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## ALLIES' BIG GUNS AGAIN HAMMERING TRENCHES OF ENEMY PREPARATORY TO RENEWING DRIVE

### TRENCH FIGHTING IN WEST WHERE GERMANS ARE TRYING TO REGAIN LOST GROUND

London, Oct. 5.—On the western front the big guns have again undertaken the task of attempting to level the German entrenchments, presumably in preparation for a continuation of the attacks which proved successful in Artois and Champagne. In some sectors there has been infantry fighting, in which a trench, or a few yards of a trench, changed hands, this being particularly the case in the areas where the Allies have made their gains and where the Germans are trying to win back their lost ground.

The British fleet, too, is almost continuously bombarding the German positions on the coast of Belgium.

Berlin Claims British Attack Near Loos Failed

Berlin, via London, Oct. 5.—The British attack on the German fortifications north of Loos has been again repulsed. The war office announced today that the efforts of the British were fruitless and that they sustained considerable losses.

The statement follows: "A British hand grenade attack on the fortifications north of Loos was again repulsed. During fruitless attacks on these fortifications, the British left more than eighty prisoners, as well as two mine-throwers in our hands, in addition to their very considerable losses in killed or injured."

"A section of a trench which had been occupied by the French, on the hill northwest of Givency, was recaptured yesterday. Four machine guns were taken."

"In the Champagne the enemy directed a strong artillery fire on the position northwest of Souain. When the intentions of the enemy to make an attack could be observed our artillery fire prevented the enemy from advancing. At Vanuys we forestalled the enemy with our mining operations. Numerous mine positions of the enemy were destroyed."

"Aviators of the enemy dropped bombs on the village of Hiesch-St. Vaast, northeast of Arras. One inhabitant was killed. Otherwise no damage was done."

"Eastern theatre of war: "Army group of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg: After their defeat on October 3rd, the Russians yesterday repeated their attacks on our positions with weak forces which were repulsed easily."

"There is nothing to report concerning the other army groups."

#### French Report.

Paris, Oct. 5.—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight: "A bombardment of a somewhat violent nature occurred on all sides to the north of La Scarpe and to the east of Arras. There was trench fighting with grenades and bombs in the sectors of Libons and Andechy."

"In Champagne the enemy continued with the aid of asphyxiating shells, the bombardment of regions in the rear of our front, to the south of the Navarin farm and in the environs of Souain. Our artillery responded very energetically against the German trenches and works."

"The artillery action was almost continuous in the Argonne, in the sector from Houyet to Las Eparges, in the forest of Apremont and in Loraine near Moncel, Arrancourt and Ancerville."

"On the evening of October 4 the enemy attempted a sudden attack against our positions to the east of Orber, in the Vosges, but was completely repulsed."

"The Belgian official communication reads as follows: "There has been slight activity by the artillery of the enemy along our front."

### NEW BRUNSWICK MAN IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Oct. 5.—The Militia Department announces that Martin S. Johnson, of Bartibogue Bridge, N. B., formerly of the 12th Battalion, now of the 10th Battalion, and previously reported wounded, has rejoined his regiment.

### Anglo-French Troops Ready to Strike When Bulgaria Makes Move

No Reply to Russia's Ultimatum and None Expected by Entente Powers.

PREMIER VENEZELOS OF GREECE RESIGNS.

Stormy Session in Greek Chamber—King Says He Cannot Support Policy of Venizelos Ministry.

London, Oct. 5.—Russia's ultimatum to Bulgaria expired at four o'clock this afternoon, but did not elicit a late hour reply, so far as was known in London, no answer had been received and none was expected.

It is taken for granted here that King Ferdinand and his ministers are definitely committed to the Germanic Allies, and, in return for territory to be ceded after the war, some ports, including Constantinople, and all that remains of European Turkey, has undertaken to assist actively in the operations against Serbia, thus helping to open the way for the Austro-German army, the objective of which is the Sea of Marmora.

The Entente Powers, in this belief, have landed or are landing a force at Saloniki which will take upon itself the duty of protecting the main railway through Serbia and Greece, and give what assistance it can to the Balkan allies, should they be attacked by Bulgaria. This infringement of Greek neutrality has brought forth a formal protest from the Greek government, but, in the words of one correspondent, it is "being winked at," by the great majority of the people of Greece.

The opposition in the Greek Chamber has also made protest against the policy of Premier Venizelos, which, it is claimed, is forcing Greece into an unnecessary war. But the Premier, who seemed firmly fixed in the saddle and working in harmony with the King, until his resignation was announced tonight, succeeded in getting the Chamber to pass a vote of confidence, after a stormy all night session.

The next move devolves upon Bulgaria, and as soon as she moves, the Anglo-French troops, which are being mobilized, will be put in motion, while the fleets in the Black Sea and the Aegean will assume their appointed roles.

Greek Premier Resigns. Paris, Oct. 6, (12.12 a. m.)—An Athens despatch to the Havas Agency says: "Premier Venizelos has resigned, the King having informed him that he was unable to support the policy of his ministry."

Bulgaria Means War.

Berlin, Oct. 5, via London (6.30 p. m.)—A despatch from Sofia dated October 4, to the Zeitung Am Mittag, says:

"Premier Radoslavoff of Bulgaria today made the following declaration to representatives of the government parties: "We confront war and must defend our national interests. We must wrest from our enemies everything they took from us two years ago, and get satisfaction for every insult."

No Reply to Russian Ultimatum.

London, Oct. 5.—A despatch from Amsterdam to Reuters Telegram Company, says:

"The People's Gazette of Cologne understands that the Bulgarian government probably will make no reply to the Russian ultimatum. The recall from Sofia of all the Entente ministers, the newspaper says, is expected today and adds that a declaration of war by Russia is considered possible."

Roumania Ready.

Paris, Oct. 5.—Premier Bratianu, of Roumania, already has twice informed Bulgaria that the latter's mobilization is regarded by the Bucharest government as an unfriendly act, says the Matin.

The newspaper adds: "Roumania from a military point of view is ready for any eventually, thanks to the blunder on the part of Austria, who a month ago, closed the frontier which gave Roumania the required pretext for concentrating troops. Roumania thus is safe from all surprise attacks."

French Troops at Salonika. Athens, Oct. 5, via Paris, Oct. 4.—(Delayed in transmission).—The French troops, landing from five transports at Salonika, Greece, consist of seventy thousand men. They will proceed along the Guevgueli-Uskup railroad to guard the line.

Paris, Oct. 5.—France notified Greece on the arrival of the first detachment of French troops at Salonika that they were going to help Serbia, Premier Venizelos replied, protesting against the passage of foreign troops through Greek territory, on the ground that it violated Greek neutrality.

The allied governments made preparations and gave the necessary orders for the landing of the troops several days ago. Previously they had entered into negotiations with the Greek government, which, being still neutral, made a formal protest, as it was obliged to do. At the same time Premier Venizelos was given every freedom to prepare for the landing.

Vote of Confidence in Government. Athens, via London, Oct. 5.—After Premier Venizelos had explained to the Chamber of Deputies the circumstances connected with the landing of Allied troops at Salonika, the Chamber passed a vote of confidence in the government. The vote was 142 to 102, with thirteen members not voting.

The opposition leaders attacked the Premier bitterly. They accused him of unnecessarily leading the country into the war on the side of the Allies. The Chamber was in session all night, adjourning at 4.30 o'clock this morning.

Treason to Fight Russia, Bulgarian War Minister Says

London, Oct. 6.—The Crown Council of Bulgaria, according to a Geneva despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, spent several hours in discussing the Russian ultimatum, without arriving at a decision.

The same authority declares that Gen. Savoff, former Minister of War and former commander-in-chief of the Bulgarian army, in concluding a thrilling speech, said:

"Every Bulgarian who breaks away from Russia commits an act of treason towards his country."

ANNUAL MEETING OF N. B. WOMEN'S INSTITUTE OPENS AT FREDERICTON

Over Hundred Delegates Arrive for Opening Meeting—Premier Clarke Delivers Address Appreciative of Institute's Activities.

Special to The Standard

Fredericton, Oct. 5.—The annual convention of the Women's Institute of New Brunswick was held here tonight. About a hundred delegates met in the Normal School annex. Mrs. H. F. MacLeod spoke and a fine musical programme was carried out.

### JOFFRE SEES SUCCESS FOR THE ALLIES

Has 3,000,000 French Troops, Besides British and Belgians and Enormous Supply of Ammunition to Make Decisive Drive.

New York, Oct. 5.—A news agency despatch from Paris published here this afternoon says:

"In the scale of human hazards, the Allies have eighty chances in one hundred of scoring a decisive victory over the Germans when the general offensive begins."

This statement was made by Gen. Joffre to his life-long bosom friend, the editor of the Depache De Toulouse.

Gen. Joffre told his friend that he now has at his disposal 3,000,000 French troops on the line or ready to be sent there at a moment's notice, without counting about 700,000 British and 60,000 Belgian troops, co-operating with him. Ammunition has been poured in in steady streams he asserted, and in addition to the supply at the front the Allies have a reserve of 15,000,000 shells for emergency use.

Every German trench, all special defences, earthworks, blockhouses and kindred structures, have been patiently plotted by draughtsmen working with photographs taken by aviators in systematic flights made daily, week after week, from sea to the Alps. These blueprints have been transferred to ranged canvasses, and the ranks worked out by artillery officers."

To meet the expected German counter-attacks the allies have prepared strong defensive works. They have constructed fourth, fifth and sixth line defences, arranged on a scale positively awestraking.

In short, everything is ready for the great move.

### FOURTEEN FROM LOWER MILLSTREAM

Fine Response to Call for Arms—Eighteen Men from this District Within a Week.

Special to The Standard

Sussex, Oct. 6.—At a grand patriotic meeting held at Lower Millstream last night thirteen recruits were signed on for the 88th Battalion and one for the Army Service Corps. Those who signed the honor roll last evening were: Jesse Holmes, William White, Frank E. Long, Roy Keirstead, James Muir, Truman Gambin, William Jones, Lewin Holmes, George McKnight, Roy T. Young, Sam Gambin, Charles Stewart, B. William Blewett and one other. In addition to the above four men signed on a few nights ago, making a grand total of eighteen from this district. Considering the size of Lower Millstream this is a most creditable showing and the people of that section may well be proud of their young men. The speakers who addressed the meeting last night were Rev. M. E. Conron and J. D. McKenzie. On Friday night the same speakers will conduct a recruiting meeting at Collins Corner and on Thursday afternoon will address a meeting at the Hillsdale Exhibition. On Sunday evening Rev. M. E. Conron and F. M. Sproule will address a mass meeting in front of the court house at Hampton.

come. Mrs. James Porter of Andover replied on behalf of the visiting delegates. She formed the first Women's Institute in the province. In the absence of Hon. Mr. Murray, gave an address appreciative of the good work of the institute, especially now in the time of war. Mrs. Laura Rose Stevens of Huntington, Que., gave an address on the work in general and especially now in war time.

The first women's recruiting meeting was held tonight in Marysville. It was a meeting for women only. Mrs. H. F. MacLeod spoke and a fine musical programme was carried out.

### RUSSIAN RETREAT ENDED; CZAR'S ARMY TURNS AND IS ATTACKING ON WHOLE FRONT

After Five Months of Retiring Russians Take Offensive Along Whole Front from Riga to Vilna and Are Delivering Telling Blows

### CONSERVATIVE MAJORITY IN SUNBURY CO.

Results of the Municipal Elections Held Yesterday Show Distinct Triumph for Conservatives.

(By Telephone to The Standard)

Sunbury, Oct. 5.—The parish elections for Sunbury county were held today, and with all the parishes heard from except Northfield the result is a distinct triumph for the Conservatives. The results by parishes are as follows:

Bristol. Frank A. Taylor, (Conservative), 102; Milton Smith (Liberal), 65; John Murphy (Liberal), 56.

Gladstone. David Meserveau (Liberal), and W. Phillips (Conservative), elected by acclamation.

Burton. Alexander Burnett (Conservative), 145; James Goan (Conservative), 142; Henry Finamore (Conservative), 86.

Maugerville. James Harding (Conservative), and Osborne Sewall (Liberal), elected by acclamation.

Lincoln. Murray Patterson (Conservative), and W. K. Fletcher (Conservative), elected by acclamation.

Sheffield. Warren F. Hoaragreaves (Conservative), 78; Wallace Bridge (Conservative), 58; John Randall (Liberal), 52; Milton Uphill (Liberal), 52.

The Parish of Northfield is yet to be heard from.

### Conservatives Also Have a Majority in Albert County

Special to The Standard

Albert, N. B., Oct. 5.—A spirited contest in the councillors' election in the parishes of Hopewell and Harvey in Albert county took place today resulting in the election of the old councillors W. J. Carnworth and C. M. Pyle in Hopewell, defeating two new men, H. D. Cleveland and J. J. Christopher, by large majority. In Harvey ex-Coun. W. H. Martin and L. B. Bishop, a new man, Conservatives, were elected by substantial majority, defeating Coun. Mitton and L. L. Richardson, a new man. Politically the new council stands as follows: Alma, Coun. Cleveland and Rommelly, Conservatives, acclamation; Coverdale, Smith, Conservative, Ryan, Liberal, acclamation; Elgin, Corgan, Conservative, and Killam, Liberal, old councillors by acclamation; Hillsboro, Stevens, Conservative, Thompson, Liberal, old councillors, elected by acclamation. The council stands five Liberals seven Conservatives, a net gain for the Conservatives of one councillor, gained in the parish of Harvey, formerly represented by Milton, Liberal, and Lund, Conservative. The parish of Harvey Red Cross Society prepared dinners in the Orange Hall and about \$70 was realized.

### SIR CHAS. TUPPER ILL

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 5.—Private despatches from England state that Sir Charles Tupper, Bart. is in a very low state of health, and his death may be expected at any time.

London, Oct. 5.—Russia, whose armies for five months have been retiring, have begun an energetic offensive along a wide front from Riga to Southeast of Vinlna and, according to unofficial reports, has already met with considerable success. This, however, is denied by Berlin, which says that all the Russian attacks have been repulsed.

Petrograd, Oct. 5, via London, Oct. 6.—The following official communication from general headquarters was issued tonight

"There have been several engagements on the Riga front. North of Birschallen our troops occupied a portion of the German trenches. The fighting continues along the lines of Lake Demmen, Driswityaty, Medziol and Vichnev.

"In the region of Smorgon and further south, as well as on the Upper Niemen, in the neighborhood of the village of Deliatitchi, there have been continual skirmishes with the enemy, who is endeavoring, but unsuccessfully, to advance in an eastern direction.

"South of the Pripet, after an engagement of the Middle Sty, in the district of the Kovel-Sarny railway, our troops occupied the villages of Vouk, Optovo, Voitchitzk and Medvieshka. In some places the enemy retired in disorder."

### E. L. Patenaude Minister Of Inland Revenue

Will be Sworn in Today—Hon. P. E. Blondin Likely to Become Secretary of State While Hon. Mr. Coderre Goes to Quebec Bench.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Oct. 5.—It is anticipated that Mr. E. L. Patenaude of Montreal will shortly enter the government as minister of inland revenue and will be sworn in tomorrow morning. In this event, it is believed that Hon. P. E. Blondin will become secretary of state and that Hon. Louis Coderre will accept a position on the judicial bench in his own province.

It is also anticipated that Dr. R. G. Brett of Banff will be appointed Lieut. Governor of Alberta and that Mr. R. E. Lake of Grenfell, Sask., will be appointed Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan.

L. T. Marcehal, Montreal, who was regarded as a possible successor to Mr. Coderre, will also be appointed to the Quebec bench.

Another possible successor was C. P. Beaubien, of Montreal. It is understood that he will be appointed to the senate in succession to the late Sir Charles Boucher De Boucheville. Mr. Patenaude, the new minister of inland revenue, has been for some years the Conservative organizer in the Province of Quebec and is a prominent member of the Conservative opposition in the Quebec legislature. He is 40 years of age.

### ST. CROIX RIVER CASE BEFORE COMMISSION

International Joint Commission in Session at Ottawa Hears Case of Interest to New Brunswick.

Special to The Standard

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 5.—The October sittings of the International Joint Commission began here today and consideration is to be given to a number of waterways questions of an international character.

The diversion of water on the St. Croix river in New Brunswick for power purposes was the first taken up. A dam has been built by two companies and the question at issue is as to the division of the power. The United

States is represented by Mr. Wryvell, Judge Koonce and Major Pope, while C. S. McInnes represents Canada as counsel with W. J. Stewart, Dominion hydrographer, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Attorney General, represents New Brunswick and Mr. Dunbar, Attorney General of Maine, appeared for that state, while the St. Croix and Sprague Power Companies also have counsel. The commission will also take up the question of the levels of the Lake of the Woods below Kenora, where an extensive irrigation plan is under way.

The United States members of the commission are Hon. Obediah Gardner, Hon. J. A. Tawney and R. B. Glenn, while Canada is represented by C. A. MacGrath, H. A. Powell, K. C. and P. B. Mignault, K. C.

1,200 TORONTO UNIV. MEN JOINED COLORS

Toronto, Oct. 5.—There are 1,200 graduates and under-graduates of the University of Toronto with the colors. This was the inspiring news with which President Falconer today greeted the students in Convocation Hall on the commencement of a new Varsity year. He urged every man to join the officers' training corps.