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CANADIANS IN THICK OF SOMME FIGHTING BOYS OF DOMINION SUPPORT "LAND CRUISER" ASSAULT RUSSIANS AGAIN LAUNCH GREAT ATTACK TOWARD LEMBERG

CANADIANS IN SOMME AREA BEHIND TANKS IN BIG FIGHT

Battalions Warmly Commended
by Chief Commander.

IN THICK OF THE FRAY

"Small Losses" Is Cheering
News of Wounded.

CAPTURE MEN AND GUNS

Ontario and Maritime Units
Are Singled Out for
Praise.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]

London, England, Sept. 18.—The Canadians have again distinguished themselves in fierce fighting north of the Somme River. This is made evident by stories of wounded officers arriving here from the fighting in France.

While it is indicated that nearly the entire Canadian line was under fire during the capture of important German works on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, some battalions from Ontario and the Maritime Provinces were specially thanked by the war secretary, Lloyd George, and the commander-in-chief, Sir Douglas Haig, for their gallant work.

Some battalions advanced in support of the British motor machine gun "land cruisers" and were in the thickest of bayonet fighting, capturing German machine guns and prisoners by the dozens with great sacrifices by individual Canadian officers and men, but on the whole comparatively small losses, considering the magnitude of the work done.

LIBERALS LIKELY TO HAVE 39 B. C. SEATS

Conservatives Now Have Five and Results in Three Are Uncertain.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 18.—According to the latest returns the Liberals are expected to have 39 seats in the new Legislature out of 47. The Conservatives have five seats, and three are still uncertain. The Conservatives held Cowichan, Nelson, South Okanagan, Shuswap and Similkameen. It is not expected the soldiers' vote will change these results materially.

REACHES PORT AFRIC.

Capetown, Africa, Sept. 18.—The British steamer "Benda," at this port from Montreal, has a fire in her hold which has been burning for over a week. It is feared that the cargo is seriously damaged.

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, 54; lowest, 46.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 51; lowest, 42.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL.

Toronto, Sept. 18.—A cool, clear day.

Moderate west and north winds, fair and cool today and Tuesday; light local frosts at night.

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	50	48	Fair
Calgary	49	44	Clear
Winnipeg	54	48	Cloudy
Port Arthur	54	48	Fair
Perry Sound	54	48	Fair
Port Stanley	51	40	Cloudy
Buffalo	62	48	Fair
Toronto	61	48	Fair
Kingston	61	48	Fair
Ottawa	58	44	Fair
Montreal	64	50	Rain
Quebec	62	50	Cloudy
Father Point	54	49	Rain

The weather is showery in the Province of Quebec, and fine in all other parts of the Dominion. It has become warmer again in the western provinces, but continues cool in Ontario.

FOE'S BATTALIONS ALMOST WIPED OUT BY FRENCH

German's Lose Units Entirely in Devastating Bombardment
—1,200 Prisoners and Ten Machine Guns Are One Day's Booty.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, Sept. 18.—Noon.—The German loss heavily in several counter-attacks north and south of the Somme last night, the war office announced today. The French maintained the ground recently won, and made further progress near Clercy and Berny, and on the eastern edge of Denicourt.

The French took 1,200 prisoners and ten machine guns, the statement says. The town of Denicourt is now completely encircled by the French. Prisoners report that enormous losses have been sustained by some of the German formations. The statement says two battalions were almost annihilated by the French artillery.

THE OFFICIAL REPORT.
The text of the statement follows: "To the north of the river Somme we have occupied a trench to the east of Clercy and repulsed the counter-attacks of the enemy at this point. To the south of the river the enemy last night delivered several counter-attacks against our trenches located to the east of Berny and to the south of Denicourt. In this latter region the Germans delivered no fewer than three violent attacks. Each one was repulsed with heavy losses for the enemy.

"To the east of Berny, as well as immediately to the east of Denicourt, we have made further progress. The latter point is completely encircled. 1,200 Prisoners Counted.

"The number of prisoners counted up to the present time reached 1,200. Also ten machine guns of the enemy are now in our hands.

"According to information obtained from some of these prisoners, the losses inflicted during the fighting of yesterday in the vicinity of Berny upon the fourth division of German reserves and upon the one hundred and twentieth reserve regiment were enormous. Two battalions of the 38th regiment, 11th division, were almost annihilated by our artillery.

"There has been nothing of importance to report from the remainder of the front.

Aviators' Deadly Work.
"Flight-Adjutant Tarsoson has brought down his fifth enemy machine. The same day Flight-Lieut. Hueteaux brought down his seventh German aeroplane.

"French air squadrons have conducted various bombardments. Twelve shells have been thrown down on the railroad station at Nantillois, and 35 missiles thrown down at Villers-Chateau and Horgny, from an altitude of 800 yards, caused serious damage."

FURTHER BRITISH GAINS.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Sept. 18.—1:15 p.m.—In small operations on the Somme front last night the British gained further ground, the war office announced today.

"The general situation continues unchanged," the announcement says. "South of the Ancre we improved our position north of Martinpuich. East of Courcellette a minor attack made last night upon elements of enemy trenches was entirely successful. Our line has been advanced appreciably at this point."

"West of Mouquet farm the enemy entered one of our trenches under cover of heavy shelling, but was counter-attacked immediately and driven out with loss.

"South of Thiepval we have taken a further portion of the enemy trench system. The enemy have shelled several parts of our line at intervals during the night.

"On the rest of the front there were no developments of importance."

SERBIANS TAKE TWO LINES ON BULGAR FRONT

Many Prisoners and Guns Fall Into Hands of Rejuvenated Army.

BRODA RIVER IS CROSSED
Heavy Fighting Continues for Possession of the Further Bank.

FRENCH ALSO ACTIVE
Capture Station of Florina on Left Wing of Allied Forces.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Sept. 18, 2:42 p.m.—A further advance for the Serbians on the western end of the Macedonian front is reported in a dispatch sent out today under a Saloniki date by the Exchange Telegraph Company. It says the Bulgarians at Kaimakalan have been taken by the Serbians, who have crossed the Broda River. Heavy fighting continues on the further bank of the river.

The Serbians are reported to have taken four field guns and eight machine guns, bringing up to 38 the number of guns captured. A large number of prisoners, the exact number of which are unknown, also are said to have fallen into the hands of the Serbians.

The official statement says that the French troops on the Allied left wing have captured the station at Florina. Heavy fighting continues.

TANNER DROWNS IN LIME BATH

Quebec Man Meets Horrible Death as Result of Fall.

[Canadian Press.]
Quebec, Sept. 18.—Eliezer Poulin, a tanner, was drowned at 9 today, at the tannery of Poulin & Bros., Arago street, when he fell into a lime bath where leather was cured. His body was partly burned by the lime, though removed from the bath a few seconds after the fatality.

THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR, ONT.



Advertiser Illustration. —From the Detroit News-Tribune.

"Tanks" On Caterpillar Wheels Move With Great Speed

London, Sept. 18.—According to the Telegraph there is not much mystery about the construction of the "Tanks." used the first time in Friday's fighting. They are an improved version of the well known caterpillars used by both sides. England has improved the speed and mobility of such machines, at the same time rendering them bullet-proof.

ELDEST SON OF ASQUITH KILLED

Lieut. Raymond Asquith Gives Life on September 15, While Serving With Grenadier Guards—A Famous Young Counsel.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Sept. 18.—Lieut. Raymond Asquith, son of Premier Asquith, was killed in action on September 15, it was announced today.

Raymond Asquith, who was in his 38th year, was a graduate of Oxford, president of the Oxford Union, and prominent as a member of the bar, to which he was admitted in 1914.

He acted as junior counsel for Great Britain in the North Atlantic fisheries arbitration at The Hague in 1907. He was made a second lieutenant in a County of London regiment in 1914, and lieutenant of the Grenadier Guards in 1915.

Raymond Asquith was the eldest son of the premier. Two brothers, Lieut. Arthur Asquith of the Royal Naval Reserve, and Lieut. Herbert Asquith, were wounded in action at the Dardanelles in June, 1915.

SIR THOMAS TAIT TO MAKE REPORT ON NATION'S MEN

Appointed Director-General of National Service for the Dominion.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, Sept. 18.—Sir Thomas Tait of Montreal has been appointed director-general of national service. He will create an organization to report upon the men in Canada available for military service overseas, and the numbers and classes of men who should be retained in Canada to preserve agricultural and industrial stability.

The requirements of the Canadian munitions industry will be considered. Sir Thomas Tait has been head of the recruiting organization in the province of Quebec, where 16,000 men have been raised since war began from a population of 217,000.

2,000 OFFICERS IN CANADA AWAITING COMMISSIONS

Training Schools Have Turned Out Many Subalterns.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Sept. 18.—Canada is long on officers. It is estimated that there are now about two thousand more officers in the Dominion holding certificates than there are commissions for them.

The majority of the surplusage consists of subalterns, although there is a fair sprinkling of captains and majors and a few colonels.

When war began trained officers were scarce, and training schools were opened in leading centres and classes were conducted energetically. The results have exceeded expectations, and today there are more officers than places.

The operations of war, however, are steadily making demands upon the force of officers without posts. They are slowly getting appointments.

STRIKE CROWDS SHOWER TRAINS WITH MISSILES

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Sept. 18.—Repeated attacks from roof tops were made on passing elevated trains during the early hours today by persons armed with stones and bottles. These missiles crashed through car windows and several passengers were injured. This violence took place in the Upper East Side, where a policeman was hurt while dispersing a crowd of strike sympathizers, who were throwing bricks. Other attacks on trains were made on the Lower West Side.

Normal service on subway and elevated lines was being operated today, according to police reports.

Russian Offensive on Lemberg Resumed By Brussiloff Augurs For New Great Drive on Enemy

BLACKMAIL GANG USE BEAUTIES TO DECOY VICTIMS

Fleece Prominent Men and Women of Quarter Million.

LAND BIG POLITICIANS

Delegates to Republican Convention Caught in Trap.

ONE KIDNAPPING CASE

Woman Who Informed Is Now Believed To Be Held In Canada.

[Chicago, Sept. 18.—Confession has been made by two members of the alleged syndicate of blackmailers, eight of whom are under arrest here, that operations of the swindlers netted them \$1,000,000 during the last year, federal officials announced today.

The confessions, it was said, disclosed that the alleged band numbers sixty persons, a third of them women. A dispute over the division of spoils, it was said, led to the confessions. Arrest of a score or more members of the syndicate is expected within a week.

The men who confessed are "Dick" Barrett and Edward G. Thompson, according to Hinton G. Clabaugh, head of the Chicago bureau of the federal department of justice. Both are at liberty, and will become witnesses for the Government.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—Eight members of an alleged blackmail gang, charged with using the beauty of their women members and the fascinating powers of their male confederates to inveigle rich men and women, and then to have them, are in custody of federal authorities here today, and will be taken to Philadelphia for trial. They are also alleged to have won nearly a million in fake racing operations.

The band, including five men and three women, were arrested shortly before midnight Saturday night in a raid by department of justice officials on a fashionable south side apartment hotel.

Used Charms of Women.
They are accused of fleeing men and women of social prominence in Chicago, Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia through organized efforts. Their scheme, according to Hinton G. Clabaugh of the department of justice, was to compromise their victims and then blackmail them. Impersonation of department of justice officials is another charge against the men. The men are said to have used the charms of their women confederates to win attention from rich men, and then to have threatened their victims with prosecution under the Mann act.

Director at Large.
Those arrested gave the names of Russell, Edward Donahue, Helen Evers, Mrs. Frances Allen, Mrs. Edward Donahue, James Christian, Frank Crocker, and George Bland. George Irwin, alleged director of the group, is still at large.

The chief charge against the band is the alleged kidnapping of Mrs. Regina H. Clifford, of Philadelphia, one of their alleged victims, and wanted as a Government witness. She was spirited away to Canada, it is charged, at the time she was wanted to testify against the band.

"Got" Big Politicians.
Clabaugh said there were fifteen known victims of the gang, and that the amount obtained from these victims will reach probably \$250,000. Forty thousand dollars was obtained from one person, and \$35,000 from another, he said.

The authorities refused to reveal the names of the victims. Some, it was said, are men prominent in political life, who were victims of the Republican convention here last June.

An International Aspect.
Operations of the syndicate, which now seems to be of international scope, were not confined to blackmail of wealthy men and women according to information developed today. Among the effects in the office of "Doc" Edward Donahue, one of the men caught in the Saturday night raid, was stationery of the United Trust Exchange, with headquarters in New York, and offices all over the world. There were also cipher codes for deciphering messages received by wire, telling what horses to bet on, how much to bet.

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Halicz Subjected to Tremendous Pressure After Weeks of Inactivity—Left Flank of Von Bothmer Cannot Stand Irresistible Onslaught

[Canadian Press.]
Petrograd, Sept. 18.—Via London, 4:35 p.m.—News of a new series of battles in the general neighborhood of Halicz, in Galicia, ends an almost unprecedented period of quiet extending on all the Russian fronts except that in Asia-Minor, where the Turks, without marked success, are steadily repeating their efforts to launch an offensive against the left flank of the Russian Caucasian army.

AGAIN MOVES ON LEMBERG.

Thus, after weeks of suspended activity, Gen. Brussiloff has energetically resumed his campaign against Lemberg. Halicz, which obstructs his path to that city from the southeast, is again subjected to the most violent pressure by the Russians, who are throwing the most weight of their attack north of Halicz, on the Narayuvka River, where they are attempting to cut the railway from Halicz along the Narayuvka to Podyskoie.

It is believed by Russian officials here that the left flank of the army of the German general, Count von Bothmer, will soon be obliged to give way before the fierceness of the Russian onslaught, leaving the way to Halicz open from the north.

RUSSIAN CAVALRY'S GREAT CHARGE.

It is noteworthy that in the first of the present series of battles, in which the number of German prisoners taken argues defeat for the entire German division, all three arms of the Russian forces contributed almost equally to the result. Russian cavalry particularly distinguished itself by executing a brilliant, irresistible charge reminiscent of old-time warfare.

ITALIANS NOW LESS THAN 13 MILES FROM TRIESTE

Gen. Cadorna's Men Capture Whole Series of Austrian Positions and Enemy is Driven Back to Valley.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Sept. 18.—A news agency dispatch from Rome published here today says:

"The Italians have broken the Austrian third line in the region of Montefalco, after three days of fierce fighting.

"On the whole front from Gorizia south to the sea, the new Italian drive on Trieste is proceeding satisfactorily. A whole series of Austrian positions from Oppachiasa southward through Pietra Rossa have been carried and the Austrians driven back to trench positions in the valleys.

"Advanced Italian lines are now less than thirteen miles from Trieste.

"Heavy rainstorms have interfered with the progress of the offensive, preventing aerial observation and thus impeding the artillery attack. But despite these obstacles General Cadorna's men drove the enemy down the eastern slopes of Hills 141 and 208 and several other dominant positions holding up the Italian advance along the Vallone."

ENEMY IN AFRICA EVERYWHERE LOSES BEFORE BRITISHERS

Dislodged From Hills With Loss of Men and Guns.

DRIVEN FROM PORTS
Germans Routed Wherever Contact Is Established and End Is Near.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Sept. 18.—4:20 p.m.—An official statement issued by the British war department today regarding military operations in German East Africa says:

"The enemy has been dislodged from the Uguru Hills with the loss of many men, quantities of stores and most, if not all, of his artillery and gun ammunition depots which constantly are being discovered and destroyed.

"On Friday British forces, which fought their way since Aug 25 through and to the east and west of the central mountainous area, effected a junction near Kiasaki, at the southern end of the hills, the remnants of the enemy's troops having retired to the southeast.

"West of the Uguru Hills, Lieut. Col. Vandevanter's columns are approaching the great Rumu river on the road to Mahenge, driving a strong enemy detachment southward before them.

"Lindi and Mikindani, the last remaining posts in the German colony, have been occupied by naval forces, royal marines and African troops. Small German forces retired inland in each case."

ASK EXCHANGE OF CIVILIAN PRISONERS IN TWO COUNTRIES

Germans Anxious To Hear the Reply of Britain.

DRIVEN FROM PORTS
Germans Routed Wherever Contact Is Established and End Is Near.

[Canadian Press.]
Berlin, Sept. 18.—By Wireless to Saxville.—The present state of negotiations between the German and British governments regarding the exchange of civilian prisoners interned in the two countries is dealt with in an article in the semi-official Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung today.

The British Government in June, says the newspaper, suggested that Germany release British subjects interned at Rubleben for an equal number of Germans interned in England.

Difficulty in Selection.
"The German Government, therefore," says the Overseas Agency in summarizing the statement, "suggested that all interned civil prisoners interned in both countries be released and allowed to depart. This the British Government declined, but suggested that all male civil prisoners over 45 years old be released.

Release All Civilians.
"The German Government then made the counter suggestion that all civil prisoners in both countries be released under a pledge that after their return they would not take up military service. It added that in case of a declaration it made the proposal that all

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