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RIGA IS OCCUPIED BY GERMANS

Canadian Troops Inflict Losses of 20,000 on Germans in Five Weeks



Here is the line-up of the proud mothers with their prize-winning babies at the Labor Day baby show at the Exhibition yesterday. They are Mrs. F. Wilshaw and her son William, Mrs. Ferby and her daughter Mabel, Mrs. May Clark and her daughter Edna, Mrs. G. House with her champion son William, Mrs. A. H. Morgan and her daughter Grace Doreen, Mrs. R. M. Barnes and her daughter Ida Victoria.

RUSSIAN INFANTRY FAILS TO STOP ENEMY'S THRUST

Road to Petrograd Now is Wide Open, But it is Doubtful if Hindenburg Would Attempt to Advance as Country is Almost Impassable for Troops.

Berlin, via London, Sept. 3.—The supplementary statement issued this evening from general headquarters, announces the capture of Riga by the Germans.

Riga, Russia's biggest port on the Gulf of Riga, is in the hands of the Germans and its garrison and the civilian population are in retreat eastward.

Following up rapidly the advantage they gained in driving the Russians across the Dvina River on both sides of Uxkull last Saturday, the Germans threw bridges across this stream and soon were on the heels of the former defenders, some of whom offered resistance, but others of whom showed the white flag, giving the invaders no trouble in marching up the eastern bank of the Dvina towards Riga, fifteen miles distant. Seeing the disaffection and the inability to stem the tide of the advance, the Russian commander ordered an evacuation. With the falling back of the Russians from the city proper and the advance of the Germans northward along both sides of the stream, the Russians are defending the eastern bank around Dahlen seemingly are in danger of being between the two fast-moving bodies of the enemy and made prisoner. Behind them, the Russians in their retreat from Riga are leaving the country in waste, burning villages and farms. Whether the city itself remains intact has not yet been made known, but doubtless the guns in the fortress and the ammunition stores were moved or destroyed to prevent them falling into the hands of the Germans.

Must Await Events.

Aside from the strategic value of controlling the Gulf of Riga and of a base nearer the mouth of the Gulf of Finland, at the head of which Petrograd is situated, for the moment it is impossible to see the importance of the German gain, especially with the near approach of winter, when military operations in this northern region are almost impossible. Where the Russians will draw their new line in the north to connect with that below also remains to be seen.

Petrograd, Sept. 3.—The German offensive on the Riga front began Saturday by an attack on the Russian Uxkull position, following artillery preparation which lasted several hours. The Russian troops defending the Dvina River withdrew and the Germans succeeded in throwing two bridges across the Dvina and passing to the eastern bank.

The Russian infantry, in spite of the brilliant action of the artillery which destroyed one of the enemy's bridges, could not stop the German thrust and the enemy, taking advantage of this, rapidly developed his success and began an advance northward. Russian counter-attacks against him were unsuccessful.

No Great Alarm.

Washington, Sept. 3.—An abandonment of Riga in the face of the new German drive into Russia, and even the evacuation of Petrograd itself, have been forecast as possibilities in confidential advices to the American Government during the last two weeks. Such a development is not regarded with so much alarm, as might be supposed.

With Riga abandoned, and German occupation of Petrograd in prospect, the seat of the Russian provisional government undoubtedly will be moved to Moscow. Much as they may regret seeing the Russian capital occupied by a German army, the forceful, thinking men of Russia, working to set up a government, may regard it as a blessing in disguise.

There are many advantages in moving the Russian capital to Moscow. It is the centre of the conservative group and commands the sentiment—almost religious—regard of the Russian populace as the ancient capital of the old empire, surrounded with traditions of Russia's greatness, the triumph of Alexander, Catherine and Peter the Great.

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ONE-THIRD OF ENEMY ARMY DESTROYED ON ISONZO LINES

Present Offensive Costs Austrians Many Thousands of Best Troops—Italians Forced to Clear Out Pockets of Isolated Foe Forces.

Udine, Italy, Sept. 3.—Notwithstanding bad weather conditions, fighting still continues all along the Italian-Austrian line, and consists for the most part in isolated hand-to-hand encounters between small detachments of Italian and Austrian soldiers, the latter imprisoned by Italian artillery fire in galleries, the mouths of which have been closed by shell-fire. The attacking forces are straightening out the new line by cutting out salients still held by small groups of Austrians. Counter-offensives by the Austrians, in which they are supported by reinforcements, are being continually repulsed.

Mostly Fresh Troops.

The trenches taken during the last four or five days are for the most part fresh troops in excellent physical condition, and well-equipped, showing the immense effort the enemy is making to save the situation.

Along with these individual combats continues the artillery duel with the Borovich army, possessing more than 4000 cannon of all calibres. The Austrians have transformed the favorite summer playground in the阜ovizza woods southeast of Gorizia into an immense artillery park from which they pour a continuous rain of fire to the north over the little plain of Gargano.

According to calculations made here, General Boroevic, the Austrian commander, has lost one-third of his first-line army in the present Italian advance.

The advancing fighting armies of Italy along 60 miles of front over every variety of ground, is scarcely more impressive spectacle than the work of 30,000 men engaged in vast engineering operations in the occupied territories behind the forces which are continually in action.

Another Air Raid on England

German Machines Crossed Southeast Coast, Dropping Bombs at Various Places.

London, Sept. 4.—German airplanes visited the southeast coast of England last (Monday) night, dropping bombs at various places, according to an official statement issued shortly after midnight. No report of casualties or damages has been received up to the present time.

The official statement follows: "Enemy airplanes crossed the southeast coast at eleven o'clock last night and dropped bombs at various places. No reports of casualties or damage have yet been received. "A number of our airplanes pursued the enemy."

ITALIANS DRIVE AHEAD ON BRESTOVIZZA ROAD

Allies Storm More Positions in Valley Southeast of Gorizia, Repulsing Counter-Attacks—Much Artillery Activity.

Rome, Sept. 3.—Italian troops have fought their way further forward in the Brestovizza Valley, in the district south of Gorizia, and repulsed a violent Austrian counter-attack on their new positions, the war office announced today.

The text of the statement reads: "On the front as a whole the activity was mainly confined to the artillery. The firing was more intense east of Gorizia and on the Carso Plateau. "In the Brestovizza Valley, after a very bitter struggle, we succeeded in advancing still more to the east and captured some prisoners. A violent counter-attack by the enemy was broken up by our fire. "The number of prisoners captured on Saturday and Sunday on the Julian front was 6 officers and 829 men. "In recapturing the advanced position in the Zebru Valley, as reported yesterday, our Alpine troops captured one gun and three machine guns."

Local Enemy Attack Repulsed While British Gain a Success

By the Associated Press.

British Front in France and Belgium, Sept. 3.—The reappearance of fine weather along the British front has quickened the fighting line. The Germans last night essayed a local attack on a British position southwest of Havrincourt, and were repulsed. The assault was preceded by a heavy bombardment, in which gas shells were used, but the Germans were unable to withstand the combined fire of artillery and machine guns.

The British carried out a highly successful raid on German trenches southeast of Monchy. The attack was a complete surprise, and the British returned with a considerable number of prisoners.

There was intense aerial activity last night with many bombing raids along the line. There was little wind and the bright moon lighted the country like day, making it ideal for the operations of the airmen. Heavy artillery duels also occurred at various points. A sunset sun and a favorable breeze also rapidly drove out the muddy roads and waterlogged battle-ground.

MONTREAL DYNAMITARD COMMITTED SUICIDE

Joseph Leduc Killed Himself When About to Be Captured, While Others Escaped.

Montreal, Sept. 3.—Information reached here today that Joseph Leduc, alias Han field, allegedly a principal in recent dynamiting and other outrages which have occurred in the vicinity of Montreal, shot and killed himself on Sunday when about to be captured, in the neighborhood of Lachute, Que., about fifty miles from Montreal.

Henri Monet, alias Girard, another alleged principal, and J. A. Tremblay, also declared to be a dynamiter, according to this information, were this afternoon being pursued by a posse of special police from Lachute, and were said to be headed toward the Laurentians.

FRENCH CAFES CANNOT 'SELL MILK AFTER NINE

Commeing Next Month Service of Milk and Cream After Break-fast Time—Will Stop.

Paris, Sept. 3.—The consumption of milk or cream, pure or mixed, with tea, coffee, chocolate or any other preparation, is forbidden after October 1, after the hour of 9 o'clock in the morning in all cafes, restaurants, tea rooms and lunch houses throughout France, by an order issued today by the minister of provisions. Railroads, however, are excepted from the ruling.

MORE LENS HOUSES LOST BY GERMANS

Canadians Gradually Advance in Hand-to-Hand Combats. HEAVILY PUNISH FOE

By Stewart Lyon.

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, Sept. 3.—The Germans in the Lens struggle doggedly strive to loosen the constrictive grip of our men upon the defenses of the city, but as the days pass the constriction increases instead of lessening. It is on the north and west fronts that the enemy shows most uneasiness. On the south he is protected by the flooded area in the valley of Souchez and by formidable artillery and machine gun positions on the Sallaum mines hill. On the west the struggle is a house-to-house one, and in that sort of fighting the Canadians, because of their greater powers of initiative, have a distinct advantage and are making steady progress toward the heart of Lens.

The enemy has been using gas when the conditions are favorable to do the advance, but even in this form of warfare he is no longer superior. This (Monday) morning, 200 drums of gas were projected by our mortars where the German posts are most numerous, and the enemy has been quiet since. In the north, along Cite St. Laurent sector, there is still a wide-open tract of open ground between our most southerly posts and the houses of Lens. From this direction the Germans fear an encircling attack, and they maintain strong forces in their trenches to meet any assault.

On Sunday morning, they twice tried to raid our line here, but did not reach even the outposts on either occasion.

Bright sunshine and splendid weather today have led the enemy artillery to shell the area far behind the battlefield. Civilians are usually the chief sufferers from these venomous bombardments.

During some five weeks before the end of August on the Flanders battle front, the enemy placed in the line from time to time, about 35 divisions, of which about three-quarters had been withdrawn, exhausted, the remainder holding the enemy front at the end of that period. It would appear probable that since about July 25, the enemy has sustained casualties approaching 100,000 in Flanders alone. Here in Artois his losses can only have been less than 28,000 men during the same period.

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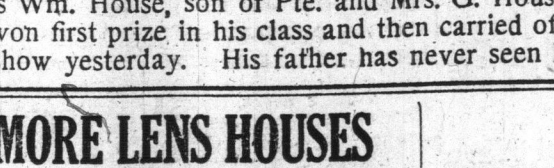
Montreal, Sept. 3.—On being asked to make a statement in connection with the proposed acquisition of the Canadian Northern Railway by the Canadian Government, Lord Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, made the following reply:

"I wish to deny most emphatically the statement published in a number of newspapers and evidently inspired, that the Canadian Pacific Co. is offering organized opposition to the government proposals about the Canadian Northern. Up to the present time no effort of any kind has been made by the company to influence the vote of a single member of the house of commons of the senate upon the measure now before parliament.

"This reference to the Canadian Pacific is the same old threadbare ruse to which resort has been made on more than one occasion during the past 30 years when railway schemes (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2).

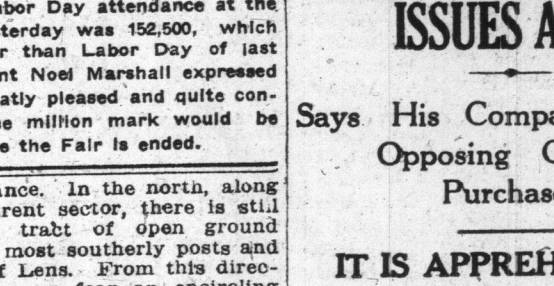
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Before this baby knew that his photograph was being taken he was as good as could be, but when he saw the camera he started to cry. He's "some baby," whichever way you look at him. His name is Wm. House, son of Pte. and Mrs. G. House, 7 Robcock avenue. This baby, only seven months old, won first prize in his class and then carried off the sweepstakes as the champion baby in the Labor Day show yesterday. His father has never seen him.

Diagram of Riga and villages of the district, just occupied by the Germans.



Parole in the City.

Petrograd, Sept. 3.—The war office informs the Associated Press that the evacuation of the Riga fortified district referred to in today's official communications includes the City of Riga itself.

A despatch received from The Novovremya's correspondent in Riga, sent before evacuation, said the Germans had begun to bombard the city with heavy artillery, causing heavy loss. The correspondent of the same newspaper at Russian army headquarters says that there was a panic in the city.