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## RUSSIANS CONTINUE PRESSURE AGAINST THE ENEMY IN GALICIA; BOMBARDING TOWN OF HALICZ

### BIG GUNS OF BRITISH AND FRENCH HAMMERING ENEMY'S LINES IN THE SOMME REGION

#### Roumanians Forced to Surrender Turtukai—Austrians Admit Withdrawal Before Roumanians in Transylvania

#### GERMANS UNABLE TO COUNTER-ATTACK SO VIOLENT FRENCH ARTILLERY FIRE—RUSSIANS CUT RAILWAY LINE NEAR HALICZ AND ARE BOMBARDING TOWN—CAPTURE 5,645 MORE PRISONERS.

The infantry of the belligerents in the Somme region of France was inactive Thursday, except south of the river, where the French, to the east of Denicourt, captured elements of trenches from the Germans and brought forward their front line in alignment with their newly acquired line running through Belloy-En-Santerre and Berry-En-Santerre.

The day, however, saw a continuation of the violent bombardments which always precede attempts at fresh advances by the Entente Allies. In addition great aerial activity was shown by French and British aerial squadrons in bombarding points of vantage behind the German lines.

South of the Somme so violent was the French artillery fire that under it the Germans were unable to make their customary counter-attacks, according to Paris.

The Germans are heavily shelling the French in the old first line German trenches a mile in length between the Vaux-Chatre region and the town of Chenois, in the Verdun sector, which were taken by the French Wednesday night.

#### Russian Pressure Keeps Up in Galicia.

In Galicia the Russians are still actively in the quest of Lemberg, keeping up their pressure against the Austro-Germans westward from the regions of Brzezany and Halicz.

Nearby Brzezany the Russians have driven back the Germans from fortified positions and advanced to the Naratvka river, a tributary of the Galicja Lipa, and at some points have crossed the stream. Near Halicz the railway line has been cut by the Russians, who are now heavily bombarding Halicz, which, although in flames, the forces of the Central Powers are still stubbornly defending.

In Wednesday's fighting in the Halicz sector 5,645 officers and men of the Teutonic Allies were made prisoner. Both Berlin and Vienna admit retreats between the Zlota Lipa and Danester rivers.

Likewise Vienna concedes a retreat of the Austrian forces before the Roumanians near Olah Toplitz, in Eastern Transylvania, twenty miles from the Roumanian border. The retreat was made in the face of a threatened enveloping movement. To the southeast, in this same region, the Roumanians have occupied the Czerwo-Ditro-Osrova Pass.

In the capture of Turtukai fortress the Germans and Bulgarians took more than 20,000 prisoners and more than 100 guns, according to Berlin. Bucharest says the fighting in this vicinity is of great violence, and that the losses on both sides have been heavy.

#### Roumanians Surrender Turtukai.

Berlin, Sept. 7, via London, (5.56 p. m.)—More than 20,000 Roumanians were taken prisoners when Bulgarian and German troops captured the Roumanian fortress of Turtukai, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters.

The official statement says that in the capture of the Roumanian fortress more than 100 guns were taken.

Turtukai, which has been evacuated by Roumanian troops, in the face of German and Bulgarian attacks, is one of a series of fortresses defending the Roumanian capital from the south. It is situated on the southern bank of the River Danube, opposite Oltanitz, from which town a railroad runs to Bucharest. The German army headquarters' staff announced on Wednesday that German and Bulgarian troops had stormed seven of the Turtukai works, including the armored batteries of the position.

#### Annihilation the Alternative.

London, Sept. 8.—In explanation of the capture of the Roumanian garrison at Turtukai, a Sofia despatch to the Vossische Zeitung, received here by way of Copenhagen says that the Roumanians were prevented from retiring across the Danube by the vio-

lent artillery fire of the attacking forces. It became a case of annihilation or surrender, and the garrison surrendered.

#### Germans Checked in Attempt to Counter-Attack.

Paris, Sept. 7, via London, Sept. 8.—The French artillery fire south of the Somme has prevented the Germans from making a counter-attack, according to the official communication issued by the war office tonight. Some additional progress for the French troops is also recorded. The text of the statement reads:

"North of the Somme there has been a violent bombardment in various sectors without infantry action. In a trench recently captured four bomb-trousers and six machine-guns were added to the material previously brought in.

"South of the Somme the enemy, reduced to impotence by the violence of our artillery fire, was unable to make a counter-attack. Immediately east of Denicourt, we captured some new trenches in the course of isolated combats, in which we took fifty prisoners.

#### 280 More Prisoners.

"In Champagne a German reconnaissance was caught by our fire west of Maisons De Champagne and dispersed; some prisoners fell into our hands.

"On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the enemy bombarded our new positions in the Vaux-Chatre Wood. During last evening's attack in this sector we captured 280 prisoners, including six officers. Everywhere there was intermittent cannonading.

"Aviation: On the night of Sept. 6th, sixteen of our bombing aeroplanes dropped heavy bombs on railway stations, bivouacs and enemy stores at Rolsel, Athis and Villecourt, a big fire being caused at the last-named place."

### BRITISH ACCOUNT FOR 9 OF THE ENEMY'S AIRCRAFT

#### Successful Raids Over Enemy Lines by Allied Airmen Yesterday Results in Important Damage to Hun Positions.

London, Sept. 8.—The British official communication issued shortly before midnight says:

"The general situation is unchanged. Our artillery dispersed enemy working parties east and southeast of Glincy. Between the Somme and the Ancre the enemy's artillery was active during the day, shelling the rear of our lines. Our artillery replied effectively and, assisted by aerial observations, successfully dealt with enemy batteries.

"Between Souchez and La Bassée Canal our artillery and trench mortars bombarded the enemy's lines continuously, and northwest of Hlobokke we effectively shelled the bridgehead on the Ypres Canal.

"Yesterday our machines bombed an important railway junction on the enemy's lines, causing great damage to the station and rolling stock. One of the enemy's aeroplanes was destroyed. One machine was destroyed on the ground and other damage was done. Many other points of military importance were bombed. Some good work was done from low altitudes in locating positions reached by our troops.

"Three hostile machines were wrecked, and four others driven down in a damaged condition. Two of our machines are missing."

### GERMANS SURRENDER 2 PORTS IN EAST AFRICA

#### Capture of Kilwa Kivinge and Kilwa Kisiwani by British Follows Surrender of Dar-Es-Salaam.

London, Sept. 7.—The ports of Kilwa Kivinge and Kilwa Kisiwani, in German East Africa, respectively 150 and 175 miles south of Dar-Es-Salaam, have surrendered to the British, under threat of a bombardment, according to an official statement issued tonight, giving details of the recent surrender of Dar-Es-Salaam. The statement says:

"At dawn of the third of September a naval attack by British forces in whalers, in conjunction with a heavy bombardment of enemy positions north of the town from the direction of Bagamojo, was followed by landings at Konduchi and in Maasani Bay. The enemy evacuated Dar-Es-Salaam, which was occupied by combined naval and military forces, the British co-

### BLAIR'S COMING OUT PARTY A REAL FROST

#### With "Parity" Carvell as Sponsor Makes Debut at Northampton but Not the Success Opposition Hoped for.

Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 7.—Harry M. Blair, the damaged and discredited ex-secretary of the department of public works, attended tonight's meeting of the opposition foreg at Northampton with Organizer E. S. Carter and Chas. I. Smith. The meeting was a disappointment to the Carvell coterie. Blair was sadly lacking in the speakers at tonight's meeting and Mr. Blair made a decidedly poor impression. The opposition realize that defeat for Upham and McCain is inevitable.

Although Mr. Blair was in consultation with Carvell and his henchmen during the afternoon, Organizer Carter is endeavoring to convince the people of Carleton county that the former secretary of public works is not active on behalf of the opposition, but is actuated only by a desire to explain his corrupt transactions while in office. The opposition realize that the moral effect of Mr. Blair's appearance will injure the Liberal cause here, which accounts for their vain attempts to convince the people that his presence in Carleton county is for the sole purpose of showing that he was unjustly dismissed from office.

Carvell's personal organ, the Sentinel, in today's issue attempts to cloud the issue with a contemptible attack on the character of Hon. Mr. Smith. Needless to say, the Sentinel's effusions are not taken seriously by the fair-minded portion of the electorate in this county.

### EXPORTS OF GREAT BRITAIN ON INCREASE

#### Made Up Chiefly of Manufactured Articles—Imports Also Gain, but in Smaller Proportion.

London, Sept. 7.—Figures given out today by the British Board of Trade for the month of August show that exports during the month were increased by \$716,000 pounds, while the exports were increased by 15,281,000 pounds.

The principal increases in imports were cotton, 3,000,000 pounds; and oil, seeds and fats, 2,250,000 pounds. The export increases were made up principally of manufactured articles. Of these cotton textiles increased 3,000,000 pounds, iron and steel 2,500,000 pounds, and coal 1,500,000 pounds.

### PURSE OF \$18,000 FOR WELSH-DUNDEE FIGHT HAS BEEN OFFERED

New Orleans, Sept. 7.—An offer of an \$18,000 purse for a twenty-round fight here, January 1, for the world's lightweight championship, between Freddie Welsh, of England, title-holder, and Johnny Dundee, of New York, was telegraphed today by a local fight promoter to Welsh, in New York, and Dundee, in Kansas City.

being hoisted with full honors. The town, except for the portions occupied by the German troops, was virtually undamaged.

"On the seventh British naval forces and marines, with little landing parties, occupied the ports of Kilwa Kivinge and Kilwa Kisiwani, which surrendered, under threat of a naval bombardment."

### GERMAN CHANCELLOR ADMITS SUBMARINE POLICY A FAILURE AND THAT EFFECTIVE BLOCKADE OF ENGLAND IS IMPOSSIBLE

London, Sept. 7.—According to definite information reaching Berne, Switzerland, from Germany, says a despatch to the wireless press, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, upon being questioned, at the August meeting of the federal council as to why he yielded to the demands of the United States regarding the unrestricted torpedoing of ships on the high seas, replied emphatically that the value of the submarine was exaggerated by the adherents of wholesale torpedoing. The chancellor said that insistence on an unrestricted submarine warfare would cause war between Germany and the United States, and that the results of unlimited torpedoing would not justify such a policy. Elaborating this point the chancellor is quoted as saying that Germany could not effectively blockade England, nor cut off England's food supplies.

### OPPOSITION SLANDER GANG AND THEIR DIRTY METHODS EXPOSED BY HON. MR. MURRAY

#### Minister of Agriculture Gives Meeting at Richmond Corner Real Facts of N. B. Potato Gift and Shows Opposition Version a Pack of Lies and Part of Their Filthy Slander Campaign.

#### Fine Meeting at Centreville Addressed by Hon. Dr. Landry and Hon. B. F. Smith—Reports from all Over Carleton County Foreshadow Triumph for the Government Candidates on September Twenty-First.

Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 7.—The electors of Richmond Corner and vicinity turned out in great numbers to hear the speakers at tonight's meeting in the interests of the government candidates, Hon. B. Frank Smith and Mayor W. S. Sutton.

Hon. James A. Murray was the principal speaker, and the Minister of Agriculture delivered a strong fighting speech in which he showed the magnificent achievements of the present government and made a comparison with the reckless extravagance of the buccaneers and parasites composing the old gang of discredited politicians, who are seeking a new lease of power. The minister effectively disposed of the miserable canvasses that are being used against government members in connection with the province's potato gift. His eloquent tribute to the gallant sons of New Brunswick who are fighting for the principles of liberty and justice in the present gigantic struggle brought forth vociferous applause. Hon. Mr. Murray is regarded as one of the most brilliant speakers in the province and he fully sustained his reputation at Richmond Corner tonight.

Cogent reasons why the present prudent, business-like and aggressive administration should be continued in power were given by the minister, who asked that Carleton county endorse the government by sending Hon. Mr. Smith and Mayor Sutton to Fredericton with an overwhelming majority.

#### Candidates Given Fine Reception.

Mayor Sutton's great popularity was clearly indicated by the rousing reception he received at tonight's meeting. His "Worship made an admirable address, paying tribute to the worth of his colleague, Hon. Mr. Smith, and appealing strongly for the support of the electors for the minister and himself. His clear and concise address was closely followed by the large audience.

J. C. Hartley, K.C., made a strong appeal for support for the government candidates and in a brief but convincing address pointed out the splendid record of this government since they were accorded the confidence of the people in 1908.

Optimistic reports on behalf of the government candidates are being received from every section of the county. There is a great uprising against Carvell and his slanderous methods of political warfare, but all the insinuations and innuendoes of the big boss and his henchmen will not drive the people who realize the enviable reputation enjoyed by Hon. Mr. Smith and Mayor Sutton throughout the county. No matter to what extent the opposition will carry their propaganda of slander and misrepresentation the independent electors of the intelligent county of Carleton can be depended upon to judge the present government on its splendid policy of aggressive development of the province and on its honest administration of public affairs.

Fred C. Squires made an effective speech in which he endorsed Hon. Mr. Smith and Mayor Sutton. He criticized the old government which had as its subservient supporters both George W. Upham and Andrew D. McCain, the opposition candidates, and dealt with the many scandals which characterized the conduct of affairs under the old regime.

Hon. Mr. Murray was most enthusiastically greeted. He said: "I am delighted to be present tonight and to have the opportunity of addressing the electors in this portion of the County of Carleton as I have addressed them in the other sections of this county. On Thursday evening last I had the pleasure of attending the government convention at Woodstock at which were present a large number of the intelligent electors of the County of Carleton and I was impressed with the earnestness, sincerity and enthusiasm that prevailed on that occasion. I was greatly amazed when I learned that the opposition party had stated in their press that this gathering of splendid men of Carleton county had been brought together with the influence of rum and money. A more unnecessary and gratuitous insult was never offered to any representative gathering in this province. This, however, is in line with the tactics of our opponents. These gentlemen are themselves fond of convention, conventions that have not always been so eminently successful as that which started the campaign of the government party in this county."

#### A Leaderless Band.

Hon. C. W. Robinson resigned his position as leader of the opposition party prior to the election of 1912. Mr. Copp was chosen as his successor and he went into the contest of 1912 leading a forlorn hope with loud claims of victory on the part of his following. On June 20th of that year, however, he went down to ignominious defeat and his party remained leaderless until January, 1915. At a gathering in Fredericton, called together with much shouting and beating of tom-toms, Mr. Robinson was again induced to take the leadership and this leadership he retained until January, 1916, when another convention was called in the city of St. John before which it was announced that the opposition policy would be proclaimed and the party would march on to a certain victory in the future. However, their great hopes had been dissipated by the reason of the fact that Mr. Robinson once more gave up the reins of office and retired from the leadership of the party in despair, if not in disgust. I am sure that no responsible man in this province had been found to accept the unenviable position. No responsible man had been found to lead the remnant of the old crowd, who are now making such frantic efforts to regain the reins of power, a crowd referred to by a newspaper in the city of St. John which had supported them until it could stand their methods no longer in such terms as "Buccaneers," "Parasites," "Mercenaries," "Middlemen,"

"Barnacles," "Traitors," "Machine Men," "Graters," "The selfish element," "Camp Followers," "Self Servers," "Precatory Machine" and "Cankers."

#### And They Pose As Purists.

The opposition party in the province of New Brunswick at the present time is broken, vague and intangible. The leadership is vested in a man bought for a purpose and paid with a price, hirelings interviewing clerks and employees in the public departments of the province, seeking to get some hint or chance statement which they can base their insinuation and innuendoes, hirelings making their headquarters in hotel lobbies and in the smoking apartments of railway trains earning the money they are paid by a campaign of slander, vituperation and innuendo as such as was never indulged in the history of this or any other Canadian province in the history of Canadian political life. And yet these men pose before the electors at the present time as moral upstarts, claim to be inspired only by the desire to uplift the political life of the province. These men who year in and year out supported a government that had mal-administered the affairs of this province in every particular, who failed to collect the public revenues and who dissipated our assets. These were the men who proclaimed to the people of the province some time ago that they would bring forward in every constituency such men of upright character and clean political records as would impress the electors with their desire to give to the people of the province an honest and clean government. In carrying out this idea they have reverted, as it was known they would revert, to the old gang of whom they themselves are typical representatives. At the nominating convention in Westmorland county they selected Robinson, Sweeney and LeGer, while in Victoria, Treeddale and Burgess, all former members of the legislature who had supported the old government. They have selected Dave Messereau in Sunbury county as one to bring political purity to the province, and in this, Carleton county, they have nominated McCain and Upham, subservient political followers of the crowd described in the terms indicated in the newspaper in St. John.

#### The N. B. Potato Gift.

I desire to refer to a matter of particular interest to the people of the County of Carleton, a matter which has been referred to by the hireling leaders of the opposition and the reptile press of the party as the patriotic potato deal. Let me say that I resent the insinuation that I am a traitor to the country through my connection with this potato purchase. I disapprove of bringing one's private affairs before the people of the country, but when hirelings shout from platform after platform and the press supporting them echoes the statements that they are the only ones who have sops fighting for King

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