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WEATHER—SHOWERY

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## BRITISH TAKE 500 YARDS OF TRENCHES NEAR LESBOEUF

### HAIG'S MEN PUSH NEARER PERONNE-BAPAUME ROAD

British Only Short Distance From Main Artery Immediately Behind German Lines North of Combles.

Germany Fiercely Contesting Ground Around Thiepval—British Lose Section of Hessian Trenches, but Quickly Drive Invaders Out—Rain Halts Activity on French Front.

Steadily the British troops are pressing forward toward the Peronne-Bapaume road, the main artery immediately behind the German lines north of Combles. After taking 500 yards of trenches southwest of Le Sara, General Sir Douglas Haig's men made additional progress in the capture of 500 yards of German trenches east of Lesbœufs.

The British occupation of territory between Thiepval and the Ancre is being contested strongly by the Germans. A German counter-attack, following the entry of the British into a section of the Hessian trenches resulted in the forcing back of the holders. The section was regained later, however, by the British, London says. Heavy fighting also has occurred around the Stuff redoubt. Rain is hampering operations on the remainder of the Anglo-French front north on the Somme, according to official statements.

Paris mentions no activity following the advance between Fregicourt and Morval toward Sailly, on the Peronne-Bapaume road.

#### QUIET IN THE OTHER WAR THEATRES.

There has been no great activity on any of the other fronts in Europe except in Transylvania, where the Austro-Germans have repulsed the Rumanians at Hermannstadt. Vienna says the Teutonic forces also have occupied the heights east and southeast of the town after violent fighting. The battle in this section, however, has not yet been finished. The intense fighting in the region of Korynizta, on the eastern front in Russia, appears to have come to an end. Berlin and Vienna say that the Russian prisoners have increased to 41 officers and 3,000 men. The forces under Prince Leopold of Bavaria here also took two cannon and 33 machine guns. Berlin records the repulse of a Russian advance near Godulchik, and Petrograd claims the defeat of a German attack near Cukalov. Fighting continues in the Carpathians, but there has been no change in the battle lines.

In Macedonia the Entente Allied troops are withstanding Bulgarian attacks. The Serbians have checked four attacks against positions on the Kalmakalan plateau, and the French have withstood assaults along the Broda river.

#### Gain of 500 Yards East of Lesbœufs.

Bulletin—London, Sept. 29.—East of Lesbœufs, on the Somme front, British troops have occupied 500 yards of German trenches, says the official statement issued by the British war office tonight. There was heavy fighting since Thiepval. The British were forced from a section of the "Hessian trench," but regained it later. The statement adds that more than 500 prisoners were taken in this fighting. The statement reads:

"Rain fell heavily today, and except for intermittent shelling, there was little activity on our centre and our right wing of the battle front. Some slight progress was made east of Lesbœufs, where we occupied 500 yards of enemy trenches.

"In the Thiepval area there was heavy fighting around the Stuff redoubt. Having taken an important section of the Hessian trenches, we were forced out of it by a counter-attack, but regained it later in the day. "In this section during the past 24 hours we have taken prisoners eight officers and 521 men.

"In spite of the weather our aeroplanes have done useful work attacking the enemy's reinforcements on the move. Yesterday enemy aircraft patrolled actively behind their own lines but showed little enthusiasm. An enemy machine was destroyed. One of our machines has not returned.

"Enemy Warship Sunk in the Danube. Bucharest, via London, Sept. 30.—The official communication issued today by the Rumanian war office follows:

"Fighting has occurred along the front, and was especially severe northwest of Boddar and north of Sibia. The enemy retreated eastward, leaving two officers and 200 men in our hands. South of Sibia (Hermannstadt) active fighting continues.

"Southern front: Our artillery sank

### SUBMARINE FREIGHTER BREMEN MET FATE IN THE ATLANTIC?

Life Preserver Marked "Bremen" Picked Up off Cape Elizabeth Yesterday—Small Crown Printed on One Side and Name of Maker in Wilhelmshafen.

Portland, Maine, Sept. 29.—A life preserver marked "Bremen," the name of the German submarine freighter which has been generally expected to arrive at some Atlantic coast port for the past week or more, was picked up on the ocean side of Cape Elizabeth today.

The name "Bremen" was stenciled in black letters two inches high on both sides of the buoy. On one side of the canvas covering was printed a small crown. Over this mark were the words "Shute-Marke," meaning "marked by trade mark." The words "Shipping-Hoven, Wilhelmshafen." This indicated, apparently, the name of the maker.

The preserver seemed to be apparently new, and had not been in the water a great length of time. It was stained with oil. An officer of the coast guard service who examined the buoy said that if the preserver had been thrown overboard by some one who thought to play a practical joke, he had done a very good job. The preserver was well made, and the lettering and the ink were of the best possible quality.

Senator Costigan died suddenly at Ottawa last night.

In Parliament or Senate Since Confederation, One of Canada's Oldest Statesmen—Funeral at Grand Falls.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 29.—Senator, the Hon. John Costigan, one of Canada's oldest statesmen, former cabinet minister of parliament or senate since Confederation, died today at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Walter Armstrong, 152 Carling avenue, in his 82nd year.

### PRES. WILSON TELLS HYPHENS HE DON'T WANT THEIR VOTE

Angered by Message Accusing Him of Pro-British Tendency Serves Notice on Disloyal Americans.

New York, Sept. 29.—Stung to anger by an avalanche of insulting and insistent communications, demanding that the government take certain action with regard to Germany, President Wilson, through the medium of a telegram addressed to Jeremiah A. O'Leary, president of the so-called American Truth Society, an organization formed for the purpose of aiding the German propaganda, today served notice on the hyphenates that he wants no "disloyal" American to vote for him. The president's message, which was in reply to a telegram from O'Leary accusing him of being pro-British, was sent from Long Branch, N. J. and reads:

"Your telegram received. I would feel deeply mortified to have you or anybody like you vote for me. Since you have access to many disloyal Americans and I have not, I will ask you to convey this message to them."

### ACCUSE U. S. OF INGRATITUDE TO GERMANY

"Great Concession" in Restricting Submarine War Not Appreciated.

NATION FAST LOSING HER NEUTRALITY

German Press Bitterly Charges Americans With Aiding the Entente Nations.

Berlin, Sept. 29, via London, Sept. 30.—Immediately on the heels of the utterance of the imperial chancellor in the Reichstag concerning the submarine campaign the afternoon newspapers generally print strong criticisms of the neutrality of the United States, based on the news of the death of the American aviator Kiffin Rockwell, and the presence of other American aviators on the western front.

They connect this evidence of American sympathy for the Allies and the supplying of war materials by firms in the United States as an indication of futility of concessions to the American standpoint with regard to submarines. They declare that these facts show how American respect for neutrality is vanishing, and how America is misusing the present form of submarine warfare to cover the active participation of American citizens in the war on the side of the Entente Allies.

The Lokal Anzeiger, in a bitter editorial, declares the United States, permitting her citizens to fight on the side of the Allies, has displayed base ingratitude toward Germany, and feels aggrieved that the "great concession" made by the Teutons to the United States in restricting her submarine warfare has not received due recognition.

### WATCHING TREND OF EVENTS IN BERLIN.

Washington, Sept. 29.—The state department is watching the trend of events in Berlin, and is keeping informed of the political movement for a fuller use of the submarine. Officials suggested today, however, that the fact of Ambassador Gerard's return at this time proved in itself that no crisis is either at hand or expected. Were that the case, it was said, the ambassador would be held in Berlin.

### TWENTY-TWO NEW BRUNSWICK MEN IN LAST NIGHT'S CASUALTY LIST; FOUR GAVE THEIR LIVES

Lance Corp. Jos. O'Brien, Newcastle; Beverly Barrett, Lower Derby; Albert D. Rossiter and Wilmot B. Hyslop of Albert Co. Fall on Field of Battle—Several St. John Men Wounded.

The casualty list sent out by the Militia Department at Ottawa last night contains over fifty names. Many New Brunswick homes, according to the list are called upon to mourn a relative. The list of New Brunswick casualties is one of the largest in weeks, containing twenty-two names. Of these four have been killed doing their duty, while eighteen others are reported wounded.

The list is as follows:

INFANTRY.  
Killed in action:  
Company Sergt. Major Michael G. Ellis, Box 596, New Glasgow, N. S.  
Pioneer Hugh D. MacDonald, Antigonish, N. S.  
Pioneer Martin Murphy, Newfoundland.  
Died of wounds:  
Lance Corporal Jos. O'Brien, Newcastle, N. B.  
Beverly N. Barrett, Lower Derby, N. B.  
Wilmot B. Hyslop, Albert county, N. B.  
Killed in action:  
Pioneer Albert D. Rossiter, Albert, N. B.  
Pioneer Otis Jabez Wiles, Simpson Corner, Lunenburg county, N. S.  
Wounded:  
James J. Griffin, Piacentia, Nfld.  
Charles Cabot, Dalhousie, N. B.  
Walter R. Cameron, 52 Albion street, Amherst, N. S.  
James Archdeacon, King street, St. John, N. B.  
Nelson J. Beaton, North Sydney, N. S.  
Frederick T. Alexander, 285 Charlotte street, St. John, N. B.  
Bruce Boisner, West Royal, P. E. I.  
James H. Brown, 33 Millidge Avenue, St. John, N. B.  
Fred Bryant, Pictou, N. S.  
James T. Logan, 98 Harrison street, St. John, N. B.  
Corporal Daniel Lawrence McBeth, Inis, P. E. I.  
Bert McDonald, Woodville Road, West St. John, N. B.  
Corporal H. McNeill, Dalhousie, N. B.  
Alex. McQuarrie, Melrose Hill, N. S.  
Robert B. Henry, Port Dufferin, N. S.  
David S. Murray, Murray Corner, N. B.  
George T. Ormrod, Pictou, N. S.  
Lieut. Oswald Jos. Larsen, Campbellton, N. B.  
John Henry Smiley, Port Dufferin, N. S.  
Cyril J. Fraser, 6 Fawson street, Halifax, N. S.  
Frederick L. Goodine, 34 City Road, St. John, N. B.  
Lance Corporal John W. Cleary, 3 Monks Tower Road, St. John's, Nfld.  
Robert L. Colbourne, 102 Mecklenburg street, St. John, N. B.  
Acting Sergt. James I. Craik, Newcastle, N. B.  
Stanley Crawford, Sackville, N. B.  
Hugh Cruickshanks, Sheet Harbor, N. S.  
Lieut. Reginald H. Curran, Bedford, N. S.  
Robert F. Davis, Woodville Road, Harbor Grace, Nfld.  
Henry Devine, Joggins Mines, N. S.  
Harold J. Patterson, Gaspe Bay, Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
Thomas F. Hipwell, 318 Duke street, W. St. John, N. B.

Wounded:  
Alton J. Kelly, St. Andrews, N. B.  
Fraser Merrithew, Douglas, N. B.  
Frank Putnam, Selmah, N. S.  
Fidèle Richard, Buctouche, N. B.  
Albert Roach, Darnley, P. E. I.  
James T. Robinson, 16 Bradford street, Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
Sergt. Ernest E. Wagstaff, Rojand Hill, N. S.  
Wm. E. Walker, River Hebert, N. S.  
Henry Way, care Mrs. John McDonald, Millville, N. S.  
Jerome Graham, Murray Harbor, P. E. I.  
Anselmy E. Wentzell, Bridgewater, N. S.

Mounted Rifles.  
Wounded:  
Nelson Richardson, Sackville, N. B. Artillery.  
Wounded:  
Hedley Lewis, 42 Ferry street, Sydney, N. S.

### BRAVE TALK BY GERMAN LEADER ON THE SOMME

Crown Prince of Bavaria "Talks for Publication" and Professes Confidence in Ability to Check Allies.

Berlin, Thursday, Sept. 28, via London, Sept. 29 (Delayed).—The latest fighting on the Somme evidently has not shaken the confidence of the German military leaders in their ability to prevent a breach in their lines. The Berliner Tageblatt's special war correspondent interviewed Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, commander of the German forces on the Somme, Tuesday, and the Crown Prince's utterances expressed complete confidence in the situation for the present and the future.

The Crown Prince is quoted as having said that since the offensive began the Entente Allies had gained some ground, but there could be no thought of this decisively changing the situation.

Whistling to Keep Up Courage. "It is impossible to predict how things will go here afterwards," said Prince Rupprecht. "But one thing is certain, namely, that we have everything prepared so thoroughly that we are able to contemplate the situation with equanimity, whatever comes. The offensive will certainly not reach an early end.

"We can reckon upon an offensive of great persistence and with heavy attacks, accompanied by an enormous expenditure of ammunition. But we have taken precautions. Our artillery has been reinforced, and likewise our aeroplane corps, and our fliers have had fine successes in the past few days, although they have had hard fighting against increased numbers. Our artillery derives advantages from the successful work of the aeroplanes, after having formerly been much exposed to observation by hostile aviators.

"Our troops have been striking with the utmost strength, and the enemy has found the nut too hard to crack. It is my distinct opinion that the enemy is trying to force a decision at this spot and during this year, and he has not yet succeeded. He will have to put up with a winter campaign and continue his fighting next year."

Arthur E. Woodman, Grand 1<sup>st</sup>, N. S.

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### SIR THOS. WHITE INVITED TO GO TO ENGLAND

Right Hon. Bonar Law Congratulates Finance Minister on Success of Last War Loan.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 29.—Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, has been invited to England by the Imperial government and probably will proceed to London on brief visit in the near future. A despatch has been received from Right Hon. Bonar Law, the colonial secretary, conveying to the minister of finance the warmest congratulations of the chancellor of the exchequer upon the success of the war loan.

Sir Thomas has not visited England since the war began and there are many matters connected with the finance of the Dominion which he will discuss with the Imperial authorities. They have expressly invited him to