

# FRANCE HAS AN ENORMOUS GOLD RESERVE

Could Send Billion and Half Francs Gold to United States Before End of the War Without Affecting Her Financial Position in Europe—Gold Flowing Into Bank of France from Individual Purges at Rate of 80 Million Francs a Week—Government Intends to Consolidate All War Loans in One Issue.

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. A. Mond, today. Senator Mond 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," he said, "we must 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 abroad. Half of this 600,000,000 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

in the Bank of France, another gold reserve of 5,000,000,000 francs in private hands. No pressure has been brought to bear upon these private stocks to bring them into the national service, but every gold piece can be mobilized.

"Up to the present this has not been necessary. The government had not been obliged to call upon the Bank of France for any advances during the past three months. The situation of the finances of the country, notwithstanding the great efforts during the thirteen months of war, is admirable.

"Such is the confidence of the French government in its financial position that it is understood it will consolidate all its war loans in one issue, which properly will be announced next month.

## 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 armies of the center and the left. This cavalry column virtually isolated the Russian forces operating south of the Pripiet 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 between the fronts. This prediction is justified by the reports from Berlin and Vienna that the Austro-Germans have resumed their offensive along the Zlota Lipa River, which has its source east of Lemberg and joins the Dniester below Halicz. Since the German drive turned its course from Lemberg into Poland the Zlota Lipa sector has been almost ignored.

## Allied Troops Making Progress in Fight for German Colony in Africa

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

### BRITISH AVIATOR SINKS SUBMARINE



Flight Commander Arthur W. Bigs, 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 awash 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.

## ONE SPOONFUL GIVES ASTONISHING RESULTS

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## TWO DANISH STEAMERS HELD AT KIRKWALL

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

## HON. MR. HAZEN TO SPEAK IN TORONTO

Will Deliver an Address on the Fishing Resources of the Dominion.

Special to The Standard  
Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 1.—Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, leaves tomorrow for Toronto, where he will speak at a luncheon of the Exhibition Association on the fishery resources of Canada. He will emphasize the campaign of his department to encourage the consumption of fish in the Dominion.

Sir George Foster goes to Naples tomorrow, where he and Sir Wilfrid Laurier will speak at a patriotic meeting.

Hon. W. T. White and Hon. Frank Cochrane are expected back in the capital on Friday and Hon. Robert Rogers on Sunday.

## 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.

Special to The Standard.  
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 Ruthenian priest has been appointed to minister to the Austrians in the camps at Spirit Lake, in Quebec, and Kapuskasing, in Ontario. He will spend his time between the two places.

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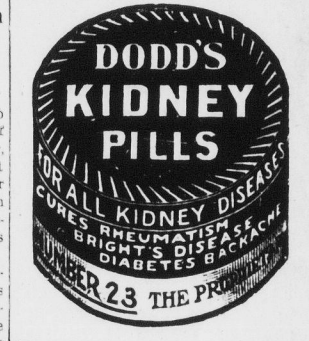
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## "V.C." SENT TO PARENTS OF DEAD HERO

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, Westmont, 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 from its 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.

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. At the same time their families were warned of the threat, in the hope that they would induce them to yield. Nothing of the kind happened, and on the following day, as the train steamed off, the imprisoned mechanics and the people who had crowded down to the approaches to the station joined in hearty cheers of "Vive La Belgique!" The train went no farther than Namur, where the workmen were turned loose. Could Not Believe in German Promises

In consequence of these incidents M. Kessler, the manager of the Central Railway Works at Luttre, was arrested at Brussels on May 10. He was moved to the goal of Charleroi, where he had to sleep on straw, and on Wednesday, May 12, was taken under escort to the Luttre works, where a great number of his mechanics had been already assembled. A written notice had been given to each of them threatening deportation to Germany if

## 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.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. A. M. Hill and was of a strictly private nature, only the immediate family being present. The bride was given away by her brother, Blake G. Burrill of Halifax. She wore a travelling suit and carried a bouquet of orchids. They were unattended. The bride will be greatly missed in social and religious circles in this town. Many handsome presents were received, testifying to the popularity of the couple. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Ross left via auto on a trip through the province.

## CANADIAN KILLED AT SHORNECLIFFE CAMP

London, Sept. 1.—"Death by misadventure" is the verdict at the inquest held at Shornecliffe on Private William Plumburn 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 each 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.

After this M. Kessler was remanded to the goal at Charleroi, where the cashier, M. Ghislain and a clerk, M. Menin, are also imprisoned. A hundred and ninety workmen were sent off to Germany and sixty more were arrested on June 5.

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