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REPORTED SERBIA AGREES TO ALLIES' PROPOSALS; FIGHTING IN WEST POINTS TO LAUNCHING OF HEAVY DRIVE SOON

RIGA MENACED, RUSSIANS REACH CRITICAL STAGE IN THEIR RETIRING MOVEMENT

Crossing of Dvina by Enemy Means Loss of Gulf of Riga to Russians and Shorter Road to Petrograd for the Enemy.

ARE THREATENING LEFT FLANK OF GERMAN ARMY

Military Critics Interpret Past Week's Operations in the West as Preliminary to Long Expected General Offensive by British and French.

London, Sept. 3.—The Germans in their official report today, claim to have carried by assault, the fortified bridge-head at Lennewa, on the Dvina river between Friedrichstadt and Riga. This is considered, for the Russians, the most critical point on their whole front, for should the Germans succeed in crossing the Dvina the Russians would be compelled to evacuate Riga, and their position between the Dvina and Vilna, and even southwest of the latter city, would be jeopardized.

However, the Germans do not yet claim to have crossed the river, which is being defended by a reinforced army, under the command of General Ruzsky, who has proved himself to be one of the greatest strategists of the war, and who brought the previous German advance to a stop on the Bura river in front of Warsaw. It is believed by military critics that the Russians will make a stubborn defense on the Dvina, the opinion being expressed that should they fall the German fleet would gain command of the Gulf of Riga, and by landing troops at Pernau would considerably shorten the protracted march to Petrograd, which is understood to be the ultimate objective of the German higher command.

In view of the importance of the battle raging along the Lower Dvina the fighting elsewhere loses some of its interest, for wherever they are the Russians must keep their eyes on this corner of the map.

Grodno, which the Russians evacuated, apparently proved an empty shell to the Germans, as they captured only 400 prisoners, after street fighting. To the northwest of Vilna, the Russians are on the offensive, and while the Germans say the Russian counter-attacks have been a complete failure, it is said in Petrograd that the counter-offensive seriously threatens the German left flank and communications with the army of Lieut. General Von Eichhorn.

Preliminaries to Big Drive in West The Russian center is still fighting through the marshy districts. However, every day they are taking a toll of their pursuers. The Russians also are offering resistance to the Austro-German offensive in Galicia, and southeastward of Lutsk they hold a front of some fifty miles, intersected by hills, woods, and rivers, which afford a splendid cover for a defensive army.

There is still some doubt as to what the Austro-German intentions are in the southeast, military critics being divided on opinion as to whether there will be an advance on Kiev, or whether an attempt will be made to project a wedge between the Russian armies and Roumania, which would make it a serious matter for the Roumanians to refuse passage the German demands for a free passage of munitions over Roumanian railways for the Turks, who are reported to be very short of shells necessary to prevent the Allies conquering the Gallipoli peninsula.

Concerning the operations at the Dardanelles no news has been received.

Tonight's Programme

Selection by 62nd Band.
Opening Remarks—Chairman E. A. Schofield.
Address—Hance J. Logan, ex-M. P., of Amherst, N. S.
Selection by Band.
Address—Fred M. Sproul, ex M.P.P., of Hampton.
Selection by Band.
Address—Capt. H. H. Smith, invalided home from the front.
Selection by Band.
Address—Pte. E. Geoffrey Stairs of the 55th Batt.
God Save the King

QUARTER MILLION PEOPLE CHEER CANADA'S PREMIER ON HIS ARRIVAL IN MONTREAL

Demonstration Unparalleled in History of Metropolis—Triumphal Parade Through Streets Thronged with Cheering Thousands—Back with Truer Sense of Unity of Empire Than Ever Had Before, Sir Robert Says—His Message From Men in the Trenches.

Montreal, Sept. 3.—Sir Robert Borden was welcomed to Montreal tonight, on his return from England and the battlefield in France, with a demonstration of patriotism and affection that probably never has been equalled in this city. Not less than a quarter million of people turned out to give the Premier a reception, the warmth of which must have touched him deeply, surfeited, as he has been, with public attention. From the moment Premier Borden alighted from his special car at Bonaventure station until he arrived at Fletcher's Field, the scene of a speech-making, his progress was one prolonged triumphal parade through deep ranks of citizens. Notwithstanding that there was a remarkably large crowd at Bonaventure station on his arrival, the Grand Trunk railway company's arrangements were so well made that there was no delay, and no undue crush in the Premier's vicinity. Up Windsor street to St. Catharines street, and thence to Sherbrooke street, and along Sherbrooke to Park Avenue and to Fletcher's Field, stood cheering thousands, and still many more thousands were awaiting his arrival in the large open space known as Fletcher's Field at the foot of the mountain. From a temporary platform in front of the Grenadier Guards armory Sir Robert addressed the throng. Probably few were able to hear him, but they all saw him and that seemed sufficient to arouse their enthusiasm, and they were unstinted in their applause. The local garrison had turned out in full force, and the soldiers formed a guard of honor to the Premier.

ed since the report last Wednesday from General Sir Ian Hamilton, commander of the British forces on the peninsula. The continued successes of the Austro-Germans in the east leads many writers to the conclusion that the sustained bombardment of the German lines in the west means an early move by the Entente Allies. The critics point to this, the thorough redistribution of the British and French armies, and the shelling of seabZruga some days ago, as heralding something at least preliminary to a general offensive.

His Message From Men in the Trenches

His message was one of confidence in the outcome of the war, and he expressed a sincere belief in ultimate victory for the British Empire and her Allies. "I come back to Canada," said the Premier, "with a truer sense of the unity of our Empire than I ever had before. After seeing Canadians and men of every part of the Empire at the fighting lines, I come back to you with this message: They are determined that the great cause for which they are fighting—a cause which involves your liberties and the liberties of the whole Empire and the allied nations, as well as the future destinies of the civilized world—that cause shall be made good on the field of battle, and this war shall never terminate until the cause of the Allies is crowned with complete victory."

"That is the message I bring back from our men at the front," declared Sir Robert, in ringing tones, "and I told these men, when I saw them doing their duty, that I had a like message of determination from the people of Canada—that those at home were as true in their purpose to fight this battle through to a victorious conclusion as were he men in the lines."

This stirring message was received with loud and prolonged cheering. The Premier's speech was in response to a formal address of welcome from the city, read by Alderman St. Pierre in the absence of Mayor Martin. It pointed out that the demonstration was absolutely non-political, and that the citizens of the Canadian metropolis of every class, creed, nationality and color joined heartily in receiving Sir Robert.

The Premier, who was joined at the station by Lady Borden, reviewed the troops from a temporary platform in front of the Royal Victoria College, Sherbrooke street, the troops being under command of Col. Wilson. It took an hour for the soldiers to pass, and then followed the gathering on Fletcher's Field. There was considerable band music, patriotic airs being the prevailing ones, with "O Canada" apparently the most popular of all.

A short stop was made at St. Johns, Que., while the premier and his party were on their way to Montreal, and a public reception was given by the St.

CREW ESCAPED BEFORE VESSEL WENT DOWN

British ship from U. S. to England with Lumber, torpedoed off Queenstown

San Francisco, Sept. 3.—The British ship William T. Lewis, owned by Hind, Rolph & Company of San Francisco, was sunk today off Queenstown by a submarine, according to a message received here by the marine department of the Chamber of Commerce. She sailed from Everett, Wash., March 29, for Sheerness, England, with a cargo of lumber. Captain Menzies and the crew of thirty abandoned the ship and the vessel was believed to have sunk, the message said. The entire crew was picked up by the Danish motor ship Australia.

CALLED FOR RECRUITS AT GREAT TEST DEMONSTRATION IN HISTORY OF LOYALIST CITY

SIR SAM GIVEN GREAT WELCOME AT OTTAWA

Thousands Greet New Knight —"Canadians Doing Duty Fearlessly and Well," he Says of Boys at the Front.

Ottawa, Sept. 3.—Major General Sir Sam Hughes, K. C. B., minister of militia, was given a rousing welcome by thousands of people of Ottawa, who gathered at the Central Station to meet him on the arrival of the train from New York at noon. Just as the train was approaching the station the band of the Governor General's Footguards struck up "There's No Place Like Home." Before the train had come to a dead stop General Sir Sam jumped briskly from the private car, looking the picture of health, and literally wreathed in smiles. He left the station through cheering crowds.

The new knight had difficulty in getting through to his motor car outside. Just as he was about to take his seat the people made insistent demands for a speech. "I have just one message from the boys at the front and the boys in England," he said, "and that is 'Love to all the people in Canada.' 'They are doing their duty fearlessly and well.'"

Then the minister was whisked away to militia headquarters. There were no formal arrangements for the welcome, but a number of cabinet ministers and other officials were present.

Daughter ill with Typhoid. Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Sept. 3.—Major General Sir Sam Hughes will leave for his home at Lindsay tomorrow. One of his daughters is ill with typhoid fever.

MATE STABBED TWICE BY SAILOR AT PARRSBORO

Special to The Standard.

Parrsboro, Sept. 3.—Gunnar Jockimsen, mate of the Norwegian bark Lalla Rookh, now loading deals in Parrsboro Roads, was stabbed twice yesterday afternoon by one of the crew who had refused to obey orders. The mate was trying to enforce obedience when the sailor drew a knife and stabbed him in the back and thigh. The wound in the back would undoubtedly have been severe if the knife had not struck the back bone. The other wound is in the muscles of the leg and is very painful. The sailor has been lodged in the town lock-up awaiting trial.

NO MORE MONEY TO TURKEY FROM HER ALLY THROUGH ROUMANIA

London, Sept. 4. (4.15 a. m.)—The Rumanian government has stopped further export of cereals and the transit of gold through Rumania, the effect of the decision being that Germany will be unable to send more money to Turkey, says the Bucharest correspondent of the Times. The government will advance sixty per cent. of the value of the crops to producers to avoid a crisis.

BLAMED PILOT FOR ACCIDENT IN ST. LAWRENCE

Fine of \$100 for Error of Judgment in Connection with the Grounding of Steamer Romera, Aug. 16th.

Montreal, Sept. 3.—All blame for the accident to the steamship Romera, in the St. Lawrence river August 16th, is thrown on the pilot, Arthur Lachance, in the judgment of the Dominion Wreck Commissioner, Captain L. A. Demers, who was given out today. The pilot is fined \$100 for his "error of judgment."

The Romera ran aground on the north shore of the river St. Lawrence, between Cape Dog and Cape Salomon. The investigation was held in Montreal August 6th, before the wreck commissioner, assisted by Captain Francis Nash and Captain James Black, acting as nautical assessors. The shipping federation of Canada was represented by Mr. F. E. Meredith, K. C., while Mr. L. A. Ducles, K. C. appeared on behalf of the pilot.

DIVIDENDS MORE THAN DOUBLE, DESPITE WAR

London, Sept. 3.—Despite the war, Furness Withy Manchester liners have had a record year, in consequence of high freight rates. The profits amount to over a million dollars, almost double the profits for last year. Dividend and loan payments amount to fifteen per cent., against only six per cent. last year.

John's people. Major Papineau read an address, which was responded to by Sir Robert Borden. The premier slept in his car here tonight, and will proceed to Ottawa tomorrow morning at 8.15.

FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE AT KING SQUARE MASS MEETING HEARD STORY OF EMPIRE'S NEED FOR MEN.—READY RESPONSE.

Fully Fifty Young Men Applied but Many Rejected by Medical Officers—Nine Selected to Join 64th Battalion—Massed Bands and Selected Speakers Combined to Make noteworthy Function Successful.

NINE RECRUITS FOR A START

Nine men were enrolled as the result of last evening's great demonstration. Many more applied but were rejected by the medical officers. The nine who passed were Arthur Smith, Leeds, York, England, 117 St. Patrick St.; William Pym, Harcourt, N. B., 105 Erin St.; Thomas Ferris, Coldbrook, N. B., 112 Charlotte St.; Otto Logan, Boston, 20 Nelson St.; West St. John; John Griffin St. John, 100 Erin St.; William Lawton, St. John, 4 Short St.; Frederick Rayner, London, England, Brunswick House; Wilbert Giggey, St. John, 230 Millidge Ave., and William Short, St. John, Erin St.

The recruiting was in charge of Lieut. Col. B. R. Armstrong, Capt. Millar, Major (Dr.) Skinner and Dr. Loggie.

A great throng assembled in King Square last night to take part in the patriotic campaign having for its object the stimulating of recruiting and which resulted in securing nine recruits. There probably were more than five thousand people present. It was noticeable that a large proportion were women, but there were hundreds of earnest men in the crowd, and one and all seemed to realize that the object of the gathering was one of supreme moment.

Weather conditions were in every respect satisfactory and with the scores of electric lamps, flags and streamers in and about the square the scene was one that could not fail to be impressive.

FOUR BANDS.

There were four bands engaged in connection with the rally, the 62nd, which met at the Armory and marched by way of Carmarthen, Mecklenburg and Sydney streets to the square; St. Mary's band which mustered at Haymarket Square and proceeded to the square via Brussels, Union and Sydney streets; Carleton Cornet band, coming from the West Side and proceeding along Prince William, King and Charlotte streets; and the City Cornet band which met at Scott's Corner and marched via Main, Mill and King streets. A very large number followed this band.

PATRIOTIC MESSAGES.

Many banners bearing patriotic messages to the people in the streets were carried in front of the bands as they marched through the streets to King Square, and later were carried around the square, so that all might see them. Some of the inscriptions were: "Your job is O. K. when you return," "Fill up the ranks quickly, boys," "Will you make a better German than a Britisher?" "Enlist now, and be honored for life," "Join your pals in Europe," "Mother Britannia is calling up her boys," "Take up the sword of justice now," "Your home is in danger, protect it," "Remember the Lusitania," "Come along before it is too late," "How will you feel when the boys come marching home?" "Are you doing your bit?" "Join now and make it peace by Christmas."

During the day, in response to the general request, flags were flown both by mercantile houses and private residences, the general display being in every way creditable. In the interior of some of the stores and in many homes there were flag adornments, showing that although the occupants were unable, it may be, to join the throngs in the thoroughfares the patriotic idea was present in a genuine way.

AN ORDERLY AUDIENCE.

There were no incidents in connection with the rally, so far as could be noticed, that lent unpleasant interest. The crowd was orderly throughout, and except for here and there a little hustling and jostling unavoidable on such an occasion, the rally was an orderly one. (Continued on page 2)

PROPOSALS OF ENTENTE POWERS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY SERBIA

Athens, Sept. 3, via Paris.—It is announced here that Serbia has accepted, in principle, the Entente proposals for territorial concessions to Bulgaria, with the reservation that the new Serbian frontier remain in contact with Greece in some part.

The Greek chamber adjourns tomorrow until October 14.

UNOFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN NISH

London, Sept. 3.—A despatch to Reuters Telegram Company from Nish says it is semi-officially announced in the Serbian capital that Serbia's reply to the demands of the Quadruple Entente powers has been drafted, and will be presented at an early date.