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DECIDING ACTION OF AISNE BATTLE IS BEING FOUGHT

Allies Cause Reinforced German Wing to Reel Backwards

GERMANS MET SEVERE CHECK IN FIGHTING IN EAST PRUSSIA

Sir James Whitney's Body Will Lie in State on Monday; Funeral at Morrisburg Tuesday---Possibilities WEAKENED BY RUSH OF ALLIES of Successor Discussed by Ontario Politicians.

CONTINUE DUTIES

concerned, matters w.il continue as usual for the next few days. Until Wednesday, at least, no consideration will be given to the matter of the government situation, Following the official notification of the premier's death, sent by the cabinet to the lieutenant-governor vesterday, the

tenant-governor yesterday, the ministers were instructed that their departmental duties would be resumed in the ordinary way.

The nature of their official duties will be largely confined to making the funeral arrangements and placing the members of the

CABINET MEMBERS S DEAD

Sir James Passed Away at Noon Yesterday Very Suddenly-His Body Will Lie in State at the Parliament Buildings on Monday, and Interment Will Be at Morrisburg on Tuesday.

making the funeral arrangements and placing the members of the legislature in touch with the condition of affairs. Every representative will be notified of the memorial services, and their presence is expected at the funeral. Hon. Dr. Reid and Hon. Frank Cochrane will represent the federal cabinet at the different services, altho it is understood that many members of the Ottawa House will be present to tender their personal respects. Sir James Whitney, premier of Ontario, died at his home, 113 St. George street, at noon yesterday, following a cerebral hemorrhage. The attack was sudden and unexpected both by his medical advisers and those who have een in close touch with him for the past few weeks. The news of his passing came to his associates in the midst of a council session, with the same shock as to the province at large. Ten minutes after the word of his dangerous turn had been given to the cabinet about the council board, one of the ministers was in the room with him, but he was several minutes too late. miership. There was no rally from the attack and no time granted either to summon

News Was a Great Shock. According to the statement of Hon. Dr. Pyne, who sped across the park in a car at the reception of the news, the shock to friends and relatives was accentuated by the promising condition of Sir James' health earlier in the day. He had been apporently well in the morning and had taken breakfast as usual. Altho he had shown a little restlessness, his condition was taken to be improving, and the impression grew that he might be walking about in a few days. It was the opinion of Dr. Pyne that the exertion caused by moving about his room after rising from bed hastened the end; Lady Whitney and Miss Whitney were with him during the last moments,

The cabinet met in the afternoon, and acting in conjunction with immediate friends of the family, made arrangements for the funeral.

Body to Lie in State. It was decided that in view of the intense interest of the province in the premier, the body should lie in state in the chamber of the legislature on Monday. Here the public will feel free to enter and tender last tributes of respect. On Tuesday morning a special service will be held in St. James' Cathedral, where Sir James attended, and a special train will then convey the body to Morrisburg, where interment will be made in the family buried plot. The afternoon service will take place in the Whitney Memorial Church on the banks of the St. Lawrence. At the special request of the family flora; tributes will not be sent.

The news of the premier's death spread thruout the city and province with amazing rapidity. Messengers scudding about the parliament buildings with unaccustomed celerity, the hasty despatch of telegrams and the lower-

with unaccustomed celerity, the hasty despatch of telegrams and the lowering of the flag to halfmast, soon proclaimed the event in unmistakable fashion.

At once messages of sympathy began to arrive.

Hard Blow to Mr. Foy.

One of the more pathetic instances occurred in the breaking of the news advice as to what he should do; or ne to Hon. J. J. Foy, who himself has of late been undergoing severe physical might suggest to them that the members of the prival of the members of the might suggest to them that the members of the might suggest to them that the members of the might suggest to them that the members of the might suggest to to Hon. J. J. Foy, who himself has of late been undergoing severe physical suffering. He and Sir James had been associates for more than a score of bers of the ministry get together and call all their supporters in caucus and years and their mutual friendship and esteem had never waned. The blow select a leader; and it must always be came home very hard to the attorney-general.

The whole civil service staff unite in expressions of sympathetic regard. No premier has been more revered or more universally well liked than Sir.

RUSSIANS CHECKED GERMAN ADVANCE

Attempt to Invade Section of Russian Poland Proved Fail
med ately and leave to his successor the selection of a prime minister or whether he will deal with the question had been wars with regard to which himself. Of course, the selection of t ure-Czar's Troops Successful in Several Engagements-Fire on Austrian Monitors Answer to Demand for Belgrade's Surrender.

(RUSSIAN OFFICIAL)

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Sept. 26.—(3.02 a.m.) -"That Cracow has been occupied by German troops, that the town has been put under a German military commandant, and that the Austrian civil administration has been displaced, is the gist of the latest advices received here,' says the Petrograd correspondent of The Morning Post.

"All the original administration of the town and all civil officials of the Austrian Government have left, and the residents are fleeing

GERMANS CHECKED.

Canadian Press Despatch. PETROGRAD, Sept. 25 .- The gen- situation is unchanged. cral staff has issued the following

"On September 23 the Russians

ernment of Suwalki (a government of Russian Poland bordering on Prussia) Within the circle between Scheschubchin and Vincent several engagements with the front of the enemy have resulted favorably for the Russians.

"In West Galicia there is no fighting. "The Austrian army, driven from Khyrow, continues a general retreat."

SERVIANS FIGHT STUBBORNLY. (SERVIAN OFFICIAL)

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON Sept. 26, 12.25 a.m.-An official statement received from Nish by R uter's Telegram Company says: "A severe battle continued Septem- Canadian Press Desnatch. ber 23 on the front between Zvornik and Lotznitza, and on the front from Minipja to Sabatz. Elsewhere the

"The Austrian commander sent emissaries to Belgrade demanding the surrender of the town. Our reply to this insolent demand was to order the nan venguard to advance on the gov- ters."

IN ORDINARY WAY

Active Politicians, Expecting Sir James' Death, Have Been Discussing Question Which Will Turn on Whether Sir John Gibson or His Successor Will Deal With Situation.

ome time have been expecting the canvassing more or less digently the

If He Remains. of his own motion, select anybody has sees fit, and offer him the position of prime minister; and if that person accepts the responsibility he can proceed select a leader; and it must always be remembered that the present legislature was only elected last June, and some of them have never sat in the house. Or Sir John may decide on sending for Mr. Foy or Dr. Pyne and asking either of them to form a government for the time being and thus leave it to the man thus selected to call leave it to the man thus selected to call cause." the legislature together, and later on have a caucus of the party. This would be practically an interim admin-

Other Possibilities. All these are possibilities and there are others as well; but apparently the provincial politics and especially having in view a federal election within

the next year or two at most. **BOMB NEARLY STRUCK** BELGIAN MAIL BOAT

Fragments of Projectile Fell Upon Steamer's Deck Near Ostend.

LONDON. Sept. 25, 10.10 pm .- The Belgian mail steamer Leopold II., which arrived at Folkestone today from Ostend, according to The Central News reports that she narrowly es- In their hands, declared Mr. Asquith, a bomb fell on the steamer's deck. the blackest pages of war's sombre who cannot shop earlier.

GERMANY HAS RESOURCES FOR PROLONGED STRUGGLE

Official Berlin Statement Says Country is Equipped, Economically and Financially, to Fight Unt. Political and Economic Future of Germany is

LONDON, Sept. 25, 9.17 p.m.-An Germany. official statement received from Berlin by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph

GERMANS NOW REEL BACKWARD

FIGHTING IS AT CLOSE RANGE

fight a war on allesides until results Oran. The Germans are being treate

on making Hone John Hendrie of Hame liton, a member of the administration in Queen's Park, Queurenant governor in the place of Sir John Giblon, whose term expired about a Mary so and who was asked by the Ottawa authorities to continue in office for some menths longer. It was said last night that it had already been intimated to Sir John Gibson that he might be relieved any day; and, inasmuch as he is now moving his family and their belongings to the home in Hamilton, that Sir John would prefer to be relieved of the responsibility of selecting a successor to Sir James. TO "LOYAL IRELAND"

If he remains in office he is in a way master of the situation. He can, of his own motion, select anythed. Nationalist Voluntaries Acted as Council it is a like to the situation of the situation. He can, of his own motion select anythed. Nationalist Volunteers Acted as Guard of Honor --- "We Are Not Going to Fail," Assurance of Asquith.

> Canadian Press Despatch. DUBLIN, via London, Sept. 25 .-11.30 p.m.)-Premier Asquith appeared at the mansion house here tonight

The prime minister received a tremendous welcome when he appeare at the mansion house with John E Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, and the Earl of Aberdeen, lord lienfirst thing is to know whether Sir tenant of Ireland, and his opening John Gisson is going out of office im- words aroused the greatest enthu-Of course, if he goes out of there was a diversity of opinion, but

office and leaves it to his successor to select a head for the government, a policy dealing with the successor to Sir James, more or less framed up at pire, without distinction of creed, par-Ottawa, in conjunction with certain ty or race, climate or class or section. Ottawa, in conjunction with certain members of the administration here in To onto, will be carried out. The real situation, therefore, turns on first of all whether Sir John Gibson will act under the circumstances or whether his successor will act. If it is left to his successor, his successor will be more or less influenced by the main issues of the Conservative party as a successor of the conservative party as a successor with the principle of main and in the future progress of mankind, where the conservative party as a successor with the future progress of mankind, where the conservative party as a successor with the people were united in defending the principle of main and interests which were vital, not only to the British successor will be the principle of main and interests. issues of the Conservative party as a party in erested in both federal and No Higher Cause,

"But," exclaimed the premier, "we are not going to fail." There could not be any higher cause.

said the premier, than the vindication of international good faith and protec-tion of the weak against the violence of the strong and those who preached a practical religion of force. Germany was the real responsible factor in this war. There was nothing in the quar-rel, such as it was between Austria and Servia, that could not be settled by pacific means but for the fact that in the judgment of those guiding and controlling the German policy the

history. England had worked to the last for peace. · In his appeal to Irishmen he was backed by Irishmen of all parts of the empire and the world. "The old animosities are dead. What Great Bri-tain asks, what she believes Ireland is

a free will offering of free people."

Redmond's Pledge.

Mr. Redmond, who followed, said he had profiled the Archbishop of Malines that Ireland would bring her arms and strength to avenge Louvain.
"It is Ireland's duty to fight," de-clared the frish Nationalist leader. "Great Britain has kept falth with Ireland and Ireland will keep faith with

Great Britain." Great chewds gathered in the streets of Dublin and cheered the Nationalist. Volunteers, who, armed with rifle and bayonets, acted as a guard of honor,

DO YOU ENJOY A GOOD LAUGH?

If an evening of frresistible laughter will do you good, don't fall to see the face comedy "Nearly Married," which concludes a week's engagement with a matinee and an evening performance at the Princess Theatre today.

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priced \$2, \$2.50 and \$3. There is no by pacific means but for the fact that private set, \$2.50 and \$3. There is no in the judgment of those guiding and the in Canada to compare with controlling the German policy the these Dineen lines, and all types of hour had come to strike the blow men will find the hat that most adwhich had long been deliberately prewould be well to go in and look over these values before settling on a hat elsewhere. Your v'sit will be apprecisted and your wishes treated with the the Russians of the Russians of the Russians of the Russians of the Russians treated with the checked the tentative move of the Gerardillery to fire on the Austrian moni-

Strongly Reinforced German Western Wing Is Driven Back and Line of Communication Toward Belgium Is Imperiled—Centre Also

Is Weakened in Hand-to-Hand Fighting---Russians Have Taken Outer Defences of Przemysland Seized All Passes in Carpathian Mountains--Von Kluk Attempts To Gain Lost Ground.

company says:

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A good deal of the discussion turns on the action of the ligutenant-governor, and who he may be. It was announced two days ago that the Ortswa Government had practically decided on making Hondylot had practically decided on the fact that the bank period of the reichstag from Alsace Lorratine, who has been only held their own, but raused the strongly reinforced German west-conduction to the fact that the bank period to the exception of the light and whose property has been ordered seized.

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from that position to meet the threatening movement of the allies, and two strong forces were engaged at close quarters today between St. Quentin and Tergnier.

The military authorities naturally refuse to permit the disclosure of the exact position of the fighting, but it is generally known that the battle now progressing is of prime importance.

DOGGED FIGHTING CONTINUES.

Meanwhile at other parts of the battle line, which is about 120 miles long, fighting continued today in dogged fashion. The alied troops followed the example set by the Germans and dug themselves deeply in.

The artillery of both armies kept up an incessant fire with French

The commanders of the allied forces have found reason for the

wonderful precision of the German fire in a spy discovered in their ines who signaled directions. He was caught and immediately shot. TROOPS BECOME HARDENED.

All the troops appear to have become thoroly hardened and accustomed to conditions. The commissariat and the ammunition supply departments are working perfectly. While the soldiers are occupying the advanced firing lines they are scarcely ever without one hot meal a day, which is brought to them in camp kettles from the field kitchens.

The British artillery officers praise highly the gunnery of their opponents. They declare that the German shells almost always burst at accurate range, but often too high to do damage. The soldiers take occasional spells of repose when in deep trenches, smoking pipes and cigarets, for a ration of tobacco is served regularly. Meanwhile shells tear overhead with a sound like the ripping of parchment.

TREACHERY PUNISHED.

British officers relate an incident which, they say, occurred during twil.ght last evening. A large force of German infantry, when surrounded by a British oattalion, held up their hands in token of surrender. The British approached to take them prisoners, when, it is said, the Germans reopened fire. The British officers ordered their men to lie down, which they did. Then three British machine guns were brought into action and killed every German in that portion of

TREMENDOUS STRUGGLE CONTINUES.

LONDON, Sept. 20.— I he nattie of the Aisne has resolved itself into a tremendous struggle in the neighborhood of St. Quentin, where General Von Kluk, supported by several corps from the centre and right, is making a desperate attempt to retrieve lost ground.

FIERCE FIGHTING AROUND NOYON. The official communication issued at 11 o'clock tonight, regarding the progress of the battle in northern France, says that this morning French troops in the region of Noyon were compelled to give ground before superior forces, but, having been reinforced, rgain

yet secured theirs assumed the offensive, the engagement being one of particular vio-The text of the statement follows: "First-On our left wing, in the region to the northwest of Noyon, our advanced troops, having come in contact with superior

forces of the enemy, were compelled this morning to give a little ground. Being reinforced, however, by fresh troops, these troops have vigorously resumed the offensive. The struggle in this region has taken on a character of extreme violence. GERMAN RIGHT YIELDING. "Second—In the centre there is nothing new to report.

"Third—On our right wirg the enemy has begun to give way before the attacks of our troops coming from the direction of Nancy

"In the southern region of Woevre the enemy is retiring towards Rupt de Mad (in Meurthe-et-Moselle). The action continues.
"On the heights of the Meuse the German forces have succeeded in penetrating nearly as far as St. Mihiel (on the right bank of the