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Canadians in Heavy Fighting; Many Casualties Quebec Bridge Collapses; Many Go To Death

Dominion Troops In Battle on Last Friday In River Somme District

Number of Killed, Wounded and Missing Well Under Thousand; Had Been Only Five on Casualty List on Previous Day

Ottawa, Sept. 11.—The Canadian divisions have again been in action, and as a result several hundred men have fallen. The number, however, is under 1,000.

The battle occurred on last Friday in the Somme district. A few weeks ago the Canadians were taken from the Ypres Salient, which they had held for more than a year, were replaced by British troops, and were transferred to the Somme.

For some months before and during the period of their transfer, things have been exceptionally quiet along the lines. Apart from the daily sniping, the losses have been few, a dozen a day being fairly normal.

While details are lacking, the clear evidence of the renewed fighting does not come as any surprise to Ottawa. Our troops have been thoroughly rested and reinforced, and their movement to the crucial point of battle necessarily involved their getting into the thick of the fight in the new territory sooner or later.

The news which has come to Ottawa is based upon the suddenly augmented casualty list. When the number of casualties suddenly jumps from five on Thursday to well on to 1,000 on the day following, fighting is clearly indicated.

The details of the divisions and battalions which have been engaged will come in the regular course of the casualty lists of the record office, starting immediately.

BRITISH AND FRENCH BOTH BEAT BACK THE ENEMY ON THE SOMME

London, Sept. 11.—Two efforts were made yesterday by the Germans to re-capture Ginchy, on the Somme front, from the British, but it is announced officially that the attacks were beaten off.

The statement follows:—"The enemy made two more counter-attacks on Ginchy yesterday, which were repulsed. Several small detachments of hostile infantry attempted to attack our line near Mouquet Farm and in the vicinity of Pozieres, but were driven off. Between Neuville-St. Vaast and La Bassee Canal our troops entered the enemy's trenches at several places, taking some prisoners."

FRENCH ALSO DRIVE THEM BACK

Paris, Sept. 11.—Five times last night the Germans attacked positions newly won by the French on the Somme front. The War Office announces they were repulsed each time with heavy losses.

The official report says the Germans employed burning liquid in making their attacks. The fighting occurred south of the Somme, from Berry to the region south of Chaulnes.

BRITISH CROSS THE STRUMA; ATTACK BULGARS

Later Making Desperate Resistance in New Fighting in the Balkans

Paris, Sept. 11.—British troops on the front in Greek Macedonia took the offensive last night. They crossed the Struma River and attacked the Bulgarians, who are resisting desperately.

Companions in Distress

Amsterdam, Sept. 11.—According to the Berlin Tageblatt the visit of the King of Bulgaria to the German Emperor was the sequel to the entry of Roumania into the war and proof, if any were needed, of the firmness of the alliance between Bulgaria and the Central Powers.

The situation in the Balkans created by Roumania's entry and other Balkan questions, say the Tageblatt, will form the subject of discussions between the two monarchs, as will also questions concerning future developments in the situation.

The British crossed the Struma under fire. Having gained a footing on the eastern bank at a point about forty miles northeast of Salonika, they attacked the villages of Nevolyn and Karabashes.

In Greece London, Sept. 11.—An Athens despatch says that Premier Zaimis had yesterday another lengthy conference with King

Constantine on Sunday afternoon after which the cabinet met.

Phelix and Pheridand

Berlin, Sept. 11.—Hail Bay, Turkish minister of the interior, arrived here yesterday from Constantinople for a conference with German officials.

Berlin, Sept. 11.—The Budapest newspaper Acsel says that the Bulgarians who are invading eastern Roumania have now taken possession of virtually all the Dobruja territory, which Bulgaria was compelled to surrender to Roumania at the time of the second Balkan war.

All Bulgaria is celebrating the victories gained over the Russians and Roumanians.

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BRITISH PATROL IN WATERS OF THE SOUTH

Manila, Sept. 11.—The captain of the inter-island steamer Cebu reports that a British destroyer held up his ship at 2:30 o'clock on Monday morning under the guns of Corcoran fort and two miles from shore.

The British patrol in adjacent waters, the captain adds, continues active.

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STILL AFFECT TO THINK LITTLE OF BRITISH ARMY

Associated Press Man Sends Word From German Front

BUT MUST ADMIT LOSSES

Concede That Haij's Artillery is Tremendous Factor and That Aeroplanes are Giving Them a Great Deal of Trouble

With the German army on the Bapaume front in France, Thursday, Sept. 7, via Berlin to London, Sept. 10.—German officers with whom the Associated Press correspondents conversed during a three days visit to this front admitted, as on earlier occasions, that the Anglo-French armies have gained some successes in their Somme offensive, and that it is not impossible that they will crush back the German front a few more miles in spots by a continuation of the stupendous hammering with artillery and human flesh. But they declare that the successes are relatively insignificant and without effect on the ultimate result of the war.

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Brusiloff Sees End Of War By Next August; "Game Already Won"

London, Sept. 11.—General Brusiloff, in an interview with the correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at the Russian front, predicts the end of the war by next August.

"The Austro-Hungarian army, assailed from all sides," he said, "will not be able to stand much longer before the hordes of enemies who are hurling themselves against it and preparing to increase the vigor of their blows. The intervention of the final enemy, I am no prophet; the future is in God's hands. But I should be inclined to think that the month of August, 1917, might see the end of our memorable work."

The present war is one which it is impossible for the allies to lose, although a great deal remains to be accomplished. A successful result is already in our hands; the game is already won."

stood that the battery soon would be getting away from England to the front and they needed a mess kitchen and some other things.

The mayor said he felt that the grants should be in proportion to the number of men in the unit, and he felt that on this basis, the grant to No. 4 was less than it should have been.

In the discussion which followed it was brought out that \$200 had been virtually promised to the First Ambulance Train; that the grant to the 140th was used, with other money, to buy rain-coats for the men and that the grant to the 104th was being used to provide funds for the men while on leave.

Sidewalk Tender. Tenders for concrete sidewalks for the Market streets were before the council but, before they were opened, Commissioner Fisher registered a protest against the use of concrete instead of asphalt and also questioned whether they had been authorized. Explanations were given by Commissioner McLellan and the mayor, and the tenders were opened.

The tenders were as follows:—A. R. C. Clark & Son, extra excavation, \$11; the same, 6 cents; concrete walk, \$12.

Corner Park Street, 10c, 25c. The tenders were, on motion, referred to the commissioner of public safety and the mayor.

Conditions in Main Street. Commissioner McLellan asked the commissioner of public works if he intended to do anything with the north side of Main street from Douglas avenue to Sheriff street. When informed that no work had been done for lack of money, Mr. McLellan said he would like to see the commissioner ask the council for special financial provision for this work.

could not risk my life, nor the life of my car by running over that section, irrespective of traffic laws," said Commissioner Wigmore, who offered to support any measure to get the work done.

Commissioner McLellan—"You would be justified; you cannot be forced to run over dangerous places."

The mayor expressed disapproval of drawing on next year's appropriation. Commissioner Fisher explained that he had recommended a permanent pavement for that section but the council had refused to issue bonds to pay for the work. He referred to various plans for street work and suggested a discussion of the revision of the local improvement act before taking any radical steps.

"This is an emergency and calls for emergency treatment," said Commissioner McLellan.

Some criticism was directed at the department of public works for the lack of men for street-cleaning and for the small amount of street work of a substantial nature accomplished during the season.

According to statements in the papers it was made to the Marsh road, but I have not seen any evidence of it yet," said Commissioner McLellan.

"The newspaper reporters sometimes draw on their imagination," replied Commissioner Fisher. The commissioner of public works added that he is preparing a statement of the finances of his department which would be submitted to the council when complete.

After the meeting, when asked regarding his plans for the Marsh road, Commissioner Fisher explained that he had not said that the reporters were drawing on their imagination in this case and that, further, he did not know definitely that it had been the repairs to the Marsh road which he had promised, which were referred to by the term "improvements."

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5,000 TON SPAN CRASHES INTO THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

Had Reached Height of 15 Feet When Strain Proved Too Great; Some 90 Men on Huge Mass as it Fell and it is Believed Many Have Lost Lives

Quebec, Sept. 11.—The central span of the Quebec bridge, which was being raised 150 feet from the river St. Lawrence this morning, collapsed when it was about fifteen feet in the air and dashed into the river. The span weighs 5,000 tons.

The loss of life will be heavy. The span was towed out from Sillery Cove, where it had been constructed, to the bridge site this morning. It was safely lifted from the pontoons amidst great excitement and much watching by hundreds of river craft gathered to see the greatest effort in bridge building history. The pontoons were removed from under the span which was proceeding upwards on its journey. Everything pointed to a most successful enterprise, when suddenly with a ripping noise from one of the girders holding the span at its northern corner, the span dropped into the stream at one end.

The remaining jacks held the mass of steel for a few seconds, while frantic efforts were made to get a chain rope around the tottering beam. With reports like shells exploding, the remaining supports snapped and the span disappeared with a mighty splash in the river and disappeared in the 200 feet of the channel.

Men working on the span itself were seen to jump into the stream. Boats were at once rushed to the spot and several were picked up. It is estimated there were ninety men on the span.

The two arms of the bridge which was to be connected by the span were situated by the bridge.

Arrangements were at once made to send down divers to see if the fifty channel had been blocked and to see if it would be possible to raise the span. Engineers who saw the collapse expressed doubts as to whether it would be practical to get the span up again.

The engineers in charge of the elevation thought that once the span was lifted from the pontoons the jacks would have held it until it reached the roof of the bridge above. An onlooking engineer said that apparently one corner gave way and the strain on the span itself was too great, because it appeared DEAD, 257.

Quebec, Sept. 11.—A first estimate given by the St. Lawrence Bridge Company at noon today places the number of dead at twenty-five.

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