

ITALIANS STILL HAMMERING HARD

IMPORTANT VICTORY FOR ITALIANS IN MACEDONIA

Defeat Bulgarians and Drive Them from Strong Positions Near Lake Buikovo, West of the Vardar.

Italy's Alpine Troops Cut Austrian Communication Between Trovananzes Pass and the Lagazuer Region.

Rome, Sept. 13, via London.—Italian troops operating on the Macedonian front have defeated and driven back Bulgarian detachments near Lake Buikovo, west of the Vardar, the war office announced today in reporting on the situation in the Balkans. The statement says:

"Saloniki front: On Monday and Tuesday, in the district west of Buikovo Lake, our columns had skirmishes with Bulgarian detachments, which were driven in beyond the Demir-Hisardolran Railway line."

Alpine Troops Capture Strong Enemy Position.

Rome, Sept. 13, via London.—Italian troops in the Dolomite Alps on the far northern line of the Austro-Italian front have captured a position commanding the Travananzes Pass and cutting Austria's communications between the Travananzes Valley and the Lagazuer region, the war office announced today. The official statement follows:

"Minor offensive actions continue in the Arsa and Upper Posina valleys. On Monday evening we repulsed attacks east of Griso and in the Zera Valley."

"North of Falzarego our Alpine troops gained possession of a position which not only commands Travananzes Pass but also interrupts enemy communications between the Travananzes Valley and the Lagazuer district."

"On the remainder of the front nothing of importance occurred."

"Last evening enemy aircraft bombarded Venice, Pordenone, Latisana, Marano, Cervignano and Aquileia, wounding a few civilians and doing slight damage."

Berlin Claims Gains for Bulgarians in East Rumania.

Berlin, Sept. 13, by wireless to Sayville.—The Bulgarian army which is invading Eastern Rumania has made further gains, says the official announcement issued yesterday at Sofia, which follows:

"On the bank of the Danube calm prevails."

"Our troops are continuing to advance in Dobruja."

"On the Macedonian front, near Ostrovo Lake, there was activity on the part of patrols, as well as artillery fighting."

"A small enemy detachment was repulsed in the Moglenica Valley."

"In the valley of the Vardar and near Dolran the artillery fighting was spirited."

"Two Italian companies with machine guns and one squadron of cavalry advanced in the direction of Butkora (near the Struma river) and Drama. We made a counter-attack and dispersed them."

"Thirty Italians were captured. This was our first encounter with Italian troops."

"In an encounter in the Struma Valley, near Nevojan and Kardziko, on Sept. 10, the enemy lost seven officers and about 100 men killed. We captured many rifles and a quantity of ammunition thrown away by the enemy, who fled in panic."

"We took prisoners two Scotch officers and more than 100 British soldiers."

"A hostile fleet is cruising off the Aegean coast. Our hydroplanes made a successful attack on enemy warships in the harbor of Kavala."

THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court yesterday Jeremiah Daley, a principal in a disorderly house case, was sentenced to six months in jail without a fine, a fine of \$50 or three additional months for being an inmate of a disorderly house, and \$80 or ten months for his assault on Officer McNamee.

Pte. Arthur Howe was remanded for sentence until this morning, after an officer had spoken in his behalf, the magistrate remarking that Howe's record in police circles was not good. The proprietress, Minnie Burns, promised to go out of the city and remain away for a year, if given the chance. Her case is being considered.

"Peg-O'-My Heart."

Mrs. David Spaulding will be heard in dramatic recital at Centenary Lecture Hall, Sept. 14th at 8 p. m. Mrs. Spaulding will give "Peg-O'-My Heart" assisted by Mr. Spaulding, who will sing several Irish melodies. The proceeds are in aid of the Soldiers' Comfort Association. A crowded house is looked for.

Miss Nettie Gregory of West St. John has arrived home from Smith's Cove, N. S., where she has been visiting Mrs. P. L. Webb at her summer home.

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SEE ITALIAN ARMY IN ACTION

Mr. Page Arrives in Udine and will Visit the Austro-Italian Front.

Udine, Italy, Sept. 13.—Thomas Nelson Page, the United States ambassador, arrived here today for his announced visit to the Austro-Italian front. He was accompanied by Capt. Elvin R. Heiberg, military attache, and Lieut.-Commander Charles Russell Train, naval attache of the embassy. Ambassador Page and the members of his suite were received by both the military and civil authorities on their arrival. They will be the guests of the supreme command of the Italian army during the time they remain at the front, which will be about a week.

LAURIER GOVERNMENT BLUNDERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE QUEBEC BRIDGE COST COUNTRY NEAR SUM

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Sept. 13.—On Monday morning the Liberal press claimed that the Laurier government was entirely responsible for all designs, plans and contracts in connection with the Quebec bridge. That was quite correct. On Monday afternoon there occurred the second disaster in connection with this bridge. Since then the Liberal press has been strangely silent.

The Laurier administration began in 1894 by giving a big subsidy to a practically bogus company to construct the bridge. This company—the Quebec Bridge Company—was its title, put up in actual cash from first to last just \$15,400. The company was practically an association of politicians. The Laurier government began by subsidizing them with a million dollars.

By 1903 the Quebec Bridge Company was in a bad way. Its paid up capital was nominally \$65,000 but of this not more than \$49,900 was reported by fees which had been credited to directors and then paid back by them for stock. The total real money paid for stock was as already said, \$15,400. The company owed \$779,550 and had obligations amounting to \$7,500,000. The Laurier government stepped in nobly. It agreed to guarantee bonds to the amount of \$6,678,000 and although it took power to appoint directors to the company's board, it let the company blaze away. As early as 1898 Mr. Douglas, a government engineer, had criticized the bridge plans. No notice was taken. In 1903, when the bonds were guaranteed, Mr. Collingswood Schreiber advised the appointment of a bridge expert, Mr. Nichols, to supervise the plans and construction. He was appointed but the bridge company kicked and Mr. Nichols never acted. Then in 1907 the bridge fell down. The

Nature Throws Mantle Over Fields Scarred By Recent Fighting

RUSSIAN DESTROYER SUNK IN GULF RIGA?

Berlin, Sept. 13, via wireless to Sayville.—A Russian destroyer has been sunk in the Gulf of Riga by a German aeroplane squadron, says a report given out by the German admiral today. German naval planes also have attacked Russian sea forces in the Black Sea off Constanza, Rumania. The statement says:

"On the evening of Sept. 12 several German naval aeroplanes attacked the enemy's sea force in the Gulf of Riga. Several hits were obtained, and one of the enemy destroyers sank immediately. Despite heavy shelling all the aeroplanes returned safely."

STRETCHES OF RICH LAND DOTTED WITH WILD FLOWERS HIDE TRACES OF BATTLES OF FEW MONTHS AGO, WRITES PTE. F. A. WELDON WHO ENLISTED IN OTTAWA.

Writing from Belgium to a friend in Bayswater, Pte. F. A. Weldon, 67th Western Scots, to which he was transferred in England, from the 89th Battalion, Ottawa, where he was employed in the civil service, says:

Belgium, Aug. 27, 1916. Dear Friend,—I have just had a bath in an old farm well and a walk through the open country, so will take a few minutes now before church parade to write you a few lines. It is Sunday and I have been in the trenches seven days, or nights at least. It is a great relief to get out in the open on a fine day and wander around.

The country behind us is coming into life again. The wheat and potatoes are growing between the old lines of trenches and wire entanglements, and the old men work away under occasional bursts of shrapnel. The villages are all battered to pieces, but some of the old church towers and windmills are still standing. It is a beautiful piece of scenery compared to the hell in front of us.

Great stretches of level rich land as far as one can see, dotted with red poppies, where the battlefields have been. Our battalion is working with the engineers, that is how I get out in the fields during the day. All our work is at night just now. It is wonderful to note how complete the system of transportation is. All the way from Canada, through England and France, and everything we need comes up to the trenches, so that it is not necessary to miss a meal or to be short of clothing or anything. I am sending you a piece of money that has been in the front line trench, for a souvenir. We are paid in French and Belgian coin here. We get tobacco free, but some "Old Chum" would go good now.

The time is flying and I must get back to the hut. The Y.M.C.A.'s follow us right up as near as possible. I don't know what we would do without them. Hoping you are all well. Sincerely, your friend,

PTE. F. A. WELDON, 67th Western Scots "Canadians."

Then the Laurier administration launched into its next effort. Plans were made by a government commission of engineers for a new bridge. Tenders were invited from all comers. But in the stipulations calling for tenders was inserted a clause that any company desiring to tender might not do so upon the basis of the government plan, but might send in an alternative plan of its own with a tender for the work. This peculiar and unusual proviso resulted in a contract for the St. Lawrence Bridge Company which sent in an alternative plan. For this naturally there was no competition—other companies of excellent standing had sent in tenders

MEETING IN INTERESTS OF 140TH AT WOODSTOCK

Addressed by Col. Beer and Officers—Expected Number of Men Will Answer Appeal for Recruits.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, Sept. 13.—There was a large attendance at tonight's open air recruiting meeting in front of the post office. The meeting was in the interests of the 140th Overseas Battalion which requires a number of recruits before leaving for overseas duty. Eloquent addresses were delivered by Col. Beer, officer commanding the 140th, Serg. Jack Bradbury, T. C. L. Ketchum, local recruiting officer, and Harry Havens of Jacksonville. It is expected that good results will be achieved from the meeting as several local young men have signified their intention of joining the ranks of the 140th. Col. Beer and party leave in the morning for St. John to address a meeting there. Lieut. Guy Dowling was in town in connection with the recruiting campaign.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of Mrs. W. H. Amos took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 290 Gullford street, to Cedar Hill cemetery. Rev. Dr. J. A. Morrison conducted the burial services.

The funeral of Mrs. H. Usher Miller took place yesterday afternoon

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from her late residence, 183 Douglas Avenue. Services were conducted by Rev. R. P. McKim and interment was made in Fernhill cemetery. There was a large number of floral tributes, and many friends were present at the funeral.

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