

BRITISH BLOW MOST EFFECTIVE YET DELIVERED

Morale of Enemy Wrecked by
Week-End Operations.

COUNTER-ATTACKS WEAK

Army Now in Artillery Position
To Inflict Heavy Pun-
ishment.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—A British official communication issued this evening gives a more complete account of the fighting in the Somme region of France of September 15-16. The communication says:

"The attack was launched at 6.20 o'clock on the morning of the 15th, on the front from the Leuze wood to Pozières. The enemy's position consisted of a triple line of entrenchments, connected by strong subsidiary trenches. In addition to this the enemy was holding some advanced positions with machine guns in trenches, works and shell holes behind these fortifications, and at a distance of some 7,000 yards from our front the enemy had recently constructed and wired a fourth main line of trenches in front of the Le Transloy-Bapaume road.

"Supported by more than a thousand guns of all calibres, the hostile defence was formidable. Punctually our infantry, accompanied by heavy armored cars, moved forward to the assault close under cover of our field artillery and barrage. The front of the German line was carried everywhere except at two points, namely, on the high ground between Ginchy and the Leuze wood and at the Fourreaux wood. Neglecting these places the infantry swept forward around them, and by 10 o'clock in the morning had captured the whole of the village of Fiers, with its strong points, and advanced to a position beyond the village.

"Canadians in Advance.
"The outposts of Martinpuich and Courcellette also were reached about the same time. The latter two villages fell into our hands in the course of the afternoon. The Northumbrian and Territorial, Scottish and English new army divisions, with troops from Canada and New Zealand, shared with our guards, the credit for these successes.

"On our right the enemy maintained his hold on the high ground northwest of Leuze wood, and our efforts to dislodge him were not successful. At the Fourreaux wood, however, the enemy began to surrender when both his flanks were turned, and by 11 o'clock the whole wood was in our possession.

"On the Downward Slopes.
"We thus gained not only practically the whole of the ground between the Combles Valley and the River Ancre, but are well down the forward slopes. Thanks to our excellent artillery observations thus afforded, we are in a position to inflict heavy punishment on the Germans. Our armored cars gallantly led the action, knocking out hostile machine guns and inflicting heavy losses by their machine gun fire, enfilading the German trenches and causing indescribable demoralization in the enemy's ranks.

"On the night of the 15th the enemy began to counter-attack with forces hastily brought from all directions. These counter-attacks continued throughout the 16th, and were all repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. The New Zealand troops, after gaining their objectives on the 15th, were particularly heavily counter-attacked, and not only stood their ground but punished the enemy severely.

"Most Effective Blow Yet.
"On the 15th our troops made further progress, especially in the direction of Lebaeuvres. In the course of the above operations and in close connection with them, the new army troops have skillfully and gallantly extended our gains out of Thiepval, securing trenches and capturing hundreds of prisoners. The result of the fighting is of great importance, and is probably the most effective blow which has yet been dealt the enemy by British troops.

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"To date, since the 1st of July, the British forces alone on the Somme front have met and engaged 35 German divisions, of which 29 have already been defeated and withdrawn exhausted.

"During the past week in the Belgium area only four aeroplanes have been reported as crossing our lines, while our machines have made between 2,000 and 3,000 flights across the enemy's lines."

Down-Bound Ships Encounter Heavy Gales in Superior

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., Sept. 18.—Down-bound vessels report stormy and heavy weather on Lake Superior for the past forty-eight hours. A strong northwest gale has been blowing all day and still continues tonight, accompanied by a lower temperature and snow showers.

No mishaps to steamers have been reported up to 9 p.m.

SOLDIER'S WIFE DIES.

WINDSOR, Sept. 18.—Mrs. Jane Abbott, wife of Pte. Hugh Abbott, died at the home of her mother after several weeks of sickness. Pte. Hugh Abbott is with the British forces in France.



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Twenty-Nine German Divisions Out of Thirty-Five Defeated By the British Since July 1

[From British Official Report.]

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BULGARIANS PLAYED A BOLD GAME, LOST; ARMY IS DECIMATED

Success Would Have Compromised Entire Allied Line—Road
Now Free for Advance on Monastir.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Dispatches reaching London regarding the operations which resulted in the capture by the allied forces of Florina, Macedonia, according to Reuter's Saloniki correspondent, the Bulgarians in extending their line so far south as the region of Lake Ostrovo with limited forces, played a bold, but dangerous game. Success would have compromised the whole Allied line, but lack of success was bound to prove costly by jeopardizing the whole Bulgarian front.

The first wavering among the Bulgarians, says the dispatch, was caused by the unexpected pressure of the French and Russians on their extreme flank, and the Serbians, profiting by this indecision, attacked energetically on the 12th and 13th. At first the Serbians infantry made little impression on the well-trenched Bulgarians, but after a strong bombardment with high explosives the Serbians carried lines after line of trenches, compelling the Bulgarians to abandon the whole of their advanced position

along the Malkanidze range with 32 guns, including two heavy guns. The whole Bulgarian right wing fell back and the Allies obtained command of the ranges dominating the Florina plain.

An Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company describes the later phases of the concentration for the attack on Florina, which was carried out with the greatest secrecy. The contingents were divided into three parties in a converging movement to connect at Florina. The Russians started from Verria, southwest of Saloniki, and proceeded by forced marches. A French column was directed against the Bulgarians in the region of Horovitz were ordered to repel the Bulgarians from the heights in the vicinity of Ekissha and Petroskon.

The Bulgarians were decimated and fled, leaving everything behind.

The road to Monastir, the dispatch adds, is now free and it is safe to predict that the Allies will meet with little resistance in taking the town.

LIBERAL GAINS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA LIKELY TO INCREASE

Soldiers Now Overseas Vote
Against Government.

PROHIBITION IS FAVORED

Close Fight for Two Seats in
Vancouver Needs Special
Count.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 18.—In anticipation that the votes of the citizen-soldiers may make it a close fight between the Liberals and Conservatives for one or two Vancouver seats, there is a final count of the ballots being taken at the court house in the presence of the candidates or their agents. The count may take the better part of the week to complete.

News came from England today that 7,000 soldiers had voted in France and England and with it also came word to the Liberals that the vote was strongly Liberal, and in favor of prohibition.

Capt. A. E. Tulk, who is interested in the anti-prohibition campaign, wants a recount of the vote on the prohibition referendum, in the belief that the soldiers' vote may help him to overcome the handicap of over 8,000 majority, which the prohibitionists at home piled up in favor of the prohibition measure. The final result of the vote will be announced on October 11.

In recognition of the dangers which come with a large majority, it is being suggested in Liberal circles that Liberal Leader Brewster, who won in Victoria, and Alhert, open the latter to Premier Bowser in the event of the latter failing to win a Vancouver seat on the soldier vote.

The result of the balloting still remains 13 Liberals and seven Conservatives and one Socialist. Hon. Mr. Ross still leads in Prince George with a majority of 25.

OVER 2,000 OFFICERS FALL IN A FORTNIGHT

Total Loss of Officers Since War Began
Is More Than 40,000.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Officers casualty lists for the last fortnight of August contain the names of 93 officers killed, 1,396 wounded and 93 missing, a total of 2,092.

This brings the losses of officers in the British army since the commencement of hostilities to 41,014, of which 11,945 have been killed or died of wounds, 26,078 wounded and 2,893 missing.

During the fortnight Brig.-Gen. Potter was wounded, Brig.-Gen. Buckle killed, and five lieutenant-colonels killed.

TURKS ARE DEFEATED ON SINAI PENINSULA

Surprised by British Troops, Who Penetrate Their Trenches.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Defeat of the Turks in a minor engagement on the Sinai Peninsula, 65 miles east of the Suez Canal, was announced officially as follows:

"A mobile column composed of Anzac mounted troops and a camel corps, with some artillery, left Bir-el-Abd on September 6 with a view to carrying out reconnaissance of enemy troops west of El-Arish. The column reached an enemy position at Bir-el-Matar, 65 miles from the canal, at dawn of Sunday.

"A sharp engagement followed, in which our troops penetrated the enemy trenches at several points and inflicted considerable casualties, while our artillery heavily shelled the enemy camps.

"The attack appears to have been a surprise to the Turks and our aircraft saw and fired on several parties of them, among whom were German officers, riding rapidly back to El-Arish. We took some prisoners. Our casualties were slight."

ALLIES SURROUND BULGARS, FORCING THEM TO RETREAT

24 Hours of Heavy Fighting
Rewarded by Victory.

FLORINA IS CAPTURED

Enemy Has Been Forced To
Retreat in Disorder Toward
Monastir.

ATHENS, Sept. 18.—Via London.
—Franco-Serbian troops have surrounded the Bulgarian forces in northwestern Macedonia, which are falling back precipitately on Monastir, according to reports reaching here.

PARIS, Sept. 18.—Via London, 9.33 p.m.—Florina, an important town in northwestern Macedonia, was carried by assault by French troops today, according to an official statement issued here tonight. The Bulgarians are retreating in disorder in the direction of Monastir, the statement adds. Serbian troops also have gained successes in the region of Lake Ostrovo.

The statement follows:
"East of the Cerna, Serbian troops have reached the approaches to Mount Vetrenik, and repulsed violent Bulgarian attacks. Taken under barrage and machine gun fire, enemy contingents suffered heavy losses.

Serbs Continue Advance.
"Further west Serbian detachments continue to advance despite the difficulty of the ground, and have with a series of counter-attacks and a cavalry charge, the first Bulgarian line, which was strongly organized and defended by numerous well-entangled. Enemy counter-attacks launched during the night were repulsed completely.

"Northwest of Lake Ostrovo Serbian infantry continues the crossing of the River Broda, while the artillery energetically bombarded Bulgarian positions on the right bank.

"On our left wing Franco-Russian troops engaged strong Bulgarian forces on the Romena-Florina front. After a desperate struggle lasting through the whole day of the 17th, and all of the following night, and despite the desperate resistance of the Bulgarians, who delivered a series of counter-attacks and cavalry charges, our troops gained a brilliant victory. The town of Florina was carried by assault at 10 o'clock this morning by French troops, and is entirely in our power. The enemy is retreating in disorder in the direction of Monastir."

Belgian Miners Go on a Strike For Higher Pay

Want an Increase Commensurate With High Price
of Food.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Sept. 19.
—The Haastrecht Les Nouvelles says a general strike of miners throughout the Belgian coal fields is in progress. The miners are asking for an increase in wages commensurate with the high price of food.

DUBLIN PROFESSOR IS KILLED IN ACTION

Was Brother-in-Law of Skeliffington
Shot During Irish Uprising.

DUBLIN, Sept. 18.—Lieutenant Thos. Michael Kettle, professor of economics in the National University, has been killed in action at Ginchy. He was a brother-in-law of the late Sheehy Skeffington, who was shot during the recent uprising in Ireland. In 1906 Prof. Kettle made a tour of the United States and Canada in the interest of the Irish cause.

Prof. Kettle was born in 1880, the son of a pioneer of the Irish land movement. He was a lawyer and journalist and from 1905 to 1910 represented East Tyrone in parliament.

STRATFORD DAVENPORT CO. MAKES AN ASSIGNMENT

Creditors Instruct Assignee to Complete All Orders.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
STRATFORD, Sept. 18.—Owing to difficulties in obtaining sufficient capital to manufacture the large orders now on hand, it was decided at a meeting of the directors of the Stratford Davenport Company, Limited, that an assignment be made for the benefit of the creditors to B. F. Kastner, of this city.

It was stated that if the creditors instructed the assignee to complete the materials now on hand and fill the orders, the result will probably be the payment in full of all creditors, and arrangements will be made for continuing the business.

Until the meeting of the creditors in the course of a week or ten days.

BEEF IS \$4 A POUND IN AUSTRIAN CAPITAL

Food Disorders Break Out—Terrible
Distress Among Workingmen.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Food disorders have broken out in Vienna, said a Geneva dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company today.

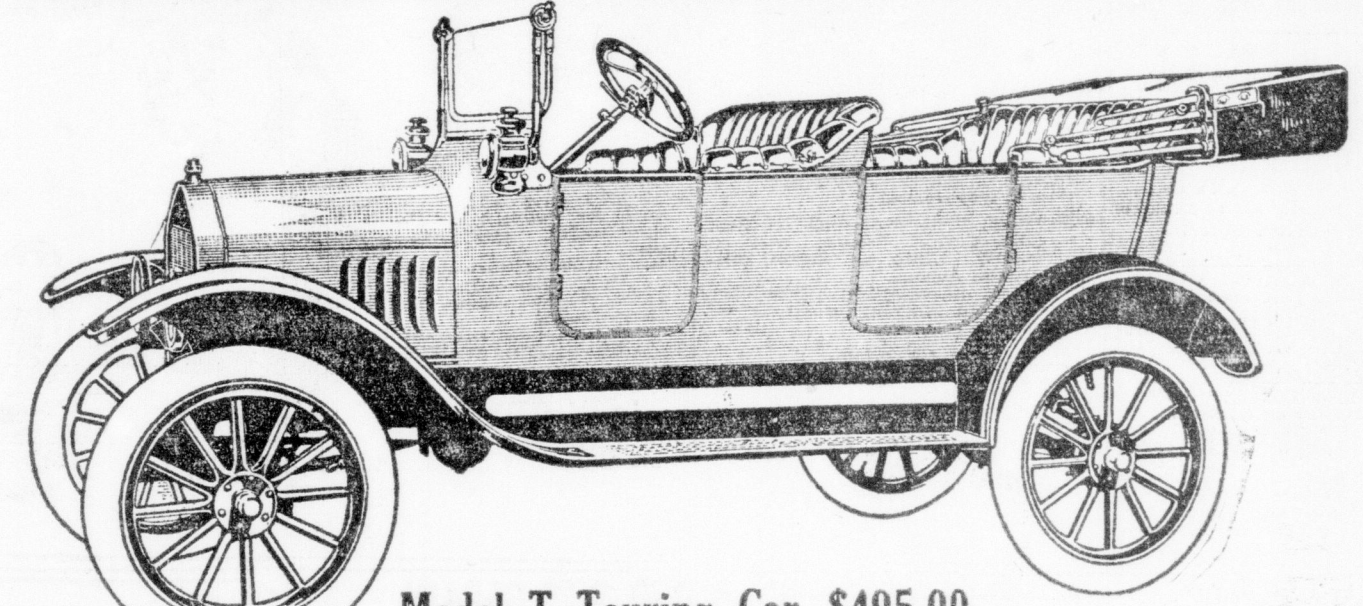
"Beef is selling at \$4 a pound and rice at \$2 a pound. There is terrible distress among families of workingmen, the dispatch added.

SOLDIER AT BORDEN DIES OF PNEUMONIA

[Special to The Advertiser.]
CAMP BORDEN, Sept. 18.—Pte. J. McConnell of the 238th Northern Ontario Battalion died today in the camp hospital from pneumonia. He was an Indian, and was born at Port William, 35 years of age. He enlisted at Mattawa, and his father and mother live just outside of that town. He was admitted to hospital on the 14th of the month.

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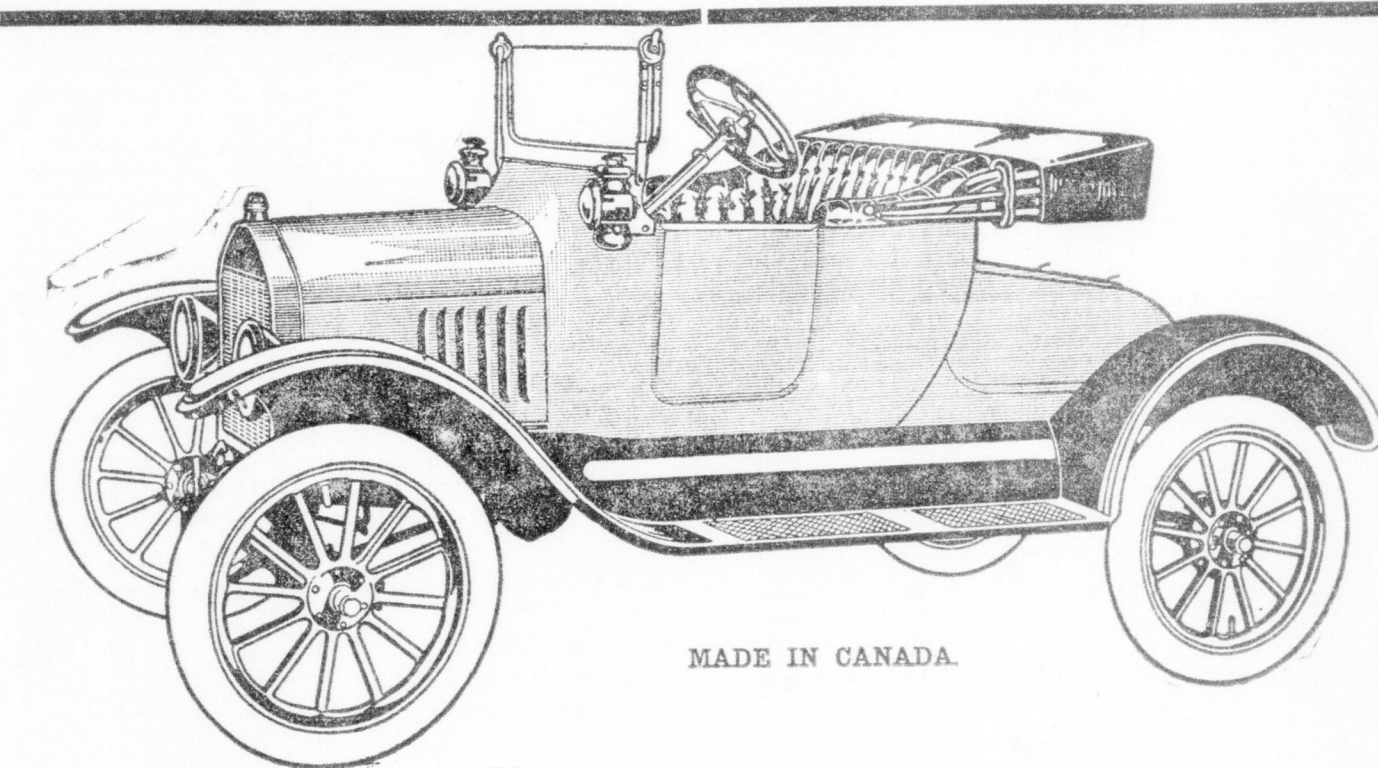
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