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GERMANS RENEW BITTER COUNTER-ATTACKS-FAIL

ORSOVA, RICH HUN CITY, TAKEN BY THE RUMANIANS

BATTLE RAGING IN E. RUMANIA--FOE TAKES DOBRIC

RUMANIANS CAPTURE ORSON.

Enemy's City of Great Commercial Importance Falls Into Hands of Rumanians-Is Principal Port on the Lower Danube.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Sept. 7 .- Rumanian troops have occupied Orsova, an important Hungarian town on the Danube, according to a dispatch to the Times from Bucharest today.

An unofficial dispatch from Vienna on Wednesday announced that Orsova had been taken by the Rumanians. Orsova is one of the principal ports on the lower Danube, and has considerable commercial importance. It is a few miles above the Iron Gate of the Danube, where the river leaves Hungary, and forms the boundary between Rumania and Northeastern

"CONGRATS" FROM BILL. [Canadian Press.] Berlin, via London, Sept. 8.—The em-beror has sent the following telegram feat of the army of thy brave soldiers, from which our new enemy may realize o the King of Bulgaria, it is officially that we not only know how to defend

1 Tutrakan (Turtukai). Accept m ourselves, but may strike him even i "I have just learned that the allied his own country. May God help further troops have conquered the fortress of Faithfully thine—Wilhelm."

Figures for 1917 Show 754 Decrease in Number of Inhabitants of This City, But General Assessment Shows Increase of \$824,864 Over Records of 1916-Annexed Districts Only Section to Show Population Increase.

Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant has completed the assessment of the city for 1917, and has forwarded to the board of control the figures for its

The total population of the city is now 57,301, a loss of 754 for the year.

The assessment is \$40,334,611, an advance of \$824,864, rather a good show-The assessment of Ward 1 shows an increase of \$353,515, and a loss in

 $I_{\rm B}$ Ward 2 there is an increase of assessment of \$69,767, and a loss in

The greatest loss in population is in Ward 3, the manufacturing section where the figures show a decline of 416 in population. The assessment shows in advance of \$183,648. There is also a considerable decline in population in

Ward 4, the loss being 287. The increase in assessment is \$175,244.

In the annexed district of Ward 3, there is an increase in population of 6, and an increase in assessment of \$53,526, while in the annexed district of Ward 4 there is a gain in population of 101, and an advance in assessment of

The figures in detail a	re given as	follows.			
LOSS OR GAIN BY T	HE ASSES	SMENT M	ADE IN T	HE YEAR	1916.
Population.		Buildings.	Business		Total.
Ward 112,257	\$ 5,216,014	\$ 5,632,240	\$1,860,007	\$ 549,383	\$13,307,585
Ward 2 9,702	3,703,610	4,075,250	1,046,913	505,193	9,330,966
Ward 315,100	2,916,534	3,477,100	480,700	96,549	6,970,873
Annex 8 3,230	260,186	634,966	29,155	15,852	940,159
Ward 4	3,811,033	5,100,352	224,045	257,585	9,403,013
Annex 4 1,963	191,444	142,090	13,135	35,394	382,063
57.301	\$16,098,811	\$19,121,998	\$8,653,955	\$1,459,987	\$40,334,611
Ward 1:12,318	\$ 5,155,208	\$ 5,429,342	\$1,854,149		\$12,954,070
Ward 2 9.879	3,693,645	3,982,545	1.074.405	510,604	
Ward 3	2.936.654	3.331.165	469.422	88,388	
Annex 3 3,144	359,136	584.046	30,700	12,751	
Ward 4	3,777,850	4,966,010	226,870	248,637	
Annex 4 1,262	191,162	126,280	13,260	32,197	
58,055	\$16,013,655	\$18,419,388	\$3,668,806	\$1.407.948	\$39,509,79
1916	\$16,098,811	\$19,121,998	\$3.653,955		\$40,334,66
1915	16,013,655	18,419,388	3,668,806		39,509,79
754	\$85,156	\$702,610	\$18,851	\$51.949	\$824.864
Loss. Gain.		Gain.	Loss.	Gain.	φ02 1 ,005

GREAT BATTLE BEGINNING IN EASTRUMANIA; **DOBRIC FALLS?**

Russians Are Now on Offensive Against Bulgars.

TEUTONS CAPTURE FORTRESS

Place 50 Miles Southeast of **Bucharest Captured by** Teutons.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Sept. 8 .- The beginning of a great battle in heartiest congratulations on this great Southeastern Rumania, where the Russians have taken the offensive against the Bulgarians and Germans, is reported in a Rome dispatch given out by the Wireless Press.

The struggle is now under way over the whole front in Dobrudja between the Danube and the Black Sea. Fighting is particularly desperate near Baltjik, on the Black Sea coast about ten miles north of the Bulgarian frontier. This in formation, the wireless dispatch says, was received in Rome from Petrograd.

DOBRIC CAPTURED. (Canadian Press.)

London, Sept. 8-3:45 p.m. -An undated official Bulgarian report received here today says that the Bulgarian and German forces, which are invading Eastern Rumania have captured the fortress of Dobric (Bazardjik), and the seaports of Baltjik, Kavarna and Kali Akra.

The announcement follows. "Our troops, advancing on Silistria reached the lines Chatalja-Aflatar-Alifax-Ascalmes, as well as the two bridge heads of Turtukai.

"After successful fighting our troops upied Dobric (Bazardjik), Baltjik, Kavarna and Kall Akra. the trenches of the enemy who is occupying Orsova.

Babardjik, known also as Dobric, is a fortified town 50 miles southeast of Bucharest. The three sea ports men- As Member of Parliamentary ioned are situated on an indentation in the coast line just north of the Bul-On two occasions recently it has been

reported unofficially that the Rumanians ave occupied the important Hungarian

WAR SITUATION ON ALL FRONTS

THURSDAY'S STORM Fine Herd Destroyed on Farm was marked with unusual violence in Dereham Township.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ingersoll, Sept. 8 .- Lightning, during attack, the object of which was to rea violent thunderstorm yesterday af-ternoon, killed fifteen fine datry cows ternoon, killed fifteen fine datry cows over a front of nearly a mile northeast of Verdun, which the French took yesbelonging to C. J. Banbury of the third terday. These efforts were unsu

in a field on his farm and had taken The British troops on the Somme | lars. shelter under a tree. All were instant-y killed by the bolt and literally piled Further north near Ginchy, the British In a heap. This is beieved to be the largest number of animals ever killed announcement from London says, inat once by lightning in the county. At

are selling, Mr. Banbury's loss is Soubtless over \$1,000. The cows were An official Bulgarian statement of insured in the Dereham and West Ox- September 4, dealing with the earlier ord Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Mr. George Way, a farmer residing mania, tells of the defeat of the Rusouth of Ingersoll, had a valuable 3- manians in two engagements, and reyear-old horse killed by lightning dur- ports a successful Bulgarian advance

On the Italian front, in the Sugana Wednesday night in consequence of an neir latest advance south of the river. tions at Civaron. The Italian war of-The struggle through the night over fice announces that the attacks were

OF CONGRESS ENDS TODAY

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, Sept. 8 .- Congress ad- This was, in brief, the statement of journed sine die this morning at 10 Hon. James H. Ross, the London senbreaking in many respects, with ap- land. He went abroad with a deputapropriations and authorizations for the Senate, as representatives of the Imperial future running well toward a billion dol-lars.

Senate, as representatives of the grand was in the trenches, visited the grand

In closing addresses, references to fleet, where he saw Admiral Jellicoe and the long program of legislative achievement, dominated chiefly by national de- and at Newcastle, the munitions facfence preparations at a cost of more tories at other points, and talked war than \$600,000,000, were made.

work showed that there had been ap- ation Corps, who was seriously wounded feelings may be unpardonable from propriated for the year 1917 for ex- some time ago, is doing well, and will future makes the total \$1,858,384,485, Continued on Page 11, Col. 2,

VON HINDENBURG TO MAKE "CLEVER MOVE BACKWARD"

[Canadian Press.]

London, Sept. 8 .- According to a Berne dispatch to the Morning Post, Col. Modieus, military writer of the Muenchner Neueste Nachrichten, in an article indicates that Marshal Von Hindenburg, the new German chief of staff, will shortly reduce the length of his front. The writer is convinced, he says, that the public will realize "our new strategist" clever move backward on one front may lead to victory on the other.

KITCHENER'S 'MOB' BETTER **GUILLEMONT FIGHT PROVES**

Storming of Powerfully Fortified Village One of the Finest Achievements of the War-Over-Eagerness of the British in Charging Robbed Them of Chance For Big Gain.

[Canadlan Press.]

New York, Sept. 8.-A news agency dispatch to the Sun says: "British correspondents at army headquarters in France agree that the capture of Guillemont by the British was preceded by one of the most stubborn battles of the Somme offensive.

"The Germans at Guillemont, contrary to their custom of lingering until the last moment in their dugouts," writes the correspondent of the Morning Post, simply ran away, excepting hundreds who surrendered.

Brief Bayonet Fight.

"For a brief period there was a fixed bayonet fight, back and forth, cut and thrust, with cold steel, and good men on both sides were victims. I believe this is the first instance since the Somme offensive started in July that the Germans actually attacked our men with the bayonet. These particular Prussians were tough fighters, as our men are ready to acknowledge, but months that our new army is more than a match for the best German

Guillemont a Fortress. The Daily Matl's correspondent describes Guillemont as a fortress perhaps as strong as any the Germans have yet fortified. "The German dugouts were so deep and so well built that they defied nine-inch shells.

"The openings of these dugouts

"We have faced no tougher

Future.

WAS GRAND FLEET VISITOR

Party He Visited Battle-

fronts of Europe.

Great Struggle Wonderful,

He Declares.

"The Allies have the whip hand every-

where, and the war will end soon, in my

judgment, perhaps sooner than some of

opinion I have formed after a visit to

going on."

blazed away with machine guns, as if all were worked by pressing A Tough Problem.

problem than to capture this stronghold. Nevertheless, it has been stormed. Our men simply went into and over the village till they got through to the other side. "We all know how the enemy had been keyed up to the highest pitch of effort to hold these last redoubts. They are-or were-part of the German second line of defence. You could scarcely add to their strength.

"All along the line garrisons which had been strengthened fought well, but there were de-grees of courage and very numerous exceptions to heroism. British Over-Eager.

Referring to the fighting of the previous day, the correspondent tells us how the British charge, hich had swept the Germans back t one point, failed of useful result because of the over-eagerness

"The zest of chasing fugitive Germans was too acute, and the charge overshot itself," he says. "The men, in their excessive keenand the British gunners were robbed of such an opportunity rarely falls to their lot. They had news of the enemy massing and advancing large numbers of troops for a counter charge, but could not take the opportunity of blowing advanced units would come under their fire. The enemy doubtless would have fired regardless of his own men in like case, but we are not yet perfectly 'kultured.' momentum of this attack was too strong, and our too-eager troops were forced to relinquish the better half of the territory won."

Bulgar Regt. Leaders Shot

prints the following cable from Rome: by the Serbians near Ostrovo.

SINN FEINISM SPREADS TO DANGEROUS DEGREE

Investigator.

London, Sept. 8 .- The Times publishes a special article from a corre spondent described as a "competent English observer with no prepossessions on present conditions in Ireland." This article draws the attention to the remarkable growth of the

the south, southwest, west and east, o'clock, concluding a session, record- ator, who returned yesterday from Eng- it has spread rapidly. Sinn Fein colors are worn, Sinn Fein flags are unfurled when opportunity occurs, Sinn Fein literature is published and bought in quantities; Sinn Fein songs are written and sung, and the colors of the Sinn Fein shown in every shop win-

He would be blind, indeed, who sojourned an hour or two in most of the towns of the southwest or east of and business with England's greatest Ireland, without being amazed at th stirred by the Dublin rebellion. Th equitable point of view, but that they

SEVERE LOSSES BY FORAYS OF HAIG'S FORCES

Trenches Southeast of Guinchy Raided Last Night By British.

BADLY MAULED

Quiet Night on Rest of Front, Says the British Report.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Sept. 8-1:45 p.m.-British troops southwest of Lille last night raided the German trenches southeast of Ginchy and near Richebourg L'Avoue inflicting severe loss on their occupants says the British official statement issued this afternoon.

The text of the British statement "Beyond the usual artillery activity and some local bombing fights, then

was nothing to report on the Somm front. Two officers and fifty men were brought in as prisoners yesterday. ebourg L'Avoue we raided the enemy' trenches, inflicting severe casualties. "The enemy northwest of Lille) yesterday evening.

HAIG'S TERRIBLE BLASTS.

[Canadian Press.] London, Sept. 8.—Describing the ef-ects of the British bombardment of the ferman positions at Guillemont the corany at the British headquarters in

rance says: "The ground to the east of the viloubt that the men were killed by the nerves were destroyed by the terrific the same region. boundage of the British guns,

Whether this is from apprehension that the guns might fall into British hands or whether it is preliminary to a gen withdrawal, the writer adds, he does not know.

AUSTRIANS REPULSED IN HEAVY ATTACKS AGAINST ITALIANS

Compelled To Fall Back, Abandoning Their Arms and Ammunition.

[Canadian Press.]

Hungarian troops on the night of Sepember 6 made a violent attack against he Italian lines of the Sugana valley arms and ammunition, and leaving some lead on the ground. This information vas contained in the Italian official In the Adige valley weak attacks Monte Gigovo and northeast of Ser- Hazelwood has been sunk. ille were repulsed. a more violent attack was attempted

dead on the ground. nch on the slopes of Tofana, No. 1, in hold. Travenanzes valley. On the rest of the front there was only the usual artillery activity."

sel, owned in Middlesborough, England. In the Tagus was of 937 tons gross.

Joffre Holds All Gain **Against Violent Assaults** Along the Somme Line

Germans Renew Bitter and Violent Attempts on French Line Along the Somme and at Verdun, But Are Everywhere Repulsed.

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Sept. 8, 12:20 p.m.—Renewed and bitterly violent attacks were made by the Germans on the Somme front last night in an effort to regain ground won by the French. The war office announced today that the assaults were futile, the French holding their ground everywhere.

The German attacks were made in strong force on the front near Berny and Chaulnes, south of the River Somme. The fighting was especially heavy between Vermandovillers and Chaulnes. The Germans preceded their infantry assaults with intense bombardments.

The Germans also made an effort to regain the ground won by the French yesterday on the Verdun front, between Vaux-Chapitre wood and Chenois, where nearly a mile of the German first line positions were carried. The official report says the German onslaughts were unsuccessful.

ALL POSITIONS

North of Dvinsk Are

Repulsed.

REPELLED NEAR KOVEL

Heavy Fighting Progressing

in the Caucasus, Petrograd

Reports.

[Canadian Press.]

Russian troops which have crossed the

tacked repeatedly by the Germans yes-

In the sector southeast of Lemberg

the Austro-German forces have made a

further retreat, the statement says,

falling back to the western bank of the

Gnita Lipa River. The statement fol-

Germans developed repeated attacks

"After artillery preparation

Petrograd, Via London, Sept. 8 .-

THE FRENCH REPORT.

The text of the French official statement says:
"On the Somme front our artillery activity continued in various sectors north of the river.

lage was strewn with German dead.

The corpses in many cases were stark won by us from Berny to south of lage was strewn with German dead.
The corpses in many cases were stark naked, every stitch of clothing having been blasted off them. A very large proportion of these bodies showed no ens of wounds, and there is little Germans launched no fewer than four massed attacks, each preceded by an in-Everywhere we Repeated Attacks by Germans maintained our gains in their entirety. rened, few men escaped the bombard- Two hundred fresh prisoners have been

oundage of the British guns."

The correspondent considers it significant that the ground was not bornarded by German field guns, which indicates, he said, that the Teutons withdrew their field artillery out of range.

"On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front), between Vaux-Chapitre and the Chenois wood, we made some projects by means of hand-grenades. A German attack on our Vaux-Chapitre positions failed under our curtain of fire.

'The night was calm on the rest of

THE GERMAN STATEMENT. [Canadian Press.] Berlin, Sept. 8.—Via London, 4:20

m .- French and German troops were gain engaged in infantry fighting yeserday in the region south of the River Somme, in France, says the official statement, issued today by the German Dvina River north of Dvinsk were atarmy headquarters staff. The French repulsed with great loss, with the terday, the war office announces, but exception of a point to the west of succeeded in holding the captured posiportions of trenches remained in the hands of the French.

THREE BRITISH VESSELS SUNK BY SUBMARINES

Strathtay, Tagus and Hazlewood Prey of the Pirates.

[Canadian Press.] The crew of the Strathtay was saved. It is reported the British steamship

enemy on the evening of the August 22 for Havre. She was 370 feet fire, gainst our lines on Civaron, in the long, of 4,428 tons gross, and was rians had to withdraw, abandoning engaged in transportation of relief sup-arms and munitions, and leaving plies for the Belgians. While at her dead on the ground ana valley. After brisk fighting the owned in Glasgow. Last year she was dock in New York in July of 1915 an atrised the enemy and stormed a bombs being found concealed in the sure. The Hazelwood was a 3,100-ton ves-

against our detachments which yesterday occupied a portion of the enemy London, Sept. 8-2 p.m.-The British positions on the western bank of the steamship Strathtay and the Ellerman Dvina north of Dvinsk, The German Line steamship Tagus have been sunk. attacks were repelled by our fire. "After a fierce action with artiller mine-throwers and bomb mortars, the enemy attacked our positions in the region of the town of Velitsk, in the direc-The Strathtay sailed from New York tion of Kovel, but was repelled by our

"Our Alpine troops under cover of fog tempt was made to destroy her, fire to which bank of the river to which he retired under our pres "On the Caucasian front in the Kighi

"In the region of the Gnita Lipa our

Ognott sector, stubborn battles con

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last were: Highest, 90; lowest 65.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 70; lowest, 63.

TOMORROW-FINE AND COOL Forecasts.

The following were th

front in the region of Mount Beles, and "Our troops which, on September 2, previous to 8 a.m.

Weather Notes The depression mentioned yesterday now covers the Lower St. Lawrence Valley. It has caused showers and

15 COWS KILLED BY LIGHTNING BOLT IN est night made repeated efforts to take | Valley, there was heavy fighting of ack ground won by the French in Austrian attack on the Italian posi-

the ground between Berny and Chaulnes Paris announces officially that the as saults of the Germans availed then nothing and that the French every-

troops were subjected to a counter concession of Dereham. The cows were ful, the official French report says.

ficted severe losses on the occupants of the present prices at which dairy cows the positions.

along the Rumanian Black Sea coast.

us imagine. Austria's end is near, and the downfall of Turkey and Bulgaria RECORD-BREAKING SESSION cannot long be delayed. That is the Great Britain and France, where I was privileged to see some of the things

A recapitulation of the nine months' James H. Ross Jun., of the Royal Avi-

Has Mutinied; [Canadian Press.] New York, Sept. 8 .- The Herald

Hon, James H. Ross, Back From Front, Optimistic of

An Athens dispatch to the Tribune states that the Fifty-second Bulgarian Regiment mutinled and was removed but after brisk fighting the Austrians from the front and the leaders were were forced to retire, abandoning their shot. The Twelfth and Thirtieth Regiments, it is added, were overwhelmed

town of Orsova, on the Danube, near PRAISES ENGLISH WOMEN IN SOUTH OF IRELAND the Iron Gate. Work They Are Doing to Win

Rebellious Feeling Exists to Point of Passion, Says

[Canadian Press.]

Sinn Fein movements of the rebellion.

men. He reports that his son, Lieut. profound feelings which have been

Paris, Sept. 8-12:20 p.m.-Violent ar- north of the village of Chaskeny, can-The writer says in the counties of tillery fighting is under way on the turing eleven wagons of ammunition

THE BULGARIAN REPORT. Bulgarian attacks against the Ruman- ers.

in the vicinity of Lake Doiran.

ont in Greek Macedonia, the war office which the enemy had abandoned after announced today. The principal engage- his defeat and retreat towards Silisments are in progress on the Struma tria.

captured Kurtbunar, after six hours of fighting yesterday (Sunday), defeated the enemy, who was dispersed into the Port Arthur London, Sept. 8.—A Bulgarian official plains. The Rumanians left on the bat-Parry statement issued at Sofia on September thefield more than 600 bodies and a great Buffal 4 and received here today recounts quantity of equipment and arms. We minor engagements in Macedonia and took one staff officer and nine other he commencement of the German and officers and 700 unwounded men prison-

"Our troops advancing on Dobric de- Father Point ian fortress of Turtukai, on the Danube, in which battle the Rumanians were feated the enemy and threw him back driven behind the forts, leaving 100 towards the northeast, unwounded men on the field. Of the "Our troops, marching the control of the leave the driven behind the forts, leaving 100 towards the northeast." "Our troops, marching on Baltjik (a Valley. It has penditures of the Government exactly return to Canada in a few weeks to \$1,626,439,210, and that authority for the spend a holiday. His wound is healing, sion is a fact it would be folly to front, the report says:

| Authority for the Canada in a few weeks to exist to the verge of a dangerous pasting on the rest of the Dobrudja front, the report says:

| Authority for the control of the contro "Our columns operating in the direc- three miles west of the town."