

# Allies May Compel a General Retreat In West-- Russians Retake Railway Junction at Kovel-- Germans Failed to Cross Over the Drina River--

## GENERAL RETREAT

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—The Paris correspondent of the New York World says:

The Allies' offensive is likely to become the most decisive movement on the western front since the present lines were established months ago. Such is the information that reaches me.

Unless the German resistance is far greater than expected at present, or German strategy dictates a change of plan, the Allies will be able to compel a retreat that must mark the end of trench warfare.

## RETAKE KOVEL JUNCTION

LONDON, Sept. 28.—Discussing the Russian military situation, the morning papers attach considerable importance to the report that the Russians have retaken the important railway junction of Kovel.

The Chronicle says editorially: "It is a most startling achievement if the news is confirmed."

The report is unconfirmed, but if it is correct it is the most striking evidence yet of the Russian recovery in the south.

Declares the Times: "Neither special despatch or official reports contain anything to support the idea of so rapid an advance."

## FAILED TO CROSS DRINA

NISH, Sept. 27, via London, Sept. 28.—An official report issued at the War Office says:

"Two attempts of the enemy to cross the River Drina on the night of the 23rd, under a heavy artillery fire, were repulsed, one in the direction of the Ratcha custom house and the other near Vishegrad, Bosnia."

## BRITAIN GIVES HER WORD

LONDON, Sept. 28, 3:55 p.m.—"If Bulgarian mobilization should result in Bulgaria assuming an aggressive attitude on the side of our enemies, we are prepared to give our friends in the Balkans all the support in our power, in a manner which would be most welcome to them, in concert with our allies," was the pregnant announcement made by Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons this afternoon.

## FURTHER GAINS REPORTED

PARIS, Sept. 28, 1:40 p.m.—The new offensive movement of the Allies has resulted in a further gain in the Artois region, near Souchez, the French War Office announced to-day. Additional progress is reported in Champagne.

The German counter-attack in the Argonne is said to have been repulsed. The Germans left the ground before the trenches covered with dead. The Germans are offering determined resistance in Champagne. The positions to which they have retreated are protected by a system of barbed wire entanglements.

## PREMIER BORDEN ADDRESSES TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE IN TORONTO, GIVING MESSAGE OF CHEER

—CANADA TO COMMEMORATE DEAD HEROES—

Speech That Will be Remembered For Its Realism and Description of Battle Front—High Praise For the Soldiers.

Toronto, Sept. 28.—Citizens of Toronto accorded Sir Robert Borden a series of magnificent welcomes yesterday on the occasion of his first visit to the city since his return from England and the battlefields of Flanders.

The Premier first spoke at a civic luncheon given at the King Edward Hotel and later at the City Hall, where he was presented with an address. At night he spoke to a tremendous audience, which taxed the capacity of the vast arena.

The Premier's references to spots associated with the heroism and grit of the Canadian troops naturally evoked the most pronounced enthusiasm, and when he alluded to the historic efforts of the gas-stricken troops from the Dominion holding the vital point not for hours but for days, and saving the situation, the audience sprang to their feet and cheered with restraint.

Before proceeding with his story of conditions in Britain and near the front lines, Sir Robert Borden made appreciative references to what he had seen since returning to Canada. "I had the privilege," he said, "of seeing in the camp at Niagara a force of 14,000 men, largely gathered from Toronto and Hamilton and the surrounding country, as well as Northern Ontario. During the past three or four months I have seen great bodies of troops, both in Great Britain and

men had been sent overseas, and Canada now had overseas and in training in Canada a larger force than Great Britain had in the Crimea in two years of war. The Dominion had also taken its share of the burden in supplying hospital accommodation for the wounded.

"There are now in Great Britain, France and the Dardanelles 16 Canadian hospitals, 8 in Great Britain, 5 in France and 3 in the Dardanelles. We have a staff of 2,400 men and a nursing staff of 325 devoted women."

"I have visited hospitals in Britain and in France," he said, "and I know that no hospitals are better equipped than in no hospitals do the wounded receive better care than in the hospitals which have been organized by the people of Canada through their Government. It is a great satisfaction to know that the men who have gone through battle for the Empire are receiving, in the hospitals, not only a tribute to the Canadian Red Cross Society and the Canadian War Contingents' Association for what they were doing in Great Britain. He praised the Canadian Red Cross Society's hospital at Clevedon, and said he had left that institution more than ever impressed with the importance of the work done by women in Canada, which had made the establishment of such a hospital possible."

"Speaking of the Canadian troops

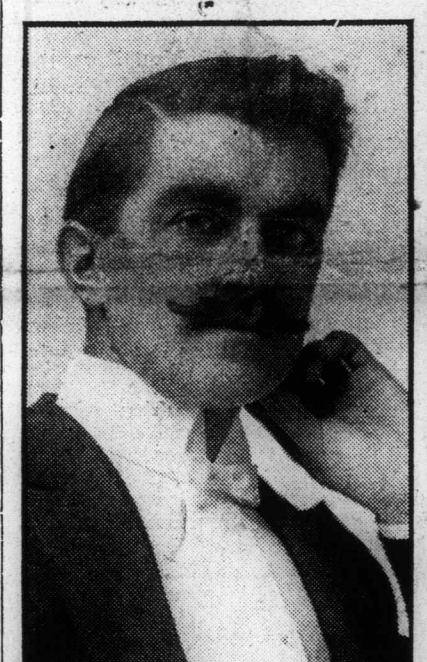
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## ORGANIST OF PARK BAPTIST FOR THE FRONT

Lieut. J. R. Cornelius of the 38th Goes Off With the 58th Battalion.

Mr. J. R. Cornelius, the organist at the Park Baptist Church, the popular organist of the patriotic concert of last winter, and the founder of the children's Philharmonic choir of this city, has, it was learned to-day, accepted and received an appointment for active service with the 58th Battalion (Col. Genet's Regt.).

Mr. Cornelius, who has just qualified at the provisional school for officers at Niagara, with marked success, receiving congratulations of his commandant on his high percentage of marks for the examinations. He is an officer of the 38th Dufferin Rifles, and has been patriotically engaged giving his time since his return from training in assisting the new active service company to acquire some degree of soldierly efficiency. He is a prime favorite with the soldiers, who



LIEUT. J. R. CORNELIUS  
Appointed to the 58th Battalion (Genet's) C.E.F.

rather relish his faculty for painstaking and vigorous action while in command.

Before coming to Brantford he was organist at London, Ontario, and previously held similar appointments in various churches in Edinburgh and neighborhood in Scotland.

A son of a soldier, he early commenced his military career and served for over eight years with the 8th Royal Scots (Queen's Brigade) and won many trophies as one of the crack shots of the corps. He took part in the famous Queen's Brigade team and was a partner with the late Lieut. Ommundsen, the Queen's prize man of 1901 in upholding the honor of the brigade as a shooting unit, on several occasions. For some years also he was identified with the Boy Brigade, one of the finest cadet movements of Britain, and retired with the rank of captain. He is well known locally, and a host of friends and well wishers in military and civil circles will wish him every success in his new career and good luck in its vicissitudes.

**BROTHERS IN SERVICE**  
A brother of Mr. Cornelius has served with Botha during the campaign in Africa with the Rand field forces. Another brother is with a London regiment, and has several times endeavored to enlist. The family record in respect to this war is therefore extremely creditable. The mother and sisters reside at 538 Colborne street, city.

Students of Princeton will take turns in serving as waiters for the common meals.

Two Chinese girls have entered the freshman class at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

The police will probe the death of Mildred Vernon, well known picture actress in Atlantic City.

Lynn Fuller of Washington, was killed in a class rush at Leland Stanford University, Cal.

**REMEMBER**  
The fire sale is now going on at Dominion Housefurnishing Co., 300 Colborne street.

South America asks urgently for imports of Irish potatoes from U. S. farmers.

## ALLIES ARE NOW STRIKING HARD BLOWS ON EVERY FRONT--NEW CAMPAIGN IS OPENING

NEW YORK HERALD'S CORRESPONDENT SAYS ADVANCE WILL GO ON--

## HYDRO-ELECTRIC REPORT OF REMOVING OF POLES WAS RECEIVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Several Matters Disposed of in Good Business Session Last Night--Council Will Consider Selling Old Waterous Property Next Meeting.

**WHAT COUNCIL DID**  
1. Passed two by-laws authorizing the construction of curbstones and storm sewers, as advertised recently in the papers.

2. Appointed a committee to deal with the question of billeting soldiers here for the winter, which committee will act in conjunction with committees from the Board of Trade and Trades and Labor Council.

3. Passed a resolution condemning the Grand Trunk Railway for backing long freight trains along the Tilsonburg line, between Colborne and Grey streets, and ordered a copy of this resolution to be sent to the railway.

4. Adopted Board of Works report which calls for the repairing of pavements taken over by the city from the Westminster Company, and the repair or rebuilding of pier of the sluiceway dam at Lorne bridge.

5. Received extensive report from Hydro Electric Commission re cost of removing poles from Colborne street.

6. Brought in a notice of motion to consider at the next meeting the offer of C. J. Mitchell to purchase 50 feet of the old Waterous property on Darling street at \$150 a foot.

7. Adjourned at 9:40 p.m. to meet October 12th.

**WILD OATS**  
Various accounts were then read, and passed without question, although Ald. Bragg stated that 45c. per bushel for oats was a pretty high price. A prisoner at the police station wrecked some benches and was allowed out to collect the fine. He has not appeared since, and a \$750 bill was presented to the city for repairs. As Chief Slemin has given his undertaking to reimburse the city, the item passed.

**BOARD OF WORKS REPORT**  
The board of works report was then read and adopted, and is as follows:

That Chatham street pavement between George and Peel streets, and the worst spots in the other pavements taken over by the city be repaired.

That the City Engineer be authorized to obtain tenders for the repair or rebuilding of the abutment and first pier of the sluiceway dam.

**REMOVING THE POLES.**  
In connection with the Board of Works report, Ald. Calbeck announced that the full report from the Hydro Electric Commission in the matter of the removal of poles from Colborne street had been received and would be submitted after being considered by his committee. The report contains every detail of the change and is very bulky, being a good sized book. Ald. Calbeck stated that with this report his committee could now go ahead and he hoped to get the work under way this year. If the companies objected he stated that an appeal should be made to the railway commission.

**WHY NOT MARKET STREET?**  
Ald. Ryerson wanted to know why Market street poles couldn't be cleared away also.

Ald. Calbeck said there was some difficulty as Market street had no convenient alley for any length parallel to it as did Colborne street, but if it was possible to clean up Market St. to Darling St., it would be done.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT.**  
Ald. Pitcher presented the report of the Buildings and Grounds committee. It recommended the granting of a special permit to the Brantford Cordage Co. to build their warehouse, and also containing the notice that at the next meeting of the council would be considered the advisability of disposing of 50 feet of the Old Waterous property on Darling Street to Mr. C. J. Mitchell at \$150 a foot, as per his offer. The report was adopted, Mayor Spence asking the aldermen to consider carefully the proposed sale in the intervening time before the next meeting.

**PUT THROUGH QUICKLY.**  
Two By-laws authorizing the construction of curbstones and storm sewers, as advertised in the daily press were then put through the three readings in committee of the whole, and passed without dissent, Ald. Calbeck and Woolams moving and seconding the same.

**BILLETING THE SOLDIERS.**  
Ald. Freeborn:

That a committee composed of the chairmen of standing committees be constituted to deal with the matter of billeting soldiers in Brantford for the winter, and that the City Clerk notify them to form a committee to act in conjunction. Upon the suggestion of Ald. Ryerson it was added that the city clerk also notify the Trades and Labor Council. Carried.

The standing committee consists of

**A NEW MAP NEEDED**  
Jackson & Co., engineers and land surveyors, wrote that the present blue print map of the city is antiquated and does not show modern conditions, and suggesting the city obtain a new one. Referred to finance committee.

**MORE TAX TROUBLE**  
Andrew Quinlan, Harley & Sweet for the Trusts and Guarantee Com-

**ITALIANS ADVANCING.**  
General Cadorna and his Italian army, fighting amid ice clad mountains, also are advancing slowly but steadily.

In brief, the whole character of the war has been changed, temporarily at least, by the allies' triumphs during the last few days. This explains why Bulgaria, having mobilized, now is insisting the call to the colors is only to enforce a policy of armed neutrality to protect the country from invasion. While the Bulgarians have no sympathy with the efforts to align themselves against Russia, their own creed and race, the Greeks are rallying with splendid enthusiasm, which is being intensified by the pledge of the quadruple entente to support the island kingdom with great armies of men and millions of money. Meanwhile according to a Daily Chronicle special correspondent at Bucharest, Germany is exhausting every effort to prevent Roumania from entering the conflict on the side of the allies, but if Germany violates Serbian territory the Roumanian army, as in the last Balkan war, will be found fighting side by side with the Greeks and the Serbians. Sofia knows this now, and the knowledge has had the effect of paralyzing the campaign of the pro-German party.

**RAILWAY MISHAP NEAR OAKVILLE HAS LOCAL INTEREST**

Oakville, Sept. 28.—Ten people were injured and a number of others more or less bruised yesterday when the last two cars of the Grand Trunk International Limited, eastbound, due at the Union Station, Toronto at 8:35 o'clock were derailed one mile west of this town. The accident was caused by a broken rail, and the small number injured is attributed to the fact that the train was of solid steel construction.

**THE INJURED.**  
Nine of the injured passengers are Americans from the Western States. All the injured and the passengers of the wrecked train were brought to the

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