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Russians Adopt Measures to Offer Fierce Resistance to Invasion CANADIANS CAPTURE FRESH POSITIONS ON SOUCHEZ RIVER AT LENS Decisive Pressure By Italians is Winning Big Battle Northeast of Gorizia

SE COMMAND OF ALLIES TO GAIN VICTORY

Lloyd George Declares Submarines Will Not Defeat Great Britain.

RUSSIA WILL RECOVER

Sun Shines on Banner of Entente in Other Theatres.

Birkenhead, England, Sept. 7.—Premier Lloyd George in a speech here today on receiving the freedom of the city declared that the whole allied cause and the freedom of the world depended on supremacy at sea, and that he was certain it would be maintained. German statements, he said, had been at great pains to impress upon their people that the submarine figures given out by him in the house of commons recently were inaccurate. He declared these figures were absolutely correct, and that they put an end to all hopes of the enemy to win. The premier asserted he was absolutely convinced that the German submarines never would be able to beat down the strength of the British Entente or beat down the hopes of the allies by means of all the efforts the Germans could make with the submarine. The premier said that the news from Russia in the last few days had been good. He thought when the revolution came that it would have the effect of delaying victory, but he had expected an earlier recovery. "However, thru all we must exercise patience," he added.

Repairing Russian Machine. Mr. Lloyd George said that Russian leaders, all brave and patriotic men, knew that the enemy attempt in the Riga region involved the fate of the revolution, the fate of which they would do their best to defend. Under fire the Russian leaders were repairing the machine which had broken down, and he was confident that in the end they would succeed. "What I am concerned about most," the premier went on, "is not the effect which the failure of the machine will have upon the war, but the harmful effect it would have on the cause of democracy in the world."

It took a long time, said Mr. Lloyd George, for oppressed people to get accustomed to freedom, as it did for free people to get accustomed to oppression. "One thing gives me satisfaction," he continued, "German attempts to sow dissension between the allies east and the allies west. Germany only decided to invade Russia with the sword because all her other methods and machinations failed."

The premier said the reputation which Germany had earned by her conduct in the east was a disgrace to the world. "England drew the sword in honor of her pledged word," he declared. "Far from being dependent about the crisis in the eastern theatre, Mr. Lloyd George said further, the people should look forward to Russia with hope because she would recover and play a greater part yet before the war was over in saving the world from Prussian domination."

Success of the Allies. "Dark as may be the clouds in the Russian sky," he said, "there is sunshine on the banners of the allies in all other theatres of the war. Germany may boast of her victories in the east against unresisting forces, but she had her reply in the success of the allies in the west, especially the recent success of the Italians. "Germany attempts to produce the impression in Russia that the war was due to the machinations of England had not some home, continued the premier. "The war began in the east and not in the west," said Mr. Lloyd George. "Russia was the first in because she undertook to champion the cause of Serbia. France was brought in because she had undertaken the solemn treaty obligation to stand by Russia in the event of an attack. Belgium was brought in because she was on the direct road to France. Great Britain was brought in because she was the only power which had no territorial ambitions."

BRITISH AND AMERICAN TROOPS MOST FRIENDLY

Lord Robert Cecil is Pleased With Harmonious Relations Between Soldiers.

London, Sept. 7.—One of the most pleasant bits of news of the week has been the friendly and intimate relations which are reported to exist between the British and American troops now in England, said Lord Robert Cecil in his weekly talk today with the Associated Press. "Nothing could be more gratifying to us," added Lord Robert, "than that sons of the two countries are setting their seal of approval on our alliance. A number of our officers have been assigned to assist in training your troops in France, and you can be assured that we will do all in our power to aid and encourage this friendship and mutual assistance."

CANADIANS EXTEND GAINS AT CRASSIER

Hard Fighting Proceeds at Lens—Germans Counter-Attacking.

PROGRESS AT AVION

Dominion Troops Now Menace South Side of Souchez River.

Canadian Army Headquarters, Sept. 7.—After a day of hard fighting following the attack by our troops in the Crassier area, near the Arras road, the enemy counter-attacked this morning all along the front to the west of Lens. He succeeded, after several efforts, in driving us out of part of the positions, the holding of which was told of in yesterday's despatch, but in the region of Crassier the gains made by our men were not only held, but extended, and our new front constitutes a serious menace to the enemy positions along the northern side of the Souchez River, in the northern part of Avion, also, where the line has been stationary for some time now, and important outposts have been established. The enemy has shown fierce resentment at these forward movements, and has shelled the entire front heavily, using larger shells than have hitherto been used in the war. Against the clouds of gas released in this way our men's masks are perfect protection.

The lying story that the Canadians take no prisoners and that, therefore, Germans who meet them in battle may as well resist to the death because they will be killed after capture, has cropped up again, this time in an official document. Orders issued by the First Guards Reserve Division and seen by recently captured prisoners, state that German officers attacking the city take no prisoners. The stout resistance put up on the morning of this year's offensive by the prisoners think, to their belief in this statement. The mean untruth is seen when it is shown that since the beginning of this year's offensive in April considerably over 70,000 prisoners have been taken by the Canadians. The lie may be necessary to prevent the fighting spirit of the troops for the grim work of house-to-house warfare, in which losses are always heavy in proportion to the number engaged. A single company of the regiment to which the prisoners belonged lost sixteen killed and eighteen wounded in one day's house-to-house fighting this week and came out after a few days in the front lines with only 50 per cent of its strength. Rifle grenades and bombs have been the principal cause of these casualties.

MOTHERLAND'S TROOPS DO SHARE OF FIGHTING

United Kingdom Supplies Six Soldiers to the Dominions' One—Suffers Heaviest Casualties in the Military Operations in France.

London, Sept. 7.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—Reuter's has received the following authoritative statement regarding the respective parts played by the dominions and Great Britain in the war: "In America and elsewhere the false current that large numbers of trained soldiers fit for service overseas are retained in idleness in the United Kingdom. The authors of this false report would like to spread the report that Britain's reserves of men are exhausted. This is entirely fallacious. The millions stated to be in reserve in this country include all men trained and training to be in readiness to provide British drafts in the five theatres of the war, also the sick and wounded, those unfit for general service, the training staffs and the labor and administrative units necessary at the main base of the empire."

DE ORO WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

St. Louis, Sept. 7.—Alfred De Oro tonight won the world's championship in three cushion billiards from Eubert L. Cannafox of St. Louis. The total score was 150 to 148 in favor of De Oro.

RUSSIA TAKES MEASURES TO STOP INVASION

Ministry of War Restores Capital Punishment Behind Front.

TROOPS MUST FIGHT

Nijni-Novgorod Becomes Centre of Artillery Control Branch.

Petrograd, Sept. 7.—The special committee of the ministry of war has published the draft of the order for re-establishment of capital punishment in the rear of the fighting front. The law is applicable to soldiers and civilians for the same offences for which capital punishment has already been established at the front.

The Petrograd council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates has resolved that as removal of an external danger is vital for every democracy, the executive committee must remind the Russian soldiers of their obligation to redouble their efforts with a view to the regeneration of the economic life of the country, the renewal of the combative force of the army, and the organization of national defenses. The Kuskuya Volia announces that the administration of the national bank will be transferred to Nijni-Novgorod. The general control of the artillery branch of the army also will be removed there. "German cavalry has been engaged with Russian rear guards at Zegewold, forty miles east of Riga, but apparently the German advance in force has slackened. A round of shells, about fifty miles southeast of Stigaja on the Avion river, the retiring Russians have set fire to several villages. There was no contact there yesterday in the Riga region, the war office statement says. Incidents occurred between Russian rear guards and the advance cavalry of the Germans. "On other sectors of the western front there have been fusillades. "Rumanian front—There have been fusillades and scouting operations. "Caucasus front—Only fusillades have taken place. "On the Baltic Sea, during the last week, between August 29 and September 5, the enemy has concentrated his operations in the Gulf of Riga, where his seaplanes appeared south of Pernau. Boats were dropped by their near Hannau, but were without effect. "Enemy submarines appeared in the Gulf of Riga on Monday and shelled by night three points on the coast between Riga and Pernau. Forty mines were fired on the minefield of Kaldokol one woman and one little girl were killed and one woman was wounded. By day an enemy submarine attacked the minefield at which about 20 rounds were fired. The transport, which had only 37 millimeter guns, engaged the submarine, forcing it to submerge and retire. Two men on the transport were wounded. "Our gunboats and torpedo boats remained at the mouth of the Dwina (at Riga) until the last moment, and on leaving conveyed steamships and floating defenses from the port of Riga. Other enemy vessels, aside from submarines, were not observed in the Gulf of Riga, where our naval forces are on guard and ready to engage the enemy."

REPORT OF VESSELS LOST TO SUBMARINES

Three French Ships Lost Last Week and Four the Previous Week.

Paris, Sept. 7.—The official weekly report of French sea-chauffeurs sunk by mines or submarines during the seven days ending tomorrow night, that three vessels of more than 1000 tons were sent to the bottom. No vessels in the category of less than 1000 tons were sunk. One vessel was unsuccessfully attacked by a submarine. No fishing vessels met with disaster. "The weekly statement for the week ending August 26 said three vessels of more than 1000 tons and one vessel of less than 1000 tons had been lost by submarine attacks or striking mines."

WHISKEY-MAKING CEASES TONIGHT

United States Will Save Millions of Bushels of Grain.

BIG STOCK ON HAND

Manufacture of Alcohol for Commercial Purposes Will Continue.

Washington, Sept. 7.—Manufacture of whiskey will cease tonight, the nation at 11 o'clock tomorrow night, when the prohibitive clause of the food act becomes effective. Millions of bushels of grain which would otherwise be ground up for whiskey will be released for food. Of the 100,000,000 bushels of grain, or cereals, which goes into the production of whiskey, 40 per cent, experts estimate, comes out in the form of whiskey and other distilled beverages. The remainder, made into alcohol of nearly the same characteristics as that used for whiskey, eventually finds its way into perfumes, colognes, and other household necessities, and to industries where denatured alcohol is used in ever-increasing quantities. Approximately 115,000,000 gallons of whiskey is produced each year by American distilleries. Production of alcohol by the same distilleries for commercial and medicinal uses other than beverages approximates 148,000,000 gallons. The manufacture of alcohol for the latter purposes will continue as usual. The class of distilleries which will be put out of business is composed wholly of small plants operated by individuals and that are located in California, Ohio and New Jersey and producing brandy from grapes, apples and peaches. These produce approximately 2,000,000 gallons a year. Stopping whiskey manufacture, instead of curtailing the government's revenue, will increase them for the next two years, officials believe. A stock of approximately 230,000,000 gallons has accumulated in the bonded warehouses and on the shelves of wholesale and retail liquor dealers. Approximately 190,000,000 gallons are in warehouses, and upon that quantity the government will collect taxes as it is withdrawn. Distilleries now running will continue to produce alcohol for commercial purposes with little change in their forces.

FELLS TWELFTH AIRPLANE

Grand Headquarters of the French Armies in France, Sept. 7.—Submarine sank today the twelfth of the American aviator flying with the Lafayette escadrille, today brought down his twelfth German airplane.

ELECTION BILL TO BE FOUGHT IN THE HOUSE

Liberal Members Are Determined to Precipitate a Battle Royal.

SECOND READING TODAY

When Discussion Opens on Monday, Speakers Will Refuse to Stop Talking.

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, Sept. 7.—The passage of the war times election bill thru the commons promises to provide one of the most spectacular parliamentary battles of recent years. Liberal members talk militantly of their intention to obstruct the proposed measure by every artifice that can be devised. They appear to be in earnest, and the fact that about one month hence the country will be called upon to elect a new parliament will have been run adds to the opportunities that come their way of making the situation as uncomfortable for the government as possible. The war hours of the opposition are in constant consultation, and a regular and detailed plan will be under way to come up for the bill is announced to come up for the second reading. The first indication of the battle, it is said, will be a motion by a member of the opposition to discuss a question of urgent public importance. Such a motion can be brought on when the orders of the day are called. The motion will be discussed and debated until the conclusion of the sitting. However, it is understood that the closure rule can be made applicable to such a motion, so that this debate might be brought to a more speedy conclusion. But whether or not, there is no doubt that on the point itself much time may be consumed and the object gained of delaying the government motion for the second reading of the bill.

Second Reading Today. Leading Liberals had a consultation with the government today and requested that the second reading be delayed until Monday. The reply was that this would be agreed to if the Liberals would give the assurance that the bill would be voted upon on Tuesday night. The Liberals refused to give this undertaking, and so the government will bring on the second reading tomorrow, that is unless the opposition has hit upon a successful plan of obstruction. However, can only be successful for a time, and the bill must eventually come before the house. When it does, it will be under conditions of obstruction are given. It is understood that the closure rule will be applied and the speakers will refuse to sit down and will continue to talk as long as they are permitted to do so. The speakers will then have a breathing space before they are called upon to give their views on the bill. The speakers will be permitted to speak for a few minutes on the opposition side so long as their numbers are sufficient to prevent the closure rule from being applied. The speakers will then be requested by the authorities to clear their cut.

Whether these promises will materialize remains to be seen, but there is absolutely no doubt that the temper of the Liberal members at the present is such that a real live parliamentary battle-royal will be fought. On the government side there does not seem to be any other sentiment than that of amusement. Most men relish a fight, and politicians like it especially well, so that coming events are keenly anticipated. The Canadian Northern bill is expected to be passed by the senate on Monday evening and the senators will then have a breathing space before they are called upon to give their views on the bill. The speakers will be permitted to speak for a few minutes on the opposition side so long as their numbers are sufficient to prevent the closure rule from being applied. The speakers will then be requested by the authorities to clear their cut.

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INVASION WILL CAUSE NETHERLANDS TO WAR

Washington, Sept. 7.—Nothing less than an invasion of her soil will drive Holland into the war, according to members of the Netherlands mission which arrived here today to take up the matter of food exports with the American government. "The Dutch have suffered hunger and hardships enough to know how to bear them, the mission members say, and the ships have been sunk and supplies cut off, they will not be drawn into the war on either side, unless their frontiers are violated. Chevalier von Eppard, the Netherlands minister, will introduce a bill to Secretary Lansing tomorrow, and they will be introduced to the president some day next week."

VOTES TO ALL WOMEN.

Ottawa, Sept. 7.—One of the amendments to the franchise bill to be proposed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be to extend the franchise to all the women of Canada of voting age. The attendance at the Exhibition yesterday was 55,000, which is 2,000 less than the figures for the second Friday of the fair last year. The attendance for the eleven days is 808,000 and to equal the total for the fair last year 102,000 will be required to pass thru the turnstiles today. But the directors are aiming at 125,000, and appeal to the citizens to turn out in force and help them reach this figure and close this year's Exhibition in a blaze of glory. Gen. Logie, Gen. Lessard, Col. Osborne and Col. Bickford will be present at the military sports this afternoon.

FIX MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR RAILWAY SHARES

Government Will Set Top Figure to Be Paid for 600,000 Shares of C. N. R. Stock.

Ottawa, Sept. 7.—During today's sitting of the senate, the important announcement was made by Sir James Loughheed in reply to a question by Sir Mackenzie Bowell that the government would fix a maximum amount to be paid for the 600,000 shares of the C.N.R. to be secured by process of arbitration. The government leader added the information that the maximum amount fixed by the government will not be taken into consideration as an element in fixing the value. Sir James also made the announcement that obligations of the company established as valid claims within a fixed period after the award will be paid out of the money so awarded.

CONDITIONS GROW BETTER IN RUSSIA

Lloyd George's Speech Shows Vigorous Measures Will Be Adopted.

New York, Sept. 7.—A special cable from London to The New York Sun says: "The speech of the prime minister, Lloyd George, at Birkenhead, and some other expressions in quarters only a little less authoritative, are construed to indicate that the entente allies possess information that political conditions in Russia are becoming better and that there is strong probability the provisional government will take a firmer grip and adopt vigorous measures, which alone can save the situation. Various reports from Petrograd somewhat vaguely suggest the same thing. "While it is not admitted officially that such advice has been received, the tone of the statements made in official circles here strongly suggests that Premier Lloyd George knew more than he revealed of his reasons for hopefulness regarding Russia."

PRESSURE OF ITALIANS CONTINUES DECISIVELY

Austrians Struggle Without Success to Evade the Coils Thrown About Them by Cadorna—Violent Fighting at Hermada.

London, Sept. 7.—Heavy fighting for the possession of Monte San Gabriele, and other important positions northeast of Gorizia still is in progress, but the Italians are pressing home their attacks despite desperate resistance. Also suffering heavy losses, the Austrians are battling tenaciously for the heights overlooking the Carso. The Italian pressure is continuing decisively. The Italians have added 200 more to the number of prisoners taken in the fighting here. On the Carso, and in the region of Hermada, the Austrians have stopped their unsuccessful attacks, but the artillery battle rages incessantly, making the whole region an inferno. Only local infantry actions for the purpose of straightening out their lines have been carried out by the Italians. In their present drive the Italians have already taken 30,000 prisoners, and the total losses of the Austrians are estimated at 120,000. Northeast of Gorizia, the Austrians have been on the defensive. On the Carso, especially in the region of Hermada, their offensive efforts have failed with great losses. The ground over which the Austrians charged this week in an effort to keep the Italians from advancing further toward Trieste is heaped with dead.

Make It a Million

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ALLIES STANDARDIZE AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION

International Board at Washington Takes Important Action.

Washington, Sept. 7.—The government's great aircraft production program took another step forward today when the international aircraft standards board, consisting of representatives of all the allied nations and a number of American engineers, adopted standards for steel, aluminum, sheet metal, tubing, bearings, metals and turn buckles. This will effect a marked reduction in the number of grades of these materials heretofore used in airplane manufacture. Similar standardization of composite materials and airplane parts remains to be accomplished before manufacturers can start turning out machines on a large scale. An announcement concerning engine standards is expected soon. VOTES TO ALL WOMEN. Ottawa, Sept. 7.—One of the amendments to the franchise bill to be proposed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be to extend the franchise to all the women of Canada of voting age.

BRITISH PUSH AHEAD SLIGHTLY NEAR LENS

Bad Weather Causes Diminution of Great Airfield Activity of Two Days.

London, Sept. 7.—The official statement from British headquarters in France and Belgium quashed tonight reads: "On the Lens front our line of advanced posts in Avion and east of Eleudet Leauvette has been pushed forward slightly. Except for the shelling of some of our positions at La Bashee and east and north of Mesennes, the hostile artillery has shown less activity. "On Thursday bad weather caused a diminution of the great aerial activity of the previous two days. A certain amount of bombing was carried out during the day, over 200 bombs being dropped on various targets. Two enemy machines and one German observation balloon were brought down. Two other hostile machines were driven down out of control. One of our airplanes is missing."