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RUSSIAN ARMIES AT BAY ALONG EXTENDED BATTLEFRONT

London, Sept. 4.—Although they continue their retirement in some sectors and are being driven back in others, the Russians on the whole have stiffened their opposition to the Austro-German advance and the German allies now have to fight and fight hard for every yard of ground which they gain. Away to the north just below the Gulf of Riga, a big battle is in progress for possession of the River Dvina, and the Germans now occupy the western bank between Lennewa where they captured a bridgehead yesterday, and at Friedrichstadt another bridgehead was taken by storm today. These successes if they can be carried to a conclusion by forcing a crossing of the Dvina must result in the evacuation of the town of Riga, which already is being threatened from the west and south by Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army.

To the south of the Pripiet marshes another series of battles is being fought. The Russians along the Styr and Sereth rivers are making a stubborn stand, and the Austro-Hungarians in whose ranks there is a strong leavening of Germans, are finding their way eastward barred on most of the front.

There is no indication where the

new Russian lines are, but from their strong defense it is evident that they intend if possible to bring the Austro-German offensive to a standstill not far east of where they are now offering a most stubborn resistance. So far as the Russian armies are concerned it is apparent that they are fairly safe from any encircling movement unless the Germans can quickly expect the offensive has not developed in the west but thus far artillery continues incessant bombardment of German trenches and they throw a strong force across the Dvina southeast of Riga.

The French, British and Belgian troops and the designs of General Joffre, the French commander in chief, are not disclosed.

A heavy fall of snow has added to the difficulties of the Italians and bombardment of opposing positions continues in the Alps, but the bombardment, and both claim successes.

An invasion of Roumania by Austro-Germans, with or without a declaration of war is being discussed as a probability in Balkan capitals, and as no aid could be sent to her in men and munitions until the Dardanelles are opened, it is expected that efforts to force the straits will be further increased by the armies and navies of the allies.

NO PAPER TUESDAY

Monday being Labor Day and a public holiday, there will be no issue of The Herald Tuesday morning.

NOT FAVORABLE TO EARLY PEACE

The Pope Says Situation is Not Favorable for Him to Take the Initiative in Matters of Peace.

Rome, Sept. 4.—Cardinal Gibbons' interview with President Wilson is considered by the Vatican as the most important event in the campaign for the re-establishment of peace, but the Holy See wishes to have the attitude of the Pope plainly set forth to avoid misunderstanding, and therefore has issued a formal statement to the effect that the Pope did not send any special message by the Cardinal to the President of the United States.

The situation at the present moment it is pointed out does not seem favorable for the Pope to take the initiative in matters of peace, but the Pontiff is ready to help in all possible ways in any effort in that direction from whatever quarter it comes. The opinion expressed in Vatican circles here is that the United States is in the best position to undertake such a mission.

WILL BE NO STRIKE ON B.C. ELECTRIC

Vancouver, Sept. 4.—Satisfaction is being expressed in the city today now that all possibility of a strike of the B.C.E.R. employees has been averted. The vote upon the terms of the new agreement, taken at the car barns yesterday, was said by officials of the union after the count last night to have resulted in favor of acceptance by two to one.

While the result of the ballot at New Westminster and Victoria was not known this morning, the majority in Vancouver in favor of agreeing to the proposed terms was stated to be large enough to swing the decision. One official of the local station stated that the majority for acceptance was overwhelming. It was conceded that there can be no cessation of work now as the compromise agreement proposed by the company has been ratified by the men.

The voting yesterday at the various centres was done with comparative indifference on the part of the men. The total number of votes cast shows that only about half of the men who turned out to the mass meeting in the Imperial Theatre on Wednesday went to the ballot boxes. There probably will not be any meeting of the men until next Wednesday night, when the regular session of the union will be held. The executive will meet on Tuesday.

The new agreement will go into force on September 8, it is expected, the date set by the B.C.E.R. company for the acceptance of the arbitrators' award. The award recommending a reduction of about 8 per cent in the wages of the average, will stand, but amendments making the agreement for six months after the terms of the war, but not more than twenty-two months, and providing for a closed shop were outlined in the compromise.

The men of St. John's Ambulance Association will meet this morning at 10 o'clock in the lecture room of the W.F. Co.'s rescue station for the purpose of discussing a proposed demonstration on Saturday of next week.

A special general meeting of the Nanaimo Burns Club will be held in the Assembly Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 8th at 8 p.m. All members are requested to attend.

MAY RECONSTRUCT CABINET
London, Sept. 4.—The Petrograd correspondent of "The Times" says it is believed that General Polivanoff, Russian Minister of War, will become Premier with extensive power to reconstruct the Cabinet.



BRIG. GEN. A. W. CURRIE,
Commander of the First Division of
the Canadian Army on the continent.

IS MARCHING TO DISASTER

By Pushing Her Advance Into Russia Germany is Marching to Disaster Says Italian Strategist.

Paris, Sept. 4.—Writing in the *Preparazione*, an Italian military organ, Col. Barons, the great military critic, who recently visited General Joffre, makes the following disclosures: "Some people, among them the French supreme command, think that in the present circumstances a general offensive in the western theatre can be delayed without inconvenience in order that when once it is begun it can be carried through without interruption.

"There also is an impatient minority, headed by some of the most prominent politicians, who believe that it is best to act quickly. "The former are right. By pushing her advance into Russia, Germany is marching to disaster, and it is far better for the allies to await this event and then strike.

"That is how the Franco-British commanders reason, and far from believing that the Russians are abandoned to their fate, the Russian general staff thinks so too. "Joffre is not asleep. He deserves our entire and illimitable confidence."

Rome, Sept. 4.—The *Giornale d'Italia* today prints the following dispatch from Petrograd:

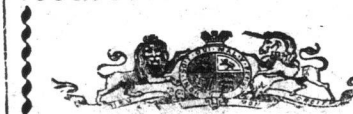
"Early efforts by the allies at the Dardanelles and in Belgium are necessary if they expect final victory. It is imperative that the allies in the west assume the offensive and draw twenty divisions of the Germanic allies from the east. "Notwithstanding the approach of winter, the Germans will be able to pursue the Russians, and this will render the situation more critical than ever.

"Pessimism prevails over the internal situation. "The fact that this dispatch passed the Russian censors was considered remarkable, as well as significant, in official quarters here.

CROSSED THE ATLANTIC.

New York, Sept. 4.—"Operating under their own power, without refueling or revictualing and without the slightest mishap," says the *New York Herald*, "ten submarines designed by American naval architects and built by American artisans, have crossed the Atlantic ocean within the last few months, and now are doing yeoman service for the allied cause in German and Turkish waters."

Twenty-nine members of the Vancouver City Police force have enlisted for service.



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Need You"

Men wanted at once
for Overseas Service.
Enlist today at the Connaught Barracks.

INVASION IS FEARED

Brownsville, Sept. 4.—All United States soldiers were ordered to arms at Fort Brown tonight, as an organized invasion at some point on the lower border is feared.

LABOR'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE WAR

Momentous Session of Parliament of Labor to be Held in Bristol Monday—Represents Three Million Workmen

London, Sept. 4.—The parliament of labor which will assemble at Bristol on Monday in annual session, promises to be one of the most momentous meetings in the history of the trades union movement in this country. The convention, which will represent nearly 3,000,000 organized workmen will take up many questions of large importance, but public attention will be focused on three points, viz., Attitude of labor toward the war; toward conscription, and in regard to matters affecting working classes during and after the war.

The attitude of Trades Unions toward the war has been from the first a staunch justification of Great Britain's action and there is believed to be no doubt that Congress will declare in favor of a vigorous prosecution of the war. Unless all signs fail the attitude of labor will be just as emphatic against conscription. Much discussion will be devoted to the position of labor as affected by the war and the employment of women in place of men during the war will be canvassed closely.

GERMANY CALLS ON BOYS OF SIXTEEN

Paris, Sept. 4.—Backed by official information, the Temps says tonight that Germany already has called, or is about to call to the colors all the troops she legally can summon, and that she now has reached the low-water mark in men and resources. The article continues: "Germany has to send 300,000 soldiers monthly to the front merely to make good her wastage. We do not know how long she can keep this up because we do not know how many men she intends to summon to the colors, but we are certain that in the end boys of 16 will be seen fighting alongside men of 60 years of age.

"The municipal authorities already have received secret instructions to register all available men between the ages of 16 and 60. She is incorporating now the final class of the second group of landsturm, that is untrained men of from 43 to 45, as well as the 1916 class. She still has the 1917 class, which however, has been diminished by voluntary enlistments, and she now is inspecting the 1898 class.

"Her losses in the offensive against Russia have been enormous. As an indication of these losses, it can be said that her First Guards Regiment lost 14 officers and 788 men, and her Ninety-second Regiment lost 40 officers and 1,198 men."

BRITISH COLUMBIA

RAISES 2,161 MEN.

Victoria, Sept. 4.—Military District No. 11, comprising British Columbia and the Yukon, has raised 21,161 troops, of whom 17,370 have enlisted for overseas service, according to a statement issued by headquarters. Of the overseas forces, 12,000 have left British Columbia and are either on the firing line or in training at Shorncliffe. The aggregate strength of the overseas battalions and other units for the front now in training in the province is 192 officers and 5,178 non-commissioned officers and men. If the ratio of enlistment to population prevailed all over Canada the Dominion would have 400,000 men under arms.

There is a growing demand for miners in Great Britain. An effort will be made to secure a number of idle British Columbia miners for work in the Old Country mines.

SUPREME EFFORT OF ALLIES BELIEVED CLOSE AT HAND

London, Sept. 4.—The early inauguration of a great offensive by the allies in the west and new and increased efforts to smash the defences of the Dardanelles were rumored here today as probabilities. From no official quarter could confirmation be obtained that such moves were being prepared, of course, but in military circles a feeling was prevalent that fresh blows of great strength will be delivered very soon.

Color was given these views today by the publication of a dispatch which the Russian censors had allowed to be sent from Petrograd to Rome, intimating that Russia feels that her allies should move to her relief by starting a big offensive in the west, and fresh efforts at the Dardanelles. It was not believed that this dispatch would have been permitted to pass if the allies were not about ready to meet its suggestions. The terrific bombardment under which the German trenches in France and Belgium have been kept, the attacks by British aviators on German arms depots in the last few days, and, last but not least, the feelers being sent out from Berlin in the direction of a discussion of peace, all inclined London to believe that the supreme effort of the British and French was close at hand.

Another item of information which added to the belief that great events are about to take place was the declaration from Petrograd that the Russian armies have completed their retirement and that they are preparing now to make a stand against the Germans along the line of the River Dvina. Some military observers express the opinion that the

Russians will need more help now and that the allies must strike in the west to dissipate the strength of the Teutons.

Roumania's heavy preparations for defence against Austria caused much comment here. It was indicated in semi-official circles that British statesmen believe that an attack by Austria on any of the Balkan powers surely would bring all of them into the war, Greece, because of the recently-signed agreement with Roumania, and Bulgaria, because she could not afford to be isolated from any concert of the Balkan states when the pinch came.

The reported action of Roumania in stopping the passage of German gold, as well as German arms to Turkey, was believed here to be certain to lead Germany and Austria to attempt to take some sort of action against that kingdom. Roumania has been described as the "touchstone of the Balkans" in the present situation, and if war were declared on her by Austria or Germany, or both, it was believed the move would align the whole of the Balkans in the final scene of the great world war.

Practically no news of importance has come from the Dardanelles for some days.

The progress of the Italian forces against Trent is viewed here with gratification, but reports that Rovereto had been evacuated by the Austrians were considered premature. Fighting was known to be in progress in the region near that city, but the Italian troops were not believed to have progressed to a point which would compel the abandonment of the position.

SUBMARINES MAY BE

WITHDRAWN FROM SERVICE

Washington, Sept. 4.—Secretary Daniels is consulting experts of the navy department on the submarine F-4 to determine whether the three others of the same type should be withdrawn from the service. The final report on the sinking of the submarine at Honolulu cannot be made until the inspection now in progress has been completed.

SAY THEY DID NOT CONFESS

Providence, R.I., Sept. 4.—A denial that they had confessed to the murder of Dr. C. Franklin Mohr was made to the Associated Press today by George W. Heals, Henry Spellman, and C. Victor Brown, the negroes who, according to the police authorities, had declared previously that they had killed the physician at the instigation of Mrs. Mohr.

LOST LIFE AT DARDANELLES

Vancouver, Sept. 4.—Word was received in the city this morning of the death at the Dardanelles of A.B. C. Macpherson, formerly a member of the Burnaby municipal council.

BRITISH SUBMARINE BUSY

Athens, Sept. 4.—The crew of a British submarine landed at Kretzon on the gulf of Ismid, routed a Turkish guard and dynamited the Gabize bridge and several miles of track of the Haidar-Ismid railway, according to advices received here today.

THIS FROM GERMANY.

Berlin, Sept. 4.—Rumors that the French and British have succeeded in breaking through the German lines at Arras are absolutely untrue," says the Overseas News Agency. "The German positions in the west are more secure and favorable than several months ago."

CARRIED BY CHAMBER.

Lima, Peru, Sept. 4.—The chamber of deputies has approved unanimously the law granting political amnesty.

THIRTEEN DROWNED.

Bari, Italy, Sept. 4.—Thirteen persons were drowned and many houses were swept away here last night as a result of a violent rainstorm which caused the river to overflow. In some streets the water ran five feet deep.

Charles Macdonald was the choice of the convention held by the Liberals in Lalenberg Hall, South Vancouver Friday night to nominate a candidate to contest Vancouver South in the next Dominion election.

UNITED STATES MAY CLASH WITH MEXICO

Washington, D.C., Sept. 4.—Border raids, now approximating guerrilla warfare between Mexicans and American troops and Texas rangers have overshadowed the internal political situation in Mexico, and in the view of American officials, have become a menace to the already strained relations between the two countries.

BIJOU THEATRE

From advance notices Monday's program at this theatre promises to eclipse any shown for the past couple of months. "O'Garry of the Royal Mounted", a Broadway star feature, in three parts, and Chas. Chaplin in an Essanay comedy, "By the Sea" are both special features and being coupled together on one program make a very attractive one. You can imagine what kind of a time Chaplin will have "By the Sea", with so many pretty girls in the latest style bathing costumes and the way he mixes things up causes a riot of fun and laughter.

The Broadway feature is a story of the Royal North West Mounted Police in the early days of this noted constabulary. It is a picture of exceptional beauty and one with a punch. "The Girl Hater" a Biograph comedy drama rounds out an excellent program which will be shown for two days Monday and Tuesday, both matinee and evening.

Boats Leave Nanaimo Boat House

FOR
Yusella Beach, Taylor Bay
Saturday 1:30; Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Monday 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. Leaving Yusella Beach at 7 p.m.

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Reliable Picnic Boat will leave Reliable Boat House (Shaw's old stand) for Departure Bay Sunday at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., returning at 7 and 8:30 p.m.
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