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CZAR IN COMMAND; GRANDDUKE GOES TO CAUCASUS

Spectacular Leadership of The Russian Commander Brought To Close

Emperor Now Rules Over Whole Forces on Land and Sea—Most Important Change in Command Since War Opened Except For Retirement of Von Moltke by Kaiser Early in Course of Hostilities

Petrograd, Sept. 8.—Grand Duke Nicholas has been transferred to the Caucasus by Emperor Nicholas.

London, Sept. 8.—Emperor Nicholas has assumed command not only of the military but the naval forces of Russia.

London, Sept. 8.—An army order issued by Grand Duke Nicholas, who has been commander-in-chief of the Russian forces, conveys the inference that Emperor Nicholas, in assuming supreme command of his armed forces, has supplanted the grand duke.

Petrograd, Sept. 8.—In transferring the grand duke the Emperor appointed him viceroy of the Caucasus and commander-in-chief of the army on the southern front.

The action of Emperor Nicholas in transferring his cousin, the grand duke, to the Caucasus front, is perhaps the most important change of this nature which has been made by any of the belligerents.

The post to which Grand Duke Nicholas has been transferred is of minor importance as compared with the prestige and vast powers of his former office as commander-in-chief of all Russia's great fighting forces.

Although there was heavy fighting in the Caucasus earlier in the war, hostilities have been conducted in only a perfunctory manner for several months, as both of the actions involved had need of all available forces in other quarters.

THE NATION STIRRED

Petrograd, Sept. 8.—The transference of the grand duke was made in connection with a general re-organization of such importance that it has stirred the nation deeply.

The grand duke replaces the famous viceroy of the Caucasus, Count Von Vorontsov-Dashkoff, Emperor Nicholas addressed to the count a communication acknowledging the value of his labors and stating that he yielded to his request to be permitted to devote his energies to work for which his state of health is more suited.

London, Sept. 8.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says:

"The decision of Emperor Nicholas to take chief command is regarded as the best possible reply to recent talk of peace proposals, and as showing clearly Russia's determination to bring victory to herself and her allies."

GERMANS PLAN TO CONTROL RAILWAYS

London, Sept. 8.—A Petrograd despatch to the Times leads confirmation to the belief that the German scheme of operations is to gain command of the railway systems from Riga to Lemberg, in order to cope effectively with the transport problem.

With this object, says the despatch, the Germans are undertaking two main movements. The first is to capture the Kolkid district on the river Sura, where they captured three officers and 188 soldiers.

On the Serezh the enemy, who generally remains passive, undertook an offensive in the region of Tarnopol, which is only on the flanks, is that the mania in the center offers a formidable obstacle to a German advance.

THE SITUATION ON THE NIEMEN

The situation on the Niemen gives ground for anxiety, the fighting in the Grodno region evidently being frontal attack on the retreating Russian forces, while the Russian counter-offensive on the Vilya has been temporarily checked.

Russian Official Report

Petrograd, Sept. 8.—The War Office last night announced:

"In the Riga district the situation is unchanged. South of Priedricistadt the enemy has delivered, since the night of the 6th, energetic attacks on the river front. They were repulsed. Between the Svents and the Vilya and on the Vilya and the Niemen the situation is stationary."

"On the Middle Niemen the enemy continued on the 6th and 7th to develop his operations from Grodno east and southeast. Farther south our rear guards, Phelz and Ferdinand WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Showers have been general in the western provinces except in the northern portion of Alberta and Saskatchewan. Showers have also occurred in many parts of Ontario, as well as in Western Quebec.

BOY OF 16 POINTS WAY TO SENIORS

"Dick" Stevens, Son of Traveler, Now With 64th

MARITIME PROVINCE WAR NEWS

Capt. Lewis, Formerly of Halifax, Missing at Dardanelles—Prominent Young Halifax Business Men Go Into 64th as Privates

The sixteen year old son of William M. Stevens, a commercial man of Truro, N. S., has enlisted for active service at Truro and is now training at Sussex with the 64th Battalion. Mr. Stevens was not aware that his son had enlisted until he received a letter from him a few days ago dated Sussex and containing the information that he was a full fledged "soldier of the king."

Private "Dick" Stevens is the youthful recruit's name. He enlisted at Yarmouth and is now training at Sussex with the 64th. He did not get his father's consent, but on his arrival at the mobilization camp at Sussex, Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Stevens are true patriots, and though it is a hard parting they are contented for their youthful son to serve his country.

At the Same Time Kaiser is Reported to Have, For Political Reasons, Stood For Modified Submarine Policy

Amsterdam, Sept. 8.—Reports that Admiral Von Tirpitz intends to resign are inventions, although it is true that he plans to take a brief vacation, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant.

A despatch from Amsterdam on September 8 said it was reported in Berlin that Von Tirpitz would resign as minister of marine and be succeeded by Admiral Von Pohl, now chief of the admiralty staff and commander of the Baltic fleet.

It has been persistently asserted that Von Tirpitz had come into serious conflict with Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg over the submarine campaign, which the admiral instituted in retaliation for the British blockade. Their differences of opinion came to a climax with the sinking of the Arabic, with its 1000 passengers, in the English Channel, which was a disaster to the friendly relations between Germany and the United States.

The admiral's minister of marine visited Emperor William at the front, and the monarch was said to have sustained Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg in his demands that the submarine policy be modified for political reasons. It was after this conference that it became known that Von Tirpitz proposed taking a vacation, and the inference was drawn by the foreign press that this was a subtle ruse adopted either to cover his retirement by the Kaiser, or to hide his own chagrin at being overruled by a policy which was popular with the German people.

RELEASE OF GOODS HELD UP AT NEUTRAL PORTS BY ORDER OF BRITAIN

Washington, Sept. 8.—Ambassador Page cabled from London yesterday that Great Britain is now prepared to accept informal representations by the foreign trade advisers of the state department as a means of releasing American-owned goods of German and Austrian origin now held up at neutral ports by the British order-in-council.

Details of the plan will be worked out in the next three or four days. Goods amounting to \$107,000,000 have been tied up at Rotterdam alone, and it is expected that the new arrangement will release not only these shipments, but all goods of German and Austrian origin now held up for American importers who have incurred obligations.

RECRUITING CAMPAIGN IN ALBERT AND KENT

Moncton, N. B., Sept. 8.—Preparations are being made for a recruiting campaign next week in Albert and Kent counties. Lieutenant Henry of the 64th is in Moncton today en route to Hillsboro and other points to arrange meetings to be addressed by himself, Lieut. Brooks and Lieutenants O'Leary and Kerwick are in Kent arranging for meetings.

PLANS TO ENLARGE THE AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE

Washington, Sept. 8.—The administration's plans for national defense and for enlarging the merchant marine, it was indicated today, will be co-ordinated in the forthcoming session of congress. A striking argument for increasing the number of merchantmen under the Stars and Stripes, secretary of the treasury, McAdoo, said today, was that such ships were needed as naval auxiliaries.

McAdoo said he thought it possible that many merchant ships that have assumed American registry since the outbreak of war, would return to their original flags after hostilities.

GENERAL RESPONSE

The fund being raised among the members of the C. P. R. in the Atlantic division for the purchase of machine guns has now reached about \$1,500, and is still growing.

HESPERIAN DEAD NOW 33

Survivors Reach Liverpool—Declared Absolutely That No Warning Was Given—Probably One American Lost Life.

Queenstown, Sept. 8.—It has been established that an American named Wolff was lost on the Hesperian.

Liverpool, Sept. 8.—The passengers from the torpedoed Hesperian arrived in Liverpool last night. It is officially announced that seven passengers and twenty-two members of the crew are missing, making the total death list thirty-three.

No submarine was seen by anyone before the ship was struck, nor was any warning given, says an official statement issued by the Allan line. This seemingly sets at rest the story that a warning was given by lookout just before the vessel was struck.

Montreal, Sept. 8.—A London cable to the Canadian Red Cross Society had mailed by the Hesperian a large number of replies to queries about wounded men. These were on forms, and no copies were kept. Lady Drummond asks that recent engineers repeat their demands.

AMERICANS TAKING GRIP AT THE BORDER

Word of Conspiracy Among Mexicans to Overthrow Washington Authority

Washington, Sept. 8.—Announcement that Major-General Funston, commanding American troops in Texas, would establish military control in the lower Rio Grande country was interpreted here as an added precaution against the recurrence of frontier disorders. No clashes between Mexican and American troops had been reported in the last forty-eight hours, but more evidence as to conspiracy among Mexicans on both sides of the river to overthrow American authority in the border country is reported.

TWO BIG MEETINGS TONIGHT AND AT 3 P. M. TOMORROW

Things That Should be Known Will be Told in St. Andrew's Rink Tonight—Women's Meeting Opera House Tomorrow

Echoes of last night's wonderful double meeting in the interests of recruiting the 64th Battalion were heard all over the city today. St. John's main population is waking up. It is regarded as certain that the monster gathering in St. Andrew's rink tonight will see a large number of volunteers added to the fast-growing list.

Tonight's meeting will be chiefly of an informing character. Those going to the front and those who are contemplating entering the ranks of the 64th will be told fully and in plain straight language just what the pay will be, what the work will be, how much the government will give them in the way of clothing, shelter, food, and other necessities, and how much the government will give them in the way of medical attention.

Officers' Courses

Courses of instruction opened Monday at Wellington Barracks, Halifax, are largely attended. The first course, figures of attendance are approximately: Lieutenants' course, fifty officers; Captains' course, ten officers; Major's course, twenty-one officers; Field Officers' course, four officers; N. C. O's course, fourteen men.

Patriotic Family

Robert Morris of Maryville, aged forty-nine years, has applied for appointment as a master shoemaker in some unit of the Canadian overseas forces. He has sent four sons, Albert, Robert, Henry and John, into the Canadian forces, and a fifth, Edward, intends to enlist.

THIRTY-FOUR RECRUITS

Since August 26, when Major F. P. Day took over the duties of recruiting officer of the 29th Battalion of Field Artillery, thirty-four recruits have been passed by the medical officer in Fredericton.

Federated Boys Promoted

Glenn—Federated boys are to be non-commissioned officers in a new Canadian 42 Howitzer Brigade that is being formed in England and will likely go to the Dardanelles, while commissioned officers who spent part of last winter in training in this city are to be officers of the same brigade.

Letters received here yesterday from Sergeant Theo. Barker and Sergeant Norman D. Cass, who have been in England with the Canadian Reserve Brigade of Field Artillery, stationed at Shoreham, tell of the formation of this new brigade and of their appointments.

Sergeant Cass, writing to his brother, E. D. Cass, states that Major Bruce A. Ingraham, who was officer commanding the 24th Battalion mobilized in this city, is to command the brigade and that Major J. K. McKay, who was the commanding officer of the 29th Battalion of Field Artillery here last winter, is to have command of one of the batteries.

N. C. O's are to have a course at Woolwich and the unit will go to the front in about three months.

Local War Notes

Lieutenant Percy Hunter, son of Ald. W. C. Hunter, of Moncton, has been appointed to the 58th battalion.

Private Duncan McLean, of the 6th Mounted Rifles, reported as having been killed by a motor bus at Folkestone, was a Halifax man, and not of East Florenceville, N. B.

Private J. Benson Rainford, of the 26th, is now at Quebec, having been invalided home from England, with ulcers of the stomach and heart disease. This is the second time he has been sent back from England, having gone with the 12th in the first contingent.

FEARFUL ACT BY AUSTRILIANS

THIS, IF TRUE

Said To Have Slaughtered Non-combatants Going Home

ALL BUT A FEW SLAIN

Bulgaria Said to Have Declined Serbia's Proposals To Will Deal Directly With Allied Powers—British Government Takes Over More Plants

Paris, Sept. 8.—The France De Demain publishes the following from Vienna: "The Austrian authorities summoned all Italian inhabitants of the country around Bologna, either to go into concentration camps or cross the frontier."

"The route taken by those who chose to emigrate was lighted searchlights and when the Italians had gone a certain distance towards the frontier a terrific cannonade was opened upon them. The horrors of the ensuing slaughter are said to be beyond description. Only a few fugitives succeeded in hiding in the ditches and subsequently crawling across the frontier."

Bulgaria's Position

Roma, Sept. 8.—Bulgaria has refused Serbia's territorial proposals, according to a Giornale d'Italia despatch from Sofia. The despatch adds that Premier Radoloff declared that Bulgaria has decided to treat directly with the Quadruple Entente.

A despatch from Salonika says that Bulgaria is fortifying Verna against sea attacks. Mines are being placed at the harbor entrance and numerous long-range cannon are being mounted at Gostivar, which commands the port.

More Factories Taken Over

London, Sept. 8.—David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, announced today that 180 factories, transformed into munition plants, were taken over by the munitions department yesterday. This makes a total of 715.

French Report

Paris, Sept. 8.—The artillery fighting along the battle line through France continues. There has been cannonading from Belgium on the north as far south as the Weverc district.

German aviators have bombarded towns in France, and aviators of the allies have thrown down bombs at Ostend, French Steamer Sunk

Paris, Sept. 8.—The French steamship Gustavina has been torpedoed and sunk about fifty miles off Holland. Her crew escaped in two boats. The men were picked up by a British steamer and taken to St. Nazaire.

The Douro Sunk

London, Sept. 8.—The British steamship Douro has been sunk by gunfire, presumably from a submarine. Her crew was saved. The Douro, 1,600 tons, was owned by the Elderman Lines of London.

Another

La Rochelle, France, Sept. 8.—The British steamship Garony of Liverpool, was fired upon and sunk by a German submarine last night. Her crew was saved.

REQUESTS IN WILL OF MISS MARY GORMLEY

Probate of the will of Miss Mary Gormley, late of this city, has been granted to Frances J. Donnelly and Joseph M. Donnelly, the executors named. The bequests include \$200 to Very Rev. J. J. Walsh, V. G. of St. John; to the Sisters of Charity of this city, \$100, for the benefit of the Infirmary in Colburn street. There is also a legacy of \$1,000 to Sarto Foley, a nephew of the deceased. The residue of the estate is to go in equal shares to the children of Margaret Donnelly, a deceased sister-in-law of the testatrix.

The real estate consists of a freehold property No. 94 St. James street. The probate value of the real estate and personal property is \$4,500. Joseph Basil Pauley of St. Stephen, N. B., is the administrator and Urban J. Sweeney the executor.

SILVER FALLS WEDDING

In the Methodist church at Silver Falls this morning at 5.45 o'clock, the wedding of Miss Hattie, daughter of Samuel Creighton, to Samuel Armstrong, both of that place, was solemnized by Rev. J. Pinkerton of Chatham, assisted by Rev. Mr. Summers, his successor at Silver Falls. The church was prettily decorated with goldenrod and chrysanthemums. The bride was dressed in a traveling suit of brown broadcloth with black and white hat, and carried a bouquet of white roses. She was assisted by her niece, Miss Hattie Bustin as flower girl, and by Master Allison Creighton. Following a wedding trip through Nova Scotia, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong will reside at Silver Falls.

NOW GOES TO PRESIDENT

Washington, Sept. 8.—Ambassador Dumba's explanation of a letter he wrote to the Vienna foreign office on plans for the withdrawal of Austro-Hungarian labor from American factories producing munitions for the allies, was in the hands of Secretary of State Lansing today. The next move will be the submission of the subject to President Wilson for a decision as to whether or not the ambassador's statement was satisfactory.