

Morning War Summary

New York, Sept. 4.—The Associated Press tonight issues the following: The Germans are now giving ground over the entire 150-mile battlefield from Ypres to Rheims.

Seemingly the question whether the Germans will be able to hold even relatively their present line from Flanders to Champagne is being answered. And the answer is in the negative.

The strategy of General Foch, which imposed upon the Germans the necessity of falling back in Flanders, Artois and Picardy, now likewise is compelling the enemy to withdraw from the Vesle River between Soissons and Rheims, northward toward the Aisne in order to avert disaster.

In Danger From Flank

Outflanked on all defense works along the western part of the battle line and in great danger of a turning movement eastward from the region of Noyon and Soissons, the German high command at last has been forced to begin the retrograde movement in the Soissons-Rheims sector which the military experts long had predicted would be necessitated through the success of the British, French and American armies.

The climax of the German manoeuvres along the Vesle culminated when the French virtually swept away the remaining portion of the old salient in the region of Noyon and the French and American north of Soissons and along Vesle reached positions dominating the Aisne and the Chemin Des Dames and crossed to the north side of the Vesle on a front of nearly twenty miles.

All behind the front toward the Aisne huge fires are to be seen where the enemy is making his way as fast as possible northward, in all probability harassed by outposts of French and American troops and by artillery fire and the machine guns and bombs of the Allied aviators.

While the debacle in the south seems complete, in the north the Germans also are facing a crisis. Everywhere from Peronne to Ypres Field Marshal Haig's men are keeping hard after the enemy,

whose line daily is being bent back further eastward, giving the British better points of vantage from which to work in the task of regaining as their first objective St. Quentin, Cambrai, Lille, Armentieres. From Ypres to Lens additional towns have been re-captured and the old salient more nearly reclaimed.

Eastward of the old Droocourt-Queant line the enemy has been pushed across to the east bank of the Canal Du Nord, where at last accounts he was endeavoring to prevent by the use of innumerable machine guns a British advance over the ditch.

To the north of Peronne, over an eight-mile front between Moislains and Denicourt, the British at several points have entered the enemy's lines across the canal, and, Wednesday night, were pressing the enemy well to the eastward.

The clerks of the peace in the various municipalities are appointed by the government, and the respective municipalities pay their salaries, and in the case of sheriffs the municipalities contribute to their salaries.

It was also contended by the government that the city of St. John received into its own treasury all the fees resulting from police court activities. Many years ago the city of St. John decided upon this policy, so in reality the salary of the police magistrate paid out of the fees produced from the court, and the city when it changed the scheme did so for its own benefit.

The session will resume this morning at 10 o'clock. Those present were Hon. W. E. Foster, Hon. J. P. Byrne, Hon. J. P. Ventol, Hon. E. A. Smith, Hon. C. W. Robinson, Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Hon. W. Roberts and Hon. Robert Murray.

LOYAL RUSSIANS UNITE WITH CZECHO-SLOVAKS
Washington, Sept. 4.—A Czecho-Slovak officer has arrived at Archangel with word that 80,000 loyal Russians are operating with the 40,000 Czecho-Slovak forces moving westward along the Trans-Siberian railroad and Ekaterinburg. The news reached the State Department in a message from Ambassador Francis, dated August 26.

London, Sept. 4.—The British government has sent a telegram to the Bolshevik government at Moscow demanding preparation and prompt punishment of those culpable in the attack on the British Embassy at Petrograd on Saturday, when the Embassy was seized and Captain Cromie, the British attaché, was killed.

The British government threatens in the event of the failure of the Bolshevik government to give satisfaction, or if there should be a repetition of acts of violence, to make the members of the Soviet government individually responsible and have them treated as outlaws by civilized nations.

DOLLAR WORTH ABOUT HALF.
Washington, Sept. 5.—Comparison of food prices prevailing now with those of five years ago shows that the purchasing power of a dollar bill has shrunk to fifty-four cents in Washington, fifty-nine cents in New York and Chicago, and sixty-three cents in San Francisco, according to a statement by the Department of Labor.

Food which could be bought for \$1 in July, 1913, now costs \$1.85 in Washington, \$1.84 in Baltimore, \$1.77 in Philadelphia, \$1.68 in New York, \$1.56 in Chicago, and \$1.48 in San Francisco.

In the one-year food period from July, 1917, to July, 1918, food prices advanced 22 per cent in San Francisco, 20 per cent in Washington and Philadelphia, 20 per cent in Baltimore, 17 per cent in New York, and 11 per cent in Chicago.

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Showed Value Of Organization

Fine Address by R.M.A. Treasurer at Convention—Illustrated Lecture by W. H. Farley in Evening

The opening day of the provincial Retail Merchants Association convention was marked with two addresses of unusual interest and value yesterday.

In the afternoon Henry Watters, Dominion treasurer, spoke on the value of organization and in the evening W. H. Farley of Dayton, Ohio, gave a lecture illustrated by stereopticon and moving pictures on some causes of failure and how to avoid them.

H. Watters, in prefacing his address on the need of organization amongst the retail merchants said that the evil to be guarded against was a just increased power. He went on to tell of what the Ontario and Ontario branch of the organization had accomplished by a thorough system of district branches, which had created the power to obtain from the government a reduction of \$25 on a proposed license of \$50 for Ottawa wholesalers.

He expounded the folly of the cry to cut out the middleman and explained that the social development specialists became necessary and the producer could not be the seller also. He also said that labor organizations have to their credit and said that a Dominion-wide organization of retail merchants would be a real power and could come before the Federal government to ask with authority for the licensing of all merchants in order to prevent unsuitable persons from starting in business and to prevent the big establishments from overpowering the retail houses through unfair prices.

He also urged that an educational propaganda be carried out through the schools and colleges. Retail merchants, he said, supplied the necessities of humanity and were interested in everything that interested the community.

After a very hearty vote of thanks had been tendered to Mr. Watters for his excellent address, the motion picture of William Hawker, the treasurer, A. A. McIntyre, read a most satisfactory report and was much complimented on the improved financial standing of the Association since the last convention. In her report the secretary, Mrs. F. P. Alward, referred to the fact that the New Brunswick Branch now has more than 500 members and twenty-one organizations, the Montreal branch being especially noteworthy, as it possesses one hundred members.

W. Hawker moved the hearty vote of appreciation which were given to the treasurer and the secretary.

At the evening session, F. W. Daniel presided and introduced the lecturer, W. H. Farley. Mr. Farley approached his subject of "The Retail Merchant as a Merchant" by first giving some figures as to the number of failures which occur in retail businesses in Canada and the next gave an abundance of excellent advice as to how a retail business can be made to run smoothly both from the point of view of the proprietor and the clerk.

Lawyers Urge Divorce Courts

Montreal, Sept. 4.—When the Canadian Bar Association resumes its sessions tomorrow, having elected its new board of officers, it is understood that other members of the Montreal bar will propose that in view of the close proximity of the United States and Canada in war matters, as well as in a work for peace purposes, the next meeting of the Canadian Bar Association be held at a point within the United States, probably Chicago.

This afternoon when the time arrived for the election of officers, Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, was re-elected honorary president, while Sir James Aikins, K.C., of Winnipeg, was also re-elected as president. Other officers elected were: E. Fabre Sarveyor, K.C., Montreal; John F. Ord, K.C., Ottawa, honorary treasurer; R. Grant Wynipie, and J. D. P. Lewis, St. John, associated secretaries, with R. J. MacLennan, Toronto, secretary-treasurer.

Montreal, Sept. 4.—The question of whether the federal government should be asked to establish a uniform divorce law for the whole of the Dominion of Canada and either set up a special court to deal with the matter or give power to all the provinces of Canada to handle it was discussed at the annual meeting of the Canadian Bar Association this morning.

The debate arose on a recommendation of the committee on the administration of justice, which was as follows: "As the courts in certain provinces have jurisdiction over contracts of marriage and their dissolution or breach, while in other relief is only obtainable through parliament, the time has come when the courts of all provinces, save Quebec where treaty rights may be a genuine obstacle, should have this jurisdiction or the parliament of Canada should establish divorce courts."

F. R. Taylor, of St. John, held the view that any advocate who had appeared before the senate committee realized the difficulties that were in existence and his belief was that a federal measure would not facilitate divorces or encourage them, but give more power to the courts to deal with them.

The ex-attorney-general for New Brunswick, J. E. M. Baxter, said there should be no cheapening or weakening of divorce laws, for it should only be granted on the highest grounds, but those grounds should be the same for all people. There should be one court with as few judges as possible, because they did not want in Canada such scenes as disgraced some of the courts in the United States.

REV. DR. ROBERTSON TO WED GIRL HE BAPTIZED
British Army Chaplain Engaged to Miss Robertson Wotherspoon, Scotch Singer, Aged 21.

New York, Sept. 5.—Announcement of the engagement of the Rev. John Robertson, LL. D., and Miss Robertson Wotherspoon, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wotherspoon of Glasgow, Scotland, is made.

The Rev. Mr. Robertson baptized his bride-to-be twenty-one years ago in the City Temple of Glasgow and she was then named for his wife, who died five years ago. She is a well-known singer in Scotland, and sang at Dr. Robertson's war missions among the British fourth having fallen at the first battle of the Somme.

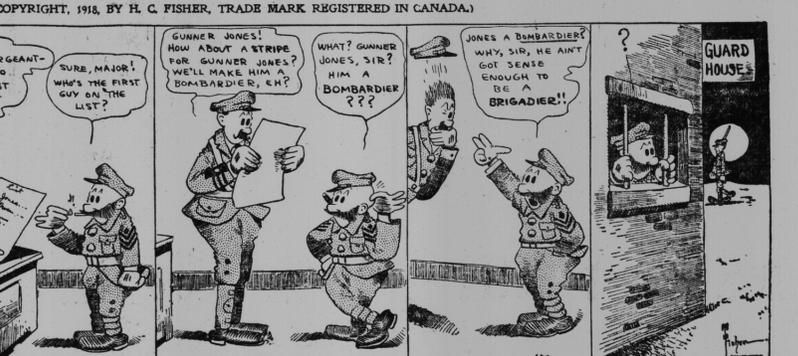


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THERE is a call reaching Canada NOW. It comes from the bloody fields of France; from the lips of our loved ones "Over There." It is to YOU—to every big-hearted, loyal Canadian in every rank of our great Nation.
The pick of our man-hood, the pride of our hearts, are NOW, this minute, enduring all the anguish of a man-made hell. They are wounded, bleeding, dying that YOU might live. They have fought, suffered, given all, feeling that every heart they left behind would gladly come to their rescue to comfort and relieve the agonies of their illustrious sacrifice.
We are carrying to you, from out the awful abyss of battle, their plea for YOUR support, YOUR encouragement, YOUR assistance. By circulars, by announcements, by personal solicitations during the week of September 15th to 23rd, we are bringing to you their appeal for help which they so badly need. We know that YOUR response will be fully worthy of the loyal hearts for whom our heroes fight.
September 15th to 23rd
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Dominion Wide Army Hut Appeal
Canadian Headquarters, 95 Laurier Ave., West, Ottawa, Ont.

MUTT AND JEFF—THE WEATHER WAS LIKE MUTT'S STORY, VERY PUNK
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