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ENEMY IN FULL FLIGHT IN EAST AFRICA

Two More Arrests in Atholstan Dynamite Case

Irish Convention Faced With Grave Difficulty

Russia is Roused by Fall of Riga to Enemy

Foe Retreats Before the British and Belgians

Advance of Entente Troops Drives Shattered Huns Farther Back--Activities on West Front Also

By Courier Leased Wire.

Havre, Wednesday, Sept. 5.—The following official communication dealing with the campaign in East Africa has been issued by the Belgian war office:

"The Germans have retreated to the south bank of the Kelimbero River in East Africa before a convergent advance of Belgian and British troops."

BRITISH OFFICIAL

London, Sept. 8.—In patrol fighting on the Ypres front last night the enemy suffered considerable casualties northeast of St. Julien, says to-day's official statement. "In the neighborhood of Gavrelle a successful raid was carried out by a small party of our troops."

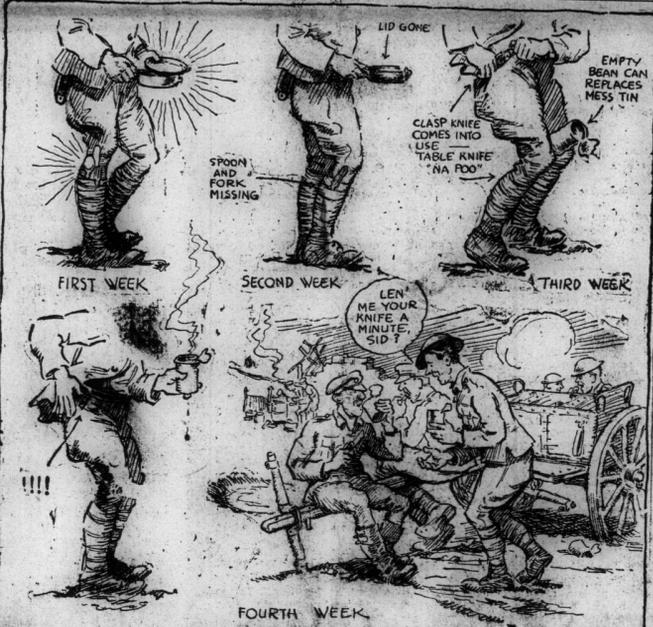
"Langemarck was heavily shelled by the enemy yesterday evening and there was some hostile artillery activity at other points later in the night. No infantry action developed."

ITALIAN LOSSES LIGHT

Rome, Sept. 8.—Only three Italian ships were sunk during the week ending September 2, it is officially announced. "In all seas," says the statement, "three steamers were sunk and one small auxiliary sailing vessel was damaged by a torpedo attack. It was towed into port."

AIR ATTACK

Copenhagen, Sept. 8.—The Vossische Zeitung states that two persons were killed and three seriously injured in an aeroplane attack on the town of Lahr, Germany, on September 4.



Drawn by Gunner James Frise of the Canadian Field Artillery

Russian Forces Gradually Regaining Lost Morale; Battle in Dvinsk Reported Progressing Favorably

By Courier Leased Wire.

Petrograd, Sept. 8.—The encouraging feature of the Riga situation is the seeming firmness of the Russian tenure which has seized Riga's defenders. The German pursuit appears to be slowing up and in military circles it is not anticipated that the enemy will risk much further penetrations while Dvinsk remains unconquered. A more likely course, it is argued, will be for the Germans to entrench somewhere near their present position northeast of Riga and await the result of the Dvinsk operations.

According to information here the spirit of the troops in the Dvinsk sector is much more favorable than on other fronts. Col. Podjournsky a member of the Dvinsk army committee telegraphing to Col. Kuropatkin, chairman of the special council army committee here, said that the army was standing firm, that there was no intention to surrender Dvinsk and that the army committee were in full accord with the commanders.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

Petrograd, Sept. 7.—Testimony regarding the reputation of Colonel Miasoieff was given to-day at the trial of General Soukhomlinoff, former war minister, who is accused of high treason. The only testimony directly affecting the defendant was given by Colonel Frandakoff of the army information department, who declared that the former war minister defended and tried to prevent the expulsion from Russia of certain German spies and others suspected in connection with Miasoieff's activities. Col. Frandakoff said that the former minister of the interior, Makaroff, also suspected Miasoieff.

DENIAL GIVEN TO RUMORS OF PREMIER BORDEN'S RETIREMENT

Sir Robert's Absence From Parliament Merely For Recuperative Purposes—Comment of Western Press on Franchise Act

By Courier Leased Wire.

Ottawa, Sep. 8.—Emphatic denial is given to rumors of the impending retirement of the prime minister owing to serious illness. "Sir Robert is only taking a few days' rest," Canadian Press Limited was informed "and is expected to be at his office as usual on Monday morning."

Western newspapers comment on the franchise act. In regard to the disfranchisement of the aliens, The Saskatchewan Star, while admitting the quality of justice in the proposal, declares that thoughtful men will keenly regret the necessity for it, first because a great many of the Austrians and Germans are today loyal Canadians who would be willing to fight for their adopted country, and because it will make the task of melting the polyglot races in Canada into a united, loyal English-speaking nation after the war more difficult.

LOCAL MEN NAMED FOR TRIBUNALS

Judge Hardy's List of Representatives Ratified by Dominion Government

His Honor Judge Hardy, Magistrate Livingston, Sheriff Westbrook and James Harley, K.C. have been ratified by the Government as members of the four tribunals on military service in Brantford, the other four members, appointed by the Government, to be announced in a few days' time. His Honor Judge Hardy this week forwarded to Ottawa his selection of nine representatives upon the various tribunals through Brant county, and his full list has been ratified as follows:—

Brantford—His Honor Judge Hardy, W. C. Livingston, Police Magistrate, Sheriff J. W. Westbrook and James Harley, K.C. Paris—Paul Wickson, Esq., Oshweken—Chief J. S. Johnston. Burford—D. G. Hamner, Esq. St. George—Dr. J. L. Addison. Onondaga—J. Wilson Hamilton, Esq.

EXPLOSION IN ARSENAL

Three Killed, Many More Injured, in Philadelphia To-day

By Courier Leased Wire.

Philadelphia, Sept. 8.—Three persons are reported dead, one dying, 23 others in hospitals more or less seriously injured, as the result of an explosion at the Frankford arsenal this morning. The dead, all men, it is reported, were blown to pieces. Among the injured are two young men.

The cause of the explosion is unknown, and no information from the arsenal is obtainable. The force of the explosion broke windows and threw those living in the vicinity from their beds. Soldiers doing guard duty had difficulty in keeping the crowds from entering the grounds.

BUILDING PERMITS

Permits were issued at the office of the City Engineer this morning to James H. Liddell, 66 Cayuga street, for the erection of a frame bay window to cost \$25; to J. B. Wallis, 139 William street for the erection of a frame kitchen at a cost of \$50; and to Mrs. Elisha Goodwin, 115 Erie avenue for the erection of a frame verandah to cost \$30.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Sep. 8.—The disturbance which was approaching Lake Michigan yesterday has been deflected to the southward causing rain on both shores of Lake Erie and along the southern shore of the Province of Ontario. The weather continued fine. A pronounced cool wave has appeared over the western province.

Foresaets. Moderate winds, fair and cool. Sunday—Quite cool and for the most part fair.

LAVERGNE ON SUBJECT OF SEPARATION

Urges That Quebec Withdraw From Confederation of the Dominion

CONSCRIPTION ISSUE

False Principle For Colonies To Share In Imperial War, He Says

By Courier Leased Wire. Quebec, Sept. 7.—At an anti-conscription meeting to-night Armand Lavergne affirmed that conscription was the result of the false principle that the colonies should take part in Imperial wars. "Only one man can save the situation," Lavergne said, and that is Sir Lomer Gouin. All that he has to say is that this province engaged confederation on certain conditions and if they are not respected he will ask the province to withdraw. It would be done quickly.

More Arrests. Montreal, Sept. 8.—The number of those under arrest, charged with attempt to murder Lord Atholstan at his Cartierville residence, was increased by two last night. Inspector Groux of the federal police announced that one Cyr, a blacksmith living in Longueuil, and a reporter named Goyer, living on Hutchison street, had been placed in custody.

Fleeing to Toronto. Montreal, Sep. 8.—Reports reaching here from various points in Ontario indicate that Henri Monette and George Charbonneau, two members of the anti-conscriptionist gang of dynamiters are making their way by automobile towards Toronto. They are being traced from place to place by the unpaid hotel and garage bills they leave. Charbonneau sometimes takes the part of a woman. The car being used, originally stolen, is an Overland, with a Quebec number.

By Courier Leased Wire.

The Regina Morning Leader says: In the sacred name of patriotism the Borden Government has proposed to a British parliament that it deliberately violate a pledge given in the name of the King to the men who were invited to come to Canada, make their homes, fore swear their allegiance to their native land and become British subjects and assist in the development and upbuilding of this portion of the Great British Empire.

The Calgary Morning Albertan says: The Franchise bill is one of the worst pieces of legislation ever brought to the attention of the Canadian parliament. It is bad in principle and scandalous in detail. It has no principle underlying it, except that of giving an advantage to the party in power. It disregards sacred obligations made by the nation to loyal Canadians.

IRISH UNION CONVENTION FACES CRISIS

Success The Creation of a New Ireland, Failure A Catastrophe

VISIT TO BELFAST

Stage In Progress of Convention Marked By Its Success There

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Sept. 8.—The New York Times this morning publishes the following from its Belfast correspondent: The visit of the Irish convention to Belfast, where it has just been holding a three days' session, accompanied with some experience of northern hospitality and enterprise, marks a stage in its progress as it has been a great success in every sense.

The southern delegates, who have been in Belfast for the first time this week, have been entertained by the lord mayor, the harbor boards and prominent private citizens. They have been taken to factories and shipyards and technical schools. They have had for their sittings the magnificent city hall. All this has impressed them. It is a process of education as to the conditions of their own country which was necessary for these representative men. It may be added that the visit of the convention has also made an impression on Belfast. Crowds gathered at the city hall every day to watch these men from all parts of Ireland arriving. All this is to the good, both for

the state of feeling inside the convention and that in the country outside it. To produce such an atmosphere is a necessary piece of work. But too much must not be expected from mere atmosphere; the more difficult part of the convention's task now appears that of working out in detail a scheme upon which a settlement may be secured and may be relied on to work.

A correspondent writing in a Catholic paper takes the view that if the convention should fail to find a settlement it would be better that it had not met. This is very widely held. "Success," he writes "will mean the creation of a new Ireland, failure will be a catastrophe. The convention as the good will of the whole country."

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