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## Berlin Admits Gravity Of Situation; Evacuation Of Belgium Openly Discussed

Paris, Oct. 3.—That the German situation on the western front is grave, the Frankfurter Zeitung admits, adding that the German front is gradually crumbling. The evacuation of Belgium is being discussed openly in Berlin, according to advices reaching here. Concerning Alsace-Lorraine, the German high command makes the suggestion that it be neutralized and joined to Luxembourg, thus making a buffer state between France and Germany.

## GERMANS GIVE WAY BETWEEN LENS AND ARMENTIERES

### Forced From Highly Organized Positions and Haig Is Pressing

### German Retreat in Le Basse Sector Begun And Looked on as a Far-reaching Possibility—Believed Lens Given Up and Lille About to Be

London, Oct. 3.—British troops this morning resumed their attacks north of St. Quentin, Field Marshal Haig so reports in his official statement.

The Germans are continuing their rearward movement on the front from Lens to Armentieres. They are evacuating highly organized positions in that area, along a ten mile line.

In pushing after the retreating enemy, the British have reached the general line of Cite St. Auguste, Douvrin, east of La Bassee, east of Aubers and west of the Grenier Wood. The advance is continuing.

### ON TO COURTRAI

Paris, Oct. 3.—General Pomeroy's army, fighting on the Belgian front, is reported to be two miles from Courtrai. Despatches from the front state that Menin and Roulers are burning and that the Anglo-Belgian thrust continues in the direction of Courtrai, where the great road to Ghent opens.

London, Oct. 3.—Belgian forces on Wednesday improved their positions at various points, according to the official statement issued from Belgian headquarters last night. General Pomeroy's army has captured Gheuve, near Menin, and Le Blizet, just north of Armentieres.

### FOUR IMPORTANT PLACES

British Headquarters in France, Oct. 3.—(By the Associated Press)—Field Marshal Haig's forces are reported to have captured Ramscourt, Goye, Le Cateliet and Sequehart. This has not been officially confirmed. More than 2,000 Germans have been taken prisoner today by the British.

### LENS AND LILLE

London, Oct. 3.—Field Marshal Haig's announcement that a German retreat has begun in the La Bassee sector is commented upon as a development of far-reaching importance. It is asserted, and unofficially stated, that the town of La Bassee has been evacuated. It is also believed that the enemy withdrawal from Lens and Lille is a report, too, that the Germans have ordered that Lille be abandoned.

To the successful operations of the Belgian army and General Pomeroy's forces, to the north, is attributed the enemy's movement to the rear. The Anglo-Belgian drive has brought these forces near to Menin.

## BRITAIN MAKES A PEREMPTORY DEMAND UPON HUN GOVERNMENT

London, Oct. 3.—Owing to Germany's continued failure to ratify the exchange of prisoners agreement with Great Britain and her raising of questions concerning submarine boat crews which Great Britain declines to do, the British government has dispatched to Berlin peremptory demands for an immediate answer.

### ALFONSO'S ILLNESS

Madrid, Oct. 3.—(By The Associated Press)—Physicians attending King Alfonso, who is suffering from influenza, issued a bulletin last night stating that his temperature during the day was 102.8.

## Holland Hears Germans Are Giving Up The Belgian Coast

London, Oct. 3.—Unconfirmed reports come from Holland that the Germans are preparing to evacuate the Flanders coast and the towns behind it. The breach in the Hindenburg system between La Cateliet and St. Quentin by the British, Australian and American troops is also commented on as an incident of great importance.

## CRITICAL PHASE OF FIGHTING IS NEAR

### Enemy in Grave Peril in Belgium and Line in Centre Breaking While Allies Progress Near Rheims and in Champagne

Paris, Oct. 3.—While the enemy is throwing reserves recklessly into the centre of the vast battle line in a desperate effort to stave off the evil hour of defeat, the Allies continue to progress on the wings. Slowly but surely, the splendid advance of the Allied forces under King Albert of Belgium has forced General Ludendorff to withdraw his troops.

On this portion of the front the position of the Germans is getting dangerous and they must find an effective way to defend Lille, which, with Metz, is the pivot of the whole German system in France. Now that the German front line in Belgium has been broken the line of communication between Ostend and Thourout is in peril and the Roulers-Menin railroad is cut. It can be seen that the position of the enemy there is grave. The second line of railroad from Bruges to Courtrai is under shell fire. While this German army, the fourth, is thrust back on its communications, the forces on its right are in a risky position near the sea at Neuport. Those elements on the left of the fourth army are thrown back at the same time with difficulty in defending Lille.

Latest news from the centre of the line shows that the enemy resistance there is giving evidence of failing. Le cateliet has been taken in this sector. On the right, General Berthelot is still driving the Germans away from the Rheims region and General Pomeroy is pushing slow headway in the Champagne. Everywhere the signs of battle indicate the approach of the critical phase. In addition to the general satisfaction over the situation in France, Paris is rejoicing over the news of the fall of Damascus.

## LIUT.-COL. WEDDERBURN HOME FROM ENGLAND

Lieut.-Colonel Frederick W. Wedderburn, who is reported to have returned from the 115th battalion, one of the finest units which left these shores, returned to St. John this morning. He arrived in the city on the Boston express from the Atlantic port at which he had landed. Since his departure he has been in the reinforcements drafts, Lieut.-Col. Wedderburn has been engaged in England.

## ANOTHER SUCCESS IN PALESTINE SCORED

London, Oct. 3.—(8 p.m.)—Australian mounted troops operating in the north-west of Damascus, in Syria, on Wednesday charged and captured a Turkish battery. Fifteen hundred prisoners were taken and two guns and forty machine guns were captured, according to an official statement issued today by the British command in the theatre.

## PTE. JOHN F. JEFFREY HIT IN LEG AND HAND

Mrs. Katherine Jeffrey, of 180 Millidgeville avenue, received a telegram this morning stating that her son, Private John F. Jeffrey, had been admitted to No. 1 casualty clearing station on September 25, suffering from wounds to the left leg and right hand. Private Jeffrey went overseas a few months ago with a draft from the First Depot Battalion and had been at the front for only a little more than three weeks.

## HIS THIRTY THIRD YEAR

Sergeant George Baxter has entered upon his thirty-third year of continuous service as a member of the St. John police force. His record has been an enviable one, as during all these years there has not been a single black mark against his record.

## "NO BILL" IN CAMPBELL CASE

Police Officer Had Shot And Killed Draft Evader

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 3.—Dan Campbell of Victoria, a police officer who shot and killed Albert Goodwin, a draft evader, while Goodwin was alleged to be resisting arrest near Cumberland some months ago, is not to stand trial on a charge of manslaughter on which he was committed. The jury in the assize court this morning returned a "no bill" and Campbell, accordingly, was discharged by Mr. Justice Murphy.

## CROWN LANDS

There is a large assemblage in Fredericton today for sale of crown lands timber berce.

## U. S. CUTTER LOST WITH 125 LIVES

Washington, Oct. 3.—The U. S. S. Tempa, a former coast guard cutter in naval service, was lost off the Bristol Channel Sept. 26, with all on board. Later in the afternoon, 125 bodies of 109 enlisted men of the crew, one British officer and five civilian employees were recovered. Reports indicate that the ship was struck by a torpedo.

## GERMANS REMOVING INHABITANTS FROM ALSACE

Geneva, Oct. 3.—German military authorities have begun to remove the inhabitants of Alsace, according to the Democratic expectation of a Franco-American attack on the frontier. The inhabitants of twenty villages including Forrette, Goutavon and Winkel already have been sent to Bavaria. Some of the villagers have escaped across the Swiss frontier.

Fear of disorder is rampant throughout Alsace-Lorraine not only among the civilian but also among the military forces. Food is scarce and little is available. The German authorities in Alsace-Lorraine, the Democratic adds, are afraid of a general uprising in those provinces when the Allies cross the frontier.

## French Win Challerange

### Important Railway Junction in Champagne; Advance North of Rheims Continued

Paris, Oct. 3.—Heavy fighting continues in the region north of Rheims and the French have continued their advance, capturing Loivre, says the war office statement today.

The railway junction of Challerange, in Champagne, has been captured by General Gouraud. West of Challerange the Germans made determined efforts to drive the French from the wood southeast of Orval, but were driven back with heavy losses. The French attack in Champagne was continued today.

## EXHIBITION BY WAR GARDENS ASSOCIATION

### Fine Showing of Vegetables Proof of What Amateur Gardeners Can Do—Housewives Show Canned Goods—The Entries

One of the most interesting exhibitions ever given in St. John, because of what it signifies, that of the War Gardens Association, which opened today in the Front & Wood warehouse, King square. It is hoped that all the citizens will find time to visit the exhibition today or tomorrow. There is a remarkably good exhibit of potatoes, beans, parsnips, carrots, turnips, cabbage, cauliflower, cucumbers, chard, onions, beans and other vegetables, while the Housewives' League makes a splendid showing of canned products. The whole display is very nicely arranged on tables, and it is easy to move around and examine the different exhibits. The entries are as follows:

Class 1—Best Peck Basket Potatoes, Any Quantity: Frank V. Hamm, Mrs. H. B. Peck, R. C. Gilmore, John M. Thompson, Gladys M. Hegan, Mrs. M. D. Collette, A. M. Belding, Ernest H. Toole, T. S. Simms & Co., Ltd., W. F. and Miss Burditt.

Class 2—12 Green Mountain Potatoes: Frank V. Hamm, R. C. Gilmore, Mrs. M. D. Collette, Richard J. Hooper, John M. Thompson, A. M. Belding, Irene E. Barber and Lillian Hasen, T. S. Simms & Co., Ltd., W. F. and Miss Burditt.

Class 3—12 Irish Cobble Potatoes: R. C. Gilmore, T. S. Simms & Co., Ltd.

Class 4—4 Best Round Any Variety: Frank V. Hamm, Gladys M. Hegan, Richard J. Hooper, John M. Thompson, Mrs. H. B. Peck, A. M. Belding, Irene E. Barber and Lillian Hasen, T. S. Simms & Co., Ltd., W. F. and Miss Burditt.

Class 5—Onions: Frank V. Hamm, Mrs. H. B. Peck, John M. Thompson, Gladys M. Hegan, (Continued on page 2, second column)

## PLAN BUSY DAY FOR HON. MR. BALLANTYNE

### Minister of Marine Will Have Trip on Harbor, Address Before Canadian Club and May Meet Board of Trade Members

Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine and fisheries, who is to visit St. John this week, will arrive here on the night express from Halifax on Saturday morning. He will remain in the city until eight o'clock and for the rest of the day, between public and private engagements, will have a fairly busy day.

At eleven o'clock in the morning the visiting minister will be given a trip around the harbor on the steamer Neptune. He will be accompanied by the local senators and members of parliament, the mayor and city commissioners, shipping and shipbuilding men and others prominent in the life of the community.

Hon. Mr. Ballantyne will address the Canadian Club at one o'clock on the timely subject of harbor commission. Later in the afternoon, if arrangements can be made, he will be asked to meet the members of the Board of Trade to discuss matters of public interest. The visit will come to a close on Saturday evening when the minister will take the train to return to Ottawa.

## GERMANY COULD NOT HELP BULGARS

### Ferdinand Had Appealed For Military Aid But It Was Impossible To Comply

Geneva, Oct. 3.—Bulgaria has not been betrayed by her allies, who were informed of every step she took through many European press channels, says a Sofia despatch. It asserts that the king, King Ferdinand, sent an urgent appeal to German headquarters for military aid, giving notice that he otherwise would be forced to open negotiations with the enemy. Germany, however, replied that it was impossible to comply.

Paris, Oct. 3.—High praise is given the French cavalry forces which have been operating in the Macedonian campaign in co-operation with the Serbs, in the Serbian statement issued at the war office tonight. Measures provided for in the armistice between the Bulgarians and the Allies are in the course of being carried out. Germans Stand at Danube.

Paris, Oct. 3.—Occupation of Bulgaria by Allied troops is progressing normally, according to Marcel Hutin of the Echo de Paris. Bulgarian troops resist at certain points, he says, but submit so soon as they are apprised of the fact that an armistice had been signed. German troops which have been fighting in Macedonia are moving northward and appear to be organizing a defensive line along the Danube. They have already fortified the Roumanian bank of the river. Sofia and Constantinople have already been cut.

## BRUSSELS PEOPLE LEARN THAT HOUR OF LIBERATION IS NEAR

Paris, Oct. 3.—(Havas Agency)—A despatch from the Dutch border asserts that the German government-general in Belgium has given secret instructions to the governors of the provinces to send hastily all German archives to Brussels. Allied aviators have flown over Brussels, dropping thousands of pamphlets, telling the public to have a little more patience—that their hour of liberation is near.

## ROBT. KEIRSTEAD IS DECLARED INSANE

### Michael Bear Sent to Dorchester Prison For 25 Years

Gagetown, Oct. 3.—Robert Keirstead, wife-murderer, has been declared insane. The jury at first disagreed. They reconsidered to have a little more patience, but he will be sent to Michael Bear, an Indian who assaulted little Dorothy Cox, has been sentenced to twenty-five years in Dorchester penitentiary.

## TRAIN RUNS OVER WORKMEN; 20 KILLED

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 3.—More than twenty workmen were killed and many more were injured this morning when a Pennsylvania flyer ran into a crowd of workmen from the Interstate Foundry Company at Bedford, ten miles from here, while the men were waiting on the tracks for a work train.

## CANON SCOTT WOUNDED

### Cable Comes From Chaplain—Means "Bright"

Montreal, Oct. 3.—The family of Lieut.-Col. Rev. Canon F. G. Scott, C. M. G., senior chaplain first Canadian division, received word yesterday that he had been wounded in the foot, during it is presumed, the recent fighting at Cambrai. Canon Scott, who is unable to walk, indicated that his wound was "a good bright" and it is assumed that he is all right.

## PHILADELPHIA GRIP OF INFLUENZA

Philadelphia, Oct. 3.—Schools, churches, theatres and all places of public meetings were today ordered closed indefinitely because of influenza.

## WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—Showers are occurring this morning in the maritime provinces. Elsewhere in Canada the weather is fine.

Forecasts: Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate northwest winds, fine today and on Friday; not much change in temperature. Ottawa Valley and Upper and Lower St. Lawrence—Moderate to fresh northwesterly winds, fair today and on Friday; not much change in temperature. Gulf and North Shore—Moderate to fresh westerly winds, a few scattered showers today, but generally fair; Friday, fair, not much change in temperature.

Fair: Maritime—Moderate to fresh southwesterly winds, showery today; Friday, fair. Superior—Moderate south winds, fair today and on Friday, stationary or a little higher temperature. Manitoba and Saskatchewan—Fair and warmer today and on Friday. Alberta—Fair and moderately warm today and on Friday. New England—Fair and cooler tonight and Friday, moderate northwesterly winds.

## MISS KATHLEEN PATTERSON OF ST. JOHN DIES IN BOSTON

Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson, Barker street, received the sad news last evening that their daughter, Miss Kathleen Patterson, a bookkeeper in Boston, had died and that the body is being forwarded to St. John. No particulars were received. On Saturday Mrs. Patterson received a letter from her stating that she was on her holidays. Besides her parents, she leaves three brothers, James, John and Douglas, and three sisters, Grace, Mary and Jeremia, all at home. The body was brought here today on the Boston train. The funeral will be private.

## GERMAN ATTACK NEAR CAMBRAI FAILS

London, Oct. 3.—A German attack last night on the British positions to the north of Cambrai was repulsed.