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VON MACKENSEN IS NEARLY TRAPPED

BRITISH, FRENCH AND RUSSIANS STOP HEAVY ATTACKS CANADIANS IN CONTINUOUS BATTLE SINCE FRIDAY

SERBS SMASH AHEAD, TAKING FOE'S TRENCH AND BATTERY

Peter's Troops Make Further
Progress in Macedonia.

SOPIA ADMITS RETREAT

Bulgarians Attacks On British
Position Repulsed With
Heavy Losses.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Oct. 3.—2:35 p.m.—Bulgarian counter-attacks on the British forces which crossed the river Struma, on the Macedonian front, were repulsed yesterday, the war office announced today. Following is the statement:
"Yesterday the Bulgarians counter-attacked with three battalions against our new positions on the east bank of the Struma. The attack was broken by our fire. One of our battalions then charged with the bayonet and completely routed the enemy, taking forty prisoners."
"The Royal Flying Corps carried out successful bombing attacks on troops in transport in Prosenik and on a railroad train traveling from there to Seres."

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, Oct. 3.—The Serbians fighting in the Kaimakalan region on the Macedonian front have made further progress, according to today's war office announcement, taking first-line trenches from the Bulgarians and capturing another battery.
Bulgarian attacks on British positions on the left bank of the Struma were repulsed, the Bulgarians sustaining heavy losses.

SOPIA ADMITS RETREAT.
[Canadian Press.]
Sofia, Oct. 3.—Via London, Oct. 3.—A retreat by the Bulgarians under heavy Serbian artillery fire is reported in an official statement issued by the war office referring to the Macedonian front. The statement says:
"Macedonian front: In the Lake Prespa region there was considerable artillery activity without infantry action at Hill 1944 south of Kaimakalan. As a consequence of violent artillery fire on the summit and on the positions on the left bank of the Struma, the Bulgarians were compelled to retreat under the fire of our artillery and infantry. There was quiet on the Black Sea coast."

On the Struma front, enemy battalions which advanced under the protection of a hurricane of fire, succeeded in occupying the villages of Karadjakoi, Jenikoi and Noviyen. By counter-attacks we drove the enemy from the two last-named villages to their former positions. Fighting near Karadjakoi continues.
"On the Aegean coast the enemy fleet bombarded without result a height north of Oranienburg."
"In the Dobruja two Russian divisions attempted twice to advance on the Bechouli-Amatza-Toprala Sari line, but they were repulsed under the fire of our artillery and infantry. There was quiet on the Black Sea coast."

SANGUINARY LOSSES.
[Canadian Press.]
Paris, Oct. 3.—The French official statement follows:
"On the left bank of the Struma two fresh Bulgarian counter-attacks against the positions captured by the British on September 30 were repulsed with sanguinary losses for the enemy."
"In the region of the Cerna the Serbians continued to advance on the western slopes, and the main crest of Kaimakalan. Serbian infantry yesterday carried first line enemy trenches."
"On the left there was the usual cannonading. Bad weather continues."

LANCE-CORPORAL CORKE KILLED IN ACTION

Stratford, Oct. 3.—Lance-Corps. The. Corke, formerly of the 1st Battalion, has been killed in action, according to official word received in the city today.

FOUR CHILDREN PERISH AS FIRE BURNS HOME

[Canadian Press.]
Quebec, Oct. 3.—The four children of Pierre Cantin, baker at Villoroy, Richer, County, perished early today when the home of their parents was destroyed by fire. The parents also narrowly escaped death.

HEAVY BLOW FOR TEUTONS

Von Mackensen Orders Evacuation of Recently Captured Rumanian Fortresses in Order to Escape Fast Closing Jaws of Allies' Trap.

[Canadian Press.]
Berlin, Oct. 3.—Via London, 2:11 p.m.—The war office announced today that Austrian and German monitors had destroyed the pontoon bridges across the Danube in the rear of the Rumanian forces which have crossed the river and invaded Bulgaria.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Oct. 3.—Field Marshal von Mackensen, who commands the forces of the Central Allies operating against the Rumanians and Russians in the province of Dobrudja, has ordered the evacuation of the Danube fortresses of Silistria and Turtuksi, recently captured by the Teutons, Bulgarian and Turkish forces, says a Rome dispatch to the Wireless Press.

The reason given for the withdrawal of von Mackensen's forces is that the German commander is in danger of being enveloped by the Russian and Rumanian troops, which have crossed the Danube between Rustchuk and Turtuksi.

Joffre's Batteries Throw Back Plunge of the Huns; Fire Curtain Too Deadly

Violent Fighting Has Been in Progress North of Rancourt, the French Foiling Attempt of Germans to Debouch From Woods.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, Oct. 3.—12:30 p.m.—Violent fighting has been in progress on the Somme front north of Rancourt, the war office announced today. The French curtain of fire and machine guns, however, were effective in checking German attempts to debouch from the St. Pierre Vaast Wood in this region.

Chicago Food Prices Soar; Records Broken

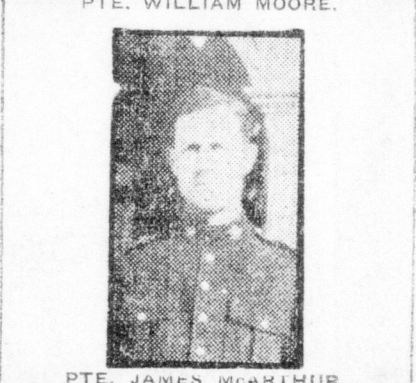
Butter and Eggs Bring Highest Figure Ever Known.

[Canadian Press.]
Chicago, Ill., Oct. 3.—What are characterized as the highest prices ever known at this season of the year for butter and eggs at Chicago prevailed here today, according to reports from merchants. Extras in creamery butter sold at from 38 to 40 cents a pound as against 27 cents a year ago for the same grade. The same classification of eggs which sold at \$1.45 a bushel, as against 48 cents a year ago, is selling at 24 cents.
Cheese dealers reported American cheese selling at 20 to 21 1/2 cents a pound, against 13 1/2 to 14 1/4 cents a year ago. Other food products showed as much or more appreciation in value, a notable instance being potatoes which sold at \$1.45 a bushel, as against 48 cents a year ago.

COURT DISMISSES ACTION OVER DR. ROSS' DEATH

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Oct. 3.—Justice Clark today in the supreme court dismissed an action for \$50,000 damages brought by Mrs. Agnes Ross as executrix of the estate of Dr. James Ross, late pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, of London, Ont., who was killed here in an automobile accident at 23rd street and 4th avenue, November 18, 1913. The defendant named in the action was Leon T. Stowe, an undertaker, whose motor-ambulance struck the London pastor, inflicting injuries from which he later died.
After the case was presented to the jury, they were asked to retire, and the law in the case was argued by the attorneys. Justice Clark ruled that Dr. Ross was guilty of contributory negligence, and that the defendant was not guilty of negligence.

LONDON SOLDIERS WHO MADE THEIR SUPREME SACRIFICE



Pte. Geo. Albert Henderson. See story on Page 3.

ENEMY'S RESERVE TOO MEAGRE TO BE OF ANY STRATEGIC USE; DIVISIONS GREATLY WEAKENED

[Canadian Press.]
New York, N. Y., Oct. 3.—A New York Times cable from London this morning says: Ellis Ashmead Bartlett, who is now with the French armies, sends a dispatch analyzing Germany's military power. He says:
"Of the 193 infantry divisions composing the present German army, 117 consist of only three battalions each instead of four regiments of three battalions. The proof that the Germans have now no strategic reserve is shown by the manner in which divisions are moved from one battlefield to another without rest or reorganization."
"The calling up of the 1916 class, which commenced in June and July, 1916 and is being spread over a period of time."

WILL HUGHES CLASH WITH PLANS OF NAT. SERVICE COMMISSION

Militia Minister May Consider Scheme Harmful to Recruiting.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Oct. 3.—Gen. Sir Sam Hughes will land at Halifax this week. It is understood that he is a passenger on the Olympic, which is now well out from the shores of Britain and heading for the Eastern Canadian port.
It is understood that Gen. Hughes will remain in Ottawa for the next few weeks looking into the character of the military administration which has been carried on during his absence and will visit some of the more distant military centres.
There is a good deal of curiosity in official circles as to the attitude which Gen. Hughes will adopt toward the recently organized National Service Commission. It is known that he strongly favors the enlistment for overseas service of as many Canadians as can be gathered. The National Service Commission, under the chairmanship of Sir Thomas Tait, has been created by the Government for the purpose of preventing certain classes of Canadians from leaving the country. The overseas business is left in the hands of the minister of militia while the National Service Commission is placed under the control of Premier Borden. It is thought that Gen. Hughes will not indorse any check being placed upon recruiting for overseas service.

BRITISH PLANE TO RID SKIES OF ZEPPELINS

New Zepp-Chaser Is the Most Formidable of Fighting Machines.

IS A BIPLANE IN FORM

Carries Powerful Batteries and Can Land While at Low Speed.

FRENCH EXPERT PRAISES

Expected To Rout Hun Air Monsters—Already Accounted For One.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Oct. 3.—A cable to the Herald from London says:
A new zeppelin chaser aeroplane employed by the British home defence is one of the most formidable air fighting machines yet invented. The secret regarding many details of its construction is closely kept and only the main features are now allowed by the British and French censorships to be mentioned in the press. The news regarding the efficiency of the machine and the confidence which the public may place in it is at last published on account of the destruction of the main fleet being given out.

A Tractor Biplane.

A French aviation expert, Jacques Marescaux, has examined this air machine and his published account of it, after the censor in two countries has made their eliminations, is as follows:
The machine is a tractor biplane of powerful construction, with a high powered fixed motor. Its stability is remarkable to a point of being practically automatic. Landings can be made by this machine at relatively low speed. As for the form and volume of armament, it is decided that they are not to be made known until peace has been signed. I shall only add in this connection that if the Prussians continue to send zeppelins over London it is ten to one that the day will come when their home sheds will see them no more."

It was with one of these machines that Lieut. William Leefer Robinson destroyed the zeppelin on September 2 for which feat King George conferred on him the Victoria Cross.

THE DIARY OF MARS

Rumania's stroke against the Central Powers in throwing a force across the Danube in Bulgaria is the outstanding feature in the current war news. Should this army prove to be of formidable size it will constitute a serious menace to Field Marshal von Mackensen's left flank and might easily force his retirement from the present front, south of the Constantza-Tchernovo railway. He already is being subjected to heavy pressure along this line by the Russians and Rumanians, presumably in connection with the flanking operations.

The latest statement from Sofia mentions the invading force as consisting of "several battalions" conveyed across the river in boats between Rustchuk and Turtuksi. "Measures have been taken to attack this force" the official bulletin declares.
In Macedonia, where, as elsewhere in the eastern war theatre, the Allies are pressing offensive movements presumably to prevent reinforcements from being sent by the Central Powers from one field of activity to another, the tide of battle is fluctuating on both wings.
The Serbians appear to have gained the upper hand in the hilly Kaimakalan region. Sofia admits a Bulgarian retirement there and the French official statement announced a new advance by the Serbs, who have captured first-line trenches and taken another Bulgarian battery.
Extensive statements declare the Bulgarians were repulsed on the eastern end of the Macedonian front, in attacks on positions east of the Struma.

FIFTH GERMAN MACHINE FOR THIS FRENCH FLYER

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, Oct. 3.—The section of the French official statement dealing with aviation says:
"Aviation: Yesterday one of our pilots brought down a German machine, which fell near Condoltery. Sergt. Sauvage yesterday brought down his fifth German machine, which crashed to the ground south of Toulon."

Canadians Hold Redoubts, Trenches Against Heavy Counter-Attacks; Battling Four Days on Somme

Casualties Amongst Canadian Troops Considered Light in View of Magnitude and Importance of Operations—Heaviest Losses Sustained in Storming Strong German Positions.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
Ottawa, Oct. 3.—Canadian troops have been engaged with the enemy at the front since Friday last, according to cable advices to the militia department today. The report states that the operations of the Canadians have been marked with success, and that the casualties have been unusually light for operations of the kind now being carried on.

STORMED THE REDOUBTS.

The heavy Canadian casualty lists, which are now issuing, were the result of fighting more than a week ago, when the Zolern redoubt, the Hessian, Regina and Kenora trenches were stormed and held by Canadians and held against counter-attacks.

AITKEN REHASHES.

Detailed reports of the operations of the Canadian forces are expected to be given by American correspondents during the next few days, and later by the Canadian Eyewitness, who is apparently doing his war correspondence work in a London re-write office. The last Canadian Eyewitness report appears to have been a rehash of the dispatches sent from the front by the London Chronicle's man on the spot.

LORD BRYCE DECRIES THE SPIRIT OF HATE AGAINST GERMANS

Declares Enemy Is Under a Harsh and Tyrannous Rule

WANTS WAR TO END WAR

Believes United States Will Co-Operate in Plans to Insure Permanent Peace.

[Canadian Press.]
Birmingham, Eng., Oct. 3.—Viscount Bryce of Dechmont, the former ambassador at Washington, addressing the Congressional Union today, decried the spirit of hate against the Germans, and the talk of a lasting truce. In conclusion he advocated a league to restrain aggression and compel arbitration.

"If there is to be a recurrence of wars, becoming more terrible with the increasing advance of science," he said, "we may well despair of the future."
Arbitration Machinery.
Lord Bryce recalled that Premier Asquith, Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Balfour had expressed themselves on the need of such machinery, and said that several groups of thinkers were working out the plans.
"To establish any machinery for preserving peace," continued Lord Bryce, "would be impossible without the co-operation of the neutral states, and especially the greatest of all the neutral states. We have been waiting and watching to see whether America would, in view of the immense interests at stake, depart from her old policy of complete isolation and bear her part in the efforts for securing a permanent alliance for peace. An influential league for that purpose has already been formed, and now two momentous events have happened, on which I dwell because they have been little noticed here."

WOMAN ABOARD ZEPP BROUGHT DOWN IN FLAMES

London Story Says It May Have Been Relative of Count.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Oct. 3.—A special cable to the World from London says:
A story is current in London that a woman's stays were found in the wreckage of the zeppelin brought down last night north of London. The supposition is that a woman was among the passengers and it is suggested she may have been one of Count Zeppelin's relatives.

An earlier report had it that Count Zeppelin himself was in one of the raiding airships, but an Amsterdam dispatch says the count yielded to the pleading of his family and remained behind, although he originally had planned to command the raid in person.

NAVAL PLANES OF BRITISH RAID SHEDS AT BRUSSELS

[Canadian Press.]
London, Oct. 3.—2:35 p.m.—British naval aeroplanes yesterday made another attack on the German airship sheds in the vicinity of Brussels, according to a British official statement issued this afternoon. One of the British aeroplanes was lost.

The text of the statement reads as follows:
"Further attack was made yesterday by naval aeroplanes upon enemy airship sheds in the vicinity of Brussels. One aeroplane failed to return."

BRITISH RAID TRENCHES TO SOUTH OF LOOS

[Canadian Press.]
London, Oct. 3.—2:15 p.m.—The night was quiet south of the Somme (the Somme front), says today's official report.

"South of Loos our troops successfully raided enemy trenches."