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ALLIES SWEEP DOWN ON TWO MORE TOWNS

No Let Up in Somme Advance, Which Carries Germans Off Their Feet, Compels Them To Fight in Open Ground, and Will Make Forces in Bapaume and Chaulnes Surrender as They Did at Thiepval and Combles.

GREECE JOINS THE ALLIES IN MILITARY CO-OPERATION

Agreement Made Between King Constantine and Council of Ministers—Greek Battleships Join the Anglo-French Fleet.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—The council of Greek ministers has decided in agreement with King Constantine upon military co-operation with the entente powers, says a Reuters despatch from Athens dated Wednesday.

CALM AT ATHENS.

ATHENS, Sept. 28, via London, Sept. 27.—Despite the profound popular belief that the country is racing the great crisis in its history, calm expectancy reigns in Athens. The Venizelist morning papers publish declarations which the former premier left prior to his departure, in which he says his movement is national, not revolutionary, but purely of national character, and that he has no design upon the integrity of the actual government of the country.

BRITISH TAKE TEN THOUSAND PRISONERS IN FORTNIGHT

Make Excellent Progress on Battle Front—Beat Germans in Fierce Fighting Northeast of Thiepval, Capturing Stuff Redoubt.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—"Excellent progress was made today on the battlefield," says the British official communication of tonight. It adds: "North of Fiers our troops carried further enemy trenches on a front of 2000 yards and are now level with the east side of Eucourt L'Abbe."

BRITISH AGAIN ADVANCE FRENCH EXTEND GAINS

Allies Continue Forward Drive, Bringing Lines North of Fiers and East of Combles—Make Further Gains From Thiepval—Check Counter Attacks.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Sept. 28.—British and French troops made further progress against the Germans on the battlefield north of the Somme today, and as a result of the fighting they extended their lines eastward, and the British also extended their front northeastward from Thiepval. The prisoners taken in the past two days

TWO PEOPLE KILLED EXPRESS STRUCK AUTO

Driver of Motor Car Became Confused on Crossing Near Montreal.

MONTREAL, Sept. 27.—Two persons were killed and two injured this evening when the C.P.R. Toronto express struck an automobile at a crossing near Dorval, ten miles from here. Xavier Cardinal, a gardener, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Rocana Sarrafin, are dead, and Mrs. Cardinal and another sister, Miss Marie Sarrafin, were seriously injured, but may recover. Miss Sarrafin has a fractured shoulder and internal injuries.

Half a Million Workers Will Be Affected by Strike

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Although labor leaders insisted tonight that the general strike of trades unionists in the greater city, in aid of the carmen who quit their places Sept. 6, eventually would involve at least a half million workers, there was not surface indication of a tie-up of the city's industries as threatened. President Shonta of the Interboro Rapid Transit Co. is reported to have refused to see leaders of the strikers to discuss alleged grievances.

Waters of River Nile Are Highest in Twenty-Two Years

CAIRO, via London, Sept. 28.—The waters of the Nile are at the highest stage reached in 22 years, and the ministry of public works has issued a warning that every precaution should be taken in view of the danger that the Nile may burst its banks. The flood in the Sudan has fallen, but the surface of the river in Lower Egypt is from 7 to 20 feet above the level of the surrounding country.

COMPLETE UPPER HAND GAINED BY THE ALLIES

German Army in the West is Being Pursued by British Cavalry Patrols.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—A despatch from Reuters' correspondent at British headquarters in northern France says: "The recent fighting illustrates how completely our army now has the upper hand. We are advancing with the deliberate calculation which is only possible to the side of irresistible strength. The German army in the west is now fighting a slow rear-guard action."

MUST KEEP ARMY AT FRONT SUPPLIED

Would Be Tragedy if Canada Failed, Says Sir Hamar Greenwood.

Special to The Toronto World. MONTREAL, Sept. 28.—Sir Hamar Greenwood, M.P., a Canadian who has won distinction in British political life, was in Montreal today. He is on a short visit to Canada for the purpose of attending to personal business. Sir Hamar is loud in his praise of the Canadians for the part they have played in the present war, but Canada, he said, must send more and more men. She must keep the splendid army she now has at the front supplied with the reserve drafts that are essential to its effectiveness. It would be a tragedy at this time, after the tremendous sacrifices that have been made, if she should fall at the last moment in her duty of keeping the ranks of the armies in France filled.

FRENCH ADVANCE TO BAPAUME BRITISH ONLY TWO MILES AWAY

ROUMANIANS ROUT TEUTONS VIOLENT FIGHTING GOES ON

Big Battle Proceeds in District of Hermannstadt in Transylvania—Austrians Beat Hasty Retirement in Jiu Valley After Repulse.

LONDON, Sept. 28, 12.30 a.m.—The Rumanians are strongly following up their victory in the Jiu Valley in Transylvania and they are forcing the Teutons to make a rapid retreat towards the north and northwest. The Rumanians made the flight precipitate by attacking and repulsing the foe. A hundred prisoners and two officers were taken in the latest engagement, according to an official report from Bucharest. Violent fighting continues between Rumanians and Austrians south of Sibiu, Hermannstadt.

ADVANCE FIFTY MILLIONS TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT

Sir Thomas White Cables Chancellor of the Exchequer That the Dominion Will Help Financially—To Be Availed of in Payment For Munitions.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Sept. 27.—Following his meeting with the Canadian bankers today the minister of finance cabled the chancellor of the exchequer that the Dominion Government would make an advance of \$50,000,000 here to the imperial government to be availed of in payment for munitions and supplies purchased in Canada. Sir Thomas White also enlisted the co-operation of the Bankers' Association in promoting a drive campaign through the Dominion and in considering a class of security which will attract the savings of those of slender means, who may be willing to offer such savings to the government for the purpose of war expenditure. Upon the request of the minister a committee of the association will be appointed to advise with him in the matter.

Peronne Will Be Cut Off And Left To Surrender as Combles Did—German Positions There Are Enfiladed.

By FRED. B. PITNEY. Special Cable to The Toronto World. PARIS, Sept. 27.—In the capture of Combles and Thiepval, with all their immense booty, the allies have realized the most important strategic gain since the beginning of the Somme offensive.

The British on the borders of Lestransloy and Beaulencourt now are only two and a half miles from Bapaume, while the capture of Combles has removed for them the most serious obstacle to the advance on the road to Bapaume. This road, while not the main line, is extremely important as a subsidiary, and constitutes the allies' next offensive and objective in the operations north of the Somme.

Beginning at Bapaume one branch runs directly east to connect with the main north and south line at Marcoing, while another branch turns off at Veth, passes thru Bertincourt, Equancourt, Espel, Roisel and Verdun to Mont St. Quentin, thus connecting with the two main north and south lines, one at Roisel and the other at Mont St. Quentin.

Combles was the one big fortress holding up the allies' advance on this line north of the Somme, as Peronne was the obstacle on the south. But the allied advance on the north will cut off Peronne and leave it to surrender as Combles did, and subject that whole important railroad to the menace of the French advance.

French Resolv River. Already by the French advance on the north the German positions from Peronne south are subject to an enfilading fire. Meanwhile, on the north, the Germans have fortified all the villages and are busy engaged in strengthening the fortifications, the most important line of defence now held by them between the French and the railroad is the River Tortell. At its junction with the Somme the French already have reached this stream, while their advance east of Bouchavesnes has brought them within two kilometres of it.

Thus all its course the Tortell River runs thru marshy bottom lands, but the marshes are more extensive near its junction with the Somme and south of Moislans, at which point the French are now approaching it, it does not present so many difficulties. In taking Combles the surrounding of the town was nearly completed before the assault began. The French advanced from Fregicourt and took a small wood north of that place, while the British pushed forward across the road from Combles to Morval. All hope of escape was thus cut off for the three battalions of Germans who had been unable to withdraw.

Pounded the Fortress. Meanwhile, to prevent the sacrifice of troops in hand-to-hand combats, the artillery kept up a terrific pounding of the fortress. When the allied troops entered almost 3000 bodies of dead Germans were counted in the streets, while only a few hundred remain alive to surrender—and most of these were lying wounded in cellars. In the centre of the town, huge subterranean store houses had been hollowed out by the Germans in the chalky formation, and these were found filled with munitions and supplies of all kinds, which the Germans had been unable to get away.

Thus fell to the allies the town to commemorate the capture of which the Kaiser had a medal struck in August, 1914.

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FRESH SUCCESSES ARE WON BY FRANCO-BRITISH TROOPS

Sweep That Won Thiepval and Combles is Being Continued in Methodical and Perfectly Co-ordinated Campaign Which Brings Allies Closer to Bapaume Every Hour.

BY ARTHUR S. DRAPER.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Sept. 27.—The allied Haig and Foch extended their position held every inch of ground won in the tremendous attack of yesterday, but have swung forward to fresh successes.

After hurling back the expected counter-attacks of the Germans, both Haig and Foch extended their positions. The British troops pressed nearer Bapaume in the region of Etourcheville, and brought forward their guns in the path of all the gains of the preceding day.

A brilliant assault by the French resulted in the seizure of a strongly fortified wood east of Vermandovillers and in the wiping out of a salient that had long protruded into the French lines at that point. After repulsing German counter blows along the Peronne-Bapaume highway, south of Bouchavesnes the French also renewed the attack in the sector around Rancourt and succeeded in pushing farther to the east of that town and penetrat-

ing the St. Pierre Vaast Wood, east of Fregicourt.

These gains all mark further progress in the methodical and perfectly co-ordinated campaign of the allied forces against the two great objectives still holding out. Steadily the French are moving toward the positions northeast of Peronne, from which the pocketing process that overwhelmed Combles may be repeated. Today's French advance east and northeast of Rancourt represented a bold stride toward this end.

The British are continuing the unceasing hammering at the enemy's lines south of Bapaume, and every hour are closing in nearer their goal. From Le Sars to Guedecourt the battle is raging with unabated fury, and the two and a half miles of ground that separates the British forces from Bapaume is steadily being cut down. It was in the exact centre of this stretch of territory that Haig's troops smashed forward today.

Fighting in the Open.

Everywhere along the Picardy front the last German defences have come within range of the allied artillery and at many points open field operations obtain. Desperately the Germans are trying to construct new fortifications under fire but the forward sweep of the British and French troops is proving irresistible. The strongest defences, the product of months of labor,

THOUSANDS OF CAPTIVES FALL TO ROUMANIANS

Victory in Dobrudja Proves to Be Great Russian Mortars Do Damage.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—A Bucharest despatch, dated Sept. 26, to the Reuters Telegram Co., says: "The French and British troops in Dobrudja, thousands of prisoners were captured while the Russian mortars did tremendous damage. The Russo-Rumanian forces are continuing their advance to the south."

Bulgarians Violently Assail Serbians on Mt. Kaimakalan

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Sept. 27.—On the front north of Saloniki the Serbians have provoked the Bulgarians violently to attack them, and a fierce engagement is proceeding. The fighting ground is east of the Corna River. The enemy has brought up important forces and he has launched heavy attacks at the Kaimakalan heights. These were broken by a cross-fire from cannon and machine guns. The Bulgarians suffered severely. Fifty prisoners were taken by the front artillery activity prevailed.

France is Preparing For Another Winter Campaign

PARIS, Sept. 27.—It does not seem probable that another winter campaign is avoidable, says La Liberté. Joseph Thierry, under secretary of state and other essential for winter warfare have been going to the front at the rate of eighty carloads a day since September 15.

FIRE AT MERRICKVILLE.

Special to The Toronto World. MERRICKVILLE, Sept. 27.—A fire broke out this afternoon in the pattern storage building of the Percival Flow and Stove Co. The building is a total loss and at present how the fire originated is unknown.



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