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FRENCH BREAK GERMAN LINE, CUTTING OFF COMBLES

LARGE GAINS BY ALLIES WEST OF VARDAR AND ON STRUMA

FRENCH MAKE BIG GAINS ON BULGAR FRONT

Two Miles of Enemy Trenches West of Vardar River Taken.

SUCCESS ON STRUMA

British and French Occupy Villages and Inflict Heavy Loss on Foe.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Sept. 12.—Bulgarians have been forced from positions on a front of two miles by a brilliant French offensive in the Majlada sector west of the Vardar River and southwest of Lake Doiran, the attacking forces having penetrated to a depth of nearly half a mile. On the Struma front French troops have cooperated effectively with the British and have captured the village of Yezimah on the east side of the Struma, south-west of Barakli Djuma. Dealing with the fighting on the Majlada front, the French war office report says:

"Our batteries effectively bombarded Bulgarian organizations in the sector of Makulovo, west of the Vardar. A vigorous offensive killed troops north of Majlada gave excellent results. All Bulgarian trenches were captured on a front of two miles and a depth of about 800 yards. We took some prisoners."

Hot Fighting on Struma. In the Ostrove Lake region a series of attacks and counter-attacks is reported, the advantage resting with the French and Serbs. The Bulgars lost heavily in making a futile attack on allied positions southwest of the lake.

On the Struma front, where the Bulgarians are strongly massed to resist the British offensive, the fighting is of severe character. The British drove the enemy from the village of Nevelon at the point of the bayonet and occupied Bulgarian trenches at Neohore, on the eastern bank of the lake.

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RED CROSS ORGANIZATION MADE SPLENDID SHOWING

Raised Eighteen Thousand With Expense of One Hundred, Besides Sending Comforts.

Special to The Toronto World. GUELPH, Ont., Sept. 12.—Reports presented at the annual meeting of the Red Cross Society here today showed that although over \$18,000 has been handled, besides all the other work of sending boxes of comforts, the entire expense of the society for operating has been less than one hundred dollars. Since the inception of the Red Cross fund campaign \$2,194 has been raised for that purpose. Hon. Col. Noel Marshall gave an address describing in detail the work of the Red Cross as it is carried on at the front. The officers elected follow: Hon. president, Mrs. Lett; president, Mrs. McConey; vice-presidents, Mrs. Gunter and Mrs. Bennett; treasurer, Mrs. R. L. Torrance; assistant, Miss Parkinson; secretary, Miss Cullen; assistant, Mrs. Allen.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

REVERTING to infantry action after lengthy and careful preliminary work, mainly consisting of correct observation and of pounding by heavy shell fire the German positions to a pulp, the French swept forward to further conquests of territory north of the Somme yesterday afternoon and before they rested on their arms they had cut the trunk highway between Peronne and Bethune for a considerable distance south of Combles. This road connects Peronne with Bapaume by the first line of German trenches on a front of three and three-quarter miles. Perceiving that the way was clear for further offensive action the Gallic troops then swept forward over Hill 145 into Marriers wood, and next captured the whole system of German trenches as far as the above named road. To the south of this front of advance and close to the Somme the French advanced to and up Slope 76, west of Feuillicourt. Fifteen hundred prisoners were brought into the French clearing stations.

The result of this action brings the French almost within two short marches of Peronne from the north. They are also established close south of Combles and they have cut off its communications with Peronne. The next procedure on this section of the front will probably be the capture of Combles either by the French or the British or by both combined. After that the allies may wheel to the right and secure Peronne, and use it and Combles as base for a sweep over the watershed between the Somme and the Oise, and the Scheldt and the Sambre. All things point to extremely heavy

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HUGE FRENCH STEAMER FOR ATLANTIC SERVICE

Paris, Launched Yesterday, Biggest Steamship Ever Built in French Yards.

ST. NAZAIRE, France, Sept. 12.—The steamship Paris of the French Transatlantic Steamship Company was launched here today. She is the largest steamship ever constructed in any French yard and will go into the service between Havre and New York. The Paris has a displacement of 27,600 tons and has 45,000 horsepower. She is 620 feet long, with a beam of 44 feet and a draft of 40 feet. The new ship has accommodations for 3000 passengers of all classes.

THREE MORE STEAMERS SUNK, LLOYDS REPORTS

Spanish and Norwegian Vessels Latest Victims—No Lives Reported Lost.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, Sept. 12, 9 p.m.—The sinking of the Spanish steamer Luvos is announced by Lloyd's Shipping Agency. Her crew was saved by the Dutch steamer Drakatau, of Amsterdam. Lloyd's also reports the sinking of the Norwegian steamer Furu, of 2025 tons gross, of Berger and Frødoere, of 1618 gross tons, of Farstad.

HUNGARIANS ARE NOW IN VERY BITTER MOOD

Government's Failure to Defend Transylvania is Causing Intense Indignation.

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FEW ARMY REGULARS

Gendarmes, Railwaymen and Peasants Left to Protect the Frontier.

LONDON, Sept. 13, 5:15 a.m.—According to The Morning Post's Budapest correspondent, there is intense indignation in Hungary over the failure of the government to make provisions against a Roumanian advance immediately after the declaration of war. "The Roumanians reached important points on the frontier and within the frontier before the people realized what was happening," says the correspondent. "There were no Austro-Hungarian soldiers to be seen at most of these points, and the defense all along the frontier was undertaken by gendarmes, railwaymen and peasants. It is stated that the defense of Transylvania was originally allotted to Gen. Pflanzer-Baltin, but the latter had been given another command, and since then nothing had been done—the authorities simply trusted to luck in the hope that Roumanian would not, after all, abandon her neutrality."

PAGE LOOKS LIKE WINNER.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Sept. 12.—The return of Carroll S. Page to the U. S. Senate, was indicated tonight, when returns from about 40 per cent. of the voting precincts of the state gave the Democratic ticket a vote considerably larger than the combined totals of his two opponents, Gov. Charles W. Gates and former Gov. Allen M. Fletcher. Democratic leaders concede that the nomination by Republicans is equivalent to election in November.

FEDERAL PROBE INTO DISASTER IS NOT LIKELY

Liability for Collapse of Quebec Bridge Rests on Contractors.

BIG DEPOSIT IS HELD

Million Dollars of Company's Funds Guarantee Government Against Loss.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 12.—Contrary to expectation there was no meeting of the cabinet this afternoon. It had been thought that the Quebec bridge disaster would be discussed. Sir Robert Borden intimated, however, that the matter had not yet been taken up by the government.

It is quite probable that the government will make no move in the affair, as it seems to be considered generally that the contractors are wholly responsible and that it is their business to finish the contract. The contract as arranged between Hon. George F. Graham as minister of railways and canals in the late government and the contractors, is acknowledged to cover the question of responsibility adequately. There is also a heavy cash deposit in the hands of the government, which is understood to be one million dollars.

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TRIO GAVE LIBERALLY TO CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Capt. Sprague Tells of Collections Just Prior to Federal Election.

CORROBORATES STORY

Contractor Carter's Testimony at Winnipeg is Borne Out.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 12.—Capt. D. E. Sprague, formerly a lumberman in Winnipeg, told the commission investigating the election of the Manitoba Agricultural College, this afternoon, that in the three days which preceded the federal election in September, 1911, he collected \$7500 from three men, Carter, Halls and Alginier, for the Dominion Conservative campaign fund. Capt. Sprague was called to the stand by Hugh Phillips, K.C., counsel for the government, following evidence given by W. H. Carter in the morning, that he had given Capt. Sprague \$15,000 in three sums of \$5000 each to Dr. R. M. Simpson for the provincial Conservative campaign fund.

BIG CAMPAIGN TO CRUSH ROUMANIA

Von Hindenburg Believed to Be Preparing to Strike Hard.

ALLIES' COURSE CLEAR

General Attack on All Fronts Best Means of Aiding Roumania.

LONDON, Wednesday, Sept. 13, 3:05 a.m.—The Times military correspondent in an article today accuses the probable strategy of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, the new German chief of staff, under the caption "Roumania's Danger." The writer expresses the belief that the German leader will adopt a defensive policy in the west, and gather an important army for an attack on Roumania in an effort to repeat Germany's performance against Serbia. "We allies," says the correspondent, "must in this case come to the aid of Roumania with all our might. This does not mean that we should allow our strategy to be deflected, but rather that the settled plan of the allies should be pursued with increasing vigour and determination. To fly about the world to any point where Von Hindenburg is beyond us is an act of folly. The best means of helping Roumania is by continuing on all fronts our general attack with increasing means, and increasing obstinacy. Our main efforts must be on the principal fronts where our main armies stand."

INTERMENT IN SWITZERLAND.

PARIS, Sept. 12.—Premier Briand announced today that the French government had decided to accept a proposal to intern in Switzerland all prisoners of war who were parents of three or more children and who have been in captivity for eighteen months or more. The proposal is under the consideration of the Swiss government.

KING DEEPLY REGRETS DISASTER AT QUEBEC

Chairman Smithers of G.T.P. Also Sends Message of Sympathy.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 12.—A cable from King George, dated Windsor Castle Sept. 12, to the Duke of Connaught, says: "I am deeply concerned to hear of the Quebec bridge disaster, and sincerely trust that the loss of life is not heavy."

A cable was also received from A. W. Smithers, chairman of the G.T.P., expressing sympathy on behalf of the board of directors, to which Sir Robert Borden replied.

GREEK CABINET CRISIS CANNOT BE AVERTED?

Members of Zaimis Ministry Tell Premier Situation is Hopeless.

ATHENS, Sept. 12, via London.—Several members of the Zaimis cabinet called at the palace this morning and insisted that it was impossible for the ministry to remain in office. The belief is now held in official circles that a cabinet crisis cannot be averted.

PREMIER DINES WITH KING.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—Sir Edward Morris, premier of Newfoundland, and Lady Morris dined with the King and Queen at Windsor.

IMPOSTOR TRICKS TRAIN PASSENGERS

Man Posing as Customs Inspector, Gathers in Cash Near Buffalo.

FRAUD NOT SUSPECTED

Brantford Man One of Seven Victims of Ingenious Hold-Up.

BUFFALO, Sept. 12.—Seven passengers on a C. P. R. train were victims of a peculiar robbery as the train entered the U. S. today. The train had been stopped for the custom inspection when a man walked into one of the coaches and began questioning the passengers. Of Mrs. Jesse M. Ardill, of New York City, he demanded "How much money have you got?" Mrs. Ardill opened her purse and the man counted \$110. He returned \$60 to the woman, saying that he would have to keep the remainder as a "deposit." He wrote a receipt for the money as "paid over to the U. S. customs at Buffalo."

KITCHENER BATTALION OFF FOR CAMP BORDEN

Expect to Go Overseas Before Camp is Broken Up.

Special to The Toronto World. KITCHENER, Sept. 12.—Officers and men of the 118th Battalion left this afternoon for Camp Borden, where they will remain until training for overseas duty. The members of the bombing section which captured the camp honors in Toronto last Friday had their leave extended one day, and will return Wednesday. It is not known when the battalion will leave for overseas, but it is expected that it will be some time before camp is broken up on Oct. 15.

BRUSSELS PAID BIG FINE.

BERLIN, Sept. 12, via London, 11 p.m.—The report current abroad that the 2,500,000 fine imposed on the City of Brussels, because of the street scenes attendant on the departure of Cardinal Mercier, had been revoked is denied. The announcement made that the payment of the fine was completed Aug. 30.

FRENCH SMASH WAY FORWARD ON NEARLY FOUR MILE FRONT

BRITISH GUNS FIRE FOE SHELL STORES

Destroy German Gunpits in Artillery Duels South of Ancre.

AEROPLANE GYRATES

Damaged in Collision, Hun Machine Ascends Out of Control.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Sept. 12.—Intermittent shelling of the British front south of the Ancre is reported by the British official communication on the fighting in France today. The British guns retaliated by heavy bombardments, destroying some German gunpits and setting fire to one of their ammunition stores.

Two large conflagrations were also caused in the ammunition depot of the enemy at Grandcourt by British shells last evening.

In the aerial fighting the remarkable incident of a German aeroplane being damaged and ascending upward out of control beyond the clouds is noted by Gen. Haig. The foe's machine collided with a British machine and then commenced its ascent.

The British official statement of tonight from general headquarters reads: "The general situation is unchanged. There was intermittent hostile shelling on the front south of the Ancre. Our artillery destroyed some enemy gunpits and set fire to an ammunition store. During the past 24 hours some 50 prisoners have been brought in."

In the course of aerial fighting one of our machines, which returned safely, collided with a hostile aeroplane which fell out of control and disappeared in the clouds. Today a hostile machine was brought down in flames in our lines near Pozieres. Two of our aeroplanes failed to return."

This afternoon's British official statement follows: "Yesterday evening our heavy artillery caused two large conflagrations in the enemy's ammunition depot at Grandcourt. There was some hostile artillery activity during the night against our lines between Delville Wood and Mouquet Farm. Otherwise there were no developments."

MAN POSING AS CUSTOMS INSPECTOR, GATHERS IN CASH NEAR BUFFALO.

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In like fashion the man got \$38 from Edward Crockett, of Brantford, Ont. Five others in the car also gave up money, but their names were not obtained by the police.

The robbery was not discovered until the train pulled into the Buffalo station, when Mrs. Ardill asked the conductor what she should do with her receipt. The passengers gave a good description of the man, who they had supposed was a customs official.

PREMIER HEARD TO VISIT GRAND FLEET

He Has Obtained Permission to Make the Trip This Week.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, Sept. 12.—Premier Hearst has interviewed the officials of the admiralty and will visit the grand fleet this week.

ROUMANIAN SUCCESS FORCES GENERAL OUT

Gen. Pflanzer-Baltin Resigns After His Failure in Transylvania.

VIENNA, via Amsterdam to London, Sept. 12.—Gen. Pflanzer-Baltin has resigned from his command on account of ill-health. Emperor Francis Joseph has accepted his resignation.

According to recent reports, Gen. Pflanzer-Baltin was entrusted with the defense of Transylvania along the Roumanian frontier.

DUKE INVITES TENANTS TO VISIT RIDEAU HALL

Hearty Reception Promised All Who Call on Him in Canada.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, Sept. 12.—"If any of you go to Canada, I hope you will give me a call. You will find a hearty reception awaiting you," said the Duke of Devonshire to a gathering of his tenants at Fwentrich vicarage.

MAYOR TRIES IN VAIN TO SETTLE CAR STRIKE

Neither New York Companies Nor Men Will Agree to Arbitrate.

CAMPAIN OF FORCE

Labor Organizer of State Hints at More Serious Outbreaks.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—After Mayor Mitchell and the public service commission had taken steps today to terminate the transit strike in this city, by urging that it be immediately declared off, and that both sides arbitrate their differences, plans to continue and extend the strike were discussed tonight at a meeting of the united labor conference of central bodies of greater New York.

Following the conference, Hugh Frazer, New York state organizer of the American Federation of Labor, issued a statement as follows: "The consensus of opinion among the members of the various organizations represented was that the railroad officials must be met with the sort of force they are applying to the men."

Frazer declared that the United Hebrew Trades were represented in the conference for the first time. These trades, it is said, have a membership of 200,000.

Penalty of Inexperience. An investigation started by the coroner after an accident in the Bronx this morning, in which two persons were killed and many others injured when a car got beyond control of an inexperienced motorist, crashed into an automobile, revealed that many of the strikebreakers had been employed previously as truckmen.

Traffic on virtually all surface car lines affected by the strike was suspended again tonight. Subway and elevated train service continued about normal.

The attitude of the Interboro Rapid Transit Company officials was endorsed this afternoon at a directors' meeting.

Woman Led Attack. Spasmodic disturbances occurred throughout the city during the day. Cars were stoned and passengers driven to the streets. A woman led an attack on two Third avenue surface cars. The windows of the cars were broken. Two policemen, with drawn revolvers, held the mob back until reserves arrived.

President Shonts of the Interboro Rapid Transit Co., announced tonight that he will not accept the recommendation of Mayor Mitchell and the public service commission, to call off the strike and arbitrate the differences between the railway companies and the labor union.

MORE OFFICERS HAVE ARRIVED AT HOSPITALS

Lieut. Dyas of Toronto, Wounded in Neck, is at Manchester.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, Sept. 12.—The following are in hospitals in France: Major Ashplant, with shell wounds in ear and neck; Capt. Cosby, shell shock; Lieut. Dyas, shell shock; Chaplain Major Wood, slightly wounded. Lieut. Dyas who was shot in the neck, is at Manchester. Lieut. Hannan, shell wound in the back, is at Tidworth. Lieut. Dineen Co. Ltd., 140 Yonge street, Toronto; and in Hamilton, 20-22 West King street.

ALLY'S STORMING COLUMNS CAPTURE TRENCHES, HILL, SLOPE, WOOD AND REDOUBTS TO MAIN HIGHWAY TO COMBLES FROM SOUTH.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. PARIS, Sept. 12.—Resuming their forward drive with great dash and spirit the French, continuing the battle north of the Somme River today, carried first line German trenches on a front of six kilometres (3 3/4 miles) north of the Somme, and then pushed on and cut the road between Peronne and Combles and Bapaume and Bethune, taking more than 1500 prisoners.

The French started their infantry attacks at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon, and before the hour of one they had captured the whole of the German first line trenches confronting them. Next they drove eastward and captured a succession Hill 145, Marriers Wood and the whole system of trenches as far as the road between Peronne and Combles. They held by nightfall a section of this highway between the scenery of the district south of Combles.

Further to the south of this they also pushed their lines up Slope 76, west of Feuillicourt.

Take Many Officers. Among the prisoners brought in are many German officers. This latest success puts the French fairly close to Combles, cuts the German communications between Peronne and Combles and gives the French a great advantage point for wheeling southward along the bend of the Somme and turning Peronne from the north.

The artillery action was continued with great violence south of the Somme, but no infantry came out to fight today.

The text of the French statement reads: "The battle continued today north of the Somme. Our infantry delivered a vigorous offensive on a six kilometre front between the district south of Combles and the river. The attack started at 12:30 in the afternoon and developed rapidly, thanks to the spirit of our troops, who in less than half an hour captured the district south of Combles and the district south of Bouchavesnes. Further south we pushed our lines on to Slope 76, west of Feuillicourt."

Up to the present the total number of prisoners reaches 1500. These include numerous officers.

"South of the Somme the artillery fighting was violent in various sectors without infantry action. There was an intermittent cannonade on the remainder of the front."

FINAL MAINE FIGURES ADD TO G. O. P.'S LEAD

Vote Largest in History of State and Result Quite Conclusive.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 12.—The largest vote in the history of Maine was cast at the state election yesterday. The total vote will approximate 150,000. The figures have not been approved since 1850, when the total was 147,802.

The receipt today of the vote from the border and a few isolated towns increased the plurality of Polignault, Maine, Republican, for governor, over Gov. Oakley C. Curtis, Democrat, from the indicated figures of 12,000 last night, to 13,500. Indicated pluralities for the other Republican candidates were confirmed by a revision of the vote. The Republicans will have solid delegations in both branches of congress and will easily control both houses of the state legislature.

Maine, by a vote of about 4 to 1, gave popular approval to the state law limiting the employment of women and children to 54 hours a week.

NORWEGIAN SHIP SUNK FOUR SAILORS MISSING

Twenty-Four Survivors of Polynesia Were Landed at Penzance.

FENZANCE, England, Sept. 12.—The Norwegian passenger Polynesia has been sunk and her captain and 23 men of her crew have been landed here. Four other members of the crew who left the Polynesia in another boat are missing.

HAVE YOUR FURS REMODELED.

Now is the time to have your furs looked over. Fall styles are now in. Alterations can be made during the present month much lower in price than later on.

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