

NEARLY TWO HUNDRED CASUALTIES IN AIR RAID

GERMAN BOMB CAUSES HAVOC AT BARRACKS OF CHATHAM NAVAL YARD

One Hundred and Eight Persons Killed and Eighty-Six Wounded—Naval Barracks Damaged, But Dockyard Entirely Escapes.

INHABITANTS OF SOUTHEAST COAST TOWNS THOUGHT INVADERS ZEPS.

Explosions and Heavy Firing Heard in the Direction of Dunkirk and Calais and Supposed Raid on Large Scale Took Place Along the French Coast.

London, Sept. 4.—In last night's air raid 107 persons were killed and 86 wounded in Chatham. This is announced officially today. The victims were naval ratings. Six airplanes took part in the raid. Chatham is on the east end of the Medway, thirty miles southeast of London. It is the seat of immense military and naval establishments, including a vast dockyard, an arsenal and extensive barracks. In addition to the naval casualties one civilian was killed and six were injured in last night's raid. The announced figures are: Killed, 107; wounded, 86. A despatch to the Star from Chatham says that part of the naval barracks was struck by a bomb, this causing serious loss of life. The Chatham dockyard, the message states, entirely escaped damage. Despatches from towns on the southeast coast say that many inhabitants believed last night's raiders were Zeppelins as they made much more noise than usual for airplanes. There was heavy firing, first at one point and then at another and finally very heavy explosions occurred. Shortly before 9 o'clock explosions and heavy fighting could be heard in the direction of Dunkirk and Calais and it was thought a raid on a large scale was taking place along the French coast. This lasted until nearly midnight, when warnings were given and shortly afterwards bombs began to drop. Anti-aircraft guns went into action and through the din the whir of airplane engines could be heard. Searchlights were brought into operation but they failed to pick out the raiders. The secretary of the admiralty re-



Once more unto the breach, Dear Friends, once more—For Canada, for England and St. George.

ST. JOHN HORSE WAS WINNER IN CHATHAM RACE

Amherst Entry Takes Free-for-All Trot and Pace—Four Horses from This City.

Special to The Standard. Chatham, Sept. 4.—The horse races today drew a big crowd notwithstanding the heavy shower just after noon. The 2:25 event was a hard fought battle and lovers of the sport were well repaid. The time was fast in both classes for a heavy track.

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Time. Includes entries like '2:25 Trot and Pace', 'Free-For-All, Trot and Pace', and 'Baltimore 8, Newark 3'.

SAYS LIBERAL MEMBER IS A PREVARICATOR

Montreal, Sept. 4.—Lieu. Col. J. J. Sharples, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, 1st Canadian Infantry, has stated that there is absolutely no foundation for the statement made in Parliament recently by Major Martin, Liberal M. P. of Montreal, that the returned soldiers had been responsible for all the trouble with the anti-conscriptionists in Montreal. Lieut. Col. Sharples states that there are no better behaved returned soldiers in the whole of Canada than those in the Montreal district.

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KING'S CIRCUIT COURT MEETS AT HAMPTON

No Criminal Business and Attendance Light—Trespass Case First Called by Justice Chandler.

Special to The Standard. Hampton, Sept. 4.—The fall sittings of the Kings County Circuit Court opened here this morning. His Honor Judge W. B. Chandler presiding. The attendance was unusually small, due probably to the fact that there is no business of special public importance to come before the court, and also to the very fine harvest weather which gives the farmers a chance to push their work.

Free-For-All, Trot and Pace. Bob Mac, L. A. Simpson, Amherst, 1 1 1; La Copia, P. A. Belliveau, Moncton, 2 2 3; Walter J. Chas. Nelson, 5 4 4; Alcey, Fred Duncanson, St. John, 3 5 1 1; Fred R. Taylor for the defendant. The other case, Massey Harris Co. vs. H. A. Powell, K.C. and H. M. Parlee, and the defendant by Daniel Mullin, K.C. The first case to be called was the jury case, Horatio V. Smith vs. Thomas Bell, and the following jury-men were accepted and sworn: Geo. E. Stratton, A. W. Cosman, James E. Waddell, James N. Inch, Abram Branscombe, H. E. D. Golding, Isaac D. Pearson. This case is an action for trespass on land at Smithdown in the parish of Hampton. The land in question is a small lot between the highway and the St. Martin Railway, and has been used by the defendant for piling lumber for shipment. It was formerly a part of the property of the plaintiff and it seems that there is a question of the width of the right of way conveyed to the railway at the time it was built. At any rate the plaintiff claims his land and is endeavoring to recover damages for its use for the last six years. At the time of adjournment this evening the plaintiff's case was not completed.

SAYS MILITARY BILL LENIENT

Montreal, Sept. 4.—An Ottawa despatch to the Star says it is the intention of the government to apply, to an even more generous extent than is indicated in the military service bill itself, the principle of judicious selection. Emphasis is to be laid on the fact that the bill is not "conscription" in the broad acceptance of the term, taking everybody of military age but a process of elimination of those who can well be spared, as distinguished from those whose services are vital to the country at home.

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Halifax, Sept. 4.—The report of Hiram Donkin, inspector of mines and those associated with him in the firm investigation into the causes of the disastrous explosion at Number Twelve Colliery, New Waterford, Cape Breton, on the 25th of July, in which sixty-five miners and boys lost their lives was made public today. The disaster, the report says, was due to the escape of an explosive fired to bring down coal. The explosive escaped as flame down a cleavage and put through the mine carrying with it matter in a state of ignition promoting a gas or gas and dust explosion.

CENTRAL POWERS NOT TO TURN DOWN POPE'S OFFER

Peace Proposals and Polish Problem Now Being Considered by Teutonic Officials.

London, Sept. 4.—The peace proposals of Pope Benedict will not meet with a rebuff on the part of the Central Powers, according to the Budapest newspaper Az Est, as quoted in a Central News despatch from Amsterdam. This newspaper says it learns from a diplomatic source that the Pope's note and the Polish problem form the main subject of the deliberations now under way between Dr. Von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary who is now in Vienna, and Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister. The Central Powers will make separate replies to the Pope setting forth the principles arrived at in the course of these deliberations. As for the Polish question, it is said no decision can be reached at the present.

DESTRUCTIVE EARTHQUAKE

Washington, Sept. 4.—The state department report of the earthquakes at Bogot, says: three hundred houses were reported destroyed. The number of casualties is unknown.

SOLDINE WINS 2.24 TROTTING IN SIX HEATS

Dr. Gordon Takes 2.18 Pace and Bobby C. 2.14 Trotting at Charter Oak Track.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 4.—At the second day of the Grand Circuit meeting over the Charter Oak Park race track today there was nothing exceptional in the three events, except that it required six heats to decide a winner in the 2:24 trot. Bobby C. had an easy time in the 2:14 trot, taking the lead at the start and never being headed in any of the three heats. In the 2:18 pace John A. P., owned by John A. Pilgarr, acted badly after winning the first heat and was easily beaten by Dr. Gordon.

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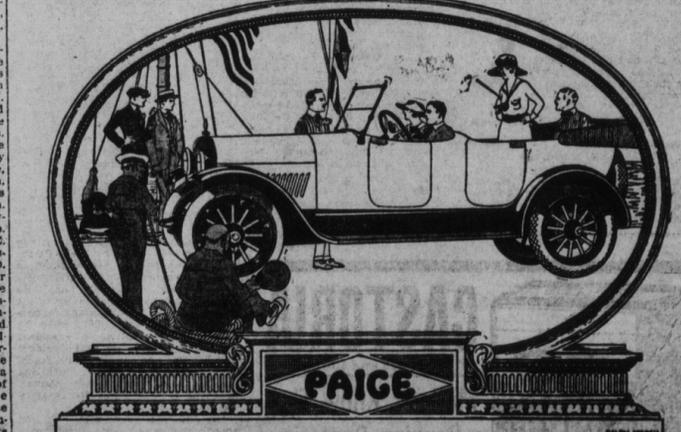
ST. JOHN HORSE THIRD AT CALAIS

Preaque Isle and Houlton Entries Win—Norton Horses Last.

Gen. McKenney, a Banor horse, won the 2:25 trot and 2:28 pace, one event at Calais on Monday. Olive T. of Preaque Isle was second and Mary Heir of Calais third. The time of the winner was 2:25 1/4, 2:25 1/4, and 2:26 1/4. Olive Oil, owned by Mr. Gilchrist of Norton was sixth. The 2:24 trot and 2:27 pace was captured by Bangor of Houlton in three straight heats in 2:18 1/4, 2:20 1/4, and 2:19 1/4. Lady Ashbrook of St. Stephen was second and Pearl Pick of St. John third. Mr. Gilchrist's Mattie March was distanced in the first heat.

DEATHS

TRACY—At Upton on Aug. 29th ult. Stuart Field Tracy, aged 2 months and 22 days, infant son of Jacob and Mrs. Tracy. PALMER—At Palmer's Point, Kings Co., on Thursday, Aug. 30th, George Whitfield Palmer, aged 73 years.



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RUSSIAN SITUATION WILL DEMORALIZATION OF ALBANIAN AREAS AND OF DRACMANIAN FRONT. COMPLETE REVISION PLANS FOR THE RUSSIAN RETIREMENT FROM THE SHIP SHELLING RIVANCE LINES SLIGHTLY

Washington, Sept. 4.—Word has reached Washington from Paris through official channels that the Entente Allies will soon hold an important military conference in the French capital for the purpose of re-arranging the situation along all the principal fighting fronts. The Russian situation will be considered on account of the disorders that have befallen the Russian armies in the Riga and Galician areas, and in the drive of the Germans against the Roumanian front. These reverses and the subsequent success of the Italian offensive are expected to bring about a complete revision of the Entente military plans for the fall and winter months.

Retirement Continues. Petrograd, Sept. 4.—The Russian retirement in the Riga region is being continued along the coast in a north-easterly direction, the war office announced today. In the Kull district the Russians are retiring northward, having been dislodged by the Germans in the great Jaeger river region. Hostile ships are shelling the Riga coast. In the region of Graleson (twenty miles southeast of Riga), Mladay and Rybnak, the Russian retirement is to the northward. Considerable artillery fire has developed in the neighborhood of Dvinsk.

British Statement. London, Sept. 4.—The enemy's artillery showed great activity during the night northeast of Ypres, says today's official statement. "We advanced our line slightly northeast of St. Julien. We carried out a successful raid last night directly north of Lens. Our troops killed a number of Germans and captured several prisoners. A hostile raiding party was driven off south of La Bassée." Washington, Sept. 4.—German reinforcements rushed to the aid of the Austrians on the Italian front are being pushed back, according to official despatches received here from Rome. Unofficial estimates place the Austrian losses during the present Italian offensive at 125,000.

From Russian Front. Geneva, Sept. 4.—A despatch from Innsbruck says that after several appeals Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has consented to send two divisions of Bavarian troops from the Russian to the Italian front to strengthen the Austrian defenses.

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