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OVER HUNDRED SLAIN IN HUNAR AIR RAID

War Time Election Act
to Disfranchise Slackers

Many Seamen Killed
in Air Raid on Chatham

Borden Promises to
Enforce Conscription

British Coast Bombed by Six German Planes

British Aviators Continue Raids, Delivering Successful Attacks Near Bruges in Belgium

By Courier Leased Wire

London, Sept. 4.—Continuing their raids over Belgium, British aviators on Sunday night made attacks in the vicinity of Bruges. The following official account was given out today. "Naval aircraft made a bombing raid at midnight Sunday on the docks, submarine shelters and railway sidings at Bruges. Bombs were observed to explode over the objectives, and fire was caused adjacent to the lock gates of the Echene Canal. "A raid also was made early Monday morning on the air-drome at Varsenaere, (4 1/2 miles southwest of Bruges). Bombs were seen to explode among the sheds. One of our machines was attacked by six hostile aircraft, and succeeded in shooting down one, completely out of control. In an engagement between one of our aircraft patrols and enemy machines there were three decisive combats. One of our machines failed to return.

London, Sept. 4.—The enemy's activity showed greater activity than in previous days. The official statement. "We advanced our lines 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." Officers Wounded

Paris, Sept. 4.—Major Philippe Bunau-Varilla was seriously wounded yesterday morning while on duty. "Philippe Bunau-Varilla was director general of the old French Panama canal company, and served as Panama minister to Washington. He is a brother of Maurice Bunau-Varilla, editor of the Matin.

BRITISH CASUALTIES.
London, Sept. 4.—British casualties reported in the last week are 15,614. They are divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds; Officers 364; men, 3,880. Wounded or missing; Officers 816; men, 10,524.

TRAINING SAMMIES.
American training camp in France, Sept. 4.—(By the Associated Press)—It is announced that a number of British army officers will soon be attached to the United States expeditionary force to assist in training the Americans, who will thus get the advantage of the best points of both the French and British tactics.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.
Paris, Sept. 4.—Attacks were made by the Germans last night on the French lines in the Hartebise region on the Aisne front, and east of the Meuse in the Verdun sector, the war office announced today, that both were checked by the French fire. Raids by French troops at Sapigneul, between Souain and Somme Py in the Champagne and in the Argonne region, resulted in the capture of prisoners and material.

WEATHER BULLETIN
Toronto, Sept. 4.—There is a pronounced area of high pressure covering the Great Lakes and middle states, while in the west and along the Atlantic coast pressure is relatively low. A tropical storm is centred south of Bermuda. Its course is yet unknown. The weather is fine and comparatively cool today and on Wednesday.

Light to moderate winds, fine and comparatively cool today and on Wednesday.

ITALIANS SPREADING CONQUEST

Austrian Forces Demoralized As Cadorna's Troops Continue Advance

ARMY RE-ORGANIZED

Austrian Chief of Staff Hastens to Scene To Rally Soldiers

Udine, Sept. 4.—Field Marshal von Arz, chief of staff of the Austrian army, is reported to be inspecting the Italian front, for the purpose of re-organizing his troops. Meanwhile the Italians continued their steady advance and are spreading over a larger tract of the country, especially along the Bainsizza plateau, capturing trench after trench, and in some cases finding contingents of Austrian troops literally exhausted and suffering from thirst and hunger, their means of communication having been cut off by the well directed Italian fire.

Monte San Gabriele still is making desperate efforts at resistance, but Italian pickets are gradually creeping up the slopes, making its fall only a matter of time when, as officers laughingly say here, "the Austrians execute another strategical retreat."

Army officers and others, who have read the Austrian war bulletins, are much amused over the statements that the Italians are fleeing, when, as a matter of fact, the Austrians are losing territory. Since the beginning of the present advance, the Italians have gained ground every day, while all Austrian efforts to recapture lost positions have been shattered by the energetic resistance of Cadorna's army.

Polk Raided.
Rome, Sept. 4.—Thirty Italian airplanes have dropped nine tons of bombs on the Austrian naval base at Pola, causing destruction and large conflagrations, it is announced officially.

The bombs were dropped on the Austrian fleet at Anchor, and also on military works. All the Italian machines although determinedly attacked, returned safely. The artillery fire has grown heavier on the Julian front, says the official announcement which reads: "From St. Elvio to Monte Rombo there were the usual patrol actions. "On the Julian front there were more intense artillery duels and considerable activity by our airplanes. "Last night, under favorable atmospheric conditions, thirty of our airplanes flew over Pola and bombarded the military works of this naval port and the enemy fleet at Anchor in the harbor and in the Fasana canal. Nine tons of bombs were dropped on the targets, causing destruction and great conflagrations. Our machines, although attacked by seaplanes and shelled by anti-aircraft batteries, returned safely to their bases. "Saturday night enemy aircraft made a bombing raid on some localities in the plain between the lower Sozno and the Tagliamento causing casualties among the civil population and soldiers in hospitals."

CASUALTIES VERY HEAVY

By Courier Leased Wire.
Ottawa, Sept. 4.—With the proportion of killed and died of wounds on the increase, the lists of casualties among Canadian troops at the front have been growing heavier every day during the past week. Between Saturday noon and Sunday midnight, 1,718 names were given out from the records' office. Last night's list contained 665 names. Since Saturday, August 25, a total of 6,998 casualties have been given out. The artillery and field services have suffered heavily from gas poisoning. The list of "gassed" among all services is unusually long. Indications are that the casualty lists will continue to be very heavy for some time.

Victims of Raid Were Seamen at Chatham, Where a Large Number Were Wounded in Addition to Those Killed; Material Damage Slight

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Sept. 4.—In an air raid last night on Chatham, 107 persons were killed and 86 wounded, it is announced officially. The victims were naval ratings. Six airplanes took part in the raid. The term naval ratings applies to the grade of men on board ship, usually those before the mast.

In addition to the naval casualties one civilian was killed and six were injured. The announcement follows:

"Lord French, (commander of the British home forces) reports that last night's raid was carried out by about six enemy airplanes, which proceeded up the south bank of the Thames estuary to Chatham. Bombs were dropped in the Isle of Thanet and in the Sheerness-Chatham area between 10.40 and 11.30 p.m. There were no army casualties. Civilian casualties reported at present are: Killed, 1; injured, 6. "The material damage was slight. Our machines went up and anti-aircraft guns came into action, but without result.

"The secretary of the Admiralty reports that in the course of the air raid last night the following casualties were caused to naval ratings: Killed, 107; wounded, 86.

FIVE MORE AGITATORS ARRESTED

Rounded Up By Police As Suspects In Atholstan Dynamite Case

ELEVEN MEN HELD

Police Have Located Entire Supply of Stolen Dynamite

Montreal, Sept. 4.—During last night the police rounded up five men here in connection with the recent attempt to murder Lord Atholstan and other anti-conscription disturbances. The police now have eleven men in custody, including participants in street parades accused of carrying concealed weapons. The arrests. The men placed under detention for examination are: Nere Ascanault, laborer, Masson street; Joseph Tremblay, laborer, Chateau Briand street; Joseph Paquette, steamfitter, Henri Julien street; Louis Bolduc, plumber, Bonbonais street, and Arthur Blackwell, toolmaker, Bonbonais street. Dynamite Found.

The police during yesterday and today, as a result of confessions of men under detention, have now located all of the dynamite stolen by the terrorists in connection with their anti-conscription, except fifty pounds. In one instance a suspect drew a revolver, but the officers disarmed him before he could use it. Most of the men suspected of complicity in the Cartierville dynamiting outrage here under lock and key, the police to-day gave details of the anti-conscription plots that have been uncovered here and frustrated.

The anti-conscription dynamites had mapped out the following programme: First, the murder of Lord Atholstan as he drove from his country house to Montreal; next, the dynamiting of his lordship's home and offices of the Montreal Star; then, Solicitor General Arthur Meighen to be assassinated in Ottawa; the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Borden to be murdered and the parliament buildings at Ottawa were to be dynamited.

The anarchists had everything prepared to put this programme into execution when the police authorities began to get suspicious of certain of the ticks of leave element connected with the organization—that is Joseph Leduc, rounded up and forced to commit suicide yesterday at Lachute and Henri Monette, now being chased in the Laurentian mountains near Sainte Agathe, by the police in automobiles.

The police believe that the clues they have dug up in connection with the plots point to their having been hatched primarily by a prominent man with strong German affiliations. The police further announced that men in clerical garb had been shadowed after they had visited the home of one of the suspects, and that information in reference to guns and ammunition said to be an institution in the city was being investigated.

ROYALISTS ARRESTED

Petrograd, Sept. 4.—Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, brother of the former Emperor, and his wife, have been placed under arrest in connection with the counter-revolutionary plot recently unearthed. According to the Don, Grand Duke Dmitri Pavlovitch also has been arrested.

RIGA CITY IN FLAMES

Berlin, Sept. 4.—The city of Riga was on fire at many points when it was taken by the German forces, today's army headquarters statement announces.

Enemy Air Raids on British Coast Believed to be by Way of Experiment For The Enemy

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Sept. 4.—Reports received here from southeast coast towns say that during Monday night's raid, the air along the coast and for some miles inland resounded with the noise of aircraft engines. One of the raiders passed over a coast town headed seaward, its engine making the loudest ever heard from an aircraft. The sound resembled the noise of a Zeppelin and came from a great height.

The raids over the southeast coast on Sunday and Monday nights seem to have been more for the purpose of testing the ability of attack by moonlight than by the hope of doing any considerable damage. Like the aviator who dropped bombs on Sunday, those who came last night kept at very high altitude and while their machines could be heard, they could not be seen. Nevertheless, British airplanes went up in pursuit. After dropping bombs over a wide area, many of them falling into fields or the sea, the raiders departed as quickly as they came. Despatches thus far received say very little damage was done. No casualties have been reported.

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 is usual for airplanes. There was heavy firing, first at one point and then at another and finally very heavy explosions occurred. Shortly before nine o'clock explosions and heavy firing could be heard in the direction of Dun-kirk and Calais and it was thought a raid on a large scale was taking place along the French coast. This lasted until nearly midnight.

CASUALTY LIST HEAVY

Large Number of Local Men Are Listed Over the Week End

MAJORITY WOUNDED

Gratifying Small Number Of Deaths Are Reported

Mrs. Elizabeth Beney, 11 Mohawk street, was this morning informed of the death in action on Aug. 19th, of her husband, Pte. Amos Beney, who went overseas with the 125th battalion. Pte. Beney previously followed the profession of a harness-maker.

Pte. Wallace Marr. Mrs. Edith Marr, High street, this morning received the sad intelligence that her husband, Pte. Wallace Marr, was killed in action on Aug. 21. Pte. Marr was a former Simcoe man, going overseas with the 138th battalion from that city.

Pte. J. J. Donahue. Pte. J. J. Donahue, 11 Usher St., has been wounded for the second time, according to word received by his father, over the weekend. Pte. Donahue, who is unmarried, went overseas with the 125th, and was wounded some weeks ago, returning since then to the trenches. He has (Continued on Page Three)

BORDEN FACES THE ISSUE

By Courier Leased Wire.
Montreal, Sept. 4.—Rumors that the military service act would not be introduced are described by Sir Robert Borden in a letter to a correspondent there as baseless. The Prime Minister also says: "I am unable to share apprehensions as to the effect of this law in this country. "We have sent the Canadian Expeditionary Force to the battle front in the name of Canada; it is idle and shameless hypocrisy to pretend as the chief faction opposed to this law do, that because these men went voluntarily, we at home have no obligation to support them. We encouraged them to go, we organized, trained and equipped them. They have offered themselves for the supreme sacrifice on our behalf. More than thirty thousand of them are under the sod, having died that we may live and that our inheritance may be preserved. To desert them now on the ground of a quibble that they are merely volunteers, would be as ignoble an evasion of moral responsibility as any country in all history was ever guilty of. It would be a far worse fate for our country than any that has yet been seriously suggested as possible."

DEPRIVE SLACKERS OF A VOTE DURING WAR-TIME

War Time Election Act, Before Commons Tomorrow, Will Disfranchise "Conscientious Objectors" to Service; Aliens Also Disfranchised, And Women Granted Vote.

Ottawa, Sept. 4.—A bill entitled "A War Time Elections Act" appears on the order paper of the House of Commons in the name of Sir Robert Borden, and will be proceeded with Wednesday. This is the title given the measure, better known as the franchise bill. It is practically the only remaining piece of the sessional program in the Commons, and were it of a non-controversial character, the session would conclude in short order. As far as can be learned, the bill is likely to be more contentious than otherwise, and unless changed from its present form, the act seems likely to give rise to opposition.

It is understood that it will have three principal provisions—the disfranchisement of the German and Austrian born who have been naturalized in Canada, particularly in more recent years, their Canadian-born sons would not be debarred from voting if qualified. Another provision will be to extend the franchise to the wives and relatives of soldiers, and a third provision to eliminate from the vote the "conscientious objectors" to military service.

As the title of the Act implies, there is to be a war time franchise for a war time election. The essential issue of the campaign will be the war, and the underlying principle invoked by the government is to extend the franchise to soldiers and their female relatives, but to deny to naturalized alien enemies the right in war time to vote on war issues. Heretofore, in federal elections provincial lists have been used. The new act will provide for Dominion lists prepared under Dominion auspices. The act in whatever form it is finally passed will apply only to elections during war time. It is not designed to be a permanent affair, either in regard to the enlargements or restriction of the franchise. Any radical bill—as now seems likely—will have to be put through by the process of closure. Ottawa, Sept. 4.—The Minister of Justice and the Solicitor General are still working on the details of the war time elections act, news of which appeared for the first time on the order paper of the House yesterday. With the bill still undergoing revision statements as to its provisions are necessarily speculative in their nature. As the title of the bill would indicate, however, it is a war time measure and any restriction of the franchise which it covers will be for the war period only. It is generally accepted that the bill will debar naturalized citizens of alien birth from voting at the approaching elections, and that in the various provinces the right to vote will be extended to women who are relatives of members of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. To what degree the bill will be regarded as controversial by the opposition cannot be stated until its provisions are explained in the Commons by the Prime Minister in whose name it stands on the order paper. Should the opposition take strong exception to the explanation the closure will in all likelihood be invoked to secure its adoption in the Commons. That would mean a considerable prolongation of the session which apart from the war time elections act, would terminate next week.

RUSSIANS STILL IN RETREAT

Petrograd, Sept. 4.—The Russian retreat in the Riga region is being continued along the coast in a northeasterly direction, the war office announced today. In the Kull district, the Russians are retiring northward, having been dislodged by the Germans in the great Jaegel River region. Hostile ships are shelling Riga coast, the announcement adds. In the region of Kranzem (22 miles southeast of Riga), Milph and Bybusk, the Russian retreatment is to the northward. Considerable artillery fire has developed in the neighborhood of Drinsk.