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Canadians Push Nearer To Lens

Another Air Raid on England; Russian Withdrawal Continued; New British Drive Expected

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, Sept. 4.—(By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent of the Canadian Press)—North of Lens a most successful minor operation was carried out early this morning which resulted in the penetration of the enemy's line and communication trenches on a front of about 400 yards, the establishing of a new outpost line well in advance of those formerly occupied, and the killing and wounding of many of those formerly occupying the line. The result of the operation, which was carried out by men of Manitoba and Alberta, with little loss, is that in the region due north of Lens our outpost line had been advanced some 250 yards nearer the city than before and is in a more favorable position for observation.

London, Sept. 4.—The Reuter correspondent at British headquarters in France sends the following: "About midnight the Canadians again hit upon the outer shell of Lens. In brilliant moonlight a raiding party went over from our front opposite Cité Saine Elizabeth. While the enemy was busy dealing with this incursion, another party moved out further to the south and along a front of about 600 yards, succeeded in establishing their posts 250 yards forward of their front line. A few prisoners of the second Prussian Guard reserve regiment were brought back.

"To the north of Lens there is now in some places less than 300 yards open ground between the Canadian positions and the buildings of the city proper."

London, Sept. 5.—Another air raid on England has taken place. The English coast was shelled, as well as the London district.

The official report of the raid says: "A considerable number of enemy airplanes crossed the southeast coast at 11 o'clock last (Tuesday) night and dropped bombs at a number of places. Some of the machines reached the London district, where bombs were dropped. No reports of damage have yet been received."

London, Sept. 4.—Economic conditions in Serbia are deplorable and are growing worse every day, according to a statement issued today by the Serbian press bureau in London. The Austrians, Germans and Bulgarians are said to have carried off all of this year's harvest, which was very abundant. The inhabitants have been deprived of foodstuffs and most families have but one loaf of bread a week. Meat, lard, butter and spices are unobtainable.

There is virtually no milk in Serbia and children, who are dependent on this food, are dying by the thousands. A great number of families, whose men folk perished in the war, are doomed to starve.

Interned Serbians who are prisoners of war in Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria are dying from hunger and various diseases. According to private information, 80,000 have perished in Austria and Hungary.

Along the eastern coast of the Gulf of Riga, for a distance of about eighty miles north of the evacuated town, German warships are shelling various towns, possibly with the intention of covering a landing of troops whose object would be to cut off the retreat of the Riga army or turn its flank, thereby entirely clearing the gulf shore region and giving Prince Leopold of Bavaria a base possibly at Pernau, whence to operate overland, in conjunction with the naval forces, toward Reval, Russia's principal port on the Gulf of Finland, in an endeavor to seal up the Russian fleet inside the gulf.

In the Austro-Italian theatre the intensive infantry fighting of previous days seemingly has given way, for the moment, to reciprocal artillery duels of great violence. The cessation in the fighting probably is due to a re-alignment by the Italians of their battle line, after the rapid advance all along the front from Tolmino to the sea.

Another British Push Coming? Field Marshal Haig continues to pound the German positions in Flanders with a rain of shells and another big push against the German lines seems imminent. The infantry along this front and also those south are still being kept to their trenches, except for raids of minor importance, but which have resulted in several additional gains of ground by the British. Unofficial advice says that behind the German lines in West Flanders, from Courtrai to Thourout, the civilian population has begun an evacuation, realizing the nearness of another British onslaught.

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CASUALTY LIST OF LAST NIGHT LIGHTER

Only 146 Mentioned—One Killed in Action and Eight Have Died of Wounds

Ottawa, Sept. 5.—For the first time in many days there is a break in the heavy casualties among the Canadians, the list issued last night by the militia department containing only 146 names. Only one Canadian is reported killed in action, while eight have died of wounds. A large number are suffering from gas poisoning, making the list of those who went up against the gas barrels of the Germans, and were incapacitated since the fighting resumed at Lens, a formidable one. The list follows:—

INFANTRY.
Gas Poisoning.
F. C. Oulton, Bayfield, N. B.; A. J. McKay, Cape Tormentine, N. B.; D. D. Brooks, Weymouth, N. S.; J. P. McQueen, Kings Head, N. S.; L. M. Curry, Sydney, N. S.; J. L. Morrison, St. John; R. E. Quigley, Sydney, N. S.; H. S. Crosby, Halifax.

Wounded.
A. A. Eley, St. John, N. B.; Sergeant A. Samson, St. John, N. B.

ENGINEERS.
Wounded.
Sapper S. T. Duggan, St. Andrews, N. B.

In Parliament

Ottawa, Sept. 4.—There were practically no preliminaries in the commons this afternoon before the house resumed the consideration of estimates in committee of supply. At the opening, Sir Robert Borden tabled an order-in-council appointing the deputy minister of justice, Oliver Mowatt Biggar, of Edmonton; John H. Moss, of Toronto; Louis Lorranger, of Montreal; Lieutenant-Colonel H. A. C. Machin, of Kenora (Ont.), to assist and advise in the administration and enforcement of the Military Service act. The council will be known as the Military Service Council, with the deputy minister of justice as chairman.

The house then went into supply on a vote of \$97,150 for repairs to harbors and rivers in Nova Scotia. One vote of \$2,200 to a wharf at Benoit, Cape Breton, aroused considerable criticism. Opposition members claimed that some of the items had been included in the supplementary estimates in view of impending elections. Mr. Kytte, of Kenora (Ont.), were seven wharves on the shores of East Bay where it was proposed this new wharf should be built. "The government," he said, "appears to have gone back on its former position in respect to the building of wharves."

Mr. Chisholm, of Inverness, charged that four years ago he asked the department to have repairs effected to the breakwater at Margaree. The government, he said, "appears to have gone back on its former position in respect to the building of wharves."

Hon. Dr. Reid replied that the vote of \$18,800 was not required solely for the breakwater—\$7,000 was going to build a new sand groove and \$6,000 for dredging the channel. Eventually on the motion of the Minister of the Interior, the Borden wharf was struck out.

A chance reflection on the length of opposition remarks brought the protest from Hon. Mr. Graham that during the discussion of a recent measure up to the introduction of the closure Conservative members had talked sixty-nine pages of Hansard, while Liberals had only talked fifty.

BRINGING THAT I. C. R. BRIDGE INTO LINE NEAR QUISPAMSI
Thanks to a conference between Hon. Mr. Veniot, minister of public works; E. S. Carter, and Chief Engineer Brown, of the Intercolonial, a new bridge above Quispamsi on the road from St. John to Hampton, which has been causing considerable trouble, will be greatly improved at once. The Intercolonial has been replacing and raising some of its overhead bridges, and when this one was changed the flooring was placed nearly at right angles with the directions of the road, making a very high and exceeding awkward and dangerous turning for trucks and automobiles. As a result of the conference new concrete piers will be built and the northern end of the bridge will be swung around so that it will conform nearly to the

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NEWS OF PROMINENT BAPTISTS

(Maritime Baptist.)
Rev. A. Laurence Tedford, now of Liverpool, N. S., has accepted a call extended to him by the Moncton Suburban church. He will begin his work there early in November.

The pulpit of the Wolfville church was occupied on August 26 by Rev. E. Letol Dakin, of Logansport, Indiana. A correspondent writes in warm praise of the two inspiring addresses delivered. Mr. Dakin is a Nova Scotian, a graduate of Acadia of the class of 1902, and has won a good degree of success in the work of the ministry.

In a recent casualty list appeared the name of C. Love, Bathurst. He is a brother of Rev. J. Landels Love, but was not connected with Bathurst in any way except that he gave his brother's address.

Our youngest church is to have not only an ordained minister, but a minister's wife as well. Rev. R. M. Brown, who was recently ordained as pastor of the Metapedia church, was married last week to the daughter of J. Wesley Dimock, of Windsor.

The Tabernacle church, has returned home after an extensive trip through the states of the south and the middle west. Evidently the time was not spent merely in sight-seeing, for we have received a letter from Rev. Fred Ross, of Crowley, La., who speaks in the most enthusiastic terms of the work done by Pastor Denison in a series of union revival services held in that city.

George R. Bancroft, Ph. D., has been enjoying a vacation visit in "the Valley." He received his doctor's degree from Yale University, and has accepted an ap-

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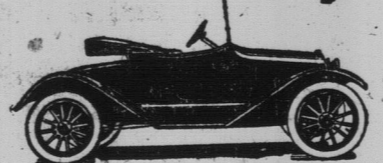
pointment as professor of chemistry in Transylvania University at Lexington, Ky. He is a son of the late Rev. J. W. Bancroft, and graduated at Acadia in 1906. Five sons and daughters from this house have received their degrees at Acadia, and are now giving a good account of themselves in the work of the world. The mother still lives at Lawrencetown, N. S.

URGES THE PARENTS TO KEEP CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Boston, Sept. 5.—Payson Smith, state commissioner of education has issued an appeal to the fathers and mothers, of the state to keep their children in school. "Making democracy a safe instrument in the hands of our future citizens," he said, "must be achieved through the education of the youth. To this end the public school system of America is dedi-

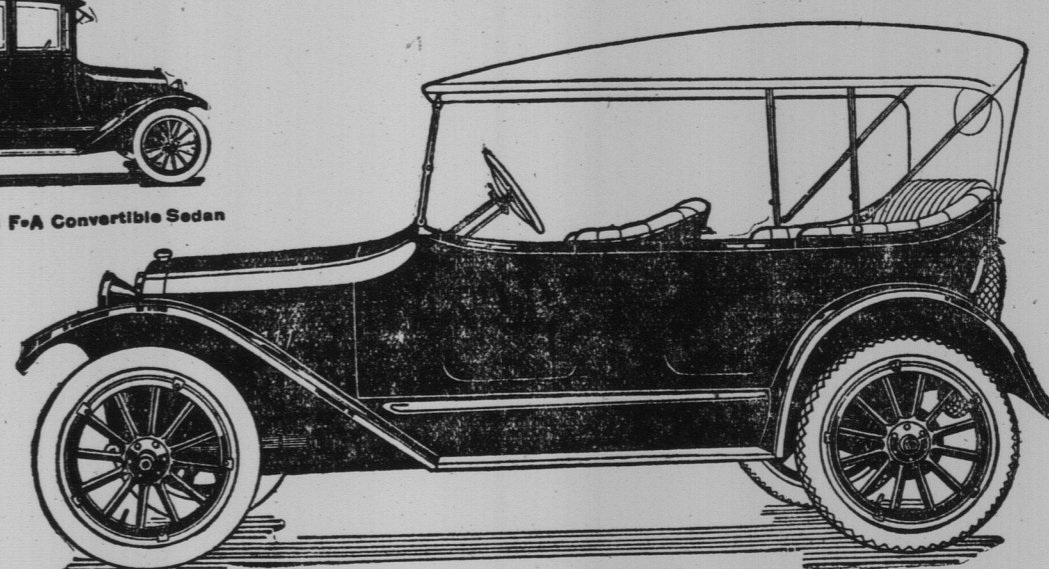


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