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### War News.

#### Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

##### ITALIAN GAINS.

ROME, Sept. 16. The Italian troops gained ground yesterday along the southeast edge of the Bainsizza Plateau, it is announced officially. The statement follows: On the Bainsizza Plateau yesterday the gallant Bassari brigade, with splendid dash, gained ground at the southeastern margin, capturing 170 officers and more than four hundred men, and some machine guns.

##### AUSTRO-ITALIAN FRONT.

ROME, Sept. 16. Reporting to-day the situation along the Austro-Italian front the war office says: There has been artillery activity of noticeable intensity in some sections of the Trentino and Italian fronts. Near Leg, in the northern zone of the Bainsizza Plateau, by advancing we rectified our line of occupation and captured prisoners, and on the Carso the enemy's lines of communication were bombed by our airmen with about three tons of bombs. In an air combat an enemy airplane was brought down in flames in Auzza torrent at Avseck. The pilots were killed.

##### GERMAN POSITION CAPTURED.

LONDON, Sept. 16. The official report from the British headquarters in France, issued to-night, reads: A successful local operation was carried out this afternoon by a London regiment north of Inverness Cope. A German strong point was captured with 36 prisoners and a machine gun, at little cost to our troops. This afternoon the Durham troops successfully raided enemy trenches west of Cherisy, and captured 22 prisoners; our casualties were slight. Early this morning a raid was attempted by the enemy in the neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle, but was repulsed by Portuguese troops, leaving a number of dead and wounded Germans in our hands. Another hostile raiding party, which tried to enter our lines south of Armentieres, was forced to withdraw without loss to our troops. Friday, cloudy weather continued with strong west wind, making artillery observation difficult and greatly favoring the enemy's machines in combats. Heavy bombs were dropped by us on railway stations north of Charleroi and 75 bombs on railway stations, billets and encampments nearer the lines. Three enemy machines were shot down, one

falling behind our lines. Six were driven down out of control. Four of ours are missing.

##### BRITISH MAKE SLIGHT GAIN.

LONDON, Sept. 16. British troops last night made a slight advance on the Belgian front east of Westhoek, and improved their positions, according to the official statement issued to-day. A strong German detachment which attempted to regain the ground captured by the British earlier in the day northeast of St. Julien was disposed of by artillery fire.

##### ENEMY DRIVEN FROM TRENCHES.

PARIS, Sept. 16. French forces, after a battle last night, ejected the Germans from the greater part of the trenches they had occupied early in the day north of Camiers Wood in the Verdun sector. The war office announced to-day. Two surprise attacks launched by the Germans north of Prosmes in Champagne region were repulsed by the French.

##### RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 16. Stubborn fighting is in progress on the northern end of the front in Russia, to-day's official statement says. Russian troops are fighting with determination, repelling German assaults. Attacks on the Rumanian front were also beaten back.

##### RUSSIAN SUCCESSES.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 16 (Official). In the region of Pajov high road, Russian troops, after intense fighting captured important sectors of the enemy positions near Kronberg farm, but were repulsed in a counter-attack. The Germans withdrew from Husiatz, Galicia.

##### RUSSIAN FORCES DEFEAT GERMAN TROOPS.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 16. Russian forces yesterday defeated German troops on the road to Pskoff on the Riga front and occupied the small town of Kronburg, the Russian war office announced to-day. The Russians also occupied the towns of Kelbon and Sisseral which had been held by the Germans. General Korniloff, and General Lokeonsky, Commander on the northern front, who refused to take command of the Russian armies after Korniloff was deposed, have been arrested.

##### FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, Sept. 16. Northwest of Rheims a strong attack by the enemy against our posts in the region of Louvre was repulsed by our fire, says to-day's official statement. Artillery fighting was rather severe in the sector between Maisons de Champagne and Massinges, with

no infantry action. On the remainder of the front the night was calm.

##### DECORATIONS FOR CANADIANS.

Canadian Headquarters in France, Sept. 16.—So numerous were the cases of extraordinary courage, resourcefulness or self-sacrifice at the battle of Lens that it had been found necessary to recognize them by awarding an exceptional number of military medals to the men who so distinguished themselves. Corps orders yesterday contained the names of almost 90 men from Western Canada thus honored. Early this morning, Sunday, after a heavy preliminary bombardment with trench mortars and artillery, the Germans attempted to capture one of our outposts in St. Laurey sector, but were driven off. A considerable quantity of gas was projected shortly before dawn into the enemy's cellars in Lens. The Germans came back like angry wasps and a large part of our front was subjected to an intense fire. A second attempt was made to drive in our outpost line, but without success. Several days ago a prisoner said that as a result of the gas attacks and heavy casualties sustained, German troops in Lens had been reduced. The renewed attacks by the enemy reveal a desire to regain the higher ground on the west front of the city, so as to

alleviate conditions that are well nigh intolerable.

##### HUN ATTACKS FAIL.

LONDON, Sept. 16. The Germans attacked early this morning in an effort to recapture positions taken yesterday by the British near Inverness Cope. The attack was repulsed by the British.

##### GERMANY OFFERS REWARD FOR U.S. SOLDIERS.

LONDON, Sept. 16. British Headquarters in France and Belgium.—German military authorities on the west front have shown concern about the imminence of America's army entry into the fighting by offering rewards for the production of the first American prisoners. The General commanding the 11th Reserve Division recently put a price of 400 marks on the first American soldier brought dead or alive into his lines. This information has been disclosed by the diary of a Prussian Sergeant of the 23rd Reserve Infantry Regiment. He wrote at the end of July, "We are supposed to have had Americans opposite us for some time now and two divisions of Portuguese on our right. The man who brings in the first American dead or alive to headquarters has been promised an iron cross of the first class, four hundred marks and fourteen days' leave." The diary, which covers a period of nearly two months, describes in detail the destruction of the important industrial town by the Germans, and its transformation by the German Army Commander into a great mass of fortified ruins. Batteries have been planted into cellars, private houses, factories and public buildings, which have been partially demolished to give better field for fire, while streets and squares and even the city cemetery have been torn up and enmeshed for groups of machine guns. It describes how the troops quartered in the city spent their time when not on duty in firing machine guns from barricaded windows and roofs of buildings left standing, and searching for hidden treasure and digging among the ruins for silverware. The Sergeant tells of his friends finding gold watches and priceless paintings from museums, statuary and other works of art which they are hoarding in their dugouts. The German authorities removed the bulk of the municipal and ecclesiastical papers to Germany. Many of the inhabitants who were evicted from their homes at a few hours' notice when the city was cleared before its destruction, had no opportunity to remove their private possessions and tried to secret them. The German soldiers, it seems, were eager to serve at St. Quentin because of the chances for treasure hunts. The diary doesn't indicate any marked depreciation of German morale, but emphasizes the discomfort of

conditions of life in the field, and the terrible accuracy of the French guns which give the Germans no rest. On the Flanders front during the past few days the only activities have been slight out-post engagements. The Wurtemberg infantry succeeded in taking a few small British posts on the north bank of a stream called the Proenbeck, east of Langemark, causing the British to fall back to the opposite bank, where the main defenses are established. On the other hand, the British have pushed forward their line east of St. Julien.

##### REMOVAL NOT SUFFICIENT.

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 16. H. J. Almar Branting, Socialist Leader, writes in the Social Democrat that Baron Lowen, Swedish Minister in Buenos Aires, will be granted a holiday because of sickness. "This official," he added, "who acted as a telegraph (intermediary for Germany at Buenos Aires) with out considering contents of messages, is removed, but this is insufficient." The newspaper announces that a meeting of protest against secret diplomacy responsible for scandal, will be held on Sunday.

##### SUBS. IN WEST ATLANTIC.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Sept. 15. A British steamship that arrived here to-day reported that early yesterday morning a wireless S.O.S. call was heard, stating that the ship from which the message came was being shelled by a German submarine, the location being 65 miles east of Nantucket Lightship. The name of the ship attacked did not come clear, only the word "Abby" presumably the last half of the name being caught. Additional information that a submarine was in the Western Atlantic was brought by another British steamer which arrived here to-day from an English port. Officers of the liner said they had been instructed to watch out for U-boats when nearing the American coast. There are a number of vessels both sailing and steam of which the word "Abby" is a part of their name now in the Atlantic trade.

##### MR. McGRATH IN TORONTO.

TORONTO, Sept. 16. Hon. P. T. McGrath, President of the Legislative Council of Newfoundland, has been chosen by the present Coalition Government of the Colony as Chairman of the Food Control Committee for the Island along with the Deputy Minister of Customs and Mr. Grimes, representing the Labor interests. Mr. McGrath was in town on Saturday, and met Hon. W. J. Hanna at a luncheon at the Toronto Club with Dr. Abbott, S. E. Todd, W. A. Willison, and a number of newspaper men. Mr. McGrath's mission is to obtain a supply of flour from Canada

for his people, numbering 250,000; he expects to complete arrangements with Hanna to this end. He is going to Washington to arrange about meat and bacon with Mr. Hoover.

##### SUB. ATTACK REPULSED.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Sept. 16. A submarine attack on an American steamship, one of the largest liners in the trans-Atlantic service, was repulsed by several of the 100 passengers which included a number of U.S. army men.

##### FINLAND'S NEW GOVERNMENT.

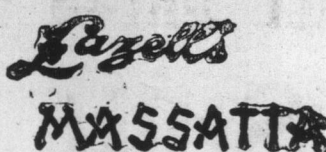
AMSTERDAM, Sept. 16. A Decree published at Lublin and Warsaw on Sept. 12th, transfers the supreme authority in Poland to a regency council of three members appointed by the monarchs of the occupying powers.

##### MEXICO CITY, Sept. 15.

Heinrich von Reikhardt, German Minister to Mexico, last night made a statement denying everything in connection with disclosures from Washington that he had been employing a former Swedish Charge D'Affaires to convey information to the Berlin Foreign Office. Von Reikhardt declared that he had never sent any communication through Folke Grenholm, and that he never wrote any communication recommending Grenholm for decoration for services to Germany.

### Obituary.

On Monday, Aug. 27th, an old and highly respected resident of Fortune Harbor in the person of James Lannon passed to his eternal reward. Deceased was in his 73rd year and to within a few days of his death enjoyed good health, when a severe stroke of paralysis attacked him which ended in his rather sudden death. His passing was one that befitted a man of his type—peaceful, respected by the rites of his Church, the last Sacraments being administered by the Rev. J. J. Nolan, who was present at his bedside till within a short time of the call. A large circle of friends and relatives, besides his own immediate family, were present at the burial service, which took place on Tuesday afternoon. He leaves to mourn the loss of a loving and devoted husband and father, a widow, 5 sons and 4 daughters, all of whom were present at his bedside except Miss Frances, the youngest, who is residing in New York and who could not reach home in time to be with her father at his last moments. To the above the sympathy of the whole community goes out, as "Skipper James," as he was familiarly known, was a friend to one and all. May his soul rest in peace.—Com. Fortune H., Sept. 8th, 1917.



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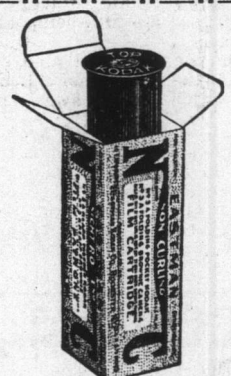
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