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BATTLE RAGING FIERCELY TODAY ALONG THE FRONT

Slight Retirement of Germans' Right Only Advantage Noticeable — Some Belief Now That Enemy's Stand is to Give Time For Re-inforcements to Come Up

London, Sept. 18—As has been the case heretofore when the struggle along the vast battle line in France has been most acute, the public in England as well as in France and Germany, has been forced to content itself with the most meagre news of the progress of the operations.

Experience has shown that extended statements are issued only after the retirement or the temporary defeat of one army or the other.

The information this morning sets forth laconically that the battle is raging with great fierceness along the whole front, but that the Germans have effected a slight retirement of the German right wing at certain points, no decided advantage is credited to either side.

Presumably the efforts of the allies front, which extends, roughly speaking, from the river Oise near Noyon to the German fortress of Metz, but barring a slight retirement of the German right wing at certain points, no decided advantage is credited to either side.

The position of the fourth and fifth German armies is considered not so strong as the remainder of the line, while, if the flanking movement is successful, the railroad lines on which the Germans depend so greatly would be cut.

TIME TO GET REINFORCEMENTS

While the next move of either army is a matter of the merest speculation, the press of London dwells today upon the possibility that the Germans are trying only to hold the strong positions they now have assumed, with the view of keeping the allies at bay and thus affording Emperor William opportunity to rush more troops to his eastern frontier.

There is nothing to indicate a change in the situation in the eastern zone. Presumably the armies of Austria are still trying to unite at Cracow, while the Russian army, under General Rennenkampf, is holding the Germans at bay along the frontier of Poland.

While public opinion and the press in Italy and Rumania are apparently in the dark as to the course these nations will pursue, a semi-official assurance came from Denmark today, from the newspaper Politiken, that that country will remain firm in its neutrality. The Politiken says:—"Nothing can induce us to change the policy of neutrality which Denmark has declared she will follow."

ROWN PRINCE MAKES STAND

Paris, Sept. 18—The great battle of Aisne continues. All that is known officially of its progress is that the Germans are yielding slightly at some points on the left. Through this fact was given out officially by the French yesterday, it evidently refers to the situation on Tuesday, since it accords with the British press statement of Wednesday. The many wounded prisoners coming in from the front indicate that the allies have made the Germans give ground, the latter leaving their wounded behind.

The army of Crown Prince Frederick William has finally turned on its users at Montfaucou, to the northwest of Verdun, encouraged, no doubt, by devices of reinforcements coming from the Rhine garrisons, and the line of defence is now clearly established from Noyon, sixty-seven miles north of Paris, to Montfaucou.

BELGIANS AT WORK AGAIN

In addition to the difficulty of re-organizing their forces to withstand the attack on the new line, the Germans are, no doubt, troubled about their rear. The resumption of activity by the Belgians means more than that its troops are had time to rest and no doubt there is good foundation for the many rumors that King Albert's forces have been reinforced through from where is only a matter of conjecture.

Some experts still think that the battle is intended only to ensure the safety of the crown prince's army, which had great difficulty in disengaging itself from the defiles of the Forest of Argonne and is not yet, according to opinion here, by any means safe. The prolonged rains also make it necessary to have more time in which to get the artillery out of the chalky mud of northern and eastern Champagne.

Bordeaux, Sept. 18—General Bataille of the French army is reported killed in action.

State of Siege

Rome, Sept. 18—Despatches from Trieste, Austria, are to the effect that everything is in readiness for the proclamation of a state of siege. Even the Alpine refugees, it is declared, have been transformed into forts in which cannon as been mounted. All males from seventeen to sixty years of age are practicing at the rifle ranges, but insufficient rains are available despite the arrival of rifles from Germany.

One Eye on Their Paris Dollars

Paris, Sept. 18—There has been some speculation here as to what has become of the interests which Germans who have fled to rejoin the army, possessed in houses of commerce in Paris. Yesterday the question came before a civil court in the form of a request from Germans fighting in the ranks of the invading army, for the appointment of judicial administrators to assume the direction of their affairs. These requests were referred to Judge Gignault, but in legal circles it is felt that no action will be taken regarding them.

rown Prince Wires for Supplies

Berlin, Sept. 18—Crown Prince Frederick William today telegraphed to the cing Am Mittag as follows:—"Please direct and forward as early as possible cotton underwear and socks for my soldiers. Greetings."

It was only a few days ago that the crown prince telegraphed to a Berlin newspaper asking it to collect and forward tobacco and cigars for his soldiers.

Phelix and Pherdinand WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Sturpart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Fine weather prevails throughout the dominion except in British Columbia, while a gale is blowing the east coast of Newfoundland.

Fine; Not So Warm

Maritime—Moderate winds, fine today on Saturday, with stationary or a little lower temperature.

New England Forecasts—Fair tonight and Saturday; moderate, variable winds.

It was announced officially in Paris at three o'clock this afternoon, that the allies had progressed somewhat. The western wing was declared to have repulsed a vigorous German offensive.

FIGHT IN WORTHY CAUSE AND SHALL NOT LAY DOWN ARMS TILL THAT PURPOSE IS FULLY ACHIEVED King George's Speech at Prorogation of Parliament

King George's Speech at Prorogation of Parliament

London, Sept. 18—In his speech from the throne proroguing parliament, King George spoke today as follows:

"My lords and gentlemen: I address you in circumstances that call for action rather than for speech. After every endeavor had been made by my government to preserve the peace of the world, I was compelled, in the assertion of treaty obligations deliberately set at naught and for the protection of the public law of Europe and the vital interests of my empire, to go to war."

"My navy and my army have, by unceasing vigilance, courage and skill, sustained in association with our gallant and faithful allies, a just and righteous cause. From every part of my empire, there has been a spontaneous and enthusiastic rally to our common flag."

"Gentlemen of the House of Commons—I thank you for the liberality with which you have met a great emergency."

"My Lords and Gentlemen, we are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose is fully achieved."

"I rely with confidence, upon the loyal and united efforts of all my subjects, and I pray that Almighty God give us his blessing."

When the deputy speaker announced the formal prorogation, Will Crooks, labor leader, arose and asked if it were in order to sing "God Save the King."

The anthem was then sung, the members rising in a body. At its close, the commoners slowly filed out.

RABBI HELLER COMES TO HAZEN AVENUE TEMPLE CONGREGATION WILL GO TO FRONT

Son of Rev. J. H. Macdonald Accepted—Great Chest Expansion

Rev. J. H. Macdonald, D. D., editor of the Maritime Baptist, received word this morning from his son, Alexander Macdonald, who has accepted a commission in the 1st Battalion of the Royal Canadian Infantry.

Mr. Macdonald, who is twenty-one years of age, is the only son of Rev. J. H. Macdonald. He was formerly employed with Ames Holden & McCready of this city and left about a month ago to leave with the 71st regiment, going to the front in the ranks of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Canadian Infantry.

Mr. Macdonald did not expect to get in with the first contingent, but was one of 800 officers chosen from 1,500. He tied with another volunteer for the greatest chest expansion among the Canadian soldiers, having an expansion of almost eight inches. His physical condition was regarded as practically perfect in every detail.

OWLS GO TO WAR

A meeting of the officers of the Order of Owls was held last evening. Among those present were James Huey, V. P.; Charles Howitt; Robert Quinn, S. S.; Charles Wanager, T. S. C.; Beaman, W. Pink and Arthur Hodges, secretary.

Business was chiefly confined towards making arrangements for the opening of the "nest" for the coming season. An air of patriotism entered into the meeting and it was found that several Owls had already enlisted for the war while others had pledged themselves to offer their services. This spirit is something of which the order is proud.

NOVELTY SHOWER

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bonnell, 38 Metcalfe street, last evening a pleasant time was spent at a novelty shower given in honor of Miss Annie M. Graham, soon to be a principal in a musical event. She was the recipient of many handsome remembrances from the fifty friends assembled, all of whom enjoyed themselves with games and music. Refreshments were served, and about midnight the party dispersed.

MISS MARY A. COSGROVE

Friends in the city will hear with regret of the death of Miss Mary A. Cosgrove, which occurred this morning after a lengthy illness. She was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends. One brother, Thomas J., of the St. John Railway Co., and one sister, Sister M. Winifred, of St. Vincent's convent, survive. The funeral will be held from her brother's home, 98½ Main street on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

SEPTEMBER VIOLETS

A good sized bunch of blue violets growing wild, were picked at Rentforth this morning and brought into the King Edward school by one of the pupils. The extremely warm weather at this season of the year has evidently brought about a second crop of these flowers which are in season in May and June.

SHOT A MOOSE

Two days sufficed for Charles Butler, of Ennisville to spend in the woods back of Clarendon station to get his moose, and he returned to the city this morning with a nice head, the antlers measuring forty-three inches. Roy Parent went with Mr. Butler as guide.

APPOINTED CARRIER

Thomas H. Tongue has been appointed a letter carrier on the local post office staff and went on duty yesterday, succeeding Fred H. McIntyre, who has gone to Valcartier.

SEVEN BRITISH FIGHT 250 GERMS TILL AMMUNITION GONE

Capetown, Sept. 18—A force composed of 250 Germans, together with three machine guns, attacked the British post at Nakob on Thursday. The garrison consisted of seven policemen, who fought until their ammunition was exhausted. Those who had not been killed were taken prisoners.

Fourteen Drowned In St. Lawrence As Collier Rams Government Steamer

The Montagny Struck by the Ligan In Fog in Early Morn -- Mother and Babes Among Those Lost

Quebec, Sept. 18—Fourteen lives were lost shortly before five o'clock this morning when the government steamer Montagny was rammed by the Black Diamond collier "Ligan," at Beaujeu banks, a mile below Crane Island, and some twenty-six miles below Quebec City.

The Montagny was on her way from Quebec to the Gulf, and the Straits of Belle Isle, Newfoundland, where she was taking the families of two light house keepers together with coal and other provisions, for the wireless stations, and the signal service stations down the coast.

The boats struck in a bank of fog, not far from Crane Island, and the early hour at which the fatality occurred is responsible for the heavy loss of life. The Montagny is not a passenger carrying vessel, but she has quarters for the families of the light house keepers, and, on this voyage, Mrs. Richard, wife of the lighthouse keeper at Belle Isle, with her seven children, was on board, with Mrs. Lavallee, wife of the lighthouse keeper at Flower Island, who perished with her four children.

Second Officer Lachance is among the dead, according to the initial list given at Crane Island. He died with two children, he had in his arms trying to save them. The crew was picked up by the steam collier Potana, and taken over to Grosse Ile, whence the government boat Alice is coming to Quebec with them and the bodies of two infants.

The Montagny was a twin screw steel steamer of 1,269 tons. She was built at Paisley, Scotland, in 1908, and was attached to the service of the Canadian marine and fisheries department with headquarters at Sorel, Que.

The collier Ligan is of 4,888 tons burden. At the time of the accident she was proceeding from Sydney, N. S., to Montreal with 10,000 tons of coal on board.

The Ligan is like the Starstad which rammed the Empress of Ireland. She is chartered by the Dominion Coal Company.

The collision occurred while most of the passengers were asleep. The Montagny went down inside of three minutes. The Ligan is leaking badly, but is on her way to Quebec, under her own steam.

One more name is added to the list of the dead. It is the fifth child of Mrs. Lavallee, that was thought safe but who is found to have been drowned.

ALL BUT THREE READY TO GO IRELAND GETS HOME RULE BILL SIGNED BY KING

Stirring Scene as Imperial Parliament Prorogues—Redmond Leaves For Recruiting Work

True Spirit Shown at Drill Here This Morning — News From Valcartier

The local recruiting continues quite encouragingly. The Army Service Corps resumed meetings last evening and will begin active voluntary drill on next Monday evening, taking on recruits meanwhile.

An interesting feature of this morning's drill at the armory for the members of the volunteer company of the 62nd Regiment Fusiliers was that on a query as to who among them would be willing for the foreign service all but three of the fifty-nine men on duty volunteered. This is considered a very satisfactory indication that more men are being found for the second contingent which is now in the recruiting stages.

John Redmond

Many of the volunteers at Valcartier hold to the belief that they will be used for a time in garrison duty in England before being sent to the front. A letter received yesterday said that it might be the last he would send from Canadian soil, this being taken to mean that orders to embark were expected soon. It is not permissible to give the date of the departure from the camp, and it will not be known generally that the troops have been ordered to the front. On the other side. In fact it is said that some have already been conveyed across.

While the course of seasoning which they have undergone at Valcartier has been strict and the medical examination severe, it is expected that they will be more rigidly drilled in the old country before being sent into action. The belief is current in the camp that the majority of the Canadian expeditionary force will undergo a further seasoning at a big training centre in Ireland, where a large force of English and Irish soldiers are now drilling. After a comparatively brief period spent in this connection, civilians now recruiting for service throughout England will be taken for the garrison details replacing the Canadians and other colonial volunteers, who will be sent into the field.

The militia department are keeping the plans of Canadian troops secret, but it is supposed that they have advice from the British War Office regarding the disposition to be made of the volunteers. Different views are entertained among the officers and men of the Canadian contingent, but the foregoing are accepted apparently by many of them.

SIR JAMES M. BARRIE SAYS WAR LIKELY TO LAST FOR A LONG TIME

New York, Sept. 18—The Cunard liner Lusitania from Liverpool reached her pier here early today. Prominent among the 1,502 passengers were Sir James M. Barrie, author and playwright, and A. E. W. Mason, an English novelist. Speaking of the war, Sir James said:

"The real ultimate cause of the war is militarism. The nations have been arming themselves and a loaded gun always goes off sooner or later."

"In my opinion the war will last a long time. The issue involved is as clear as the cause which brought it about—it is whether soldiers or citizens are to rule in Europe. So far as England is concerned, the most striking feature of the war is the way in which the young men of Britain are enlisting."

"One hears the Kaiser generally blamed for the war. This is somewhat less than fair. The Kaiser was a young man in 1870, when the war spirit was very strong, and he is merely the product of a system."

"It is too early to talk of peace negotiations. No peace would be lasting nor would it produce the results which we all hope for unless one side is thoroughly beaten."



London, Sept. 18—King George's signature was today attached to the home rule for Ireland bill, which thus goes on the statute book.

Scenes of enthusiasm unusual in the staid legislative chambers of Westminster Palace, were enacted today when the two houses of parliament were prorogued.

While King George was absent, inspecting troops, his speech was read in the House of Lords by Viscount Haldane, the Lord High Chancellor and in the House of Commons by John H. Whitley, the deputy speaker.

When the announcement was made in the House of Lords that the royal assent had been given to the Irish Home Rule and the Welsh Church disestablishment suspensory bills and to several emergency measures, cheers were given for the passing of the Irish and the Welsh bills.

CHERRS FOR HOME RULE

On the announcement of the passing of the Irish home rule bill in the House of Commons, the Nationalists and Liberals broke into loud cheers, which were repeated again and again.

Will Crooks, the Labor leader, asked if it were in order to sing "God Save the King." Without waiting for permission, he started the first verse himself, and then broke down with emotion.

The anthem was taken up by the spectators in the galleries as well as by the members and the singing was heard in the palace yard.

As the members filed out of the chamber Mr. Crooks cried out: "God save Ireland."

John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, replied: "God save England."

Parliament will sit again on October 27.

REDMOND GOES RECRUITING

Mr. Redmond, who was the recipient of many warm congratulations in the lobbies of the house after adjournment, left later in the day for Ireland, where he will take part in the recruiting campaign.

The government is pledged to introduce and deal with an amending bill before the Home Rule Bill becomes operative. The latter will probably not become operative until after the war.