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GERMANS HELD UP AT KOVNO AND REPULSED SOUTH OF RIGA

Bulgaria Demands Large Section of Macedonia From Serbia

MAJOR-GENERAL HUGHES FINDS CANADIANS IN EXCELLENT SPIRITS AT THE FRONT

FIND CANADIANS IN MAGNIFICENT TRIM AT FRONT

General Sam H[illegible] and Party Pay Visit to [illegible]minion's Fighting Men

POPULAR WITH OTHERS

British Soldier Displays Greatest Devotion and Courage in History

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—Major-General Sam Hughes received a number of newspapermen tonight to whom he gave a description of his visit extending over eight days to the front. His party crossed over to France and returned to England in destroyers, among those accompaning him being Lord Brooke, Sir Max Aitken, Colonel Carrick and Capt. Guest.

General Hughes paid a tribute to the efficiency of the transport service.

While visiting the Canadian division, he was accompanied by Prince Alexander of Teck. He found the Canadians in excellent spirits. He remarked, "I gave the lads some cheery words, but really they did not need any cheering up."

He stayed three nights with Field Marshal Sir John French and he had the honor of being received by the King of the Belgians. He met General Joffre and General Foch.

French Soldiers Splendid.

French soldiers, General Hughes added, are splendid and fully alive to their work. General Hughes incidentally added, that on his mother's side his ancestors were French soldiers. Furthermore, he met General Seely who had the opportunity of welcoming him as commander of the Canadian troops.

Referring to the British troops, Gen. Hughes said: "The British soldier has always been a marvelous man, but not in the history of the world and in none of Britain's wars have there been greater heroism, pluck, devotion and courage displayed than in this war. The inspiration which they have is not simply to thrash the Germans, but to beat them to preserve the spirit of liberty."

Canadians Popular.

Speaking of the relations between the Canadian troops and others at the front, Gen. Hughes remarked: "What charmed me was not only the popularity of the Canadians with the British forces, but also the excellent way in which the Canadians got on with the people of the country both in France and Belgium. There is no doubt about the popularity of the boys in England."

There will be an inspection of Canadian troops Monday by Princess Alexandra of Teck.

ADMIRALTY TO BUY NOVA SCOTIA COAL

Sir Robert Borden Reveals New Source of Supply for Navy

LORD KITCHENER SEEN

Interview Held With War Minister and Chancellor of Exchequer

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—In the course of his discussions with the government departments here Sir Robert Borden, Canadian premier, has brought forward the ability of Nova Scotia to supply coal of equal quality to the best South Wales article. The provincial agent-general is in communication with the admiralty on the same subject.

Sir Robert Borden had an interview today with Lord Kitchener and also the chancellor of the exchequer.

Sir Robert also visited the Wandsworth Hospital and addressed a gathering of about 250 British Canadians and Australians. He afterwards met each of the Canadian officers and men. Sir Robert is going to Bexley Heath tomorrow to call on Sir Charles Tupper. He will also visit the hospitals in the vicinity.

WEST'S CROPS BEST KNOWN

By a Staff Reporter.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 13.—Just arrived. All indications are for a bumper crop in every province. Cannot describe the greatness of present prospects. An employe of the C. P. R. for the past eight years between Toronto and Vancouver says the present crop is the best ever. I saw grain cut in every province. The weather is fine and hot all the way. I never saw more optimistic Canadians than those interviewed from Winnipeg west. The Vancouverites are looking forward to a prosperous time this fall.

T. Williamson.

ITALIANS DESTROY ENEMY SUBMARINE

Austrian Undersea Boat U-3 Sunk in Lower Adriatic Sea

COAST BOMBARDED

Railway, Signal Stations, Factories, Towns Shelled by Huns

ROME, via Paris Aug 13.—The ministry of marine tonight made public the following official communication:

"Yesterday morning in the lower Adriatic the Austrian submarine boat U-3 was sunk. The second officer and eleven men of the crew were saved and made prisoners."

AUSTRIAN COSTAL RAID.

VIENNA, via London, Aug 13.—The following official communication was issued today:

"The naval commander reports that early Wednesday our ships bombarded the Italian littoral railway from Molfetta to Seno San Giorgio. At Molfetta four factories and two railway viaducts were heavily bombarded. One viaduct was shattered and one factory set on fire.

"At San Spirito the station and several depots were burned to the ground.

At Vari the castle signal station and five factories were bombarded. One of the latter was destroyed. The whole of Bari was covered with clouds of dust and some of the population was panic-stricken. Italian guns of medium calibre fired ineffectively on our destroyers. An attack by a hostile submarine also failed.

THIRTY MILLION PEOPLE WILL BE ENROLLED SOON

Great Britain's National Registration Will Take Place Sunday Next

FORMS DISTRIBUTED

Machinery Rapidly Created for Great Task by Registrar-General

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—All the forms for Britain's national registration have now been distributed and must be filled out during Sunday. Bernard Mallett, registrar-general of Great Britain, who carried out the entire arrangements gave today some new facts concerning the workings of the scheme.

It is essential to remember that altho continental countries all have national registration, nothing of the kind has ever been attempted here. The censor applies only to householders who must give the names of all people staying in the house on a particular date. But these forms must be filled out by every person between the ages of 15 and 65.

New Machinery Set Up.

"We have no government machinery for such a task. No government department could handle it alone. We thought of using the police, but they are far too overburdened with work, besides being mainly under parochial control. Consequently we have been obliged to set up new machinery, and, as the act of parliament was not passed until the end of July, we have scarcely had time to do the whole thing.

"We estimate that 25,000,000 must fill in the form, but we distributed 30,000,000 against contingencies. More than 200,000 enumerators will be employed in the distribution, explanation and collection of the forms which have been printed in numerous languages, including Chinese. We hope to have the calculated results by the end of next week, while expecting that the 2000 local registers from which the central register is to be compiled to be ready a fortnight later.

Cost Comparatively Small.

"Altho the printing is enormous, we hope to complete the register for a comparatively small sum. I expect the total expense not to exceed $250,000 but the outside limit, which I do not believe it is possible to reach, will be $500,000. We are able to do the work thus cheaply because of the enormous amount of voluntary help placed at our disposal. It seems as tho everyone with their time available has volunteered to aid us.

"Altho our time has been so short we have been able to establish a central instruction school for enumerators in London, later sending them out thru the provinces to give advice. By this means we expect to have the register completed in record time."

KOVNO ATTACKS ABANDONED BY GERMAN FORCE

Teutons in Riga Region Also Driven Back by Russian Force

TOWNS EVACUATED

Sokolow, Siedlce, Lukow Given Up by Withdrawing Muscovites

PETROGRAD, via London, Aug. 13.—The Russian war office, in an official communication tonight, admits the evacuation of the Towns of Sokolow, Siedlce and Lukow, to the east of Warsaw, but announces that the Germans in the region of Riga have been driven back, and that near Kovno, under the pressure of the Russians, they have abandoned their attack.

The communication says:

"In the region southeast of Mitau the Germans have been driven back by our troops beyond the River Aa. In the course of the enemy's retreat we made prisoners. In the direction of Jacobstadt, Dvinsk and Vilkomir we have also continued to press the enemy, overcoming his desperate resistance.

"In the Kovno district the Germans have temporarily abandoned their attack. An artillery engagement continues.

Troops Make Good Retreat.

"On the front between the Narew and the Bug our counter attack delivered on the 11th has helped our

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ITALY TO LIMIT PRICE OF WHEAT

Disclosure of Plan Led to Sharp Break at Chicago

CONTRACTS DROPPED

Italy Unlikely to Buy More U. S. Wheat for Some Time

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—Authoritative explanation was obtained tonight for the sensational action of exporters in suddenly cancelling during the last 48 hours contracts for large amounts of wheat purchased in the United States, roundly estimated at two million bushels. The announcement of the cancellation caused wheat prices to break wildly here today, the downward plunge at one time amounting to as much as 4c to 4 1-8c a bushel, smashing the market to $1.07 for the September delivery.

Most of the contracts cancelled were on wheat that had been intended for Italy. The buyers, according to one of the largest exporters here, found all prospective profits cut off by a plan of the Italian Government to fix maximum prices or otherwise circumvent speculation.

How It Happened.

A careful statement of the situation resulting was made this evening by an exporter. He says that what has happened is probably this: "There has been in the last few weeks quite a large amount of wheat bought by Italian firms or private individuals, and to such parties the Italian Government may have issued an order prohibiting or regulating speculation by the Italian grain dealers with millers and consumers thruout the kingdom. On this account the Italian importer may have figured greater advantage in sacrificing his profit on purchases from the United States than in letting the contracts be shipped showing good paper profits, but which and more might be lost by efforts of the Italian Government to give the consumer as cheap wheat as possible. Much of the wheat bought by Italy last winter was sold to the consumer at cost.

"Just now, the Government of Italy is not likely to buy wheat in the United States, not only because they think our prices are too high, but on account of high exchange."

Earlier reports attributed the sensational break in wheat to a belief that the Dardanelles would soon be forced.

ALLIES EXERT FURTHER PRESSURE UPON SERBIA

Assistance When Peace Negotiations Are Reached Promised in Return for Concessions to Bulgaria.

ROME, Aug. 13.—It was learned here today on good authority that representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy and Russia are exerting further pressure on Serbia in the hope of inducing her to make the desired territorial concessions to Bulgaria. Serbia has been reminded of the support which she has received since the beginning of her difficulties with Austria last year.

Assurances have been given to Serbia that the allies will assist her at the time of peace negotiations provided she now yields to their desires.

Monsignor Jos. J. McCann Passed Away Last Night

Late Vicar General Held Many High Positions in Catholic Church and Founded St. Mary's Club for Young Men.

After an illness extending over about three weeks, Monsignor Joseph McCann died at 7.15 last night at the residence of the vicar-general, McDonnell square.

About three weeks ago, according to Dr. Charles McKenna, the attending physician, the late vicar suffered a hemorrhage of the brain, which left him quite ill. Another followed a week ago and since that time he was in a more or less comatose condition and his recovery was considered doubtful.

Body Lie in State.

The body of the late Monsignor McCann will lie in state at St. Mary's Church, Bathurst street, from 1.30 p.m. Sunday till 10 a.m. Monday. It will then be taken to St. Michael's Cathedral, where His Grace Archbishop McNeil will sing the Requiem Mass.

Mgr. Joseph J. McCann was born in Fort Hope, Ont., June 6, 1844. He was educated at St. Michael's College, Toronto, and the Grand Seminary, Montreal. His first pastorate was in St. Catharines in the years of 1867-8 He was stationed at Gore Parish, County of Peel, in 1869.

The late vicar-general was made a domestic prelate by his holiness in 1909, and was vicar-general of the archdiocese of Toronto for a number o fyears.

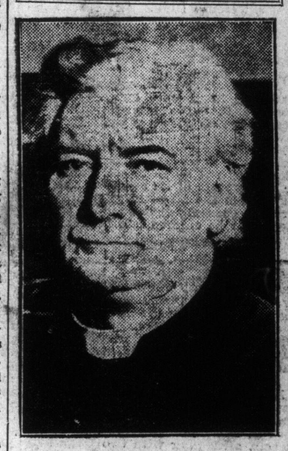
He was widely known and respected, and was noted for his exceptional gifts as a speaker. For a number of years he was chairman of the separate school board, and was the founder and benefactor of St. Mary's Club for young men, having personally borne a great deal of the expense attached to building the clubhouse.

He has served as pastor at Oshawa and at St. Helen's, St. Michael's Cathedral and St. Mary's, Toronto.

Funeral on Monday.

The funeral will take place on Monday morning at 11 o'clock from St. Michael's Cathedral, when his grace Archbishop McNeil, will participate. The Rev. T. J. Sullivan of Thorold will act as deacon, and the Rev. H. Gibbony of Alliston as sub-deacon. The deacons of honor will be the Very Rev. Dean Harris and the Rev. F. J. Harold of New York. The sermon will be preached by Rev. G. A. Williams.

DIED LAST NIGHT



Vicar-General McCann, well-known prelate, who succumbed to paralytic stroke.

FIRST FALL WHEAT ON TORONTO MARKET

Farmer of Scarboro Township Has Won Enviable Distinction

To J. Stirling of Aginoourt, Scarboro Township, is awarded the honor of marketing the first load of fall wheat on the Toronto market. The wheat was harvested prior to the big rain and was an excellent sample. It weighed 62 pounds to the bushel and was bought by J. Phillips for the L. Coffee Company at $1.10 a bushel. Farmer Stirling is evidently one of those trying to do his duty to the empire.

BULGARS WANT OVER MUCH FOR SERBS TO GIVE

Certain Diplomats Believe Flat Refusal Coming to Bulgaria's Demands

SHARE OF MACEDONIA

Twenty-One Hundred Square Miles of Territory Wanted

LONDON, Aug. 12.—(Delayed by censor).—There are strong indications that Serbia will give a flat refusal to the demands announced by the Bulgarian premier, Vassil Radoslavoff, three weeks ago, and that the hopes of the entente allies of bringing Bulgaria into the alliance will come to nought, according to some diplomats here.

Serbia's formal reply has not yet been given, but those best posted in diplomatic quarters say that Bulgaria's demands far exceed anything that Serbia could possibly yield.

The outcome is being watched with the keenest interest by the chancelleries thruout Europe, as Bulgaria is the chief obstacle to united action by the Balkan States in joining the entente allies and thus throwing the Balkan barrier between the central powers and Turkey.

Bulgars Want Land.

Bulgaria contends that by a treaty with Serbia the latter ceded to Bulgaria about 7000 square kilometres, 2125 square miles of Macedonia, which Bulgaria was compelled by the great powers to relinquish during her enfeebled condition after the second Balkan war. Bulgaria now insists that the original treaty be carried out, and that unless she secures the return of Macedonia, she will refuse to join the other Balkan states in assisting the allies.

The present issue has renewed the smoldering feuds among the Balkans and much bitterness is said to have developed in the course of negotiations all pointing to Serbia's refusal to yield Macedonia to Bulgaria withholding her support from the entente powers.

Officials of both sides say, however, that the negotiations have not yet been abandoned, and that much depends upon the attitude of the Serbian parliament which meets next Monday, altho personally they see little prospect of accord.

ITALIANS REPULSE AUSTRIAN ATTACKS

Enemy Made Great Artillery Preparations, But All in Vain

SOME GAINS MADE

Austrians Were Dislodged From Western Slopes of Monte Piana

ROME, via Paris, Aug. 13.—The following statement from the Italian general headquarters, dated Aug. 13, was made public tonight:

"In Cadore the close proximity of our lines to those of the enemy, as a result of the progress made by our recent offensive movement, has resulted in slight attacks and counter-attacks by each side.

"On the night of Aug. 11-12 the enemy, after great artillery preparation, advanced against our new positions on top of Coldilana, on upper Cordevole, but was repulsed.

"On the other hand our troops succeeded in dislodging the enemy, who was entrenched on the western slopes of Monte Piana at the head of Pallerienz.

"On the Isonzo front the enemy made demonstrations, which were easily repulsed, against our positions on the spurs of Rieme and Mrzli in the Monte Nero range and against heights recently conquered by us east of Plava.

"On the Carso front the night of the 12th during a violent storm the enemy tried to surprise our advance works most menacing to him, but without any result."

BIG GOLD STRIKE REPORTED IN TOWNSHIP OF PECUD

NORTH BAY, Ont., Aug. 13.—Commissioner Lee is the authority for the statement that a big gold strike has been discovered at Mileage 153 on the T. & N. O.

The whole Township of Pecud has been staked out, and the rush of prospectors is growing daily.

PLANT AT KINCARDINE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Patterns for Shell-Making Machinery Burned—Incendiarism Suspected

Special to The Toronto World.

KINCARDINE, Ont., Saturday, Aug. 14.—Fire believed to be of incendiary origin, completely destroyed the three-storey brick building and plant of the Hunter Bridge and Boiler Company early this morning. The company was about to start manufacturing shells. Patterns of the special machinery being installed were burned. It is thought that German sympathizers were responsible for the fire.

The loss is estimated at $20,000.

TURKS CLAIM GAIN NEAR SEDDUL BAHR

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 13.—(Via London, Aug. 14).—The war office today made public the following official communication:

"Within three days we have captured eight machine guns and munitions near Avi Burnu (on the Gallipoli Peninsula).

"Our artillery has hit a hostile warship off Avi Burnu.

"Near Seddul Bahr, on the right wing, we took trenches of a hundrde yards by storm."

WATERLOO WILL DONATE TWO MACHINE GUNS

Decided by Special Meeting of Council—Other Big Subscriptions

WATERLOO, Aug. 13.—Two machine guns will be the municipality's contribution to the empire's military forces. This was decided at a special meeting of the town council held this morning. This meeting was an adjournment from the meeting held last night when the council favored the plan of raising the money by private subscription.

SATURDAY'S FINAL.

There will be a lot of "Finals" brought off today, among them the final clean-up of Straws and Panamas at Dineen's, 140 Yonge street. The intimation made by this house—selling Summer Hats at half-price and less—means much, for there are qualities included that are not available elsewhere in Canada. That's what makes Dineen's sale unique. With the Exhibition coming along efforts are being put forward to ensure an immense fall trade, hence the imperative need of clearing summer stocks. Don't overlook the wonderful values on ground floor and basement, and get to Dineen's before the store closes at 10 tonight.

WILL ANOTHER BANK MERGER BE SANCTIONED AT OTTAWA?

The World announced yesterday that a Montreal bank was attempting to run off with an Ontario bank, or in other words a merger was in contemplation. We further announced that at a meeting of the directors of the Ontario bank concerned early this week, they had voted for the merger.

Further enquiry yesterday elicited the fact that it was the Bank of Hamilton that was to be absorbed, and that the Royal Bank of Montreal was to do the absorbing.

The announcement created a great deal of interest in financial and business circles of Toronto, and there was an almost unanimous expression of opinion that the thing should not be allowed; that it was against public interest; that it was against the Province of Ontario, where all the capital of the Bank of Hamilton originated, to transfer the control of this capital to another province, and that it tended to create a consolidation of bank capital in a few hands, and perhaps in the hands of men who thought as much of flotations as of supplying banking facilities to the public of whose money they were the custodians. This same Royal Bank is the one that absorbed the Traders' Bank of Toronto, not so long ago, and in that case also transferred the control of a large block of Ontario bank capital to Montreal. The people were assured in parliament that there would be no more such deals!

Announcements in last night's evening papers threw a good deal of light on the transaction, one of them going so far as to say that the deal had been practically concluded, and the other that the minister of finance, who was in the city yesterday, knew nothing about the proposition, altho the law is that no such deal can take place without his consent in writing. Here is what was published in The Telegram:

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