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RUMANIANS LOSE THREE MORE TOWNS TO TEUTONS

SERBIANS SCORE ANOTHER SUCCESS OVER BULGARIANS

GOVERNMENT HOLDS EMERGENCY MEETING OVER C.P.R. STRIKE

GOVT. APPEALS TO MEN AND COMPANY TO AVERT STRIKE

Trainmen and C. P. R. Asked To Reconsider Stand Taken.

THE SITUATION IS GRAVE

Emergency Meeting of Cabinet Called To Deal With Crisis.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Oct. 24. — An emergency meeting of the Government was called this morning to consider the C. P. R. strike situation. There was a full attendance of ministers, and the various aspects of the dispute were under discussion for two hours. The Government regards the situation as grave in the extreme.

APPEALS TO BOTH SIDES.
[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—The following appeal to both sides in the C. P. R. trouble was issued by the premier following a meeting of the Cabinet at noon:

"The Government regards as a matter of grave concern the probability of a strike on the Canadian Pacific Railway System. The fine spirit of patriotism which animates the employees is thoroughly recognized by the Government, and the like spirit actuates those responsible for the management of the company. This public appeal is made in order that both parties may consider anew the attitude which they have assumed.

Rights of Public.

"The rights of the employees and those of the company, whatever they may be, are entitled to every respect and consideration, but the rights of the public must also be taken into account, and the Government cannot forget its duty as guardian of those rights. This duty is especially imperative in time of war. Before taking any active step to prevent public disaster the Government appeals once more to the company and the employees that such settlement be made as will prevent the threatened strike."

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—In spite of the fact that the Canadian Pacific trainmen have voted to walk out at five o'cock tomorrow afternoon the department of labor hopes that there will be no strike and no tieup of Canada's great railroad. The prospects of this strike has been received with the greatest alarm by the Government. There is a feeling that coming just at the close of navigation a strike on the Canadian Pacific would produce disastrous confusion throughout the country. Some days ago Messrs Murdock and Berry declined to agree to a proposal of the Government that the strike should be postponed until after they came to Ottawa to represent the men in negotiations with the company, the Government undertaking to act as an intermediary.

That refusal coupled with the fixing of the hour for striking so near in the future made the strike appear unavoidable. However, the labor department this morning has received messages from the west which encourage it. Just what these messages are the Government declines to state but there is an intimation that mutual concessions are being discussed.

MONTREAL CONTROLLERS WOULDN'T "FIRE" DYCE

Police Captain Was Accused of Sassing an Alderman.

Montreal, Oct. 24.—The board of commissioners with Mayor Martin absent, unanimously decided this morning not to approve of the recommendation of the city council that Capt. Dyce of the police force be dismissed for telling a French-Canadian alderman to "mind his own business" during the conflict between the police and Laval students on October 4. This apparently closes the Dyce incident as far as official action is concerned.

THE MIDLAND SUNK.
[Canadian Press.]

London, Oct. 24—2 p.m.—The 4,200-ton British steamship Midland has been sunk.

The Midland, 380 feet long and built in 1913, was owned in London. She was last reported on a voyage from Melbourne, Australia, to Las Palmas, Canaries, during which she sailed from Capetown on September 17.

Rumanians Hit Falkenhayn Hard--Lose to Mackensen Predeal, Medjidie, Rashova

Ferdinand's Forces Hammer Teutons On Transylvania Border Along Whole Front, Taking Several Hundred Prisoners—Berlin Reports the Capture of Several Towns in Dobrudja and Claims Rumanians Are in Full Retreat.

(Canadian Press.)

Bucharest, Oct. 24.—Via London, 2:57 p.m. — Rumanian troops made an attack yesterday along the whole Oituz front, near the Transylvanian - Rumanian border. The war office announces the capture of ten machine guns and several hundred prisoners.

PREDEAL CAPTURED.

Berlin, Oct. 24—Via Sayville wireless. — German and Austro-Hungarian forces, after a violent engagement south of Kronstadt, Transylvania, yesterday captured Predeal, says the German official statement issued today. Six hundred prisoners were taken.

The text of the statement follows:

"Archduke Charles front: South of Kronstadt (Brasso) German and Austro-Hungarian troops yesterday captured Predeal after a violent engagement. Six hundred prisoners were brought in.

"At the southern exit of Rothenburm Pass, the strong Rumanian resistance of the last few days was broken."

MEDJIDIE TAKEN.

Medjidie, on the Tchernavoda-Constanza railroad, also has been captured. The army of Field Marshal von Mackensen has taken prisoner more than 6,700 Rumanians and Russians.

RASHOVA CAPTURED.
[Canadian Press.]

Berlin, Oct. 24.—The capture of the Rumanian town of Rashova, in Dobrudja, on the Danube, below Tchernavoda, was announced today by the war office.

TEUTONS PURSUE.
[Canadian Press.]

Berlin, Oct. 24.—The official statement says:

"The enemy is yielding in confusion before our right wing. The pursuing cavalry of the (Teutons) allies has reached the district of Tzera Murat (16 miles northwest of Constanza). Medjidie and Reshova were captured after violent fighting. The total booty, including that reported on October 21, is 75 officers, 6,693 men, one flag, 52 machine guns, 12 cannon and one mine thrower. The losses of the Rumanians and the Russian reinforcements hastily sent in are heavy.

"The fortress of Bucharest has been once more bombarded.

"On the Macedonian front there were no developments."

SOUTHEAST SHOALS GRAVE OF MERIDA AND TWENTY-THREE; ERIE STREWN WITH DEBRIS

[Canadian Press.]

Cleveland, O., Oct. 24.—The Government coastguard cutter Morrell, sent from Cleveland Monday to patrol Lake Erie in search of bodies of the crews of three or four vessels wrecked in Friday's storm, reported by wireless today that she had found the mast of a sunken steamer ten miles southeast by east of the Southeast Shoals Lightship.

The steamer, the report said, was unquestionably the Merida, which went down with her crew of 23 men. The mast protruded six feet from the water, and soundings showed the vessel lay in 6¼ fathoms.

The wireless said no bodies or wreckage had been sighted between the lightship and Rondeau, and that the cutter was proceeding eastward.

STREWN WITH WRECKAGE.
[Canadian Press.]

Toledo, O., Oct. 24.—All vessels leaving this port were given instructions this morning to keep a sharp lookout for bodies of victims of last Friday's storm on Lake Erie. Members of the Lake Seamen's Union, the Great Lakes Towing Company, the Firemen's and Oilers Union, and the Lake Carriers' Association met last night and voted to assist in the recovery of bodies and in rescue work.

Incoming vessels last night reported Lake Erie literally strewn with wreckage. Several bodies have been recovered. Others have been sighted, but because of the rough sea, it has been impossible to pick them up.

GODERICH FATHERS GOING TO IDENTIFY DROWNED SONS

Five Pass Through City on Way to Toledo Today.

The fathers of five of the Goderich sailors who were drowned as a result of the loss of the steamer Merida on Lake Erie on Friday last, passed through the city today en route to Toledo to identify the remains of their sons. The bodies are expected to pass through London on the way to Goderich.

CONNELL DISAPPEARS.
[Canadian Press.]

New York, Oct. 24.—An Associated Press dispatch from Duluth, Minn., today says:

Bondsmen for Pte. E. B. Connell of the 141st Overseas Battalion of the Canadian army, today paid to federal officials $1,000 bail forfeited when Connell failed to appear yesterday before United States commissioner to answer a charge of violating neutrality laws by recruiting men in the United States for the Canadian service.

FORCE OF MEXICANS DEFEATED BY VILLA WITH HEAVY LOSSES

[Canadian Press.]

El Paso, Texas, Oct. 24.—Passengers from Chihuahua City who are in Juarez, Mexico, today said that Gen. Ozuna last Friday proceeded against Francisco Villa with three parallel columns, of which he commanded the centre. Nothing is known in Chihuahua of the flanking columns, they declared, but the centre was driven back by Villa with heavy losses, to Fresno. It was also said that a special train brought the family of Gen. Trevino from Chihuahua to Juarez last night.

BOY IS MISSING.—Mrs. Huntley of 799 Central avenue reported to the police today that her 10-year-old son had been missing from home since Monday evening and the assistance of the department was asked to locate him.

HAIG IS HOLDING ALL THE GROUND GAINED MONDAY

British Losses Very Light in the Struggle for Le Sars.

TOOK 1,000 PRISONERS

No Infantry Action On French Front, But Heavy Artillery Duels.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Oct. 24—12:12 p.m.—The ground gained by us yesterday in the neighborhood of Gueudecourt and Les Boeufs (on the Somme front) has now been fully secured, the war office announced today.

During the night there was nothing to report except intermittent shelling on both sides.

In answer to the enemy's claim that the gains of Saturday between Schwaben redoubt and Le Sars were won only at the expense of heavy losses on our part, it may be noted that the troops engaged, which took over 1,000 prisoners, had only about 1,200 casualties.

AN ARTILLERY DUEL.
[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Oct. 24.—French and German artillery forces were busy last night south of the Somme, where an artillery duel raged in the Biaches-Ablaincourt region. There was no infantry action along the French front in the Somme area, the war office announced today.

Three German aeroplanes were brought down in the course of twenty aerial combats that occurred yesterday in the Verdun region, during a thick mist.

FAILED, SAYS BERLIN.
[Canadian Press.]

Berlin, Oct. 24—Via Sayville.—The official report says:

"October 23 was like the preceding day, being characterized by battles of greatest violence. In order to break through at any price, the British and French continued attacks in which strong forces were employed.

"In spite of their use of masses of troops north of the Somme, they suffered a heavy and sanguinary defeat. It is reported from the front that rows of dead are lying one upon another, especially west of Transloy. The conduct of our troops was as splendid as was possible. Brandenburg Infantry Regiment 64, Brunswick Reserve Infantry Regiment 92, Rhenish Infantry Regiment 29 and Bavarian Infantry Regiments 1 and 15 won especial distinction.

"South of the Somme, the French prepared an advance in the Ablaincourt-Chaulnes sector, but our annihilating fire made development of the attack impossible.

"Army Group of the German Crown Prince—The enemy attempted to assist the attacks on the Somme by attacks near Verdun. Our positions on the east bank of the Meuse were strongly shelled by artillery. Hostile infantry was held in its trenches by our strang and efficient artillery fire. Attempts to attack were thus frustrated."

USUAL BERLIN REPORT.
[Canadian Press.]

Berlin, Oct. 24—Via Sayville Wireless.—In an attempt to break through the German lines on the Somme at any cost, the British and French yesterday used great numbers of troops in repeated attacks, the war office announced today. Their assaults broke down with heavy losses.

THE DIARY OF MARS.

Virtually the entire Constanza-Tchernavoda railway line in Dobrudja is now in the hands of Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces, it appears, from a Russian official statement today admitting the evacuation of Medjidie by the Russians and Rumanians.

Medjidie is approximately twenty miles inland from Constanza, the Black Sea port and terminus of the railway, the fall of which to the armies of the Central Powers was reported yesterday.

Medjidie, furthermore, is but little more than thirteen and one half miles from Tchernavoda where the Russo-Rumanian forces are apparently preparing to make a stand at the bridgehead protecting the town. The only bridge over the Danube between Belgrade and the sea spans the river at Tchernavoda, carrying the railway line running to Bucharest.

The Russo-Rumanian line now runs along the heights north of Constanza and Medjidie, according to the Petrograd announcement, the Entente forces having fallen back upon these ridges after evacuating the towns.

London reports that the British have fully consolidated the ground gained by them yesterday in the neighborhood of Gueudecourt and Lesboeufs, where the capture of 1,000 yards of German trenches was reported. There was no infantry action along the French lines in the Somme region, the most important happening being the development of a spirited artillery duel south of the river, in the area between Biaches and Ablaincourt.

The Serbians have stoped a German-Bulgar counter-attack in the Cerna valley region and then taking the offensive themselves and capturing several trenches.

FORSOOK PLOW TO SHOULDER A RIFLE; REPORTED MISSING

Advertiser Illustrations.

One of the young farmers who thought it more necessary to fight his country's battles than till his native soil is reported missing. He is Pte. Neil Campbell, only son of John Campbell, of Nilestown. Pte. Campbell joined the 70th Battalion in London, was transferred and crossed to England with the 33rd Battalion and again changed to the Mounted Rifles, with whom he was fighting when reported missing. His father received a letter from the boy on September 28, in which he said he was well.

Pte. Campbell is only 20 years of age, and is well known in London.

British Flyer Routs Four of Foe's Seaplanes

[Canadian Press.]

London, Oct. 24—1:55 p.m.—A British naval aeroplane, on October 23, attacked four German seaplanes over the Belgian coast and succeeded in destroying one of the machines and chasing the others away, according to an announcement made by the British admiralty today. The text of the statement says:

"On the afternoon of October 23 a naval aeroplane attacked four enemy seaplanes off Ostend. Our machine was under fire from all four seaplanes, but succeeded in bringing down one, which was completely destroyed, and in driving off the others."

RETURNED CHAPLAIN TELLS OF LESSONS LEARNED AT FRONT

Rev. A. Carlisle Speaks To Rural Deanery at Glanworth.

A feature of special interest in connection with the semi-annual meeting of the East Middlesex Rural Deanery Chapter, being held today in Christ Church, Glanworth, was an address this afternoon by Rev. Arthur Carlisle, B.A., formerly chaplain of the 18th Battalion, on "My Experiences as a Chaplain and Some Important Lessons It Has Taught Me With Regard to Post-Bellum Problems."

The meeting opened at 10:30 o'clock with Holy Communion, celebrated by Rev. Oliver Thorne, M. A., the Women's Auxiliary Association of the deanery, also meeting today, joining in the service before withdrawing to the rectory to transact business.

The forenoon in the deanery meeting was devoted to routine business and business in relation to church extension, report of apportionments, duplex envelopes and Sunday schools.

The forenoon session of the Women's Auxiliary included an address by Mrs. Waller of Huron College on "Education of Our N. W. Missionaries' Children," and an address by Mrs. J. W. P. Smith, in addition to reports.

A pleasant social feature was the joint luncheon served at noon by the ladies of the Glanworth Church, after which the W. A. delegates attended the general session of the Deanery Association. This opened at 1:45 p.m. with an address by Rev. Canon Gunne, M. A., on "Sunday School Inspectors and Their Work." Rev. Oliver Thorne, M. A., addressed the gathering on "Oxford Movement"; Rev. Neville L. Ward, M. A., a returned missionary, spoke on "Religions of China," and the program was brought to a close by an address on "Social Service" by Rev. Precentor Tucker.

BRITISH RAID GERMAN TRENCHES IN BALKANS

Kill Forty of the Enemy and Capture Eighteen.

[Canadian Press.]

Saloniki, Oct. 24—Via London, 2:16 p.m.—British troops on the night of October 22-23 raided German trenches northeast of Machukovo, on the Serbian Macedonia frontier, one mile east of the River Vardar, killing 40 Germans and capturing 18, says a British official statement issued today.

HEAVY ATTACK OF BULGARS BREAKS UNDER SERBIAN FIRE--LATTER ADVANCE AND PENETRATE FOE'S CERNA LINES

Serb Troops Operating in Cerna Region of Macedonia Check Offensive of Bulgars and Germans, and Follow It Up With Successful Assault On the Enemy's Lines.

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Oct. 24, noon.—Serbian troops operating in the Cerna Region, on the Macedonian front, have won a new success, according to today's announcement by the war office. A counter-attack by German and Bulgarian troops was stopped by the Serbian artillery. The Serbians then attacked the opposing lines and captured several trenches.

On the Struma front there is inactivity. River floods are interfering with the movement of troops.

FIRST TRENCHES TAKEN.
[Canadian Press.]

Saloniki, Oct. 24.—Via London, 1:53 p.m.—The Serbian first army, fighting in Southern Serbia, has made an advance, and has captured the first Bulgarian trenches, according to a Serbian official statement made public here today. The text reads:

"On October 21, German and Bulgarian troops fiercely attacked the Serbian-Vardar division without any success, the whole day. On the other hand our first army advanced on its whole length, and took the first Bulgarian trenches and a trench mortar.

"On the night of October 21-22 severe fighting took place between our Vardar division and Bulgarians north of Velyeselo village, which ended in our favor.

"On October 22 our first army took one machine gun and 50 Bulgarians."

NOT MUCH BOOTY FOR THE ENEMY BY CONSTANZA WIN

Evacuation of Port Was Decided Upon Some Time Ago.

RETIRED TO THE HEIGHTS

Petrograd Reports Pressure of the Teutons Was Too Great.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Oct. 24.—According to reports from Bucharest received at Rome, and relayed here by wireless telegraphy today, the forces of the Central Powers took little booty at Constanza, as the evacuation of the Dobrudja seaport had been decided upon some time ago.

Emperor William, the advices add, has sent congratulations to King Ferdinand of Bulgaria on the capture of Constanza.

RETIRED TO HEIGHTS.
[Canadian Press.]

Petrograd, Oct. 24.—Via London, 1:17 p.m.—The occupation of Constanza and Medjidie in Dobrudja by forces of the Central Powers is announced in today's war office report. Under hostile pressure, says the statement, the Russian and Rumanian troops retired to the heights north of these places.

No notably important operations along the Rumanian northeastern front are reported in the official announcement, which follows:

"Rumanian northeastern front: In the valley of the River Trotus the enemy remains passive. Along the Buzeu-Dobrana-Kimpolung line an artillery duel is proceeding. Enemy attacks in the region of Orsova were repelled by our fire.

"Dobrudja front: Under pressure of the enemy our troops and the Rumanians retired to the heights north of Constanza and Medjidie at the same time resisting the enemy's advance. These two points have been occupied by the enemy."

KURDS ROUTED.

Petrograd, Oct. 24—Via London.—"On the western (Russian and Galician) front there were no events of importance" says today's official announcement.

On the Caucasian front, north of Dizy, southeast of Lake Van, our detachments disposed of a horde of Kurds, capturing various kinds of provisions and more than 400 head of cattle."

"SEVERE MEASURES" THREAT OF HUNS TO NORWEGIANS OVER SUBMARINE DECREE

[Canadian Press.]

London, Oct. 24.—A dispatch to the Morning Post from Christiania, says:

"The Berlin correspondent of the Aftenposten had a conversation with the German under secretary of state, Zimmermann, on the subject of the Norwegian submarine decree. Herr Zimmerman said:

"Germany has prepared an energetic protest, which I am not able to give you, but the semi-official communications which appeared in the Allgemeine Zeitung will show you Germany intends to take severe measures against the decree, which is absolutely unneutral according to Paragraph 11 of the Hague convention, being directed exclusively against Germany. Norway's attitude is evidently inspired by unfriendly sentiments toward Germany and cannot, therefore, be passed over in silence. Public opinion in this country is more irritated, as the decree is obviously dictated by British wishes. Norway here practically gives way to Great Britain.

The Swedish Decree.

"Some of the Swedish newspapers assert the Norwegian measure is analogous to that of Swedish Government, but this is not the exact truth. The Swedish decree was founded on several flagrant breaches of neutrality by belligerents in Swedish waters. Norway had no similar reason to take action. The Swedish decree is directed against all powers. Norway, on the other hand, is really the first neutral state which conscientiously has directed a blow against Germany alone.

"Norway goes further by excluding commercial submarines. Norwegian newspapers assert Germany is torpedoing Norwegian ships without warning. This is pure fiction. Germany simply follows the recognized methods of marine warfare, and has no reason to fear criticism during her present struggle for existence."

I have reason to believe this statement of Zimmermann's accurately sums up the contents of the note delivered by the German Government on Friday.

"BLUE DEVILS" OF JOFFRE IN 15 MINUTES CLEARED FOE FROM SAILLY VILLAGE

[Canadian Press.]

London, Oct. 24.—The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle on the Somme sends the following under date of Thursday, October 19:

"It is yet difficult to estimate the importance of the German works in Sailly-Saillisel, because the whole ground was so completely smashed by shellfire, but from unofficial reports which have reached the French, the Germans boasted they were even more impregnable than those of Combles. The number of German dead found on the field is further evidence of the importance they attached to the position.

Held by Bavarians.

"Holding this captured sector were mixed elements of the 1st Bavarian Division and the 16th Division. The Germans had anticipated the attack, and had brought up the 2nd Bavarian Division in support, and yet the French were able to seize the greater part of the ground in fifteen minutes after their artillery had smashed it to pulp.

"There was a nasty little salient made by the German trenches in the French line south of the Somme, between the village of Biaches and the houses of La Maisonette. This it was decided to straighten out. The visibility in the afternoon south of the Somme, was much better, and the French artillery took full advantage of it. They not only completely smashed the German defences, but also knocked out their batteries at Doignt, on the east bank, which endeavored to check the infantry by a heavy feu de barrage.

"Blue Devils" Advance.

"At 4 p.m. the 'Blue Devils' went forward, and having heard that their comrades in the north had accomplished their object in fifteen minutes, they proceeded to put exactly the same time record. The Germans, aided by better light, showed considerable skill in bringing other batteries further to the north, at the village of Bissus, into action, and proceeded to smother the captured works, but only for a short time. French aeroplanes investigated the German line, found out the source of evil, and signaled back the intelligence to the heavy guns, and in a very short time the German gunners near Bissus wisely desisted.

"These are two excellent examples of how the Somme eats into the German reserves of men. In the course of the day, four of their divisions, the 1st and 2nd Bavarian, the 16th and 11th Reserves, were pounded into desperation by the French artillery, and then 'ousted' from their works."

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, 58; lowest, 28.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 43; lowest, 34.

TOMORROW — CLOUDY AND COOL.

Toronto, Oct. 24—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Moderate winds, mostly north and east; cloudy and cool today and Wednesday.

Temperatures.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	52	46	Clear
Calgary	60	34	Clear
Winnipeg	34	30	Cloudy
Port Arthur	36	22	Clear
Parry Sound	50	36	Cloudy
Port Stanley	54	42	Cloudy
Buffalo	58	42	Cloudy
Toronto	56	38	Cloudy
Kingston	54	42	Fair
Ottawa	50	40	Cloudy
Montreal	48	38	Cloudy

Weather Notes.

Rain occurred during the night near Lake Huron and in Muskoka, but the weather of the past day has been fair in all other parts of the Dominion.

There are indications of a storm in the Atlantic, moving northward toward Nova Scotia.

BRITAIN'S NEW LOAN BY U. S. FINANCIERS LIKELY 300 MILLIONS

Will Bear Five Per Cent Interest and Mature in Two Years.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Oct. 24.—Official announcement of the terms of the new loan to Great Britain by American financiers is expected here before the close of the week. The amount will be $250,000,000 or $300,000,000, it is understood, bearing 5 per cent interest, with the issuing price at 99, and maturing in two years.

As security, collateral representing between $325,000,000 and $350,000,000 would be offered, under tentative plans made public unofficially today. This would consist of American stocks and bonds mobilized by the British treasury, and Canadian issues and obligations of neutral countries.

The suggested terms are virtually the same as those arranged when Great Britain borrowed $250,000,000 in the United States last August.

PREMIER GOUIN'S SON TO TAKE COMMISSION

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Oct. 24.—Paul Gouin, the second son of Sir Lomer Gouin, premier of the Province of Quebec, who was a law student at Laval University, Quebec, started yesterday his military course at the Quebec Citadel, in order to qualify himself as a lieutenant. Mr. Gouin, after his examination, will receive a commission in one of the regiments now forming in Quebec.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.

Montreal, Oct. 24.—Arrived: Steamer Southland, from Liverpool.