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BRITISH ADVANCE IN FLANDERS TO WITHIN A MILE OF HOOGE GERMANS ARE BURNING TOWNS ALONG THE MOSELLE

ANGLICAN CHURCH'S POLICY TOWARDS RETURNED MEN IS TO BE FORMULATED

Committee Appointed at the General Synod to Outline Best Methods of Dealing With the Problem of Soldiers Coming Home.

Toronto, Sept. 17.—The general synod of the Church of England in Canada this morning appointed a committee, consisting of Dean Starr, Mr. Justice Hodgins, H. W. Allen and Capt. (Rev.) Cooring, to bring in recommendations as to the church's best policy towards returned soldiers.

Dean Starr, in discussing a motion for the appointment of the committee, said that in his opinion the lack of expressed appreciation of the sacrifices made reflected very badly on church and government.

"We were all outstretched in urging them to take up this admirable duty, but we have not even a Godspeed for them when they relinquish their post in the army. The men are very bitter about it," he said.

The synod appointed Chancellor Davidson to replace J. G. Brock on the executive council, representing Montreal.

Greetings to Labor.

A resolution to the effect that a deputation be appointed to convey greetings to the Labor congress proved contentious. Chancellor Davidson was not certain regarding the constitution of the Labor congress, but pointed out that the church was at all times willing to assist organized labor in every way.

Principal Vance, Vancouver, declared that the congress was the regularly constituted Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, the legislative body of the various unions in the dominion.

The motion was carried.

At noon, the synod in joint session was addressed by Rev. J. G. Brock, secretary of the Social Service Council of Canada.

Social Problems.

After expressing his appreciation of the work of the Church of England in regard to social service, Dr. Chas. Davidson declared that the ideal of the Social Service Council of Canada was the union of all social forces in Canada for the solving of all social problems confronting the dominion.

"During 1918, it has been decided to concentrate attention on three great reforms," he said, "the abolition of the party patronage system in politics, child welfare work, for which a great educational campaign must be carried out, and public health, with particular reference to the suppression of venereal diseases."

ALLIED FORCES ON ARCHANGEL FRONT DEFEAT SOVIET TROOPS

Bolshevik Soldiers Flee in a Panic From the Entente Army.

Petrograd, Saturday, Sept. 14.—(Via Amsterdam, Sept. 17).—American, British and French detachments are reported by the Pravda to have met the Bolshevik forces in battle on the Archangel front. The Bolshevik troops, after an initial success, were repulsed by British reinforcements and fled in panic. A number of the Bolshevik officers, the newspaper says, deserted to the British.

VOLCANIC ERUPTION CAUSES TIDAL WAVE

Twenty-nine Drowned Near Japanese Island.

Tokio, Tuesday, Sept. 10.—During an eruption of a volcano on Urup Island, one of the Kurile group, there was a terrific explosion, according to advices received here. This caused a great tidal wave, which overwhelmed a force of men at work refloating a sunken ship, drowning 29 of them.

CARDINAL FARLEY DYING.

Mammon, N. Y., Sept. 17.—The condition of Cardinal Farley, archbishop of New York, was much weaker today. Members of the prelate's official family, gathered at his bedside, reported that he had two sinking spells during the night, and that there was practically no hope for his recovery. He was in a state of coma this morning.

EXECUTIONS BY WHOLESALE IN PETROGRAD CITY

Over 800 Persons Were Put To Death Last Week.

MORE ARE ON THE LIST

Terrible Conditions Prevail in Stricken Russia as Result of Revolution.

Stockholm, Sept. 16.—Wholesale executions are increasing in Petrograd, according to private telegrams received here by way of Helsingfors. During the past week 812 persons were executed and more than 400 others are on the proscribed list. Most of them have already been made hostages. All persons of the rank of councillors of state have been imprisoned regardless of their political views.

OVER HALF OF ENEMY'S SHELLS PROVED USELESS

Projectiles Fired in German Retreat Failed to Explode.

With the American Army in France, Sept. 6.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) Artillery officers estimated recently that at certain stages of the German retreat north of the Marne from 50 to 70 per cent of the shells fired by the enemy failed to explode. One night, after the Germans crossed the Vesle the enemy fired 12 shells of large calibre into a wooded tract where American troops were supposed to be quartered, and artillery experts of one of the divisions engaged reported that only four of these shells had exploded.

None of the officers suggested that the German shells were defective. Generally there had been day after day of rain during the retreat, and it was believed quite possible that in the withdrawal the Germans had not been able to take the usual precautions against flooding, but preferring to keep the big guns pounding away merely in an effort to keep up the morale of the men putting up the rearward fight.

N. Y. NEWSPAPER MAN SURRENDERS TO POLICE

Charles Chapin Taken to District Attorney for Examination.

New York, Sept. 17.—Charles E. Chapin, city editor of the New York Evening World, whose wife was found shot to death in her room at a hotel here yesterday, surrendered himself to the police today.

Chapin, who wrote to a business associate yesterday hinting at suicide, and declaring that his wife had been "such a good girl that I cannot leave her alone in the world," walked into an uptown police station early today. He was taken to headquarters for examination by the district attorney.

AUSTRIA'S NOTE TO THE VATICAN

Amsterdam, Sept. 17.—Baron Burián, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, on September 14, according to a Vienna dispatch, sent a note to the Apostolic Nuncio at Vienna, Monsignor Di Bonzo, stating that the Government had decided to propose a peace conference, and urging the Vatican to support it. The Austrian note to the Vatican read as follows:

"After four years of unheeded struggle and gigantic sacrifices the battle which has been devastating Europe has not been able to bring about a decision. Animation by a spirit of reconciliation which already has been expressed in its note of December 12, 1916, the Austro-Hungarian Government has decided to approach the belligerent states as I invite them to pave the way to peace which will be honorable for all parties by a confidential and unbinding exchange of thoughts."

"Full of gratitude the Austro-Hungarian Government thereby remembers that touching appeal which his holiness the pope sent to all belligerents last year, with the exhortation that they seek an understanding and live again in brotherly concord. Firmly convinced that the holy father today also looks at suffering mankind with the same sympathy and support it with the moral influence which is recognized all over the world."

"Animated by this thought I request your excellency to submit the enclosed text of the note to his holiness."



Getting Out While the Getting Is Good

American Army Headquarters in Lorraine, Sept. 16.—(Reuters.)—During the fighting in the St. Mihiel salient, it has been noted that the enemy soldiers have shown an inclination to surrender in large batches. There has been an extraordinarily large proportion of non-commissioned officers among the enemy troops taken captive.

An observer, who has been several years at the front, said today that he had never seen so many non-commissioned officers taken as during the past few days. He said: "To those knowing the German army this feature has special meaning, for it tells of the declining morale of the enemy forces. The strength of the German army lies in its non-commissioned officers, and something plainly has gone wrong. The events of the past few days have been a very serious blow to German confidence."

NEW AND MIGHTY BLOW BY ALLIES WILL BE ANSWER TO TEUTONIC PEACE PROPOSALS

Marshal Foch May Decide to Attack the Huns Next West of Verdun, Where Foe's Positions Have Been Greatly Weakened by the St. Mihiel Victory.

New York, Sept. 17.—The Associated Press this morning issued the following: "It seems probable that a new and mighty blow against the Teutonic armies in France will be the Allies' answer to the peace proposals voiced by Austria on behalf of the central powers in the Bolshevik regime in Eastern Siberia. The Czech-Slovak forces operating to the west of Lake Balkal, have made gains recently, and although outnumbered, are fighting with great vigor in Eastern European Russia."

SIR WILFRID IN CONFERENCE WITH LIBERAL LEADERS

Questions of Organization and Policy Are Under Discussion.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—A conference of members of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's advisory committee was convened by the Liberal chief at Ottawa today. The committee will discuss the general question of organization and policy. The following were present: Sir Wilfrid Laurier, W. C. Kennedy, Duncan Ross, Ernest Lapointe, Hon. George P. H. Sinclair, Hon. Sidney Fisher, James Robb, Hon. Jacques Bureau, Andrew Haydon, George Haggerty, E. A. Lamont, Alex. Smith and W. A. Adams. The conference may continue for two days. Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself is in excellent health and spirits as a result of his first extensive holiday since the war commenced.

CANCELS GERMAN LICENSES.

Rio de Janeiro, Sept. 17.—The Brazilian Government has cancelled the licenses of German insurance companies.

HAIG REACHES WITHIN A MILE OF HOOGE IN ADVANCE IN FLANDERS

A PROTEST.

London city council committed an artistic and patriotic crime last night when it chose as a name for the new military hospital "London View Military Hospital."

"London View Military Hospital" is a prosaic, unpoetical and altogether "punk" name for a hospital that will house the men about whose heads will float the halos of Ypres, Passchendaele, St. Julien, Givenchy, Vimy Ridge, Hill 70, and a dozen other memorable engagements.

Such a commonplace name as "London View Military Hospital" fails to consider the records of many illustrious sons of London who have fallen at the front. Any one of these, such as Becher, Leonard, Somerville and a host of others, would be far more fitting than a name which suggests that since the license of the London View Hotel was cut off there are those who would perpetuate the memory of the old red tavern rather than the memory of Canadian fights and fighters.

SHOES ONLY OF AN ESSENTIAL NATURE TO BE MADE IN U. S.

War-Time Schedule Calls for Elimination of 5,500 Styles.

Washington, Sept. 17.—The elimination of 5,500 styles of rubber footwear is called for under a war time schedule of production announced today by the war industries board, effective on September 1 for canvas rubber-soled shoes and on January 1 for waterproof footwear. The manufacture of all boots except those of an essential nature for men is to be prohibited. Incidental savings estimated under the program include 5,245,300 square feet of lumber, 23,012,000 cartons, 1,526,493 square feet of shipping and storage space, and 49,617 days' labor that may be diverted to more essential work.

PEACE LEAGUE COMMENTS WILSON ON HIS DECISION

New York, Sept. 17.—A resolution commending President Wilson's decision to reject the Austrian peace proposal was adopted at a special session of the executive committee of the League to Enforce Peace here last night. William H. Taft, head of the league, presided.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 61; lowest, 50.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 57; lowest, 39.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARMER.

Forecast.

Moderate westerly winds; fair today, and on Wednesday, with stationary or slightly higher temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Calgary	75	52	Clear
Edmonton	75	54	Clear
Winnipeg	50	30	Fair
Port Arthur	50	30	Cloudy
Parry Sound	58	45	Clear
Fort Stanley	56	40	Clear
Sault Ste. Marie	54	43	Cloudy
Toronto	57	46	Fair
Kitchener	58	50	Cloudy
Ottawa	57	46	Cloudy
Montreal	68	50	Cloudy
Quebec	52	32	Rain
Father Point	68	50	Rain

The weather has been fine in the West. Elsewhere for the most part it has been showery.

British Troops Pressed Forward Along Ypres-Menin Road—Huns Are Burning Towns Along Moselle —Serbians and French Capture 3,000 Bulgarians.

With the British Army in France, Sept. 17.—The advance of the British yesterday in Flanders was pressed along the Ypres-Menin road and carried the British to within a mile of Hooze.

TEUTONS ARE BURNING TOWNS ALONG THE MOSELLE RIVER

American Army Headquarters in Lorraine, Sept. 17.—Evidence is accumulating that the enemy intends withdrawing behind the Hindenburg line in Lorraine if he is pressed any further. He is burning towns along the Moselle.

Prisoners taken report that the entire 31st German Division was captured in the American operation on this front. The division that was used to bear the brunt of the attack in the lunge in the salient east of St. Mihiel, it appears, was the 35th Austrian Division. It was ordered to maintain a holding action until all the German troops were withdrawn. In consequence of this it suffered very heavy losses, especially in prisoners.

SERBIAN AND FRENCH TROOPS ADVANCE MORE THAN 5 MILES

London, Sept. 17.—Serbian and French troops continue the offensive in Macedonia and have progressed more than five miles, according to a Serbian official statement received here. The advancing Allies have occupied a series of ridges.

Franco-Serbian troops, in an attack on Bulgarian lines in Macedonia early Sunday morning, succeeded, after a desperate struggle, in occupying the Sokol, Dopolje and Vetrenik positions, says today's war office announcement.

BRITISH TROOPS SLOWLY CLOSING IN ON TOWN OF ST. QUENTIN

London, Sept. 17.—Last night witnessed a further closing in of the British lines northwest of St. Quentin. Field Marshal Haig, in his report today, announced that the British had made progress in this area in the direction of Leverguerie.

The text of the statement reads:

"Our troops made progress yesterday in the direction of Leverguerie, northwest of St. Quentin."

"We improved our positions slightly yesterday, and during the night northwest of Hulluch, between Lens and La Bassée, and northeast of Neuve Chapelle (Flanders front)."

AMERICAN AND ALLIED AIRMEN BOMB GERMAN OCCUPIED TOWNS

With the American Army on the Lorraine Front, Monday, Sept. 16.—American and Allied aviators carried out extensive bombing raids on Frescaty-le-Sablon and Bay Ville, in the direction of Metz, this afternoon. Fires were observed at Sarlouis. One of the American planes shot down a German balloon near Preney.

Lieut. Duckstein, observer, and his pilot, were attacked by an enemy machine bearing French markings. They were forced to land inside the American lines, but were uninjured. An American balloon was shot down yesterday, but the observers escaped safely by parachute.

QUIET ON THE AMERICAN FRONT.

With the American Army in Lorraine, Monday, Sept. 16.—By the Associated Press.—Today was the quietest day on the front since the beginning of the offensive last Thursday. There was little infantry activity and only moderate artillery action.

Point-a-Mousson and Dieulouard, four miles to the south, were shelled by the enemy, who mixed in a few mustard gas projectiles with his other shells.

The Germans apparently were digging themselves in behind the Hindenburg line today.

AUSTRIANS CLAIM SUCCESSES.

Vienna, Monday, Sept. 16.—Via London.—Italian patrols were repulsed in the Mori and Monte Cimones sectors, according to an official statement issued at the war office today. In the Sett-Comuni (seven communes), several Italian thrusts failed, the statement adds, but in the Prenta valley the enemy pressed an advanced post back slightly. In the Albano castle region, the statement continues, the Italians have vainly attempted to recover ground won from them during the past two days.

GERMAN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Berlin, Sept. 17.—Via London.—The artillery duel in the region of Havrincourt, southwest of Cambrai, yesterday increased to great intensity, says the official statement issued today by the German war office. German troops recaptured the eastern fringes of the heights to the east of Vauxlaillon, northeast of Soissons, where the French have gained a footing.

WHAT THE BULGARIANS CLAIM.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Sunday, Sept. 15.—Via London.—The repulse of attacks on the Bulgarian lines on the Macedonian front to the north of Gradishnitsa is claimed in an official statement issued by the Bulgarian war office text, which reads:

"Enemy battalions attacked our positions north of Gradishnitsa at several points, but were repulsed with heavy losses. Several French prisoners remained in our hands."