

Germans Are Getting Out of France at Top Speed

THREE LOSE LIVES IN BAY OF QUINTE

Belleville Young Man Spilled Out of Motorboat by Sudden Turn of Steering Wheel—Sank So Rapidly Rescue Impossible—Sad End to Sunday Pleasure Cruise.

Special to The Toronto World. TRENTON, Sept. 13.—Three young men from Belleville, Clare Jenkins, Fred Gerow and James White, were drowned in the Bay of Quinte here this afternoon by being thrown out of a fast motorboat going at full speed towards Belleville. With Henry Symons, Fred Palmalter and Norman Hall, who owned the boat, and who was steering at the time, they had left Trenton dock a few moments before Hall let go the wheel for a moment to light a cigarette. It was caught by James White, who gave it a swift turn to the right. The boat careened over, throwing the three men out, and before Hall could stop the boat and turn around they had sunk to their death. On their return to Trenton R. G. Wedell at once set out with his tug and a crew, and Pat Jennings, an expert diver, to the scene of the accident.

SPAIN REMAINS NEUTRAL

PARIS, Sept. 13, 10 p.m.—A despatch from Madrid says that Eduardo Dato, the Spanish prime minister, made the following statement today: "Spain has contracted no engagement and will remain neutral until the end of the war."

RUSSIANS CONTROL GERMAN OIL FIELDS

Conquest of Galicia May Cut Off Source of Motor Power.

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Soldiers returned from the scene of the Russian reverse near Soudau lay stress on the German use of armored motor cars, carrying machine guns, which did great execution until Russian artillery nosed them out. Germany's new heavy artillery can be moved only by motor cars, and a great part of its supply is likewise dependent on this form of locomotion.

There is evidence that she already is feeling the lack of other products, which are now unobtainable. It is reported that orders have been issued by Germany commanding her all wool and woolen goods. This is interpreted as meaning that the lightning campaign planned by the Germans, and that the war must be prolonged.

KITCHENER VISITED ARMIES OF ALLIES

New York Woman Reports Seeing British War Minister at Havre.

Special to The Toronto World. NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—To many of the numerous passengers whom the French liner France brought in last evening from Havre their most pleasing sensation was when the vessel left that port. The crew of the American armored cruiser Tennessee lined the rail to cheer the homeward bound refugees and the band of the Tennessee played "Home, Sweet Home."

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Sept. 13.—Canadian export trade is still on the increase. During the first four months of the present fiscal year, ending with July, exports totalled \$134,866,644, an increase of \$4,481,257 as compared with the same period last year. Imports totalled \$172,041,713, a decrease of \$55,827,860. The total trade for the four months was \$306,908,357, a decrease of \$51,196,508.

The increases in exports were for the most part in animal produce and manufactures. For the twelve months ending July the total trade was \$1,061,355,504, a decrease of nearly \$27,000,000.

PROUD OF CANADA'S RESPONSE TO CALL

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Sept. 13.—Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance, has received a letter from Sir Charles Tupper with a cheque for \$1,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The veteran Canadian statesman also wrote: "Four of my grandsons will be in His Majesty's service and I need not tell you how proud I am of the manner in which Canada has responded at this supreme moment to the call of the empire."

TO ENLARGE RIFLE FACTORY. OTTAWA, Sept. 13.—The Ross rifle factory at Quebec is to be enlarged considerably to meet the demands made upon it. The capacity of the factory is 200 rifles per day, but more than 400 are required, and at once. A greater supply of ammunition is also needed.

CARRYING A WOUNDED SOLDIER



Belgian soldiers carrying a wounded comrade into Willebraek after an engagement with the Germans near Malines.

GERMANS HARD PRESSED BY BRITISH AND FRENCH SAYS OFFICIAL BULLETIN

Detailed Statement Issued by British Press Bureau Confirms Fully Defeat of Germans in Battle of Marne—Enemy's Retreat is in "Considerable Disorder."

LONDON, Sept. 13, 11.35 p.m.—The official press bureau makes the following announcement: "A summary, necessarily incomplete, may be attempted of the operations of the British expeditionary force and the French army during the last four days."

"The Belgians now occupy that tragic heap of ashes and ruins, formerly the beautiful city of Louvain, and also Termonde."

"A great battle is proceeding on the line from Diest, Haelen and Tienen, and the Germans still are retreating. Trains of wounded soldiers, including many Germans, are arriving in Antwerp."

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Towns South of Malines Evacuated By Germans Reservists Fell Back

Fire Was Too Hot for Kaiser's "Last Line," Called Out to Hold Belgians in the North—Correspondent Watches Battle From Fifty-Foot Embankment.

(By Charles Hodson, Special Correspondent of The Central News.) ANTWERP, Sept. 13.—I spent Friday night at the Bourne Cafe in Malines, which, being close to the cathedral, suffered from the bombardment, but is still habitable. The proprietor, presiding cheerfully over a few bottles and a few packs of cigars and some damaged tables and chairs.

The roar of the guns awakened me at daybreak. It was evident that Hofstadt was going to be the centre of another war action. I mounted a railway embankment fifty feet high and joined an artillery observation post. Behind us the Belgian line extended about a thousand metres from the railway. Their howitzers behind Elweyt and their field guns at Werde were all protected by strong outposts.

Watched From Above. A captive balloon presently appeared above an extensive woodland further to the right. The observers did much to check the Belgian turning movement in this direction. On the left, however, the Belgian line, undeterred by the howitzer bombardment, pushed steadily forward toward Campenbout. Huge clouds of brown howitzer smoke, ever retreating, indicated their advance. The Germans offered a stiffer resistance at Elweyt, bringing their mitrailleuses into action and hurling shrapnel into the Belgian lines. The rifle fire was incessant.

The Belgian artillery made excellent practice and gradually pushed home its attacks. About 9 o'clock in the morning the heavy howitzers were withdrawn. Cattle Grazed On. The Belgian shells were mainly directed toward Werde, the key to the German position. Werde was plainly visible to me its gray stone church towering above the closely huddled red-tiled houses. A thick wad behind and on either side.

Except for the din of the cannonade, the scene was as peaceful as the heart of man could wish. Around the roof of the doocot a covey of white doves flew, bewildered by the racket of the exploding shrapnel and machine. Black and white cattle congregate grazing, apparently indifferent to the shrieking shell above them.

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Reservists Quit. It was not in the stomachs of the Landsturm to stand such pasting long, and at 2.30 o'clock Werde was abandoned and apparently deserted. The wood behind the village remained full of the enemy's troops and the Belgians were unable to make any impression on it. The officers in the observation post where I stood, which I finally instructed the batteries, which searched the trees thoroughly. Then came a thrilling sight. The German artillery commander evidently imagined he had discovered our reserve. Without warning a couple of batteries on our right fired rapid volleys, the shells exploding directly over our front, less than 200 yards away. They were amazingly misdirected, falling midway between two battalions. Shrapnel exploded on the ground like common shell, fragments striking over the head of the contemptuous cheering Belgians.

A Lull in the Fight. The German snipers virtually ceased at noon and General Skieur immediately pushed forward his left wing and its supports to points where columns of ascending smoke indicated the Germans were behaving with their usual vandalism before retiring.

Red Cross parties, composed mainly of black frocked priests, went to succor the wounded. One they approached within 700 yards of Elweyt and was warned by the Belgian soldiers not to go nearer because the enemy was lurking in the neighboring wood. On the right the roar of guns and the rattle of musketry continued, indicating that the turning movement was still being made. The Belgians being determined to reach Eppegem. Elsewhere the subject of conflict is completely dead away.

My lunch consisted of milk chocolate and potatoes, the milk chocolate about the only edible the Germans left in Hofstadt.

King Albert Arrived. During this lull at noon King Albert came walking down the shattered street, chatting cheerfully with his attendant. As the king's arrival was a predetermined signal, the battle broke out with renewed zest.

It was evident that the Germans' horse and artillery had been reinforced from Brussels and against our strong counter attack against our right centre and under a fierce artillery fire discovered to discover our well-masked batteries with poor success. The latter replied with incessant volleys which prevented the Germans from recouping either village. When darkness came on and a heavy rain began to fall these were left, a "no man's land."

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GERMAN FLEET SIGHTED SOUTH OF ALAND ISLANDS

COPENHAGEN, via London, Sept. 13, 4.40 a.m.—A despatch from Raumo, Finland, says that, according to statements made by pilots and fishermen, a German fleet has been cruising for the last two days in the waters south of the Aland Islands. The fleet includes seven dreadnoughts and cruisers of the Friedland, two big cruisers, four torpedo boats of the first-class, and a lot of coal and repair vessels. Aboard the cruiser Blucher the flag of Chief Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia was hoisted.

DIED AFTER PREACHING A SERMON ON DEATH

Vicar-General Menier Passed Away Suddenly at London, Ontario.

CANADIAN PRESS DESPATCH. WINDSOR, Sept. 13.—"Any one of us is apt to be cut off from this life at any moment," declared Rev. John Edmund Menier, vicar-general of the Roman Catholic Diocese of London, in the course of a sermon on "Death" at St. Alphonsus Church this morning. This afternoon he dropped dead from paralysis. He was 84 years of age and had been rector of the local parish for 14 years. He was a native of Quebec City.

ANNOUNCEMENT TO VOLUNTEERS

The State Life Insurance Co. of Indianapolis (assets nearly fifteen million dollars) beg to announce that they are prepared to insure the lives of a limited number of Canadian volunteers, at the usual rates and without any extra premium for active service. Apply to the Company's branch office, 322 and 323 Ryrie Bldg, Yonge Street, Toronto.

Belgians Rout Germans

LONDON, Sept. 13, 7.27 p.m.—An Ostend despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says: "The Belgian troops have just gained an important success at Cortenberg, between Louvain and Brussels, cutting up a German corps and taking a number of prisoners. The line toward Liege has been occupied by the Belgians."

Home Rule Conferences

LONDON, Sept. 14, 12.15 a.m.—Premier Asquith's statement to parliament on the intentions of the government with regard to the Irish home rule and Welsh disestablishment bills has been postponed from today until tomorrow (Tuesday). Further negotiations between the political parties over the bills are taking place.

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