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CZAR'S ARMY DRIVES ENEMY BACK ACROSS STRIPA RIVER IN SOUTH GALICIA, WHILE GERMANS ADVANCE IN THE NORTH

Germans Forced to Retire Westward North of Galician Frontier--Russians Have Enemy Firmly Held South of Vilna, While Prince Leopold's Army in Centre Has Been Halted in its Advance--Russia to Call Out Reserves.

London, Sept. 16.—Stern battles are being fought all along the eastern front, from Riga to the Roumanian border, and while the Germans continue to advance slowly in the north and centre, the Russians in the south are repeating their successes against the Austro-German armies, which are now being driven back across the River Stripa, in Galicia, and have been forced to retire westward, north of the Galician frontier.

While these Russian victories naturally are welcomed in Russia and the Allied countries as an evidence that the Russian armies are still able to take the offensive, when well supplied with ammunition, there is no inclination to exaggerate their importance. The engagements, however, keep the Austro-Germans busy, and make it imperative to send reinforcements southward, which could be used to better advantage in the north, where operations of much greater moment are being directed by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg.

Dvinsk in Danger

This general, who began his offensive against the Vilna-Dvinsk railway a week ago, has not yet established himself on the line. His cavalry, which did reach it, has been driven back. Nevertheless he has driven the Russians across the Dvina river, north of Dvinsk, placing that city in a rather dangerous position, and has also made some progress north of Vilna.

To the south of Vilna, toward Grodno, the Russians are offering stubborn resistance, and have the Germans firmly held. Something of the same kind has happened in the center: Prince Leopold has been delayed in his advance. Field Marshal Von Mackensen has passed his forces through the Pripiet marshes, and is now in possession of Pinsk. From this point southward the Russians are advancing, and have re-occupied a number of villages, but they are not likely to push their advantage much further, as to do so would make their northern flanks vulnerable.

FRANCE HAS ADVANCED \$130,000,000 TO HELP FINANCE HER ALLIES.

Paris, Sept. 16.—Minister of Finance Ribot's memoranda accompanying the bill introduced in the Chamber of Deputies today appropriating 6,000,000 francs (\$1,240,000,000) for the expenses of the last quarter of the year say that France already has advanced 650,000,000 francs (\$130,000,000) to her allies.

According to the most recent financial reports, M. Ribot said, the average monthly war expenses of Russia were 1,800,000,000 francs (\$360,000,000); Germany's monthly war expenses approached 2,500,000,000 francs (\$500,000,000) while Great Britain's excess this amount. Minister Ribot concluded by alluding to the early issue of a national loan.

Russian Statement

Petrograd, Sept. 16, via London, Sept. 17, 2:06 a. m.—The official communication concerning the fighting in the Caucasus issued today says: "There has been rifle firing in the coast region. In the direction of Olt there has been cannonading at the village of Khlastapora. In the direction of Doussars our patrols have overthrown those of the enemy, who reached Esparsah."

French Report

Paris, Sept. 16, 10:35 p. m.—The following official communication was issued by the War Office tonight: "In Belgium, in the sector of Neuport, the fire of our heavy artillery has been effective."

"In the region of Neuville and Rocourt and around Arras, as well as between the Aves and the Oise, our batteries have engaged in very energetic actions in reply to a violent bombardment by the enemy."

"The cannonade still continues vigorously around Spagnieu, on the canal from the Aisne to the Marne, as well as to the north of the Charlons camp. "There has been a bombardment on both sides, with guns of various calibres, between the Aisne and the Argonne."

A good deal of importance is attached to the decision of Russia to call to the colors the reserves of the Territorial army. Should the age limit be fixed at thirty-five years, this fresh call would mean the possible addition of eight million men to the Russian armies, including the men who have passed through the first line and the reserves and those who heretofore have been exempted as students, or men who are not quite up to the physical standard.

Naturally all of these could not be armed and equipped, but Russia could have the pick of them. With Russia now well supplied with munitions, her allies, who have been supplying her, are now able to turn their attention to their own armies, and, in consequence, there is no cessation in the artillery engagements which have been so marked in the west for several weeks past.

In the Dardanelles the British losses totalled 87,630 up to August 21. The British submarine E-7, operating in these waters, which the Turks claim to have sunk, is admitted to have been missing since September 4. The E-7 did a great deal of damage to Turkish shipping in the Sea of Marmora, and, after blocking the railway line near Kara Burnu by bombarding it from the sea, shelled a troop train and blew up three ammunition cars attached to it. Lieut. Commander Archibald D. Cochrane in command of the E-7, only a few days ago was awarded the D. S. O. for this exploit.

British Casualties in Dardanelles 87,630 to Aug. 21.

London, Sept. 16.—British casualties at the Dardanelles up to August 21 were 87,630. The number of killed in that time was 17,508. These figures were included in the grand total of British casualties published earlier in the week.

Today's announcement says the number of officers killed was 1,130, and the number of men 16,478; wounded, 2,371 officers and 59,257 men; missing, 373 officers and 8,921 men.

Turkish Report

Constantinople, Sept. 16, via London, 7:05 p. m.—The following statement on operations in the Dardanelles was issued today by the Turkish War Office: "Near Anafarta, on the night of the 14th, our troops, by a bold surprise, succeeded in dispersing enemy forces."

"Near Seddul Bahr we prevented the enemy from throwing up zig-zag trenches by bombarding the troops engaged in the work. On the same wing our artillery silenced enemy batteries."

"On the 13th our straits batteries successfully bombarded enemy troops near Cape Helles, the landing place at Teke Burnu, and hostile batteries at Hisarlik. A battery at Hisarlik was silenced. On the 14th our straits batteries dispersed an enemy battery near the landing place at Seddul Bahr."

MESSAGE FROM STEFANSSON PARTY ON WAY TO OTTAWA

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—It was stated here early this morning that a message was on its way to the government from the Stefansson expedition, by way of Nome, Alaska. Receipt of the despatch is being anxiously awaited by officials here, and hopes that it may contain news of the safety of the young explorer, sent north by the government, are entertained.

MATHIESON GOVERNMENT RETURNED IN P.E.I. ELECTION

Final Returns Show Majority of Four For Conservatives—All Ministers Elected While Opposition Leader, Ex-Governor Rogers, who Undertook to Lead Grits to Victory, is Himself Defeated.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., SEPT. 16.—THE MATHIESON GOVERNMENT WAS SUSTAINED BY SEVENTEEN TO THIRTEEN ON THE FIRST SECRET BALLOT FOR THIRTY YEARS. THE GRIT LEADER, EX-GOVERNOR ROGERS, WAS DEFEATED BY CHAS. DALTON. ALL PORTFOLIO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT WERE RETURNED WITH SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITIES.

THE CAMPAIGN WAS SHORT, STRENUOUS AND BITTER. THE GRITS FOUGHT DESPERATELY TO GAIN ADVANTAGE OF THE BALLOT, AND EX-GOVERNOR ROGERS, WHO LEFT GOVERNMENT HOUSE ONLY THREE MONTHS AGO, WAS SUPPOSED TO BE CERTAIN TO LEAD THE GRITS TO VICTORY. THEIR PLAN OF CAMPAIGN WAS TO GIVE CREDIT TO J. J. HUGHES, M. P. FOR ADDITIONAL SUBSIDY, TO NED MACDONALD, M. P. OF PICOTUR FOR MAINTAINING DOMINION REPRESENTATION AT FOUR, AND TO BELITTLE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE MATHIESON GOVERNMENT.

THE GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES APPEALED ON THEIR RECORD OF REDUCED PUBLIC DEBT AT THE RATE OF \$30,000 PER ANNUM, IMPROVED PUBLIC SERVICE, HIGHER STANDARD OF EDUCATION, A STRENGTHENED AND EFFECTIVELY ENFORCED PROHIBITION LAW. THE QUESTION OF AUTOMOBILES DID NOT ENTER LARGELY INTO THE CONTEST EXCEPT IN FOUR CONSTITUENCIES. AT PRESENT LOCAL OPTION PREVAILS AND PEOPLE ARE SATISFIED WITH THIS. AT THE CLOSE OF CAMPAIGN THE ELECTION RESOLVED ITSELF INTO A QUESTION WHETHER PROVINCE PREFERRED PROGRESSIVE GOVERNMENT WITH MATHIESON AS PREMIER OR AN AGGREGATION WITH EX-GOVERNOR ROGERS AT ITS HEAD.

BY A MAJORITY OF SEVENTEEN TO THIRTEEN THE PROVINCE PREFERRED THE FORMER. THE RESULT IS HIGHLY SATISFACTORY AS THE GRITS HAD LOUDLY PROCLAIMED THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE DEFEATED BY LARGE MAJORITY AND USED EVERY MEANS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

(Canadian Press) Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sept. 16.—Mathieson Government had a close call today a majority of 26 in 1912 being reduced to a bare working majority of 4. Complete results give 17 Conservatives and 13 Liberals. The Commissioner of Public Works, Hon. James McNeill had a majority of only six in Summerside and a recount may possibly change the result as it is said a number of spoiled ballots have been counted in.

Premier Mathieson and his colleagues had good majorities, but Speaker Wyatt was defeated by 32 votes and two members of the executive, L. L. Jenkins and K. N. MacDonald met defeat, the former by 140 votes. Another member of the executive, Dalton had a small majority against Benjamin Rogers, the Liberal leader. In Charlottetown Paton and Jenkins, Conservatives won out by 90 and 35 majorities respectively. In 1912 the government majorities were 1,063 and 369.

In the third district of Queens, Chandler of Charlottetown, who took the anti-automobile pledge was defeated by activity of certain members of the Automobile Association by majority of 14. In other districts the agitation against the automobile asserted the Liberals but dissatisfaction was polled.

against the general policy of the government, especially among the farmers, was the main cause of the greatly reduced Conservative majority. Prince county went almost solidly Liberal, returning Benjamin Gallant, Saunders, Dennis, A. E. McLean, Bell, Lea and Howatt by the following majorities respectively, 12, 248, 203, 53, 81, 150 and 32. The Conservatives, Dalton, Arsenault and MacNeil had majorities 42, 103 and 6 respectively. Queens county which returned ten Conservatives in 1912 with large majorities returned four Liberals today. Hughes, 18 majority, McMillan, 140 (who defeated Hon. L. L. Jenkins), Forbes, 63 and MacDonald 44, and six Conservatives, Kennedy 124, McNeill 34, Martin 14 (defeating F. J. Nash, managing editor of the Patriot) Wood 14, Paton 90, Jenkins 35.

In Kings county, Hon. Murdoch McKinnon, commissioner of agriculture had only 7 votes to spare. In 1912 he had 255. The other Conservatives returned are Mathieson, McLellan, Dewar, Frowse, J. McLean, Dr. MacDonald and McKewen. Hon. J. N. MacDonald, member of the executive was defeated by J. J. Johnson, barrister of Charlottetown by 34. McNeill is the only other Liberal out of the county. The weather was fine and large vote was polled.

Italians Scale Ice-Covered Mountains and Drive Out the Enemy

Rome, via Paris, Sept. 16.—The following statement from general headquarters respecting the progress of the campaign was issued today: "Our mountaineer detachments, during the day of Sept. 14, made bold raids against the enemy's positions at Cresta, Villa Corra, (10,000 feet) at the head of the Poes Torrent, and at Conos Di Fresena, in the Upper Genova Valley."

"Climbing the most difficult ground and glaciers, with their usual skill and hardihood, the Alpines reached the enemy's entrenchments and attacked and partly destroyed them. They returned to their own positions without being seriously assailed."

"There is nothing worthy of special mention on the rest of the front. "An analysis of high explosive bombs thrown by the enemy into our camps on Carso the past few days has revealed the presence of large quantities of prussic acid. "An aeroplane yesterday made a swift raid on the Vicenza district throwing a bomb from a great altitude on Asiago Height. The material damage was minor: several persons were slightly injured."

WILL THE LOYALIST CITY FILL RANKS OF "ST. JOHN TIGERS?"

Read Rev. M. E. Fletcher's Address and See if you are Not Required for Service.

As a result of a largely attended recruiting demonstration held in King Square last night eight recruits were accepted, medically passed, and sworn in as members of the 64th Battalion. Nine others were enrolled at the recruiting office, making a total of seventeen for the day. This is a decided improvement over the two previous days and the number of men who have come forward since the campaign commenced now stands at 160. Splendid addresses by C. B. Lockhart, M. L. A., Rev. M. E. Fletcher, Col. B. L. Armstrong and J. Fraser Gregory were the feature of last evening's meeting and the fact that these demonstrations have become a part of the life of St. John citizens seems to be indicated by the splendid attendance which marks each meeting. The regrettable part of the open air procedure last night was the absence of a band but what was lost in music was made up in the excellence of the addresses. 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