

FRANCE HAS AN ENORMOUS GOLD RESERVE

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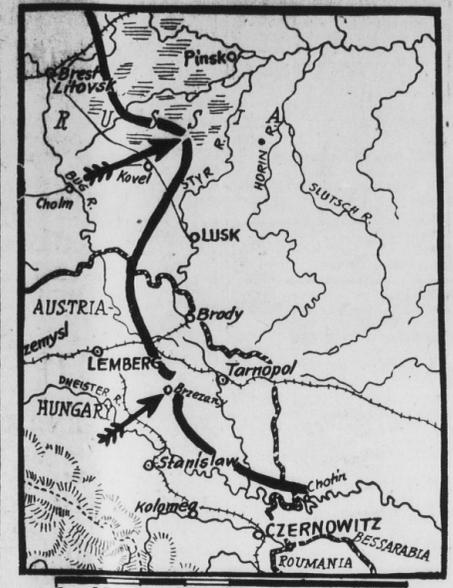
Paris, Sept. 1.—"France could send, before the end of the war, a billion and a half francs gold to the United States without affecting her financial position in Europe," said Senator E. Almond today. Senator Almond is an eminent authority on financial questions and spokesman of the finance committee of the Senate.

"While we can do this, and will do it if America insists," he continued, "we, on this side, consider that the greatest service which can be rendered to France is to co-operate in stabilizing the exchange market, which Americans can do to their own advantage as well as to ours, by granting a loan, the proceeds of which would pay for supplies purchased in America. The only alternative is to submerge American banks with gold to meet all

payments. This we can do as easily as was done a few years ago, when the Bank of France sent one hundred million francs to relieve the situation in Wall Street.

"Gold is flowing from individual French purses into the Bank of France at the rate of 80,000,000 francs a week, while peasants are subscribing to the national loan at the rate of 1,200,000,000 francs a month. The government is spending on the war 1,800,000,000 francs a month. Of this sum 1,200,000,000 francs is spent inside the country and 600,000,000 francs abroad. Half of this 600,000,000 francs is paid for by exports, which are larger month by month, especially silk goods. There remains, therefore, a balance against us each month of about 300,000,000 francs. France has besides the gold stock of 4,250,000,000

RUSSIAN FORCE SOUTH OF THE PRIPET MARSHES IS NOW ISOLATED



In recent despatches military observers predicted a resumption of Austro-German activities in Eastern Galicia following the cavalry sweep northeast from Kovel that endangered, if it did not disrupt, communications between the Russian forces operating south of the Pripet marshes down to the Dniester River, compelling them to rely for their communications with the northern armies on a roundabout railway route, preventing active co-operation with the front. This prediction is justified by the reports from Berlin and Vienna that the Austro-Germans have resumed their offensive along the Zolota Lipa River, which has its source east of Lemberg and joins the Dniester below Halicz. Since the Germanic drive turned its course from Lemberg into Poland the Zolota Lipa sector has been almost ignored.

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TWO DANISH STEAMERS HELD AT KIRKWALL

Number of Other Vessels Detained by British Authorities While Cargoes are Examined.

London, Aug. 30.—The Danish steamer Nordhvalen, from Jacksonville, for Norre-Sundby, Denmark, with a cargo of rock phosphate and the Danish steamer Johan Slem, from Baltimore for Copenhagen, with a cargo of wheat, have been detained at Kirkwall.

The Norwegian steamer Giltira, taken into Kirkwall in July by the British authorities, has been released. The American tank steamers Pioneer and Plutaria have again been taken into Kirkwall for examination. After being detained there for several days they were released.

PREPARING FOR WINTER IN CANADA'S PRISON CAMPS

Supplies of Warm Clothing and Other Necessaries Being Ordered for Use of Aliens in the Detention Camps.

Ottawa, Sept. 1.—As there is no prospect of an early termination of the war General Sir William Otter, who has charge of the internment camps, is making preparations for another winter. Supplies of warm clothing and other necessities are being ordered for the camps in various parts of the country.

A few of the interned prisoners at Kapuskasing have been liberated recently. They were able to show that they were only passing through Canada from one part of the United States to another, and that they had taken out American naturalization papers.

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"V.C." SENT TO PARENTS OF DEAD HERO

Montreal Man Received Fatal Wound at St. Julien in Gallant Act Which Won Victoria Cross.

Montreal, Sept. 1.—The Victoria Cross, won by the late Lance Corporal Frederick Fisher, of the 13th Battalion, at St. Julien, where he received fatal wounds, has been received by the hero's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Fisher, 576 Lansdowne avenue, Westmount, accompanied by a letter of appreciation from the British war office. The deceased soldier earned the distinction of the cross by gallantly assisting, with a machine gun, in covering the retreat of a battery, and later bringing his machine gun into action, under very heavy fire in order to cover the advance of supports. It was while doing this he was killed. He was only twenty years of age.

GIRLS CARRY ON BUSINESS OF BANKS IN MANCHESTER, ENG.

London, Sept. 1.—The war has been responsible for women railway ticket collectors in London, but it is in Lancashire that women are replacing men more than in any other part of England. Hundreds of women are engaged in farm work in that county, and, with one exception, the Manchester banks are staffed almost entirely by girls. A curious fact is that girls of eighteen or so are found more adapted to banking than those of twenty-five and upwards.

ANOTHER \$1,000 FROM YORK COUNTY TO BUY A MACHINE GUN

Harvey Station, York county, N. B., Sept. 1.—The subscription for the machine gun fund for the parish of Manners Sutton, County of York, is now complete. At a very urgent call for machine guns from Col. Kirkpatrick commanding the 55th Battalion, at Valcartier, for his battalion the residents of the parish Manners Sutton called a meeting and appointed committees and collectors to canvass different parts of the parish to collect for the fund and today the secretary of the fund, Dr. B. H. Dougan of Harvey Station is forwarding a certified check to Senator J. H. Loughheed, acting Minister of Militia at Ottawa, for \$1,000, to purchase a machine gun for the 55th Battalion.

The committees and collectors in the different parts of the parish are to be congratulated on the splendid work they did in collecting the amount in so short a time, the residents responding most generously to the appeal. Special mention may be made of the untiring efforts of Rev. J. A. Mackay of Harvey Station, who gave much of his valuable time in collecting for the fund and aided very much in the work.

GERMANS FORCE BELGIANS TO BREAK RULES OF THE HAGUE

Compel Railroad Employees to Aid Movement of Troops—Threaten Fine for Refusal to Work.

London, Aug. 19.—The following report on the maltreatment of Belgian railway servants and factory workers by the German government in Belgium has been communicated by the Belgian Legation in London through the Press Bureau:

Article 52 of the "Regulations Concerning the Laws and Customs of War by Land," which are annexed to the Fourth Hague Convention, forbids an occupying force to exact from the districts of an occupied country, or their inhabitants, requisitions or forced labor of a sort which obliges the population to take part in acts of war against their own country. This rule has been disregarded systematically by the German authorities in Belgium, who use every means of pressure and constraint that is in their power to force our people to work for the armies. Since the commencement of hostilities they have frequently compelled the inhabitants to lend their aid for the construction of trenches, and the same pressure has been employed in respect of industrial work.

At present the chief constraint is being exercised upon railway servants. If these men could be made to resume their occupations, Germans to the equivalent of a whole army corps would be set free, who are now compelled to manage the traffic of the entire system of Belgian lines. The movement and transport of troops would also be much facilitated, for numerous accidents have happened owing to the inexperience of the German staff, with the result that some parts of our lines, especially those with steep gradients, are only partially utilized.

Must Aid Germans or Starve. The persecution extends over the whole of Belgium. Herr Hulzebusch, the "Secretary-General for Imperial German Railways" at Brussels, has openly said that he will achieve his purpose by means of famine; he will drive back the railwaymen to their lines and their workshops by preventing the relief committees from helping them.

Detailed information concerning certain recent incidents at Luttre and at Malines has come to hand. At Luttre the German authorities assembled about 30 mechanics belonging to the central railway workshops, and requested them to resume their vocations, promising a rise in their wages. Ordinary workmen were offered 5, 6 and 7 marks a day, skilled machine men up to 20. The mechanics returned a decided negative. They were thereupon shut up in railway carriages and told that they would only be let out when they consented to work. The threat was useless. After several days they were told that they would be sent off to Germany, and there set to forced and unpaid labor.

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TO CELEBRATE MARNE BATTLE ANNIVERSARY

France Will Commemorate Famous Battle Which Checked German Advance on Paris Early in the War.

Paris, Sept. 1. (6 p. m.)—The municipal council is making arrangements with the government for an official commemoration of the battle of the Marne, in which the German advance through France in the early weeks of the war was ended. The celebration will be held on September 12.

AMHERST PASTOR MARRIED AT YARMOUTH

Special to The Standard. Yarmouth, N. S., Sept. 1.—An interesting event took place at St. John's Presbyterian church at two o'clock today when Miss Victoria Burrill became the wife of Rev. Wm. Chas. Ross of Amherst. The bride is the youngest daughter of late Wm. Burrill and the groom is co-pastor of St. Stephen's Presbyterian church at Amherst.

CANADIAN KILLED AT SHORNECLIFFE CAMP

London, Sept. 1.—"Death by misadventure" is the verdict at the inquest held at Shornecliffe on Private William Piesburn Smith, London, Ont., of the 2nd Divisional Cavalry, who was killed while leading horses. Smith's leg was caught in a rope, with which he was leading the horses, and he lost his balance owing to the horses rearing. He had been studying for the ministry previous to enlistment.

work was not resumed. M. Kessler was told to induce the men to yield; he replied that he had sworn fidelity to his king, and that he would never perjure himself. He added that all his foremen were bound by the same oath. He was then requested to invite the men to work, on condition that they would only be employed on civil goods traffic. M. Kessler made no more reply than that he would state the offer to the men and leave them to act as his conscience directed. Not a man consented to resume work. It may be added that no one believed in the faith of the German promise, for the class of engines standing by for repairs were not intended for goods traffic.

Allied Troops Making Progress in Fight for German Colony in Africa

British and French Troops Gradually Wrestling the Kameruns From the Enemy.

Paris, Sept. 1.—Fighting continues in the Kameruns, the German colony in Western Africa, which the British and French have been attempting since the early part of the war, to wrest from the Germans. The ministry of colonies gave out a statement today announcing further victories.

"French forces in the eastern and southern Kameruns are continuing a vigorous offensive in the direction of Haunde, capital of the colony. The German troops were defeated in a series of engagements, and are retreating in great disorder.

"Many of the native German troops surrendered, with their arms and other equipment. A party of these deserters, while on their way to our post at Aradmakel, encountered a company of Germans which attempted to bar their way. The deserters defeated the Germans and also attacked a German post at Sangemehine.

"Our right column, coming from the north, attacked July 23-25, the strongly fortified positions at the Dume station, simultaneously with an attack from our southern column. The Germans were defeated completely. They abandoned their positions and in retreat threw most of their supplies into the river and allowed natives to pillage other abandoned stores. In evacuating Dume the enemy set it on fire, making a stand on a hill overlooking the town. This position, which was defended with artillery and machine guns, was carried by assault by one of our officers and by prisoners.

Paris, Sept. 1.—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight:

"Artillery actions have occurred in the sector of the north of Arras and in the region of Roye and Quenneviers.

"The enemy has thrown some shells on Solons and Rhims, and our artillery has directed a very efficacious fire against the enemy trenches on the front of the Aisne and Champagne.

"In the Argonne the Germans, during the course of the day, bombarded our front on several occasions with bomb-throwers and guns of various calibres, particularly between the ravine of La Houyette and Lafontaine-Aux-Charmes. Our batteries and our trench guns replied and silenced the guns of the enemy.

"In the Vosges there has been a rather violent cannonading in the Ban-De-Sapt and at Combekeopt.

"On the night of August 28-29 our aeroplanes bombed the German installations at Ostend, the cantonments at Middelkerke and the station at Thourout.

"Enemy aeroplanes have dropped bombs on Luneville. It is reported that there were some victims among the civil population."



FLIGHT COMMANDER ARTHUR W. BIGS, worth of the English air squadron, who last May disabled a German Zeppelin that attacked Ramsgate, has added another feat to his score by destroying a German submarine near Ostend. Flying out alone at dawn, making a reconnaissance of the Belgian coast, he observed the submarine wash and began dropping bombs upon it. One lucky hit completely wrecked the undersea boat.

JOURNALIST IN ENGLAND SENT TO JAIL ON ACCOUNT OF PRO-GERMAN ARTICLES

Manchester, Eng., Sept. 1.—Theodore Sington, a British journalist of German parentage, was sentenced today to a term of six months in jail for writing for American newspapers matter calculated to prejudice the relations of the British government with neutral countries. When arrested, on August 21, Mr. Sington denied that his articles were intended for publication.

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AUSTRIA

Vienna, Sept. 1, via London.—The Russian fortress of Lutsk has been captured by Teutonic forces, it was officially announced today by the Austrian war office. The text of the announcement follows: "The fortress of Lutsk is in our hands. The 59th regiment of infantry, at the point of the bayonet, ejected the Russians from the railway station, and entered the town at the same time with the enemy. The town yesterday evening was cleared of the enemy.

"Near Bialy-Kamien, in North Galicia, the army of General Von Boehm-Ermolli broke through the Russian line on a front of twenty kilometers (12 1/2 miles). The double defeat forced the Russians fighting west of Sty to retreat behind the river.

"The army of General Von Boehm-Ermolli captured Zborov. Fighting in the Stripa is proceeding. North of Buczacz a counter-attack was repulsed."

COMMY BUYS STARS.

The purchase of Joe Jackson by Charley Comiskey calls attention to the lavish hand with which he has thrown money away, or spent it wisely, for ball talent. In one year Comiskey has purchased four players from two clubs with the idea in mind of stowing away the American league flag for this season. For these four players the Sox owner has spent in coin and players almost \$100,000 in one year's time, setting a record of all time in baseball. Following are the players he has purchased this season: Eddie Collins, Philadelphia Athletics, \$50,000; Joe Jackson, Cleveland, \$30,000 in money and players; Eddie Murphy, Philadelphia Athletics, \$10,000; Nemo Leibold, Cleveland, \$5,000. Total \$95,000.

ABOUT THE BOXERS

Young Saylor has withdrawn from the match with Phil Brooks, which was to be held in Minneapolis next Thursday night. Young Brown of New York will be substituted for Saylor.

Dave Mills and Kid Cotton are matched for Biddford on Labor Day. Cotton wants to meet Sandy Ferguson at any name he names.

Gunboat Smith and Seltzer Carroll will meet in Brooklyn next Saturday night.

Mike Glover and Joe Egan have been matched to box at Halifax, N. S., Sept. 19.