

BULGAR CLAIMS TO BIG GAINS ARE BUT LIES

While They Took Vranja, They Were Badly Repulsed at Most Other Points.

FRENCH FORCE

Said to Have Crossed Varda River to Cut Off Bulgar Retreat On Istip.

London Cable.—While it was expected that the Austro-German onslaught in the north against Serbia would be the most formidable...

There is another railway, which, branching off at Uskup, runs up the western side of Serbia, but it is a considerable way around...

The first indication as to the whereabouts of the French troops marching to Serbia's aid comes in a despatch received by the Daily Mail from its Saloniki correspondent yesterday.

The Bulgarians are accused in despatches from Athens and Bucharest of committing revolting atrocities in Serbia. They are charged with killing and torturing helpless prisoners...

A despatch to the Petit Journal states that the Serb Minister at Bucharest, protested to the American Minister...

Bulgarian troops systematically massacred the civil population and burned towns and cities of Serbia...

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GAIN FOR RUSSIA

New Winter Port is Ready for War Traffic.

Paris Cable.—Of great importance to the allies is a message from Petrograd in the Journal that the railway from the Russian capital to Ekaterina...

GAS ATTACKS OF HUNS FAIL

Fairly Blanketed French Lines With Deadly Fumes

But Were Driven, With Fearful Losses Back Again.

Paris Cable.—The German infantry attack on the French lines between the Butte-de-Tir and Prunay...

The front attack to-day has a length of roughly five miles and was the scene of a previous failure of the Germans in their attempt to cut through the new French lines in Champagne.

After the repulse of the third and last German attack quiet prevailed in the section of the line...

Official communication issued by the War office to-night says: "There was no important action along the entire front."

The Belgian official communication reads: "Except for a violent bombardment of our trenches to the north of Steenstraete the day was calm."

COSTLY FIRES

Forest Blazes in Canada Last Summer Cost \$9,536,367.

Quebec Report.—Throughout the Dominion last summer forest fires caused losses valued at no less than \$9,536,367.

Quebec Province during the eight first months of 1915 lost through forest fires \$2,254,115, which is a good deal lower than the losses of Ontario...

British Columbia, with its vast forests, only lost \$913,125, due largely to its forest fire-fighting organization.

The small loss by forest fires in Quebec Province is attributed to the protective measures employed by the Government to prevent fire and control fires.

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BRITISH SUBS. ARE STILL BUSY

Thirty Steamers in German Trade Sunk in the Baltic.

Teutons Complain of Violation of International Law!

London Cable.—The daily reports show that the submarine campaign undertaken by the British navy in the Baltic is on a very extensive scale...

The campaign is causing intense anger in Germany. A peculiar feature of the outbreak in the press is the complaint that it is a violation of rules of international law.

The Hamburger Nachrichten, which is the organ of the shipping trade, says:

The task of suppressing the Swedish-Baltic traffic for the benefit of the Quadruple Entente has been taken over by British submarines...

News in Brief

The work of the French censors has been limited. Robt. W. Ferguson, Macpherson agent, Toronto, accidentally shot and killed himself.

Over \$500,000 was raised in Toronto during the three-day campaign for the British Red Cross Society.

At a conference of the Ontario branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund plans were arranged for next year's work.

A labor member to the San Francisco convention said 1,600,000 men were employed in Britain's munition factories.

Queen's University Library Committee has decided to build a library on the vacant property on the corner of University Avenue and Union Street.

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BRUTAL HUNS

Will Visit Their Failure On Helpless Captive Lands.

London Cable.—The following despatch was received here to-day from Reuter's Petrograd bureau:

"The Germans have informed the inhabitants of Mitau, Courland, that if they are unsuccessful in their attack on Riga and will be obliged to retire they will raze all villages in the line of retreat."

A German officer captured by the Russians at Charokov, in the Priloff region, since disorganizing of the Austrian troops.

Paris Cable.—A correspondent of the News says that a group from Hazebrouck, Flanders, Belgium, near Courtrai, is being punished by the German government because the women of the locality refuse to do military work for the Germans.

LONDON'S GUARD

Naval Gunners to Defend Against Zeppelin Raiders.

London Cable.—The fact that aeroplanes alone cannot be relied upon as an adequate defence against Zeppelins and that expert naval gunners had been attached to anti-aircraft batteries and searchlight stations in London...

Bad weather, he repeated, had hampered the British aeroplanes during the recent Zeppelin attack, and he characterized as a legend the report that six Zeppelins appeared off Harwich on the afternoon of the same day.

PARIS 'PHONED BY WIRELESS

Eiffel Tower Picks Up Message From Arlington, Va.

Honolulu Also Heard Call to French Capital.

New York Report.—Another epochal achievement in wireless intercontinental communication was announced to-day by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

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Facilities were limited in Paris to a few minutes' testing each day. The Arlington-to-Paris test succeeded a week ago, and was repeated after midnight on Wednesday, but no announcement was made out of courtesy to the French Government.

Chief Engineer John J. Carty, of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, who supervised the experiments, would make no definite predictions as to the commercial availability of the wireless telephone.

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Advices from Paris last July said the German officials in Belgium had imposed a fine of \$1,000,000 on the city of Brussels in consequence of the destruction of a Zeppelin dirigible balloon in sheds at Evere, to the north of Brussels, by aviators of the Entente allies.

DOING HER SHARE

Half of Canada's Overseas Men Are From Ontario.

Toronto Report.—Ontario's general, and Toronto in particular, may well be proud of their recruiting achievements, revealed in figures that have reached the city from Ottawa.

According to these, of 105,431 men recruited throughout Canada in September-30, Ontario contributed 47,730, the western Provinces 28,511, Quebec 17,521, and the Maritime Provinces 11,670.

The fellow who gets the reputation of being a rolling stone never makes an up-hill fight.

FATAL BLOT ON GERMAN HONOR

British Press Comments On Murder of Miss Cavell.

High in Praise of U. S. and Spanish Officials.

London Cable.—The Adly Express in an editorial regarding the execution of Miss Edith Cavell says:

"The whole empire will echo Sir Edward Grey's thanks to Mr. Whitlock (U. S. Minister to Belgium) for his splendid efforts to save Miss Cavell, whose execution is an affront to American and Spanish humanity..."

"The Times in an editorial says: 'The very spirit of Zaborn, but of Zaborn in war time, broods over the whole brutal and stupid story. There is not in Europe, outside of Germany and the countries of her allies, a man who can read it without the deepest emotion of pity and shame...'"

"The Daily Mail, in an editorial says: 'It is a deed which in horror, and wicked purposelessness, stuns the world and cries to heaven for vengeance...'"

"The Morning Post in an editorial says: 'Surely such a story has never been presented to the modern world as is here unfolded...'"

"The Daily Telegraph says: 'We cannot be too grateful to those American and Spanish officials who worked with such passionate zeal in behalf of our unhappy countrywoman...'"

The American Legation at Brussels acted nobly. Comment is wasted on the story of the butchery. The sense of the civilized world can be left to judge between this helpless woman and her murderers.

"What poor psychologists the German officials are. From their first request to Belgium for free passage down through the Lusitania case and the visit of Zeppelins to open towns, and finally incidents of the Cavell sort, the Germans have shown everywhere a lack of the most elementary conception of psychology..."

Amsterdam via London, Cable.—The execution of Miss Edith Cavell is the subject of condemnatory editorials in the Dutch newspapers to-day. The Nieuw Van Den Haag says it trusts that "a vigorous protest in the name of humanity" will be made from all sides, and adds:

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NOT A LONG WAR

D. A. Thomas Says It's Impossible—Silver Bullet Will Win.

Toronto Report.—Asked by the Monetary Times, in a special interview granted at Ottawa yesterday, whether he thought the war would continue for several years yet, Mr. D. A. Thomas, Lloyd-George's representative in Canada, said he did not think so.

Mr. Thomas is still optimistic as to the outcome of the struggle, and is confident that the silver bullet will win.

He said he is not in Canada permanently, as he has big interests in England, which must receive his attention. He came out to Canada originally for about six weeks, and recently called the British Government's attention to the fact that he has now overstayd his time considerably.

SLACKERS NOT WANTED HERE

Eligibles From British Isles Cannot Come Into Canada.

London Cable.—The feeling in the Canadian Emigration Department in regard to recruiting necessities is such that if there were any attempts on the part of military eligibles to enter Canada in large numbers, the Dominion Government would probably make effective certain general provisions of the Immigration Act...

Canada is not sending 150,000 of her best men to fight the Empire's battles just to make room for slackers. Mr. Smith, "As a matter of fact, we do not receive half a dozen enquiries per month from eligibles, but any evident slackers would be promptly directed to the nearest recruiting office. This has been our policy for the past year."

Mr. Smith points out that while the immigration authorities in Canada will be powerless to prevent the landing of men who fulfilled the ordinary regulations, if the evil became apparent it could be met by sub-section 3, section 8, of the Immigration Act...

The general opinion seems to be that the new who might migrate to escape military service are of the peevish crank type, and no more representative of Britain than the Doukhobors of Russia.

FIRED ON SWEDEN

Nerve-Wracked German Sailors Made a Bad Blunder.

London Cable.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Malmoe says the Swedish submarine Hvalen was fired upon yesterday morning off Ystad by a German submarine, which mistook her for a British vessel. The mate was seriously and a sailor slightly wounded.

A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Stockholm says that the German Ambassador to Sweden has called on the Premier and the Foreign Minister, and expressed regret over the Hvalen incident.

The attack on the Swedish submarine Hvalen was made by an armed German U-boat. The Swedish Minister at Berlin has been instructed to make a vigorous protest.

ZEPPELIN RAIDS

Warnings Would be Useless to Peoples, Says Home Secretary.

London Cable.—Sir John A. Simon, the Home Secretary, replying to a question in the House of Commons this evening as to whether it would not be possible to warn Londoners of Zeppelin raids, asserted that sometimes out of ten the German aeroplanes were driven off before they even reached the coast.

If the public were warned every time Zeppelins were sighted on their way to England, said the Home Secretary, "nine times out of ten they would be disappointed. Besides, the Government could not say which part of the metropolis would be visited, as the Zeppelin crews themselves have not the remotest idea where they are. And, after all, if the public was told it would not prevent the dropping of bombs, and would have the effect, judging from previous experiences, of bringing people out into the streets."