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JAPANESE TROOPS WILL GO TO RUSSIA'S AID SIXTY PER CENT. INCREASE IN PENSIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT OTTAWA First Canadian Conscripts

GERMANS WILL NOT GO AHEAD TO PETROGRAD

Aim of Blow Was Riga, Perhaps Reval, But No Farther. HOW CITY WAS TAKEN Russian Troops Were Contaminated by Propaganda of Pacifists.

Berlin, via London, Sept. 4.—The supplementary statement from general headquarters tonight says: "The Russians have been thrown back over the Aa River in Livonia. Dismantling has been evacuated by the enemy."

London, Sept. 4.—Reuter's Petrograd correspondent says the German attack on Riga had been anticipated for a considerable time, and that the evacuation of the principal establishments already had been proceeded with and the town, owing to the slight resistance expected from the troops on the northern front, was elsewhere.

The offensive began September 1. The artillery preparations commenced at five o'clock in the morning with sniping shells and gas waves. The bombardment lasted six hours, being particularly intense in the region of Uxkull. At eleven o'clock in the morning under cover of his artillery fire, the enemy threw his first pontoon across the Dvina. Two of his bridges were destroyed by Russian batteries.

Throughout the afternoon bitter struggles took place, the loyal element among the Russian troops constantly counter attacking, and advancing against the enemy, their flags unfurled and singing the Marseillaise. During the night, however, the Germans having received reinforcements, compelled the Russians to retire to the north of the line of Uxkull-Oger.

At five o'clock in the evening Riga was subjected to the fire of the main heavy artillery, which caused serious damage to the town and numerous casualties among the remaining population.

The news of the evacuation of Riga produced a great impression in Petrograd and there was a considerable fall in prices on the bourse. Genl. Theaters Petrograd. Colonel Shumsky, military critic of the Petrograd Bourse Gazette, who is on a visit to England, writes concerning the evacuation of Riga, says the German offensive there cannot be carried to a point at which it will seriously threaten Petrograd.

An offensive movement of over 400,000 men, Col. Shumsky says, would require not less than two months and in the next two or three weeks the rainy season and bad roads will render impossible any movement on Petrograd this year. The routes leading to the capital are protected, not only by the line of the Dvina, but also by strong positions formed by the lake system and the Dvina, which are well fortified. It is incredible that the Germans can overcome these obstacles before the rainy season, the writer adds, even if they do not meet with serious resistance from the Russians.

Col. Shumsky says there are not sufficient German forces on the eastern front for a great expedition of the kind required to reach Petrograd and he doubts the idea of the Germans landing a big army for an attack. "The aim of the German blow," Col. Shumsky concludes, "is Riga, and perhaps Reval, which is scarcely possible, but no farther."

JAPS READY TO AID. Genl. Theaters, Petrograd, says Russian circles in Berne and Geneva the fall of Riga was predicted a week ago when the archives and treasures were moved inland to Pskov, who is the ships left Riga for Reval. Riga was known as a hotbed of Lenin pacifists and also of German agents. The Munich Neueste Nachrichten says that a large Japanese force is concentrated on the Manchurian frontier ready to come to the assistance of the Russians.

TASK NOT DIFFICULT. Copenhagen, Sept. 4.—German correspondents on the Riga front say that the next offensive on that front, which was mapped out according to a favorite plan of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, had been prepared for a long time. Von Hindenburg in the recent movements visited the front on several occasions.

The German papers comment gleefully on the capture of this "German city" and declare that with God's help Riga will now eternally remain German.

CANADIAN PENSIONS WILL BE INCREASED

Order-in-Council Soon to Be Issued at Ottawa Will Provide for Sixty Per Cent. Additional Payments to Veterans.

A 60 per cent. increase in the pensions to be paid members of the Canadian expeditionary force is to be granted by an order-in-council, to be passed in Ottawa within the next few weeks. This Dominion Government announcement of such a large pension increase, amounting to many millions of dollars, was made by Lieut. A. C. Machell, vice-president and adjutant, and J. J. Shanahan, treasurer of the Great War Veterans' Association, when they attended a cabinet meeting at Ottawa last Wednesday, as executive representatives of the G. W. V. A. They in turn made the announcement to the returned soldiers at the general meeting of the G. W. V. A., held in the Guild Hall, McGill street, last night.

BRITISH GUNS COMPEL CLEARING OF FLANDERS

Germans Evacuate Western Section as Far as Courtrai-Thourout Line—Roulers Continues Under Bombardment.

Paris, Sept. 4.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Hazebrouck says: "Western Flanders is being evacuated as far as the line of Courtrai-Thourout (this line running to the east respectively of Ypres and Dixmude). It was learned today that many refugees are being cared for at Ghent, large numbers of them arriving from Roulers (eastward of Ypres), where the British are bombarding ceaselessly. "The population of Courtrai has been told that the orders from Berlin were to leave if they desire, and a majority of them have departed. Refugees from northern France and Flanders are going to Limbourg. A Havas despatch says: Information reaching the Belgian Government from beyond the lines shows that what is left of Belgian manufacturing machinery is being systematically taken out of the country or destroyed when not removed. The machinery has been taken from all the factories in La Providence and other nearby places during the past fortnight. When the manager of the Providence Mills protested to the German officer in command against the proceeding he was told that the orders from Berlin were to empty Belgium of its manufacturing resources so that nothing could be produced there, the advice state.

RUSSIANS TO STOP GERMAN ADVANCE

But Position of New Defensive Line Cannot Yet Be Stated.

PETROGRAD COMMENT Newspapers Agree Capital is in No Immediate Danger.

Petrograd, Sept. 4.—The Petrograd morning papers agree on the gravity of the situation created by the fall of Riga, the only bright feature in which is a report from the commissary of the northern army to the council of deputies which declares that the army fought valiantly, although overwhelmed by the enemy's heavy artillery and gases, and, although compelled to retreat, preserves its fighting spirit.

Most of the newspapers are of the opinion that the fall of Riga in itself does not threaten Petrograd. For such an operation, says The Rech, Von Hindenburg has on the north only seven divisions. The Rech criticizes the council of deputies for opposing the restoration of capital punishment at the rear. "It is not believed that the southern section of the Dvina front, between Dvinsk and Friedrichstadt, is threatened, as this forms a salient well to the east of Riga."

Genl. Theaters, assistant minister of war, says that measures are being taken to halt the German advance, but that it is not possible yet to state the position of the new defensive line.

The Last Warning. The Russia Volta expresses fear that the next German operations will be against Minsk. Riga's fall, declares the paper, is the last warning. The Russia Volta expresses fear that the revolution, as the monarchists must be reorganized at once, and asserts that the enemy is marching on Petrograd. Izvestiya, the organ of the council of deputies, interprets the fall of Riga as meaning that to obtain peace Russia must appeal to the peoples, for the German emperor can deal only with arms in his hand. At a meeting of the council of deputies one speaker declared that the loss of the Riga front was a new blow to the revolution, as the monarchists would exploit this misfortune for the purposes of agitation.

CANADIANS CARRY MORE LENS POSTS

Advanced Line Moves Forward Another Eighth of Mile.

BETTER OBSERVATION

Germans Abandon First-Line Trenches for Shell Holes.

By Stewart Lyon. Canadian Headquarters, Sept. 4.—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 800 yards, the establishing of a new outpost line well in advance of those formerly occupied, and the killing and wounding of many of the enemy. A number of prisoners were taken belonging to the second Prussian Guard Reserve Regiment. The result of the operation, which was carried out by men of Manitoba and Alberta battalions, with little loss, is that in the region due north of Lens our outpost line has been advanced some 250 yards nearer the city than before, and is in a more favorable position for observation. While this operation was in progress another party of our men advanced eastward for a considerable distance along the enemy's communication trenches on the north of Lens. Heavy shelling by our artillery in the Lens sector has forced the Germans to abandon their first-line defenses and shell holes instead. Several large explosions were heard in Lens last night and this morning.

WHITE REPLIES TO SHAUGHNESSY

Says C.P.R. President is Under a Complete Misapprehension.

PERSONAL INVESTMENTS

These Will Be Not Be Included in Valuation of C.N.R.

Ottawa, Sept. 4.—The following statement was issued tonight by Sir Thomas White: My attention has been called to a statement appearing in today's press by Lord Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, in connection with the acquisition by the government of the capital stock of the Canadian Northern Railway Company. In the course of his remarks Lord Shaughnessy makes the following assertions:

It is true that the acquisition of the Canadian Northern Railway Company by the government was discussed by representatives of the parties concerned, but the discussion was at the instance of members of the Dominion cabinet. "After a time it was evident that no leading position and negotiations were dropped. I desire to say that Lord Shaughnessy is under a complete misapprehension as to the origin of the negotiations referred to, which were initiated by the two companies themselves and not by the government. We became aware that such negotiations had been initiated and that they involved as a part of the transaction the surrender of the forty million dollars of stock of the Canadian Northern Company held by the Dominion Government. In one or more interviews I discussed the matter with Mr. Beatty, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. My conclusion was that the transaction was impracticable and I so informed Mr. Beatty, suggesting at the same time that nothing should be done in the matter pending a full consideration by the government of the report of the railway commission which had come to hand some time before. After giving the reports its best consideration the government determined to acquire the capital stock of the Canadian Northern Company, and introduced to parliament the necessary legislation to that effect. Lord Shaughnessy refers to a "personal investment in unfortunate ventures such as coal mines, lumber mills, blast furnaces and other works alleged to have been undertaken for the advantage of the Canadian Northern enterprise, but being in fact private speculations of the promoters of the railway company."

NEW CROP FALL WHEAT COMES ON THE MARKET

First Authentically Reported Sale Brings Price Above Official Quotation.

Scattered transactions have no doubt occurred in Ontario in new fall wheat, but the first authentic trade which has come to the attention of The World was reported yesterday by Jas. Richardson & Co. A carload of Ontario No. 2 fall wheat was sold by this firm at \$2.25 per bushel, outside. The price committee of the Toronto Board of Trade quotes the same grade of wheat at \$2.15 to \$2.20.

CONSCRIPTS IN KHAKI BY END OF NOVEMBER



Sir Robert Borden (Miss Camille Clifford, the actress) was married to Capt. J. Evans, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, in London recently. Gen. Lyndhurst Bruce was killed early in the war.

Sir Robert Borden Makes Declaration to Great War Veterans' Association of Intention to Call Men Out at Once.

By November 27 the first class of conscripts raised under the Military Service Act will be in khaki. This is a declaration made by Sir Robert Borden to representatives of the executive of the Great War Veterans' Association when they attended a conference with the Dominion cabinet at Ottawa on August 29.

Sir Robert assured the G.W.V.A. representatives, Vice-President A. C. Machell and Treasurer J. J. Shanahan, that within ninety days of the date of the conference the first Canadian conscripts would be in khaki. The G.W.V.A. executive officers passed the announcement as to the 250 members of the association who attended the general meeting held in the Guild Hall last night. The news was received with great enthusiasm by the war veterans.

Last night's meeting of the G.W.V.A. occupied three hours. A large portion of the time was spent in discussing the report of the executive regarding the preliminary organization work already accomplished.

Lieut.-Col. E. B. Hardy and Vice-President A. C. Machell pointed out to the members that the organization of a business headquarters and staff, already accomplished, would be of incalculable value to which to draw the attention of the members of the city council when the executive of the G. W. V. A. asks acquiescence in the vote of \$15,000 to the association and also when the executive asks the Ontario Government to make a grant of \$25,000. The organization reports of the executive were ratified by the meeting.

BORDEN TO ENFORCE MILITARY SERVICE ACT

Premier of Canada Opposes Deserting Troops on Quibble.

Montreal, Sept. 4.—Rumors that the Military Service Act would not be enforced are described by Sir Robert Borden, in a letter to a correspondent here, as baseless.

The prime minister also says: "I am unable to share apprehensions as to the effect of this law in this country. "We have sent the Canadian expeditionary force to the battle front in the name of Canada; it is idle and shameless hypocrisy to pretend, as the chief objection to this law do, that because these men went voluntarily we have no obligation to support them. We encouraged them to go; we organized, trained and equipped them. They have offered themselves for the supreme sacrifice on our behalf. More than thirty thousand of them are under the sod, having died that we may live and that our independence may be preserved. To desert them now on the ground of a quibble that they were merely volunteers would be as ignoble an evasion of moral responsibility as any country in all history was ever guilty of. It would be a far worse fate for our country than any that has yet been seriously suggested as possible."

DINEEN'S DURING EXHIBITION.

Mr. William Dineen, President of the Messrs. W. & D. Dineen, furriers of Toronto, upon being asked why the firm did not have a display at the Canadian National Exhibition this year, replied that with their factories running at full strength the large number of wholesale orders being daily received, combined with their largely increased retail trade, it would have taxed their staff too heavily to have made an adequate display but Mr. Dineen remarked their company had made provision for the reception of their out-of-town customers at their store and showrooms at the corner of Yonge and Temperance streets, where a larger and more complete line of ladies' and men's furs could be seen than would be found in a fair exhibit. The President of this well-known fur and hat house said they would be pleased to have their patrons call when in the city so that they might better appreciate the immense stock they have to choose from.

CANADIANS PRESS ON OUTER EDGE OF LENS

Two Raiding Parties Drive in German Outposts Two Hundred and Fifty Yards in Attack in Bright Moonlight.

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 Cite Sainte 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 Canadians' positions and the buildings of the city proper."

UNITED STATES URGED TO WAR ON AUSTRIA

Patriotic Education League Wants Vast Supply of Munitions Sent to Italy to Enable Her to Complete Victory.

Washington, Sept. 4.—A statement issued by the Patriotic Education Society urges that the United States should declare war immediately upon Germany's allies, asserting that the German secret service is relying largely upon Austrians and Bulgarians for information from this country, and asking "if this is a war of democracy against autocracy, how can we maintain friendly relations with the most despotic of the great empires—Austria-Hungary?" Instead of refraining from a declaration of war against Austria in order to leave the door open for separate peace, the society argues, the United States should take a surer road to peace by lending full support in war materials to the great Italian drive thru Gerzica. The statement says in part: "All of the reasons that made it necessary for America to offer to sacrifice the lives of her youth and to pledge her entire resources to a war to the finish with the Hohenzollerns, demands a similar declaration against the Hapsburgs. The Hapsburgs have shown the same absolute disregard of the rights of small nations. Austrian armies have committed the same outrages in Serbia as the German armies have committed in Belgium. "Every day's delay in declaring war upon Austria-Bulgaria and Turkey not only puts off the ultimate victory; it is a source of actual danger to American homes. The embargoes of these allies of Germany, with their privileges of sending code messages,

MONTE SAN GABRIELE CAPTURED BY ITALIANS

London Paper Receives Advice of Another Important Victory.

London, Sept. 5.—The Italians have captured Monte San Gabriele, according to advices to The Daily Mail.