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WEATHER—FAIR

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BRITISH TAKE TRENCHES ALONG 2,000 YDS. FRONT NEAR FLERS WHILE FRENCH ALSO PUSH FORWARD

MILITARY CO-OPERATION WITH ENTENTE DECISION OF GREEK GOVERNMENT

Ministerial Council and King Reach Agreement—Kalogeropoules Cabinet Will Resign and King Constantine Will Issue Proclamation to the Nation.

London, Sept. 28.—The council of Greek ministers has decided upon an agreement with King Constantine upon military co-operation with the Entente Powers, says a Reuter despatch from Athens, dated Wednesday.

CABINET TO RESIGN.

London, Sept. 27 (2.10 p. m.)—The Greek ministerial council held in Athens yesterday evening, says a wireless despatch from the Greek capital, "will be followed by the resignation of the Kalogeropoules cabinet and by the issue of a proclamation from King Constantine to the Greek nation."

PART OF FLEET NOW WITH ALLIES.

London, Sept. 27.—The Greek battleship Hydra has joined the Allied fleet, according to a Reuter despatch from Athens.

There is an unconfirmed report the despatch adds, that the Greek battleships Spetsai and Paara and four Greek destroyers have also joined the combined Anglo-French naval forces under Vice-Admiral Dufournet in the Mediterranean.

Penetrate St. Pierre Vaast Wood.

Paris, Sept. 27.—A strong German counter-attack on the new French position on Bouchavesnes to south of the Bois L'Abbe Farm was repulsed with heavy losses, according to the official statement issued by the office tonight. The French extended their positions east and southeast of Rancourt and penetrated St. Pierre Vaast Wood.

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ALLIED AIRMEN IN RAID DROP BOMBS ON GERMAN AMMUNITION STORES

London, Sept. 27.—A British official communication issued this evening says:

"Attacks were carried out this morning on enemy shipping sheds at Evere, Berchem, St. Agathe and at Etterbeek, near Brussels, by naval aeroplanes. Bombs were observed to straddle the sheds, which apparently were hit.

"The bombs dropped at Evere struck buildings, presumably ammunition stores, in close proximity to the sheds. Heavy explosions were heard and large volumes of smoke were observed.

"All the machines returned safely."

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT UNVEILS MEMORIAL TO VICTORIAN REIGN

Tablet Commemorative of Queen Victoria's Reign and Connaught's Regime as Governor General of Canada.

Montreal, Sept. 27.—The Duke of Connaught, who with the Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia, is making a week's farewell visit to Montreal, this afternoon unveiled a bronze tablet on the new Victoria pier. The tablet commemorates the reign of Queen Victoria and the Duke's regime as governor-general of Canada.

Mr. W. G. Ross, chairman of the board of harbor commissioners, read an address to His Royal Highness, in which the statement was made that the grain elevators and conveyor systems of Montreal had the greatest capacity of any ocean port in the world, and were capable of handling one hundred and fifty million bushels of grain during the navigation season.

In the art gallery this morning the Princess Patricia unveiled an oil painting of her father, the painting being the gift of the local chapters of the Daughters of the Empire to the Art Association of Montreal. It was painted by a Montreal artist, Miss Gertrude Des Claves.

YOUTHS OF 12 TO 17 YRS. IN GERMANY ALLOWED 500 GRAMMES OF BREAD A WEEK

London, Sept. 27.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent sends the following despatch:

"A Berlin telegram received here says that owing to the excellent harvest all young people from ages of 12 to 17 years shall, on October 2, receive special supplementary bread cards entitling them to 500 grammes per head per week."

REJOICING IN GERMANY OVER BREMEN'S ARRIVAL IN NEW LONDON, CONN.

German Press Agent's Fertile Imagination Spins Interesting Yarn of Undersea Freighter's Arrival at American Port Although U. S. Authorities Haven't Heard of Her Coming Yet.

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TRIED TO SEND RUBBER IN FALSE TEETH TO GERMANY

Consignment of Teeth Seized by British had Plates of Rubber and Other Materials Badly Needed by Enemy.

London, Sept. 27.—In connection with the recent release for the return to America of a consignment of false teeth addressed to Germany, an official statement said today that one of the recent seizures of teeth consisted of one hundred dozen sets, some having rubber plates and others composed of materials supposedly needed badly in Germany.

The admiralty officer insisted that stoppage of the consignments of false teeth was not the part of a starvation plan.

ASSAULT CASE IS HEARD AT PERTH, N. B.

Prisoners Declared Not Guilty by Jury—Case Outcome of Fight at a Danish Picnic.

Special to The Standard. Perth, Sept. 27.—The case of the King vs. George Ballu, George Legacy and Feloni Parent, charged with assault and doing grievous bodily harm, which has been before Judge Crockett and jury for the last two days was brought to an end tonight when the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

This case arose from a fight which took place at the annual Danish picnic. E. H. Elliot and Tina J. Carter, K. C. represented the crown and the prisoners were defended by A. M. Chamberlain, Grand Falls, and A. R. Slipp, K. C. of Fredericton.

BOSTON LOBSTER SMACK SEIZED FOR FISHING WITHIN 3-MILE LIMIT

Taken to Yarmouth by Patrol—Captain Claims he was Outside the Forbidden Area

Yarmouth, N. S., Sept. 27.—The fisheries patrol boat F is in port with the Boston lobster smack E. McNichol, which was seized for lobster fishing within the three-mile limit. Captain Isaac Crowell, of the McNichol, claims that he was within his rights when fishing where he was seized.

The smack at the time was on Jacko Ridge, which is almost on a straight line from Cape Forchu to Seal Island. Capt. Crowell contends that the three mile limit follows the trend of shore and not any imaginary lines.

Captain Blades of the patrol boat claims the three mile limit is from an imaginary line from Cape Forchu to Seal Island, and if he is right, it is clear violation. The matter has been placed before the authorities at Washington through the United States Consul at Ottawa by Collector Harding and the results of the dispute are anxiously awaited. In the meantime the McNichol is held in port with \$1,200 worth of lobsters in her hold.

men sailed early in August. Hence fears were entertained in some quarters that something had gone wrong with her, and the report of her arrival has been greeted by the newspapers as paving the way for the establishment of a regular submarine service between Germany and the United States, and as answering the alleged taunt of Germany's enemies when the submarine Deutschland returned home from her voyage overseas, "you can't do it again."

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20 MILE BATTLE ARC NOW GREAT TRIANGULAR WEDGE IN THE GERMAN LINE

With Base in Front of Thiepval and West of Peronne and Point Projecting Across the Bethune Road and Into St. Pierre Vaast Wood.

A SEMI-MILITARY FUNERAL FOR CREW OF WRECKED "ZEPP" RAIDER

London, Sept. 27.—The crew of the Zeppelin airship that was destroyed in Essex, during the raid on Sunday morning last, were buried in a village churchyard there today. The funeral was semi-military in character, and officers of the Royal Flying Corps, including Lieut. William Lee Robinson, who brought down a Zeppelin during the raid early this month, acted as pall-bearers.

On the coffin of the commander was the inscription: "Killed on service, Sept. 24th, 1916."

SCHOONER MAKES TRIP FROM PHILADELPHIA TO YARMOUTH IN 4 DAYS

Tern Schooner Eva A. Danenhawer Makes Record—14 Yarmouth People Ill with Typhoid After Eating Ice Cream.

Special to The Standard. Yarmouth, N. S., Sept. 27.—The tern schooner Eva A. Danenhawer, Captain Patterson, arrived last evening from Philadelphia with 301 tons of hard coal for L. E. Baker & Co. She left the Quaker City only four days ago. This is considered to be the record trip from that port to Yarmouth. The Danenhawer is an old vessel and is owned in Apple River.

Two weeks ago a party was given by a resident of Lower East Pabineo. It was but a small affair, fifteen only being present. Among the refreshments served was ice cream, and this was partaken of by all present. Today fourteen of the fifteen are down with typhoid fever.

There is quite a run of herring on the shores of Yarmouth county now, especially around the Pabineos. In consequence there is little or no difficulty in getting bait. Further east the scarcity of bait still continues, but no doubt the general school of herring is on and they will soon have plenty.

C. Harlow, of Cleveland, Ohio, but formerly of Shelburne and Amherst, arrived on the boat this morning bringing with him the remains of his wife, who died a few days ago in Cleveland, for interment in her old home in Shelburne. She was Miss Atwood, sister of the collector of customs at Shelburne. His son and daughter accompanied him.

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BRITISH FIRE LOCKED HUNS IN THEIR REFUGES

OVER 1,000 OF ENEMY TAKEN PRISONER.

Capture of Thiepval and Zoller Work Reveals German Positions and Enemy Already Withdrawing Batteries.

British Front in France, Sept. 27. (Noon), via London.—The total number of prisoners for what are regarded in all quarters as the best two days of the British army has had in France, approaches 5,000.

Through the night there was heavy fighting. While the British were pressing forward their guns in the path of the preceding day's gains, the sun rose with a promise of another splendid autumn day, only to become overcast later. This interfered with all important artillery observations.

More than 1,000 prisoners were taken in Thiepval and the Zoller work. In a military sense this work, lying between Thiepval and Courcellette, was regarded as more important than the crushed ruins of the village. Here, at the hinge of the battle front, with the old first line fortifications, all the power guns could command has fought against every art of modern defense.

German dugouts, which were so deep that the 12-inch high explosive shells could not penetrate them, had their doors closed in by debris from explosions. Indeed, with shell fire of all sorts, the British literally locked the Germans in their refuges, and under cover of its curtains appeared at the remaining open doorways of the dugouts, which were all connected with underground galleries, and marched out the occupants as prisoners.

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Furious German Assault Beaten Off by French With Heavy Loss to the Attackers.

The twenty-mile battle arc running from the Ancre to the Somme is rapidly being transformed by the great offensive of the Entente Allies into an irregular triangular wedge in the German line with bases respectively in front of Thiepval and west of Peronne and the point projecting across the Bethune road and into the St. Pierre Vaast Wood.

On the British end of the line in the region of Thiepval and eastward, to the north of Flers, the British in Wednesday's fighting gained further successes over the Germans, and likewise the French east and southeast of Rancourt drove their troops forward and entered the St. Pierre St. Vaast Wood.

To the south of this region from Bouchavesnes to the southern edge of the Bois L'Abbe Farm the French were compelled to face a violent attack by the Germans, which was beaten off, the Germans being thrown back in disorder, according to Paris. The British gains included German trenches on a front of 2,000 yards north of Flers and a strong redoubt on a hill 2,000 yards northeast of Thiepval. To the northwest, across the Ancre successful raids were carried out by the British-occupied Beaumont-Hamel.

Ten Thousand Prisoners.

Ten thousand prisoners have fallen into the hands of the British in the last fortnight's fighting on the Somme front, according to London. There is still little news coming from the Russian and Austro-German war office concerning the fighting on the eastern front. Petrograd asserts that aside from skirmishes at various points there is nothing to report. Berlin, however, records the repulse of a Russian attack in Galicia, near Ludova, with heavy casualties to the Russians.

On Roumanian Front.

On the Roumanian front battles are taking place at various points near the Transylvanian border. Berlin reports progress for the Teutonic allies near Hermannstadt, while Bucharest chronicles the defeat of the Austro-Germans in the Jiu Valley and their hasty retreat north and northwest. Quiet prevails in the Dobruja region.

According to the Bulgarian war office the Bulgarians have forced back the troops of the Entente Allies over the whole front in Macedonia. Paris, however, says three violent Bulgarian attacks on Kaimakolan Heights were repulsed with heavy losses.

Artillery duels continue along most of the Austro-Italian front.

In the fighting in Asiatic Turkey, Petrograd claims successes for the Russians along the Black Sea coast, in Armenia near Glimkcan, and on the Persian front in the vicinity of Hamadan. What is to be the final attitude of Greece in the war is still uncertain. The latest unofficial report from Athens, however, is that the Greek government in agreement with King Constantine, has decided on military co-operation with the Entente Powers.

Brilliant French Attack.

Paris, Sept. 27. (Noon).—A brilliant French attack east of Verdun over the fortified wood, according to an official statement issued by the war office today.

The announcement follows: "North of the Somme our troops organized the positions recently won. The enemy attempted no counter-attack during the night.

"South of the Somme there was rather spirited artillery fighting in the region of Barleux. A brilliant attack carried out by our troops resulted in the capture, east of Verdun, of a fortified wood held by the enemy which formed a small salient in our line.

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