and waiting on all fronts. No doubt the sledge-hammer blows we intend to deal will be separated by greater intervals, but remaining in the winter, we do not intend to remain merely in an expectant attitude."

Have Foe by Throat. Having everywhere seized our foe by the throat, we intend to allow him only as much breathing space as the circumstances render inevitable."

The situation, the critic says, is no longer what it was at the beginning of the winter campaign. On all fronts the Allies, he says, have already driven in a wedge of victory. In Picardy, the Anglo-French armies have established indubitable ascendancy over the Germans, whose powerful counter-attacks are continually repulsed and sterile in results.

Mark Time No Longer. "The Allies, he goes on, are no longer playing for time, as during former winter campaigns, so as to store up material and munitions for the coming summer. The production of armaments will certainly tend to increase during the coming months, but the Allies are no longer obliged to mark time for it. For all these reasons, Rousset continues, it is unlikely that the approaching winter will see a total interruption of fighting as was the case in former years.

CAUSED PRIVATE TO BE "STRAPPED," IS NOW UNDER SUSPENSION



—Photo by George Henry.
LIEUT.-COL. C. M. R. GRAHAM.

CABINET GETTING DOWN ON KNEES TO THE ENTENTE

Greeks Said to Have Wired Proposal to Enter Conflict.

READY TO JETTISON CREW

Fruitless Efforts Continue to Secure Response From Allies.

ACT OR GREECE DIES

This Is Attitude of Venizelos to Spineless Leaders of Nation.

[Canadian Press.]

Athens, Sept. 23.—Via London, Sept. 23.—The Greek Government is said on the best authority to have telegraphed definite proposals to the Entente capitals, which, if accepted, will mean Greece's entry into the war. If the uncertainty of the relations between Greece and the Entente continues it is regarded as not improbable that Greece may declare war on Bulgaria on her own account.

Semi-official efforts of the Cabinet to ascertain from the Entente ministers here a statement as to the desires of the Allies' governments have been fruitless. The ministers were given to understand that as many as three members of the Greek Cabinet were ready to resign if the Entente wished. The sole reply was that instructions had not been received.

MUTINY ON CRUISER. [Canadian Press.]

London, Sept. 23.—Athena is filled with rumors that three hundred men of the crew of the cruiser Averoff have mutinied, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The report says that the remainder of the crew and detachments of marines were sent away in boats. Other ships of the fleet are said to have quelled the mutiny.

The Averoff is an armored cruiser built in March, 1910. She carries a crew of 550 men.

ACTION, OR GREECE DIES. [Canadian Press.]

Paris, Sept. 23.—Former Premier Venizelos of Greece, in an interview with the Athens press, declared that the Greeks must defend their national interests regardless of the Government. Mr. Venizelos is quoted as saying:

"Although Rumania entered the struggle the court party which governs us seems to persist in the policy of what it calls neutrality. This policy is persisted in even after the shameful Kavala incident."

"You ask me what the future will bring. I am not in the position to answer, but certainly something must be attempted if Greece does not wish to die."

What was done at Salonika, though improvised and precipitate, and recent manifestations in the island of the archipelago, show that everyone realizes that if the Government has forgotten its duty toward the nation the nation must itself immediately take in hand the defence of its own interests."

SKILLED: FATHER DIES. [Canadian Press.]

Dublin, Sept. 23.—A. J. Kettle, a veteran Nationalist, died today, less than a week after receiving the news that his son, Lieut. Thomas M. Kettle, professor of economics in the National University, had been killed in action.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 70; lowest, 44.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 57; lowest, 42.

EVERY FRONT LOOKS BRIGHT FOR ENTENTE, SAYS CRITIC

Col. Repington Says Teutons Are Losing Steadily.

RETRIEVING NO LOSSES

But Losing Great Numbers of Men Everywhere.

GERMANS GROW DEJECTED

And Anxiety Regarding Next War Loan Is General in Country.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Sept. 23.—(New York Sun Cable).—Col. Repington, the military critic of the Times, reviewing the whole situation of the war, sees things favorable for the Allies on all fronts. "Except against Rumania, the Austro-Germans and their satellites have scored no successes in many months past," he writes, "and have not retrieved any losses. West, east and south they have lost great numbers of men, and continue to lose them."

He deprecates building too much on the order from Gen. von Falkenhayn in reference to the great war and test on German guns and stores of munitions which the war office has just published. He dwells, however, upon the significance of the German fleet still avoiding battle and the increased effect of the blockade as reflected in German newspapers and letters found on prisoners.

Dejection Marked. "The Germans at the front are still fighting well," he adds, "but the dejection has been marked. Where the material and moral condition of the people is slowly, but steadily, deteriorating, anxieties regarding the next loan are general, and the fact that German troops have continually to be sent to all fronts to make amends for the failures of Germany's allies provokes bitter comment."

"When the veil is lifted we shall probably find that Germany has suffered far greater losses in men, money, ships, credit and material than we have any idea of, while we can be satisfied that Germany's aggressive war has brought her as much misery as her worst enemy could desire."

Is Very Confident. Col. Repington writes confidently of the situation on the western, Italian and Russian fronts, though he says the accumulation of German and Turkish troops replacing the Austrians, also the

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LIGHTSHIP MISSING, PASSENGER SHIP ON ROCKS AND DOOMED

[Canadian Press.]

Portland, Sept. 23.—The Eastern Steamship Corporation's steamer Bay State, bound from Boston for Portland, went ashore on Haycomb Rock, just off the tip of Cape Elizabeth, during a heavy fog early today. The 250 passengers were taken off in lifeboats and dories. The steamer lies high and dry in a dangerous position.

A coastguard cutter and the tug Portland notified by wireless, hastened from Portland to the assistance of the Bay State, but as the steamer was pounded heavily in the ground swell it was thought advisable to have the passengers removed by the crew of the Cape Elizabeth coastguard station.

West of Two Lights. The point where the vessel struck is a half-mile west of the Two Lights and the station.

Soon after daylight the steamer commenced to blow out her boilers, and it appeared probable that her bottom had been punctured, and that water had reached the fireroom. It was feared that she could not be saved. The tug Portland on her arrival attached a line to the steamer, but on the first pull the hawser broke and efforts to haul her astern were temporarily abandoned.

It was thought that the absence of the Cape Elizabeth light ship from her station five miles offshore might have caused the Bay State to run off her course. The lightship was towed to Portland for repairs three days ago, and replaced by a buoy.

In Service Many Years. The Bay State left Boston last night on her regular trip to Portland in command of Capt. Strout. The steamer has been in this service many years, having been built at Bath in 1895. She registers 1,555 tons net, and is 281 feet in length, 42 feet beam, 15 feet depth. Her home port is Boston.

MACKENSEN FORCED TO GIVE UP DANUBE FORT

SOUTH WATERLOOS LEAVING LONDON



Advertiser Illustration. Snap taken during the entraining of the 11th (South Waterloo) Battalion at the Rectory street station of the Grand Trunk on Friday afternoon. The picket lines of the 160th and the special train that conveyed the Waterloo unit to the east are shown.

French Patrols Reach Outskirts of Combles And Capture Prisoners

Find Many Dead Germans Lying on Field—Aviators Engage in 56 Air Battles and Bring Down Four of Germany's Aeroplanes.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Sept. 23.—French patrols approached the edge of Combles, on the Somme front, last night. The official statement issued here this afternoon says they found a great many dead Germans on the field, and took a few prisoners. South of the Somme there is a active artillery fighting.

French aviators engaged in 56 aerial fights yesterday. Four German aeroplanes were shot down.

Many Dead Found. The text of the announcement follows:

"To the north of the River Somme last night passed in relative quiet. French patrols making their way to the southern boundaries of the village of Combles found numerous German dead on the field. These detachments captured fifteen German prisoners, including one officer."

"To the south of the Somme there has been in various sectors fairly spirited artillery fighting. Elsewhere there has been intermittent sniping."

"On the Somme front, French aviators delivered, during the day of September 23, a total of 56 aerial combats. As a result of this activity four enemy aeroplanes were destroyed while four others were seen falling disabled. We could not, however, follow the fall of these machines to the ground, but it is known that two of them were compelled to make a landing. In the course of these fights, Adjt. Dorne destroyed his eleventh German aeroplane at a point to the south of Douaumont, while Lieut. Deullin brought down his seventh machine to the south of Doingt. Adjt. Tarascon destroyed his sixth enemy machine to the southwest of Hogny. The fourth German machine reported destroyed crashed to the ground at a point southwest of Roquigny."

Scores His Tenth. "In the region of Verdun, Adjt. Lenoir attacked a German aeroplane at very close quarters and brought down his opponent within the German lines at a point to the north of Douaumont. This makes the tenth enemy machine destroyed up to the present time by Adjt. Lenoir."

French aviators engaged in throwing bombs also have displayed great activity along the entire front. In Belgium one of our fliers has thrown down four bombs on the barracks in the forest of Houtholst. In the region of the Somme a detachment of sixteen French aviators

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HEIR TO EARLDOM KILLED IN ACTION

Lieut. Stanhope of Grenadiers Brother of Earl Stanhope.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Sept. 23.—Richard Philip Stanhope, lieutenant of the Grenadier Guards and heir to his brother, the seventh Earl Stanhope, has been killed in action. It was announced today. He was 21 years old.

BRITISH RAID ENEMY'S TRENCHES ON STRUMA

Naval Aircraft Bombard Transport Near Drama With Results.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Sept. 23.—12:30 p.m.—On the Struma front our patrols successfully raided enemy trenches in the neighborhood of Komarian, causing casualties," says the official report of today in regard to the Macedonian campaign. "Our naval aircraft bombarded an enemy transport near Drama, apparently with good results. On the Dobruja front we raided enemy trenches at three points."

CLAIM ATTACKS REPULSED. Berlin, Sept. 23.—Via London, 1:15 p.m.—Russian and Rumanian troops in Dobruja have been attacking Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces on both flanks of the battle line, according to the war office announcement today. The attacks, which on the one flank were near the Danube and on the other southwest of Toprali, fourteen miles southwest of Constantza, were repulsed.

ANOTHER HALF MILE OF GERMAN LINES IN BRITISH HANDS

Advance East of Courcellette and Capture Strongly Fortified System—Counter-Attacks Driven Back.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Sept. 23.—5:35 p.m.—German trenches on a front of about a half-mile east of Courcellette, in the Somme region, were captured by the British last night, the war office announced today.

The official statement says: "A further advance was made last night by our troops east of Courcellette. A strongly-fortified system of enemy trenches was captured here, and our

line was advanced on a front of about a half-mile. Some prisoners were taken.

"West of Mouquet Farm the enemy counter-attacks at nightfall yesterday with great violence, but was driven back by our fire with heavy losses."

"There was considerable artillery activity during the night on many parts of the battlefield. East of Bettleune an enemy ammunition dump was exploded by our artillery fire."

STRIKE IS CALLED FOR WEDNESDAY IN GREATER NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Organized workers in virtually every industry in Greater New York were formally called upon late today to cease work at 8 o'clock next Wednesday morning in sympathy with the striking traction employees. Labor leaders assert approximately 600,000 men and women are involved.

The call was embodied in resolutions adopted at a conference of labor leaders representing the federated bodies in all the boroughs of the city, as well as many national and international unions. The call, it was said, would be issued, not only to organized workers in New

York, but also to those in Yonkers, New Rochelle and Mount Vernon, and would extend throughout a wide range of industries.

Hugh Payne, New York State organizer of the American Federation of Labor, tonight issued the following official statement:

"It was decided by unanimous vote of representatives of eighty unions of Greater New York and vicinity that there shall be a general suspension of all work in all trades and industries in Greater New York and vicinity, the same to commence Wednesday, September 27, at 8 a.m."

SCHOONER BURNS WITH LOSS OF ALL ABOARD

Burned Hulk of Panama Found on Gulf of California.

San Diego, Cal., Sept. 23.—News of the destruction by fire on the upper waters of the Gulf of California of the auxiliary schooner Panama, with the loss of all on board, including Capt. Frank Pasquale, his wife, Engineers Charles Leddick, and three American seamen, was brought here last night by Capt. Blair of the schooner Freda. The burned hulk was discovered by a Mexican fishing boat between Tiburon Island and Santa Rosalia.

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Continues Retreat in Dobrudja Province Before Russian and Rumanian Forces—Germans Admit Attacks, But Without Explanation, Claim Repulses.

[Canadian Press.]

Rome, Sept. 23.—Via London, 12:52 p.m.—

The retreat of the German army, under Field Marshal von Mackensen, in the Rumanian province of Dobrudja, continues, according to a telegram received by the Wireless Press today from Switzerland. The Danube fortress of Silestria, recently captured by the Germans and Bulgarians, is said to have been abandoned to the Russian and Rumanian forces.

Russian naval forces in the Black Sea are said to have resumed their bombardment of the Bulgarian seaport of Varna.

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