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REPORTED SERBIA WILL OLDE ALL MACEDONIA TO BULGARIA IF LATTER JOINS THE ALLIES

BULGARS AND GREEKS CLASH ON FRONTIER

German Aeroplanes Carrying Supplies to Turks Fly Over Serbian and Bulgarian Territory.

Kavala, Greece, Sept. 12, via Paris—Reports of a frontier skirmish between Greek and Bulgarian patrols near Fatona have been officially confirmed and an investigation ordered. German aeroplanes, it is said here, are constantly flying over Serbian and Bulgarian territory from Orsova, Hungary to Adrianople. Each of them is loaded to its full capacity, according to the reports, with supplies for the Turks.

SUSSEX LAD SHOT BY PLAYMATE LIKELY TO DIE

Fred Ryan, Aged 7, Victim of Shooting—With Companion was Playing with Revolver—Father in England With the 6th C. M. R.

Special to The Standard
Sussex, N. B., Sept. 12—A shooting accident took place here this afternoon about five o'clock by which Fred Ryan, the seven year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ryan, will probably lose his life. The accident occurred at the home of Mr. William Heffer where the unfortunate lad and his mother were boarding.
Burton, the ten year old son of Wm. Heffer and young Ryan, the victim of the tragedy, were playing with a loaded revolver of 32 calibre which they had procured, unknown to the older residents of the house, from a place where it was presumed out of reach of the youngsters' hands. The children had been used to playing with toy pistols which set off caps and popping Heffer, unconscious of the dangerous weapon he was handling, pointed the revolver at the head of his companion and pulled the trigger, exploding a cartridge which sent a bullet into the forehead of his little playmate. The bullet entered the brain of young Ryan where it still remains and little hope is entertained of the boy's recovery. Dr. D. H. McAllister was immediately summoned and rendered the necessary medical aid, but at a late hour tonight the boy is still unconscious and will in all probability die from the wound.
The father of the victim of the unfortunate accident is at present in England, having enlisted with the 6th Mounted Rifles.

BERNSTORFF DENIES HE GAVE THE INTERVIEW

New York, Sept. 12—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, last night made the following statement to the Associated Press:
"I have never granted an interview to anyone, and any interview purporting to come from me is a fake."
Earlier Saturday evening the ambassador issued a similar statement when shown a newspaper containing an interview purporting to have been given through a person close to the ambassador in which he was quoted as saying that if the United States severed diplomatic relations with Germany war would follow almost immediately.

Fierce Battle Continues Along Front from Riga to Roumanian Frontier—Russian Offensive Succeeding.

London, Sept. 12—There is still no sign of waning in the battles which are being fought along the eastern front, that now runs almost directly north and south from Riga to the Roumanian frontier. From Riga southward to the Galician border the Germans and Austrians, who are continually receiving reinforcements and supplies of munitions by railway and river, are endeavoring to force their way to the Dvina and the main trunk of the important railway lines. The Russians continue their offensive, and according to their accounts, with excellent results. The Austro-German offensive is making slow but steady headway, particularly along the road to Stolin and Pinsk. Elsewhere the German official reports daily recount the capture of a few thousand prisoners and machine guns. The Germans' big effort, however, is expected, will be made against Vilna and Drinsk, westward of which towns heavy engagements are being fought. Having reached the Dvina at Friedriehstadt and driven the Russians across the river, the Germans are in a better position to advance on Drinsk as there is no danger of any outflanking movement. The slowness of the operations is probably due largely to the condition of the country and the heavy roads.
Every day's delay is giving the Russians a breathing space, and enables them to make preparations for greater resistance on certain areas protected by marshes and swollen rivers. The Russians are increasing their activities in the Caucasus and it is believed that the arrival of Grand Duke Nicholas will be the signal for more important operations, which will lessen the burden of the Allies who are trying to force the Dardanelles. No report has been received from the latter front for upwards of a week from the Allies, although it is apparent, from the Turkish reports, that there has been a considerable amount of fighting.
An optimistic rumor, however, is again afloat, probably due to the statement recently made by Lord Robert Cecil, under secretary for foreign affairs, that the Allies are not far from a great success.
There has been little or no cessation of the artillery engagements on the western front. A few isolated attacks by German infantry have taken place, but, according to Paris, have been repulsed, and there have been further air raids and bomb throwing.
Diplomatic circles are keenly awaiting the outcome of the Balkan negotiations. It is said that Serbia has agreed to cede Macedonia to Bulgaria if Bulgaria joins the Allies and that the latter has agreed, in case of victory for the Allies, Serbia shall have Bosnia, Dalmatia, Croatia and Slavonia.

Germany Making Desperate Attempts to Reach Dvina and Main Trunk of Railway Lines—Russian Operations on Larger Scale in Caucasus When Grand Duke Arrives—Crown Prince's Army's Attempt to Break Through French Line Has Cost Him 100,000 Men.

Paris, Sept. 11—The violent fighting in the Argonne Wednesday and Thursday was the result of an effort of the army of the German Crown Prince to break through the French lines. The attempt was made with powerful artillery and a large number of troops. It apparently has had no appreciable effect. The Germans are unable to penetrate the French trenches on a portion of the front, but were checked immediately. They renewed their attacks again and again, but with such severe losses that they gave up the effort.
This offensive movement, it is said, on good authority, has not modified the situation in the Argonne. In making it, the Germans have had greater losses, according to the French official figures, than they have inflicted.
The army of the Crown Prince has attempted several times in previous months to break through the French front, but so far has scored no definite success. The statement is made here that this army has lost upwards of 100,000 men, one corps alone losing 40,000 from the ranks, which are being continually depleted and refilled.

CROWN PRINCE'S ATTEMPT TO BREAK FRENCH LINE HAS COST HIM 100,000 MEN

Denies Russia Cabinet Resigned.
Petrograd, Sept. 12, via London, Sept. 13, 12.3 a. m.—The statement published in the United States that the cabinet of Premier Goremykin had resigned, and that a coalition cabinet would be formed, is erroneous. The cabinet has not resigned.
Russian Air Fleet Attacks German Cruiser.
Berlin, Sept. 12, via London 6.05 p. m.—An official statement issued at the war office today said:
"Several Russian seaplanes attacked a small German cruiser off Windau. They dropped eight bombs, all of which missed."
Paves Way for Announcement that Bulgaria Will Join Germany.
Cologne, Germany, Sept. 12, via London—According to the Cologne Gazette, the Bulgarian government is sending official pamphlets to all local papers explaining that Bulgaria might, for economic and political reasons, be compelled to abandon neutrality and range itself with the Central powers.

Steamer Afire in Mid-Atlantic With Italian Reservists Aboard

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 12—The French steamer Sant Anna is on fire at sea according to a wireless message received by the marine department from Cape Race station late tonight. The message said: Steamer Sant Anna in distress, on fire and in need of assistance. Position latitude 40.23 north, longitude 47.30 west.
The steamer registers 5,814 tons. The position given is in the track of trans-Atlantic liners.
The Sant Anna registers 5,814 tons and is owned by the Fabre Line. Captain Pavy is in command. She is bound from New York to Mediterranean ports.
New York, Sept. 12.—Between 1,800 and 1,700 Italian reservists are passengers on board the Fabre Line Steamer Sant Anna bound from New York for Mediterranean ports and reported on

SIR WILFRID LAURIER'S CONDITION IMPROVED

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Sept. 12—Sir Wilfrid Laurier's condition has improved considerably during the last 24 hours. He had a good rest last night, and awoke

CAPE BRETON RAISES UNIT IN 21-2 DAYS

The 36th Battery C. F. A. Enlisted, Examined and Attested—Majority of Men Cape Bretoners.

Sydney, Sept. 12.—The 36th Battery of Canadian Field Artillery for overseas services with the British forces is a completed unit, under Major Crowe, and has been enlisted, examined and attested with in two days and a half. There were on Saturday afternoon one hundred and thirty-eight men who stood attested members of the new battery, which at figure is a complete unit. The commanding officer has permission to enlist up to ten per cent. over the establishment and the thirteen men comprising the excess of the usual figure have been examined and will be attested now, because there are several absent on vacation, working out notice with their employers or on leave taking farewell of their relations and friends.
The battery is essentially a Cape Breton unit and may be said to be all Canadian. In a talk with Major Crowe he said there are only twelve men in his battery who have not been actually born in Canada. Of these four were born in Scotland, three in England, two in Newfoundland, two in the United States of America and one in Wales.
The majority of the remaining one hundred and twenty-six are Cape Bretoners pure and simple, having been born and brought up in this island and the vast majority give their addresses as being of the city and town and in the vicinity.
Good Attendance
Over one thousand people attended the meeting Saturday evening and they listened with interest to speakers, all of whom will see active service in Europe. All were military men who realized that men and more men were needed and their convincing arguments, it is to be hoped, did not fall on barren soil. Lieut.-Col. G. W. Fowler, recently gazetted to command a regiment from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, was given three hearty cheers. He spoke with conviction and appealed to the young men to come forward and do their part in the country's cause. Other speakers were Lieut. Brooks and Sergt. Hyatt, both of the 55th, and Sergt. N. Knight, E. A. Schofield president and the Carleton Cornet Band was in attendance on the King Edward band stand. They rendered several musical selections.
After the open-air meeting, a gathering for men only was held in the Imperial Theatre, addressed by Rev. M. E. Fletcher and Sergt. Knight.
Rev. M. E. Fletcher in the course of his remarks stated that he was going to volunteer as chaplain to go with the regiment commanded by Lieut.-Col. Fowler, and those wishing to hear a good preacher had better go along. Sergt. Knight spoke with conviction and appealed to the men in his usual pointed and off-handed manner.
During the day recruiting meetings were held at the Wilson Box Factory, Fairville, and at Murray & Greory's, Fairville, and the speakers were Lieut. Brooks and Sergt. N. Knight and Lieut. Brooks. The recruiting officers were well satisfied with the meetings and wish to thank the mill owners for their courtesy in closing down their plants while they were appealing to the men.
Tonight's meeting will take place on King Square and will be addressed by Rev. G. M. Campbell of Mount Allison University, Sackville, Rev. Dr. Hutchinson of the North End and Sergt. N. Knight.
Saturday Night
Sergeant Fred Hyatt, now with the 55th Battalion in Valcartier, but formerly a prominent labor leader in St. John, made a stirring appeal for men. He referred to the Zeppelin raids in England, where places near his former home were damaged.
"We are very busy in Valcartier," said he, "training for the front. We have musketry drill, bayonet fighting and trench digging from morning till night."
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WILL INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF THE ARMENIANS

London, Sept. 13—The Sofia, Bulgaria, correspondent of Reuters Telegram Company sends the following despatch under date of Sept. 7:
"Premier Radoslavoff today received a deputation from the Armenian Colony, which handed him a memorandum describing the desperate situation of Armenians in Turkey, and begging him to intervene at Constantinople. The deputation was supported by Bulgarian deputies to various parties, and by a number of Bulgarian journalists.
Mr. Radoslavoff said he would send a memorandum to the Bulgarian minister at Constantinople, with instructions to communicate it to the Porte. After stating what Bulgaria already had done in behalf of the Armenians, M. Radoslavoff expressed the hope that the Porte would give attention to Bulgaria's friendly advice, the more so as the Turco-Bulgarian relations at present were of the friendliest."

ATTENDANCE AT TORONTO FAIR REACHES \$64,000 MARK

Toronto, Sept. 12.—The total attendance for the twelve days of the Canadian National Exhibition which closed Saturday, was \$64,000, over 100,000 greater than last year.

J. P. PLUMMER ILL

Sydney, N. S., Sept. 12.—J. P. Plummer, president of the Dominion Steel Corporation, is indisposed and has been confined to his residence here for the last two or three days. The attending physician states that his condition is not considered serious.

THE CALL FOR RECRUITS STILL SOUNDING FORTH

Another Grand Demonstration Saturday Night But More Men are Needed to Fill the Gaps in the Empire Forces—Meeting Tonight.

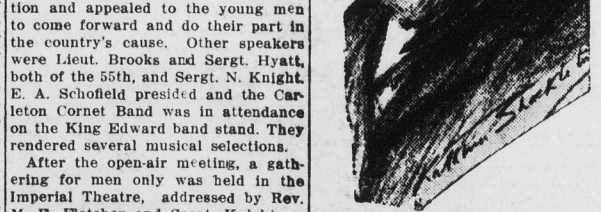
The splendid recruiting meeting of Saturday evening and the sixth to be held on King Square since the campaign was inaugurated, did not pass off without having its desired effect and good results. Seventeen men were signed on during the day and successfully passed the medical examination. This makes a total of 79 recruits to date and the members of the citizens' committee are more than pleased with the results, not only from a point of numbers but the class of men enlisting is above the average. Those who signed the honor roll were:
Walter Scott, Fairville, N. B., Leonard Campbell, St. John, Elbridge Edwin Barnes, Lynn, Mass., (Canadian parent), Charles Wainwright Beeley, St. John, Edward Charles Kirkpatrick, Riverside, N. B., Allen Dobbin, Rothesay, N. B., James Allen Brown, St. John, Henry Albert Baynton, London, England, Fred Barton, St. John, A. A. Allington, St. John, Vaughn Keith McDonald, Havelock, N. B., William B. Scott, Fairville, N. B., C. Y. Ingram, St. John, T. A. Smythe, St. John, James W. Boyd, St. John, George J. Wymond, St. John, Frank McPeake, St. John.

ST. JOHN MAN REPORTED ILL AT SHORNCLIFFE

Ottawa, Sept. 12.—The following casualty list was announced today—First Battalion, wounded—Geo. Henry Baines, Galt, Ontario. Third Battalion, wounded—Captain Charles E. Shirley, Westmount, Que., Seriously ill—Geo. Millet, Toronto, Ont. Seventh Battalion—Died of wounds—Milton McLaughlin, Palmerton, Ont. Sixteenth Battalion, now with unit—Alexander Roderick Ross, Pictou, N. S. Nineteenth Battalion—Seriously ill—Alex. Hughes, England. Thirty-first Battalion—Dangerously ill—Alfred P. Shaw, Vancouver, B. C. Sixth Regiment, Canadian Mounted Rifles—Seriously ill—John McMullin, St. John, N. B.

SIR WM. VAN HORNE DIED SATURDAY

Canada Loses a Distinguished Citizen — One of America's Best Known Financiers and Railway Authorities—Joined C. P. R. in 1882 as Manager and Named President in 1888.



Montreal, Sept. 12—Sir William C. Van Horne, formerly president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and one of the best known financiers in America, died in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, yesterday afternoon. He was operated upon for abdominal atherosclerosis on August 23rd and was supposed to be on the way to recovery until three days before his death, when an unfavorable change in his condition suddenly took place, and the end came at 2.30. He is survived by his widow, a son, Mr. R. B. Van Horne, and a daughter, Miss A. Van Horne.
Sir William Van Horne's career is well known. He came from old Dutch stock and was born in Will County, Illinois, February 3, 1841. At the age of thirteen he entered the service of the Illinois Central Railway as a telegrapher at Chicago. Subsequently he served the Michigan Central in various capacities. From 1866 to 1872 he was connected with the Chicago and Alton Railway as train despatcher, superintendent of telegraphs, and assistant superintendent of the railway. In 1872 he became general superintendent of the St. Louis, Kansas and Northern Railway. In 1874 he became general manager of the southern Minnesota line, being president of the company from December, 1877 to December, 1879. From October, 1878 until December, 1879, he was

CZAR'S ARMY ON NIEMEN MOVES BACK

Withdraws Slightly While Holding Enemy — Russian Destroyers in Pursuit of Enemy Submarines off Crimean Coast.

Petrograd, Sept. 12, via London—Russian torpedo boat destroyers and seaplanes have been sent in pursuit of German submarines operating near the Crimean coast, in the Black Sea, according to an official statement issued at the war office tonight. The statement reiterates the report made Sept. 8, of a "great success" near Tarnopol and Trembowia.
Russians Retire Along Niemen.
Petrograd, Sept. 12, via London—Sept. 13, 1 a. m.—The Russian official communication issued by the war office tonight says that because of the salient of the armies on the Niemen it has been decided to retire a short distance, still holding back the Austro-Germans' offensive.

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His business interests covered a wide range and were extended beyond Canada. He was largely interested in the railway development of Cuba. His Canadian interests, aside from the C. P. R., were chiefly concerned with the pulp and paper industry, but he was keenly interested in the effort to establish a big sardine industry in the Maritime Provinces. Sir William Van Horne was a man of many parts. He could easily have won distinction as an architect, an engineer, a writer, or as an artist. He was remarkably well informed on subjects usually considered remote from the railroad world. He devoted a great deal of his leisure to historical research and perused many valuable records in this respect.
He was above everything else an admirer of the artistic and the beautiful. He has left a remarkable collection of paintings, including a large number of very valuable masterpieces.
Premier Borden's Tribute.
Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Sept. 12.—"I have learned with regret of the death of Sir William Van Horne, who has been for many years a conspicuous figure in the national life of our Dominion," said Sir Robert Borden. "He was distinguished not only by his remarkable ability and energy, but the wonderful versatility of his fine intellectual powers."
"His keen insight into all that concerned the progress and welfare of Canada, and the wonderful opportunities afforded by his career gave him a great grasp of the difficulties and problems attending the rapid growth and development of our country."
"Before leaving for England in June, I had asked him to accept the chairmanship of a commission, which was then announced, and he had agreed to."
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