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Princes

PARIS, Oct. 5.—Seventy thousand Indian troops have reinforced the Allied army and are now taking part in the decisive phase of the great battle of the Aisne. Although these troops arrived on Tuesday, Sept. 29, it was not until the first of the month that the censor would allow the fact to be made known.

The seventy thousand Indian soldiers, who were brought into the war zone through the port of Marseilles, comprise the flower of the defensive forces of the British Empire's great colonial possessions.

Relieved on Furlough

It is officially announced that the reserve territorials and men of the auxiliary service of the North of France, who were withdrawn from that section at the time of the German invasion, have been granted temporary furloughs. The arrival of the Indian reinforcements has enabled the Government to take this action.

The great fighting ability of the Indian troops may make it possible for them to decide the battle. Although their exact position on the line is not known, it is believed they have been posted near the British, who have been opposing that section of the German army lying north of the Aisne, near its confluence with the Oise. Nearly three weeks of constant fighting, varied with terrific cannonades and bayonet charges, have worn out the troops on both sides, until now the human equation figures as an important factor.

It is the phase which makes the arrival of fresh soldiers for the Allies so important. Although it has been reported that the German line has been strengthened with fresh troops, militia men here are at a loss to understand where they could come from.

An official despatch from a point on the Oise, said that a lull had fallen in the German bombardment. This could be attributed to two things: (1) A change of position; (2) lack of ammunition.

A Violent Offensive

While most of the interest has been directed toward the western end of the battle line, where the French have been striving valiantly to surround and cut off the German right flank, official information shows that the French, at the eastern end of the line, are pursuing a violent offensive movement against the worn-out Germans. The French force, which is pushing through the valley of the river Mao, has been successful so far in overcoming the resistance of the Germans.

The French have hailed the Indian troops with jubilation and the spectacular appearance of these bronzed infantrymen and troopers from the Far East has excited general admiration.

The Indian soldiers are dressed in a uniform that is partly Occidental and partly Oriental. They wear khaki and turbans, but the garb of some of the officers is almost wholly native.

The troops comprise two infantry divisions and four brigades of cavalry. The men are equipped with the same service rifles as the British soldiers are.

Maharajahs There

Among the chief accompanying the Oriental expeditionary forces are the Maharajahs Sir Pertab Sing, the Maharajahs of Bikanir, Palialla, Jodhpur, Kishengarh and Jodpur; the Nawabs of Jaoro, Sachin and Bholal, and also the Malik Umar Hayal. Perhaps the most interesting soldier in the group is the veteran Sir Pertab, who is 70 years old. His nephew, who is 16 years old, accompanied the army and begged for a position on the line, where he could see some real action. Among the soldiers are 1,000 Tibetan troops, whose services were offered by the Dalai Lama of Tibet.

The machine guns, which the troops brought with them, were for the most part bought with gifts of money and jewels from the Royal families of India.

The Times correspondent sent the following account from Marseilles of the arrival of the Indian soldiers in that port.

"In the arrival of the Indian troops at Marseilles I witnessed the flower of one of the world's most ancient civilizations set foot for the first time on the shores of Europe. I have seen proud Princes of India ride at the head of thousands of troops, all inspired with the intense ardour of the East, to help win the battles of their Emperor.

"The haze that betokens a hot day had just begun to lift from the Bay of Marseilles, when suddenly an interminable line of steamships crept before the adjacent islands.

"The port at once knew that the long expected ships with the Indian troops on board had arrived.

Admirable Precision

"With admirable precision the armada of transports carrying the expeditionary force swung into the harbor and dropped anchor. French officers were lost in admiration at the spectacle. It was declared on every hand that Great Britain, of all the countries in the world, was probably the only one capable of carrying out such a project with complete success.

"As each of the transports, dun and gray in 'war paint' glided to her moorings, the Indian troops poured on deck, all anxious to look upon the strange land before them.

"Every road within a mile of the docks was soon filled with French, who watched with interest the debarkation of the dark-skinned warriors. Hour after hour the fighting men poured upon the land, glad for a chance to stretch their legs and feel the solid earth beneath them, after their long journey from India.

"The French soldiers crowded around their oriental allies and began at once to make them feel at home. The Indians grinned in appreciation at the courtesies shown to them, their white teeth gleaming against the brown of their faces.

"The Indians were dressed in khaki, most of them wearing short trousers, such as the Boy Scouts in England wear. Many wore puttees, and nearly all wore heavy turbans."

MAKE CHANGES IN METHODIST HIGH OFFICIALS

Dr. Carman, Practically Retired, Becomes Superintendent Emeritus

REV. DR. CHOWN IS RE-ELECTED

Result of Other Elections of the General Offices of the Church

Ottawa, Oct. 4.—Dr. Albert Carman, general superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, will practically retire from active service when the quadrennial general congress, now in session here, rises in a few days. It was decided on Thursday to appoint him as superintendent emeritus for the next four years with the same salary as is paid to a general superintendent.

Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, of Vancouver, was again elected general superintendent with the proviso that his term of office be for the next eight years.

Was Voted Down. A motion by Rev. Dr. W. H. Heartz, of Amherst, N.S., to appoint a general superintendent, with the jurisdiction in the Maritime Provinces, was voted down by almost unanimous vote.

All the other general conference officers were re-elected, with the exception of Rev. Dr. James Woodworth senior superintendent of home missions, who was retired. The recommendation of the committee that he be paid a bonus as a retired allowance found general favour.

General Officers.

The other general officers elected were: Bookroom steward, central section, Rev. Dr. William Briggs; eastern section, F. W. Mosher, Halifax; editor Christian Guardian, Rev. Dr. W. H. Creighton; editor Sunday School papers, Rev. Dr. A. C. Crews; general secretary education society, Rev. Dr. J. W. Graham; general secretary Temperance and Moral Reform Society, Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore; general secretary Young People's Societies,

WILHELM'S MISTAKE

The London Times is authority for the statement that the Kaiser issued the following army order:

"It is my Royal Imperial command that you concentrate your energies for the immediate present upon one single purpose. Address all your skill and all the valor of my soldiers to exterminate first the treacherous English, and walk over Gen. French's contemptible little army. Signed at headquarters, Aix-la-Chapelle, Aug. 19th."

SHOULD MAKE HIM CHANGE HIS MIND

"Contemptible Little Army"
And Its Work

London, Oct. 4.—In view of the Kaiser's order, wherein he refers to "Gen. French's contemptible little army," one wonders whether the Kaiser would use the same epithets today, after Mons, the Aisne, and many another battlefield, is strewn with the dead of Von Kluck's army composed as it was, of the Kaiser's chosen Prussian guards, now practically annihilated.

FEW SHIPMENTS OF NFLD. FOXES

Sent to Cape Breton—Prices Inflated

Of late fox shipments from Newfoundland have fallen off greatly, says the North Sydney Herald. In fact none have arrived here for several weeks, the last been a lot taken from the ranch at St. George's by Mr. J. H. Manson, the well known P. E. Island foxman, at present engaged in ranching in the Ancient Colony.

At the time these foxes pass through here, their value was given out as \$30,000, a figure which has since turned out to be greatly inflated.

A gentleman who returned here from attending the exhibition last week at Charlottetown, who was anxious to purchase one or two of the lot taken through by Mr. Manson, tell us the entire lot were not worth \$30,000; that there was not a solitary buck among them, but on the contrary, were only a fair sample of patches. There is evidently a lot of inflation in fox quotations.

BROUGHT DOWN GERMAN AIRMAN

London, Oct. 7.—A despatch from Troyes, France, states that an announcement comes from Remilly-Sur-Seine, a town twenty-three miles North-west of Troyes that the French brought down a German aeroplane while it was flying over that city yesterday.

ENGLAND-ANTWERP SAILINGS CANCELLED

By Great Eastern Railway Co.—Ethel Hilda, Leaky, Put Ashore

London, Oct. 7.—It is announced that the Great Eastern Railway Company's steamship service between Tilbury, England, and Antwerp, has been suspended.

The British steamer Ethel Hilda before reported arrived at Antwerp on Sept. 30th, from Montreal and has gone aground and leaking.

Fall of Tsing Tau Reported Imminent

Tokio, Oct. 6.—Operations at Tsing Tau have entered upon their last stage. All the Japanese-British troops and artillery have been placed in position for a big attack.

The surrender of the fortress has been demanded and refused.

Prospero Sails

Prospero sailed northward at 10 a. m., taking a large freight and the following passengers:—Miss Gaden, H. Dwyer, Mrs. W. Butler, Miss Butler, Miss Beckett, M. F. Sullivan, Sergt. March, H. Sophia, Mrs. Scott, Miss Scott, Rev. Canon White, M. Tobin, Mr. Wornell and 33 steerage.

The Fogota left Newtown at 9.45 a. m.

Rev. S. T. Bartlett; general secretary home missions, Rev. Dr. J. Allen; general secretary foreign missions, Rev. Dr. James Endicott; general secretary young people's forward movement, Rev. Dr. F. C. Stephenson.

YOUNGSTER HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Badly Bruised by Being
Caught in Spring of
Milk Wagon

Early Monday morning a lad named Manuel, aged 9 years, left his home on Monroe St. to have a drive in a milk wagon. When Long's Hill was reached the driver began supplying his customers and the boy attempted to get down from the wagon in some unaccountable way got entangled underneath the springs. The whole weight of the carriage bearing on his left thigh, suffering intense pain.

His cries attracted the attention of Inspector Nicholas Murphy who with a man named Alf. Stevenson, seeing the child's dangerous predicament removed the horse from the wagon and by the means of a shovel handle lifted the springs, thereby freeing the little sufferer. Removing his clothing they found his leg badly bruised but no bones broken. He was taken to his home by a woman passing that way who knew him. Had the horse started instant death would have resulted.

GERMANS HAVE LEFT FOR HOME

Russian Victory Forces En-
emy to Abandon His
Fortified Positions

Petrograd, Oct. 6.—The German retreat continues along the frontier of East Prussia. The Germans have been forced to abandon their fortified positions between Wierzell and Lyck. The railroads in East Prussia are crowded with troop trains.

Our aerial scouts report uninterrupted movement of Germans in a western direction.

German columns and troop trains are withdrawing across the border.

GROUND GAINED ON MEUSE HEIGHTS

But Paris Says General Char-
acteristics of the Situation
Are the Same

Paris, Oct. 7.—Official communication issued last night follows: "The characteristics of the situation remain the same.

"On our left wing action is more violent.

"To the north of the Oise in the centre, comparative calm prevails.

"A little ground has been gained in the northern part of the heights of the Meuse.

ANOTHER RHODES SCHOLAR IN ARMY

Harry Hayward, another of Newfoundland's Rhodes Scholars has volunteered for the Old Flag.

Mr. Hayward, who was a member of the C.L.B., has enlisted with the Old Public School University Men's force. The majority of Rhodes Scholars have offered their services.

AUCTION!

At Pleasantville, on Saturday next, 10th inst., at three o'clock in the afternoon, Wood Sheds which were used by the 1st Newfoundland Regiment, made of Ploughed and Tongued board, suitable for building barns and outhouses, etc. The hour of sale has been made to suit people living in the nearby settlements.

P. C. O'DRISCOLL, Auctioneer.

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R. C. SMITH, General Superintendent. Oct. 31, 7, 12.



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WOOL BLANKETS, per pair
. \$2.10, \$2.80, \$3.70, \$5.30, \$6.50 to \$14.00

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BATTLE OF AISNE MAY BE A DRAW

Although Germans Will Be
Forced to Retreat

London, Oct. 6.—Military men believe the battle of the Aisne to be a draw, but that the steady pressure of the Allies will force the Germans back until they reach the Rhine where the decisive battle of the war will be fought.

Paris, Oct. 6.—The battlefront on the German right wing is steadily becoming greater in extent, extending toward the North and Northwest. German cavalry are engaged in counter-flanking movements near Lille, trying to turn back the Allies' attacks.

The Germans were repulsed in fierce attacks near Lassegni.

The Allies have advanced slightly North of Soissons.

Success At Sydney

The schr. Success, Capt. Churchill, which left Twillingate for Sydney just previous to the gale of the 25th and for the safety of which there was much anxiety, arrived at her destination safely. She will load coals for Newfoundland.

Marine Disaster Fund

The Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of \$5.00 for the Permanent Marine Disaster Fund from Mr. Fred Kelghley, Bradford, England, per Mr. P. K. MacLeod, Royal Stores.

Master Thos. Murphy of the firm of G. M. Barr's has accepted a similar position at the Queen's Insurance office.

Mr. P. Summers (butcher) who for the past few months was invalided in hospital is around again, looking O.K.

Injured At Front

Rev. Mr. Cracknell, recently appointed curate at St. Thomas's Church has received word that his brother is now in hospital at Liverpool, having had his left arm injured by a bursting shell while at the front.

The injury came to him on his 20th birthday. He is doing well.

The s.s. Tabasco leaves Liverpool tomorrow for St. John's.

WEDDING BELLS

Ayre-Campbell.

The wedding of Miss Mary Isabella, daughter of C. P. Ayre, Esq., and Dr. Boyd Campbell, of Edinburgh, Scotland, takes place this afternoon at 3 at the residence of the bride's parents.

Bunting is flying at Ayre & Sons premises today in honor of the event.

OBITUARY

James Jackman

The many friends of Mr. James Jackman, youngest son of the late Capt. William Jackman, will learn with regret of his death, which took place at his late residence 28 Brien Street, this morning.

For upwards of 30 years the deceased was a trusted employee of Bowring Bros. About eighteen months ago he was obliged to resign his position owing to ill health, and since that time has waged a plucky fight but futile fight to regain his health.

Kindly and affable in manner James Jackman was a universal favorite, giving the best that was in him to the faithful discharge of the duties of his station in life.

The deceased leaves a wife and six children to mourn the loss of a husband and father; to these and his mother, Mrs. Capt. Wm. Jackman, brother (Mr. Thos. Jackman, H.M.C.) and sister (Mrs. James Maher) The Mail and Advocate extends its sympathy.

Grand Melo-Drama At Nickel Theatre

A most attractive programme has been arranged at the Nickel Theatre for this evening.

The principal film is a two-reel picture "The Bridge of Shadows." It is a beautiful melo-drama by the Selig artists. It moves from the business place to the elegance of the boudoir, and then by caprice of fate forces the victims of circumstantial evidence to become wanderers on the dark side of a great city. They are shunned by former associates and persecuted by the police.

The acting is perfect and the picture has met with popular approval everywhere. The American press has devoted much space to it. There will be three other reels of exceptionally good film.

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Arthur C. Huskins, who will appear on Monday next, comes well recommended. He has appeared in many of the American and Canadian cities with great success.

GIRLS CLASSES ARE NOW OPEN

At the Auxiliary Department
Grenfell Institute

The reading and writing classes conducted by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Girls' Department reopened at the Seaman's Institute last evening.

Thirteen young women were present, but during the winter the number will be increased.

The classes will be conducted every Tuesday evening, and the lessons are free, no charge whatever being made. Domestic whose education have been neglected now have the opportunity of learning how to read and write.

Lessons were given last evening by Mrs. W. C. Job, Mrs. J. Harvey, Mrs. J. Mitchell, Misses M. Furlong and A. Hayward.

The schr. Flirt entered at Fortune yesterday to load salt bulk fish by A. W. Lake, for Gloucester.

The resident of the Battery who assaulted the bailiffs last week was fined \$5.00 for fourteen days for each offence, and also \$10.00 for resisting arrest.

COLLECTIVE HALLUCINATION

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