

GENERAL SARRAIL GREETSS RUSSIAN TROOPS AT SALONIKI



From the Caucasus to Champagne, in every area of the allied operations, save one, Russian uniforms are to be seen. The Czar's troops are already punishing the Bulgars for betraying their liberators. The photo shows them marching through a thronged street of Saloniki.

"GIVING THE LITTLE FATHER'S KISS TO HIS SONS"



With the Russians in France. General I. Gifinsky kissing Russian privates after pinning decorations on them.

Sir Wilfrid Appeals To Men Of His Race To Fight For Empire

Montreal, Sept. 27.—About 15,000 people gathered in the open space on St. Joseph boulevard, between Fabre and Garnier streets, last night to hear the Liberal chieftain, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Mr. Alphonse Verville, M. P., and others in an open air meeting arranged by Mr. Verville, the well known labor representative in Parliament. Sir Wilfrid's address was partially political and strongly patriotic. He made it clear that he still strongly favored the cause of Great Britain and her Allies in the war, and that he regarded it as the duty of French-Canadians to assist therein.

Political Discussion.

Sir Wilfrid, at the outset, claimed that the Liberals fell from power in 1911 because of their devotion to duty, and the Conservatives had won because the public mind had been blinded by appeals to

prejudice, distortion of facts, and by untruths. Touching on the navy bill, he stated that the Borden government had not changed it one iota, except to extend the principle after the war started, when Vancouver and Victoria became a target for German submarines.

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Back From Mesopotamia

Lieut. Lighthall Was With Relieving Force Which Got Within Sight of Townshead's Encampment

(Toronto Mail.)

Lieutenant W. S. Lighthall, son of W. D. Lighthall, K.C., who has just returned home on sick leave till November, had an interesting experience in Mesopotamia, and is probably the first Canadian officer to return from that particular zone. He was within twelve miles of the scene of General Townshead's surrender to the Turks. Lieutenant Lighthall who left Canada early in the war, passed through the intense fighting at Postubert and Givency, and then obtained a commission in the famous Dorsetts, which regiment was with Clive at the great battle which finally secured India to the British crown. Landing at the British base at Basra, on the Persian Gulf, the force, amounting to about fifty thousand men, proceeded up the Tigris, through a very flat country, the heavy rains of the season making the movement of troops and supplies exceedingly difficult. Lt. Lighthall met with many Turks, and comes home with the impression that they are good fighters on the defensive, but inferior to the British in the open. They are, however, fair fighters and those with whom Lt. Lighthall conversed bear out the slightest resentment towards Great Britain in the present war, evidently feeling that they were dragged into it by Germany, and that even this will not preclude them from entertaining the pro-British sentiment of other days. He has very little use for the Arabs, who are no more loyal to the Turks than to anyone else. In one of the fights it was noticed by the British outposts that the Arabs who had been in front of the Turkish battle line had for some unexplained reason been transferred to the rear. Little was thought of this until the British were ascending from the enemy's lines, and upon investigation it was discovered that the Arabs had set fire to the Turkish camp and were burning the supplies just by way of pasture. As this is not exactly the conduct of friendly troops it is apparent that the Turkish army does not present an effective front to the enemy.

Made Gallant Stand.

As for the surrender of General Townshead, Lt. Lighthall could give away no military secrets, except to say that a gallant defence was made by the British commander, who is described by the Turks as the best general in the British army. The British relief expedition arrived at a place from which they could see the palm trees of Kut but in the meantime Townshead had been obliged to give up the garrison.

An amusing story told about the Arab allies of the Turks was the offer made to several British officers that for five dollars a head the sons of the desert would bring in all the Turkish prisoners they could find. In spite of this apparent friendliness to the British by the Arabs they are known to have tortured their prisoners and Lt. Lighthall says the women are the most savage of all in this work. They captured Lt. Lighthall's orderly, an English-speaking soldier, and everything he had been put to death. Lt. Lighthall compared the Arabs to the troops of the olden times in Canada, who would let concealed for a whole day to get an opportunity to kill a French-Canadian habitant at work on his farm.

Lieutenant Lighthall was asked if the colonial officers were treated well by their British confederates. He replied in the affirmative, adding that when a man does his duty, there is nothing to complain of.

Allies Gain More Ground

Enemy, With Weakened Resistance, Forced to Fall Back; How Lives Have Changed

The twenty-mile battle are running from the Ancre to the Somme is rapidly being transformed by the great offensive of the Entente Allies into an irregular triangular wedge in the German line with bases respectively in front of Thiepval and west of Peronne and the point projecting across the Bethune road and into the St. Pierre Vast Wood.

On the British end of the line in the region of Thiepval and eastward, to the north of Fiers, the British in Wednesday's fighting gained further successes over the Germans, and likewise the French east and south-east of Rancourt drove their troops forward and entered the St. Pierre St. Vast Wood.

To the south of this region from Bouchavesnes to the southern edge of the Bois L'Abbe Farm the French were compelled to face a violent attack by the Germans, which was beaten off, the Germans being thrown back in disorder, according to Paris. The British gains included German trenches on a front of 2,000 yards north of Fiers and a strong redoubt on a hill 2,000 yards north-east of Thiepval. To the northwest, across the Ancre, successful raids were carried out by the British opposite Beaumont-Hamel. Ten thousand prisoners have fallen into the hands of the British in the last fortnight's fighting on the Somme front, according to London.

There is still little news coming from the Russian and Austro-German war offices concerning the fighting on the eastern front. Petrograd asserts that aside from skirmishes at various points there is nothing to report. Berlin, however, records the repulse of a Russian attack in Galicia, near Ludowa, with heavy casualties to the Russians.

On the Roumanian front battles are taking place at various points near the Transylvanian border. Berlin reports progress for the Teutonic allies near Hermannstadt, while Bucharest chronicles the defeat of the Austro-Germans in the Jiu Valley and their hasty retreat north and

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northwest. Quiet prevails in the Dobruja region.

Paris, Sept. 27.—Sub-Lieut. Nungesser, of the aviation service, whose exploits have made him the best known of the French aerial fighters, outdid his previous achievements yesterday by bringing down two German aeroplanes and a captive balloon. This brings up to seventeen the number of aircraft destroyed by him.

AN AUTO AND A BEAR

Ralph Morrison, driver of a public auto, met a big black bear while returning to Calais from a trip to Dumfries, N. B., Sunday night. Bruin was standing in the road and was apparently dazed by the headlights of the machine, which came to within a few feet of him before he started to get out of the way. Then he ambled along in front of the car until a blast from the auto horn caused him to literally tumble over himself to get into the protection of the woods.

SAW THIRTY-SEVEN MOOSE

The Earl of Argyll and Clinton has returned after a successful hunting trip on the Miramichi. He secured a moose, the head an exceptionally fine one. On one afternoon the earl saw thirty-seven moose. Albert Kilburn, Dr. Harry Kilburn and Lee Kilburn have returned to Fredericton after a hunting trip on the Miramichi river. Dr. Kilburn secured a moose and two deer.

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