

Weather Forecast:
Tomorrow, Cooler

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HEAVY DEFEAT FOR BULGARS AT HANDS OF SERBS GREECE ABOUT TO THROW IN LOT WITH THE ALLIES RUSSIANS ARE NOW PASSING THROUGH RUMANIA

SEVERE CHECK FOR BULGARS ALONG MACEDONIAN FRONT; ESTIMATED LOSSES 15,000

(Canadian Press.)
London, Aug. 31.—The fighting is very severe all along the Macedonian front, says an Athens dispatch to the Wireless Press, which adds that the Bulgarian regiments suffered a severe check at the hands of the Serbians on the Entente's left flank, and that the Bulgarian losses are estimated at 15,000.

The Bulgarian regiments, says the dispatch, attacked the Serbians in close formation, after the German style, and suffered severely. They were compelled to ask for reinforcements from Val-bank and Kastoria.

THE BULGAR REPORT.

(Canadian Press.)

Sofia, Aug. 30.—Via London, Aug. 31.—"There has been no essential change on the Macedonian front," says the official statement issued today by the Bulgarian war department. "Our troops who reached and captured the positions indicated to them are now consolidating their captures."

"After the defeat inflicted upon him had broken his offensive the enemy is contenting himself all along the front with maintaining an artillery fire without effect. Only to the north of Lake Ostrovo and in the Delnitsa valley has the enemy striven by fruitless counter-attacks in the region of his lost positions to modify the situation, which has become precarious for him. All the attacks were repulsed."

"On Lake Ahinos we sank two hostile steam launches by artillery fire."

"The enemy's fleet bombarded without result the mouth of the Mista, and an aerial squadron attacked a bridge near the Buk station without doing any damage."

GERMANS EXPELLED FROM TRENCHES IN LORRAINE FIGHTING

(Canadian Press.)
Paris, Aug. 31.—Noon.—German troops penetrated the French trenches in Parroy forest in Lorraine last night but were immediately ejected by a counter-attack, says today's announcement of the war office.

The announcement follows:
"The night was calm on the greater part of the front. In Lorraine today, toward the end of the day, the Germans attempted a surprise attack in Parroy forest. They penetrated a portion of one of our trenches, whence they were driven out immediately by our counter-attack."

TRIED TO STOP SHOOTING OF SHEEHY SKEFFINGTON

Lieut. Dobbin Tells of Strange Actions of Bowen-Colthurst.

(Canadian Press.)
Dublin, Aug. 31.—Lieut. Dobbin, who was commander of the guard on the occasion of the shooting of P. Sheehy Skeffington, editor of the Irish Citizen, and two of his companions, in the Dublin rebellion last Easter, testified before the commission of inquiry at the Four Courts today.

DUTCH TAKE CHARGE OF DUAL MONARCHY'S AFFAIRS

(Canadian Press.)
The Hague, via London, Aug. 31.—At the request of the Austro-Hungarian government the Dutch minister at Bucharest has been authorized to take charge of Austro-Hungarian interests in Rumania.

DISAVOWS ATTACK.

(Canadian Press.)
Washington, D. C., Aug. 31.—Germany, in a note received at the state department today, practically disavows any unfriendly submarine attack on the American steamer Owego several weeks ago, and submits a statement of fact which is expected to close the case. The Owego was fired upon in the fog.

WILSON STILL STRIVING TO HAVE STRIKE CALLED OFF

Not Lost Hope of Winning Over the Brotherhood.

MEN MEET COMMISSION

Leaders of Both Sides Today Present Case to Interstate Body.

(Canadian Press.)
Washington, Aug. 31.—"I have just been keeping in touch with things to see that they keep moving, and they are moving," said President Wilson, as he left the railroad conference with congressional leaders.

Congressman Adamson, chairman of the House interstate commerce committee, said:
"We will pass the 8-hour bill, introduced today in the House, tomorrow. That will include the provision for an investigation of the effect of the 8-hour day on the railroads. That, we believe, will prevent the strike."

Following the conference, the president returned to the White House.

(Canadian Press.)
Washington, Aug. 31.—While Congress got down to work today on President Wilson's legislative program to prevent the railway strike, the president himself was busy with the railroad conference with congressional leaders and at the same time took steps to hurry Congress along.

He summoned the brotherhood leaders to the White House for 2 o'clock today, made arrangements to go to the Capitol to confer with administration leaders there.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 72; lowest, 55.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 63; lowest, 45.

TOMORROW—COOLER.

Forecast.

Winds, increasing to fresh and strong breeze, southerly, shifting to westerly and northwesterly, light today; showers tonight and early on Friday, then cooler.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria. 62. 50. Clear.

Calgary. 78. 54. Cloudy.

Winnipeg. 66. 48. Fair.

Port Arthur. 68. 50. Cloudy.

Perry Sound. 72. 44. Clear.

Port Stanley. 76. 48. Clear.

Buffalo. 74. 48. Clear.

Toronto. 60. 46. Clear.

Quebec. 70. 52. Fair.

Ottawa. 70. 46. Clear.

Montreal. 70. 52. Fair.

St. John's. 64. 44. Cloudy.

Father Point. 64. 44. Clear.

Weather Notes.

A shallow depression which was over Saskatchewan yesterday morning now covers Lake Superior, while a cool wave has moved into the western provinces from the northward. Showers have been almost general from Alberta to Lake Superior, also in the Province of Quebec.

Ferdinand Sends Message to Troops

(Canadian Press.)
Bucharest, Aug. 31.—King Ferdinand has issued the following order of the day, addressed to the army:
"I have called upon you, who are stout-hearted and full of hope. The spirit of the great Rumanian chieftains, Michael the Brave and Stephen the Great, inspired in the provinces you are about to deliver, exhort you to victories worthy of them, and of our heroic and victorious allies."

"Terrific fighting awaits you, but you will endure its rigors as did your ancestors. In future ages the entire race will bless and glorify you."

GREECE ABOUT TO DROP POLICY OF NEUTRALITY AND JOIN THE ENTENTE

Rapid Developments Expected at Athens That Will Bring Actively Into the War on Side of Allies Within a Few Hours' Time.

(Canadian Press.)

Athens, Aug. 30, via London, Aug. 31, 1:33 p.m.—Rapid developments in the diplomatic situation here today make it appear that within 48 hours Greece will have abandoned the policy of neutrality in the war.

King Constantine will receive the French minister tomorrow (Thursday), and the Russian and British ministers shortly afterward.

All staff officers on leave have been recalled for active service.

ROBLIN TRIAL IS CLOSE TO FINISH; CROWN IS THROUGH

Defence Asks for Dismissal of Case Which Is Refused.

ADDRESS JURY TODAY

Cameron, Who Designed the Caissons, Last Man on Stand.

(Canadian Press.)
Winnipeg, Aug. 31.—At 11 o'clock this morning, crown counsel completed the presentation of their case against Sir Rodmond Roblin, George R. Caldwell and James H. Howie on charges of conspiracy. Fifty crown witnesses and two called by the court have been heard since the taking of evidence began on July 27.

A. Andrews, senior defence counsel, announced that he would tender no evidence, and R. A. Bonnar, K.C., will address the jury for the crown this afternoon. Formal motion by the defence that the case be withdrawn from the jury and the charges dismissed was formally refused.

The crown will call more witnesses in their case against the ex-cabinet ministers, so J. B. Coyne of crown counsel stated this morning on the resumption of the trial. This is the result of the evidence given by A. G. Cameron, structural engineer, who was called by the crown.

Cameron's Experience.

Coyne took the cross-examination of Cameron, who designed the caissons and steel work of the Parliament Buildings. Cameron said he was now employed by the Grand Trunk Pacific as a draughtsman. Coyne read some criticism of Cameron by Chief Justice Mathers, sitting as a royal commissioner, and A. J. Andrews for the defence objected that this expression of opinion by the chief justice was "entirely unwarranted." The crown counsel sought to prove that witness was incompetent, but Cameron would make no admissions. He said he had never designed caissons nor erected a steel building before his work on the Parliament Buildings. He had no experience with concrete before this time. Cameron acknowledged giving evidence yesterday which he did not give before the royal commission, or when he made a statement about that time to crown counsel.

He also acknowledged some alleged contradictions in the evidence given on these two occasions. Coyne told witness he had information that rock was 62½ feet down at one caisson where, Cameron said yesterday, rock could not be found, and the caisson was built on hard pan.

No Deception Intended.

Witness told of assisting in making plans of about two hundred caissons to give, he said, the public accounts committee an idea of how they were constructed. He agreed that they "did not represent anything but imagination," but maintained that they were not intended to deceive anyone. Cameron said he went over the whole case with A. J. Andrews and John Sweeney, an expert for the defence, within the last week. Andrews re-examined the witness briefly.

Malcolm McLean, former clerk of the executive council, was called by the defence.

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Czar's Troops Officially Reported Now Passing Through Rumania; Allies All Ready For Big Squeeze

EAST LONDON BOY
OF 70TH REPORTED
"KILLED IN ACTION"



Photo by George Henry.

PTE. JOSEPH MICHAEL WALSH, who was on Wednesday reported killed in action on August 25, Pte. Walsh had been in the front trenches but a short time. He was one of the best known and best liked East Londoners who crossed with Lieut. Col. R. I. Towers in the 70th Battalion. Pte. Leo Walsh, a younger brother, was with him in the trenches.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF ENEMY RECORDS MINOR ENCOUNTERS

Repulses on All Fronts Claimed by Berlin War Office.

(Canadian Press.)
Berlin, Aug. 31.—Via London, 4:40 p.m.—The official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff regarding the western front says:

"Western theatre: In the sector extending on both sides of Arras, the enemy developed lively artillery activity. His reconnoitering detachments, which advanced after strong artillery bombardment in surprise attacks were repulsed."

"Near Roucourt, north of Arras, a German patrol took a number of prisoners in the British trenches."

"Reconnoitering military operations in the eastern front, the official statement issued today by the German army general staff says:

"Eastern theatre: To the west of Riga, at the bridgehead of Dvinsk, in the Stokhod canal, southeast of Kovle, southwest of Luts and in a few sectors of the army of Gen. Count Von Bothmer, lively artillery battles are taking place."

"In the Carpathians we captured 1 officer and 199 men in the storming of Mount Kukul. Enemy counter-attacks were repulsed."

"During attacks on the military establishments of Luts and Torczyn our aviators shot down three enemy aeroplanes. Another machine was put out of action near Listopady on the Beresina."

"Balkans: There were no incidents of importance."

TWO RUSS STEAMERS TORPEDOED BY GERMANS

(Canadian Press.)
London, Aug. 31.—2:45 p.m.—The Russian steamers Wellamo and Sten II, have been torpedoed in the Gulf of Bothnia, says a dispatch from Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The Wellamo was of 1,050 tons gross and 200 feet long. The Sten II was 227 tons gross and 101 feet long. Both were owned in Helsingfors.

HIT BY EXPRESS.

(Canadian Press.)

Quebec, Aug. 31.—Struck by the Maritime Express last night at Dunstan, on the I. C. R., near Drummondville, a man so far unidentified, was instantly killed.

The man was driving a Cadillac automobile, and did not see through a thick fog for the approaching train. His body was hurled 50 feet from the track and the car was burned in the ditch.

The body lies at the station in St. Eugene.

The victim was identified this afternoon. He is a Montrealer named Tremblay, 28 years old, and was employed as a traveler by the Dominion Tobacco Company of Montreal.

Russian Armies Hurrying Across Rumania to Attack Bulgarians—Allies on Macedonian Front Ready to Spring Trap With Powerful Army of British, French, Russians, Serbs and Italians—Bucharest Bars All Alcoholic Liquors for Duration of War.

(Canadian Press.)

Bucharest, Tuesday, Aug. 29.—Via London, Aug. 31.—Official announcement was made here today that the passage of Russian troops through Rumania has begun.

The announcement follows:

"General mobilization of the Rumanian army began Thursday night, August 24. On the same night Rumanian troops crossed the Austro-Hungarian frontier."

"Russian troops, beginning to cross the Dobrudja, were welcomed enthusiastically by our population."

"Austrian monitors and batteries are firing on the towns of Orsova, Turn, Severin and Giurgevo."

BULGAR TOWN OCCUPIED.

(Canadian Press.)
Paris, Aug. 31.—4 p.m.—Rumanian troops, according to a report received here, have occupied the Bulgarian town of Rusechuk.

Rusechuk has a population of about 35,000, and is situated on the Danube, opposite the Rumanian town of Giurgevo.

ARCTIC EXPLORER WILL LAND AT SYDNEY, N. S.

McMillan Expected to Reach Civilization in Few Weeks' Time.

(Canadian Press.)
New York, Aug. 31.—Officers of the American Museum of Natural History have been advised that Donald B. MacMillan, the Arctic explorer who left here in 1912 in search of Crocker Land, is expected to arrive with the remaining members of his party at St. Johns, Nfld., or Sydney, N. S., between September 20 and October 1. MacMillan will be accompanied by Dr. E. C. Hovey, who was in charge of the expedition sent to Greenland last year for the power schooner George B. Cluett in 1915.

The explorers are returning home on the Danish steamship Denmark, chartered for the purpose by the American Museum of Natural History from the Greenland Mining Company. Word of her departure from her South Greenland base for Copenhagen on August 1 has been cabled to Marquis I. Nyebroe, general manager of the Greenland Mining Company, who recently arrived in New York from Copenhagen. Mr. Nyebroe is to remain in New York until the Denmark arrives, when he will go back with her to Greenland.

BECK, TOO, DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SCHEME

On Return to City He Informs The Advertiser Detroit Sale Is New.

Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Ontario Hydro Power Commission, made an absolute disclaimer today of any knowledge of the reported sale of hydro power from Niagara Falls in Detroit. Sir Adam was in Montreal when the attention of Western Ontario was first called to ads. inserted in Detroit papers, inviting stock subscriptions in a concern that was to distribute Niagara power in the City of the Straits. On his return, he added his denial to those made by officials of the hydro power commission in Toronto.

Sir Adam declares there is absolutely no agreement between any Detroit concern and the Ontario commission for the sale of power to supply Detroit.

LONDONER IS ELECTED TO MUNICIPALITIES BOARD

City Clerk Baker Made Vice-President at Annual Meeting.

(Canadian Press.)
Toronto, Aug. 31.—Of the forty or fifty Ontario municipalities that have taken up the work of town planning, Hamilton was the most active. Thomas Adams, conservation commission expert, told the Ontario Municipal Association this morning.

Officers of the association were elected as follows: President, W. C. Coughell, Niagara Falls; vice-president, E. H. Mendes, Niagara Falls; S. H. Chapman, Belleville; A. Ferland, Cobalt; S. H. Kent, Hamilton; S. Baker, London; secretary-treasurer, F. S. Spence.

London, Aug. 31.—4:55 p.m.—It was officially announced today that the British casualties, killed, wounded and missing, on all the fighting fronts in the month of August totalled 4,711 officers and 123,254 men.

BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR MONTH OF AUGUST

(Canadian Press.)

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