

BATTLE OF THE AISNE THE FIERCEST SINCE THE WAR STARTED WAR BRINGS TO CANADA TRADE FOR EXPORT GIVEN TO GERMAN ALLIES

the resistance of the enemy is beginning to decline. The effort made by the French, with great bravery, to break through the German extreme right wing has failed. The centre of the German army is slowly advancing. Sallies by the French division of Verdun have been repulsed without much trouble.

GERMAN LOSSES 3200 DAILY.

Official German casualty lists admit losses of 3200 per day as the average cost of the war in human life during the last fortnight. Captain Wedigo Von Model, personal aide and intimate friend of Crown Prince Frederick William, has been killed in action on the Aisne.

Vienna denies the report of Austrian overtures for peace, and proclaims her intention to resist until the last.

FAMOUS PRUSSIAN GUARDS ANNIHILATED.

The Paris correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says: "All accounts received in Paris agree that the famous Prussian Guards corps, the elite of the empire, and the especial pride of the German emperor, has been practically blotted out, from the battles which have been waged along the Meuse, Marne and Aisne rivers."

MOTOR FORCE KILLED UHLANS.

The official information bureau announces that on Sept. 16 Commander Samson, with an armored motor car force attached to the naval flying corps, encountered a patrol of five Uhlans near Souleuvre, France, killing four and wounding and capturing the fifth. The British suffered no losses.

PRINCE UNDER KITCHENER'S ORDERS.

The Prince of Wales was very anxious to go to the front, according to a statement issued this evening by the official press bureau, and tried to get Lord Kitchener's consent to go. But as he had not completed his military training, Lord Kitchener submitted to the King, "that for the present it is undesirable that his royal highness should proceed on active service."

GERMANS HEAVILY REINFORCED.

The Copenhagen correspondent of the Central News Agency has forwarded the following despatch received from Berlin: "The situation of the German troops in the great battle on the western frontier is good, especially in the centre, where the Germans have received substantial reinforcements. The end of the battle is expected soon."

STRONGLY ENTRENCHED ON SAMBRE.

A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Ostend says: "The Germans are entrenching themselves strongly on the River Sambre from Mauberge to Namur. I have seen important defensive works at Thuin, Farcennes and Floreffe. Many inhabitants of these places had been forced by threats to perform labor on the works. I have been told that the same kind of fortifications are being erected on the Meuse from Givet to Namur, but it is impossible to cross the Sambre to see for myself. I believe, however, my information is accurate."

ALLIES' CAVALRY ACTIVE.

An announcement issued by the official press bureau this evening says: "According to a report received this afternoon, there is no particular change in the situation. There has been some activity on the part of the allies' cavalry, but without at the present time any definite result."

FIGHTING MOST DESPERATE.

The Exchange Telegraph's Paris correspondent, in a despatch received tonight, says: "A comprehensive account of the five-days' battle on the Aisne River, which he described as the fiercest in the western theatre since the beginning of the war, was given by a French officer who arrived in Paris today.

"On the morning of Sept. 14, the officer said, the Germans called a halt, but by afternoon the battle had become general. All the next day the battle was of a ding-dong nature, the Germans evidently awaiting reinforcements. During the night, however, they delivered a furious attack on the extreme left, but the British and French troops gallantly met the onslaught, repulsing the Germans no fewer than ten times with fearful losses.

"The Germans still came on, however, seeking to pierce the French line. There had been nothing like it since the beginning of the campaign. The enemy hurled dense masses of troops at us in a supreme endeavor to check our forward progress, but when dawn came we still held the position, and even had gained ground slightly.

"The artillery duel was continued through the next day. The morning of Sept. 17 again saw desperate fighting. This time we threw the Germans back some ten kilometers, capturing 600 men and a lot of mitrailleuses."

GERMANS WITHDRAW HUGE FORCE.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—(2 a.m.)—The Daily Telegraph's Rome correspondent says he learns from an authentic source that eight German army corps have left France and Belgium for the Russian frontier.

A German army corps of two divisions consists of 30,000 men, and of three divisions 45,000 men. The force withdrawn, therefore, is at least 240,000 men, and may be 360,000.

ALLIES' LEFT WING ADVANCES.

PARIS, Sept. 18.—(11.05 p.m.)—The following official communication was issued here this evening: "There is no change in the general situation, except that we have continued our progress on the left wing, and that a lull in the battle is noticed."

NO CESSATION IN FIGHTING.

The gigantic battle, or, more properly, the most important of all battles, continues day and night along the entire front from Noyon to the frontier. (The fighting did not consist of one sustained and combined movement, but in reality of several combats proceeding incessantly at the strongest points of the Germans' defending line along the River Aisne.

REVOLVER DUEL IN MID-AIR.

The newspapers today related the story of an aerial duel between a French aviator and a German airman at an unnamed place during a battle. After long manoeuvring, the Frenchman succeeded in ascending above the German. Both men used revolvers. The German was seriously wounded and his machine turned over and fell among British troops. He was dead when picked up.

CHINA WON'T BE THREATENED.

PEKIN, Sept. 18.—Chinese officials have reminded the German legation here that the Germans have sent reservists and contraband of war over Chinese territory since the war began. The communication was in answer to Germany's threat of reprisals upon China for permitting the Japanese to land troops on her soil in Japan's attack against Tsingtau and Kiaochow.

The communication, which was handed to the German charge d'affaires, also stated that Kiaochow was leased to Germany under a direct, and that threats of German reprisals after the war might lead to an active hostile attitude by the Chinese government.

TAKEN AT SIMPSON'S.

Minnie Johns, 75 Walton street, was arrested by Detective Stewart yesterday afternoon in the act of stealing a diamond ring from a counter in the jewelry department of the Robert Simpson Co.

CANADA CAPTURES GERMANY'S TRADE

Already Some Orders Formerly Placed in Kaiser's Domain Given to This Country—More Enterprise by Canadian Firms Urged to Secure Teuton Business Abroad.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Sept. 18.—Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce, stated today that as a direct result of the war, new business was already coming the way of Canada. Already orders have been received from Great Britain that formerly went to German firms. Sir George also stated emphatically that nine-tenths of the orders going round to the effect that orders were being placed in the United States which could be filled in Canada, were pure fiction. In fact, he said, in every case the British dominions are being given the first opportunity by the motherland to fill orders, but of course, there were some requirements which Canada could not supply.

Leak of Enterprise Shown. With regard to the capture of German trade, Sir George said that while already some firms had shown considerable enterprise, and were doing

business which used to go to German firms, there were not the efforts being made that might have been expected. "We have got to get the manufacturer and the retailer together," he commented, "and we've got to get the consumer to forget for a while when he buys a Canadian-made article that he is putting profits into a manufacturer's pocket, and to realize that in his giving preference to a German workman who has been out of work and whose wife and children need bread." Sir George mentioned a visit he had made to a retail merchant a day or two ago. This man stated that 60 per cent of the glass and crockery on his shelves came from Germany. He wanted to get a German workman, but could not find them. "There is an opportunity here," said the minister, "to get manufacturers, retailers and customers together for the benefit of themselves and for the benefit of Canada."

GEN. OTTER ACCEPTS COMMAND OF HOME GUARD

Great enthusiasm greeted General Sir W. D. Otter's acceptance of the office of colonel in command of the Toronto Home Guard. The announcement was made at a public reception at the City Hall last night at City Park. "I wish to announce my acceptance of the honor you have thrust upon me," said General Otter. "I can now in my time look upon myself as one of your own people, and I am glad to take care of the hearts at home. I am extremely gratified to be in command of such a lot of men as you are. I am confident that the proper spirit is with you."

GERMANS BEATEN IN EAST PRUSSIA

Offensive Movement of Enemy Definitely Checked, is Petrograd's Report.

(Continued From Page 1.) and along the Serbian frontier the Austrian public is waiting with dumb patience for some definite news as to what is really happening.

Ever since it became known that Russia was making great headway in Galicia, the comment in Vienna newspapers has been guarded, the editorials dealing chiefly with the German campaign in western Europe. The presence of 70,000 Polish refugees from Galicia, however, added to the constant arrival of trainloads of wounded, tends to offset this reticence.

The police recently issued a decree warning persons against spreading unfavourable war news under threats of the severest penalties. Spies are found everywhere, in cafes and on the streets, trying to overhear private conversations and then hastening to the police and denouncing suspected persons. Hundreds of arrests already have been made and many persons have been placed under more or less strict police surveillance.

Six Slav deputies in the reichsrath have already been imprisoned. These include Dr. Kramarz, the Czech leader.

AUSTRIA TO BREAK AWAY.

Rome (via Despatch), Sept. 18.—(7.40 p.m.)—An Austrian official denial from Vienna that any initiative toward peace has been taken by Austria is causing much comment here, because it contains no assurance that peace would be concluded together with Germany. The Austro-German treaty originally contained a clause specifying that the two countries should act reciprocally.

1000 CANNON TAKEN.

Rome, Sept. 18.—(via Paris 8.30 p.m.)—Reports from Russia augment daily the magnitude of the Austrian defeat. The number of cannon captured by the Russians is now placed at 1000.

SWITZERLAND MAY ASK FOR INDEMNITY

Berne, Switzerland, via Paris, Sept. 18, 5.30 p.m.—Although the extreme measures which were adopted during the first weeks after the war began have been relaxed, Switzerland is still under the pressure of mobilization. This is taxing the financial resources of the government as it now spends 1,400,000 francs (\$230,000) daily on the army. It is said that Switzerland intends to ask for an indemnity at the end of the war owing to the stoppage of manufactures and industries.

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For Service Abroad

Miss Beatrice Biewett of Peterboro, and Miss Florence Hunter of Orono, graduates of Grace Hospital, Toronto, have been chosen as nursing sisters for service abroad. They left Toronto on Friday to visit their former homes before proceeding to Valcartier. They have been taken military courses at the School of Instruction in Kingston. Both will leave with the first contingent, and are the only girls chosen from Toronto.

TO FORM RESERVE FOR CONTINGENT

Ten Thousand Left Behind at Valcartier When Troops Sail.

MANY WILL GO LATER

Militia Council Deliberates on Selection of Officers for Division.

VALCARTIER CAMP, Que., Sept. 18.—When the first Canadian contingent comprising about 22,000 officers and men sail for England, about 10,000 will be left behind. It is expected that the latter will not form the nucleus of a second Canadian division, but Col. Sam Hughes said tonight that many of them would be sent to England a few weeks after the departure of the first lot of Canadian soldiers. The date of sailing of course will be kept a secret as far as possible, but it is probable that the Canadians will have some training on English soil before joining the British and French forces on the continent. How many are those who will not be taken with the first contingent, but will follow later to provide for wastage, such as sickness and accidents, the minister would not say. But undoubtedly a considerable number of the disappointed ones will cross the Atlantic sooner than they expect.

MILITIA COUNCIL MEETS

The militia council, presided over by Col. Sam Hughes, met last night for several hours today, dealing with "routine matters" according to the minister, but it is believed that there was some deliberation on the selection of officers. The board of examiners has completed its work, but the list of officers chosen has not yet been issued.

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THE DEAD

MRS. JOSEPH RICHARD, of Quebec, aged 40 years, and seven children, ranging from 2 to 14 years of age.

MRS. JOSEPH LAVALLEE, of Montigny, 35 years of age, and four young children.

JOSEPH LACHANCE, second officer of the Montigny.

Canadian Press Despatch. QUEBEC, Sept. 18.—Fourteen lives were lost shortly before five o'clock this morning, when the government steamer Montigny was rammed by the Black Diamond collier Langan at Beaujeu, some 26 miles below Quebec City.

The Montigny was on her way from Quebec to the Gulf and the Straits of Belle Isle, Newfoundland, where she was taking the families of two lighthouse keepers and their wireless stations and the signal service stations down the coast.

The boat struck in a bank of fog not far from Crane Island.

Victims Mostly Children. The Montigny is not a passenger-carrying vessel, but she has quarters for the families of two lighthouse keepers and on this voyage Mrs. Richard, wife of the lighthouse keeper at Belle Isle, with her seven children, was on board, with Mrs. Lachance, wife of the lighthouse keeper at Flower Island, who perished with her five children.

Second Officer Lachance is among the dead. He died with two children he had in his arms trying to save them.

After a Heavy Crash, about 4.15 a.m., the ship, in bed and those on deck heard the electric signal to the engineer to "stand by!"

A couple of minutes after the signal was given there was a heavy crash, and those who were in bed rushed on deck to find the ship had been in collision and was badly damaged.

The wireless operator got his apparatus ready to send signals, but the water rushed in and destroyed the dynamo.

Orders were given to lower the boats, but before they could be executed the ship went down.

The Langan kept close up to the damaged steamer, and her crew, the majority of whom are Chinese, worked like trojans lifting the people from the sinking steamer onto their own vessel.

Some of the men on the Montigny endeavored to bring off the children, but the little ones would not leave their mothers. The second engineer had two children under his arms, but he waded away from him, and he had barely time to drag on the Langan before his own vessel went down.

When the Montigny sank the Langan lowered two boats and sent them to look among the floating debris to see if anyone was floating.

They found two of the Montigny's boats and the bodies of two children. The Langan then proceeded up the river, and when she came to Grosse

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Island to quarantine, the steamer Pelearis came out and took off the survivors, landing them at the island.

The people of the Montigny spent in the highest terms of the tragedy, and they received from the captain, officers and crew of the Langan. After they were taken on board that vessel nothing was left undone that could be added to their comfort. She arrived here at 8 o'clock this afternoon.

The Montigny was built in 1911 at the Sorel shipyards, her registered tonnage being 722, displacement 1100 and length 212 feet.

Passengers Aleep. The collision occurred while most of the passengers were asleep. The shock was felt at 4.45 this morning, and the Montigny went down in less than three minutes.

So far the bodies of two babies have not been recovered, and the crew, except the pilot Francois Gaudreau, who was rescued by the steamer Polara, is now being cared for at Grosse Ile. The Langan is leaking badly, but is on her way up to Quebec under her own steam.

The Montigny is now lying under 40 feet of water, it is not known whether it will be possible to float the sunken ship, as it is reported she has been cut in two. The top of her mast are still to be seen.

When the Langan struck the Montigny the collier was in charge of Pilot Francois Gaudreau, who was in charge of the C.P.R. Montfort last spring when she grounded off Beauport.

INQUIRY ORDERED.

OTTAWA, Sept. 18.—Immediate instructions were issued this morning to Captain Lindsay, superintendent of pilots, who is at Quebec, to hold a preliminary investigation, and to have a full inquiry into the collision, which was followed by a wreck commissioner, Captain Demers, wreck commissioner, and a coroner, who was engaged in carrying supplies to the Langan.

MONTREAL PHYSICIAN KILLED BY MOTOR CAR

Canadian Press Despatch. MONTREAL, Sept. 18.—Dr. Joseph Charette, of this city, was killed today while returning to his home from a patient's visit, and he was struck by a motor car, driven by Joseph Girard, who, along with Alphonse Desjardis, an occupant of the car, received injuries that are thought to be serious. The machine smashed into a fence, turned turtle and crushed Dr. Charette beneath it.

RIFLEMEN AT NAPANEE.

NAPANEE, Ont., Sept. 18.—A large gathering of the provincials will be here, over 200 persons were enrolled in a civilian rifle association.

TOMATOES FOR SOLDIERS.

The fruit growers of Niagara Township have sent a car load of tomatoes to the soldiers at Valcartier.

U. S. SENDS NOTE TO BRITAIN REGARDING CARDEN INCIDENT

Wilson Administration Seeks to Discover if Minister to Mexico Really Criticized U. S. Policy in Mexico—British Ambassador Has Already Apologized Personally.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—The United States has sent a formal note to Great Britain enquiring if the recent interview attributed to Sir Lionel Carden, British minister to Vera Cruz, was accurate in any part. An indication of the displeasure of the American Government over the incident is understood to have been conveyed in the note. Just what is expected to be the outcome of the representations was not explained by high officials tonight, but it would occasion no surprise if a complete repudiation of whatever views Sir Lionel may have expressed would be issued by the British foreign office.

The American Government has had occasion more than once to intimate to the British foreign office that Sir Lionel Carden was thwarting the Mexican policy of the American Government. He was practically forced to leave Mexico by Gen. Carranza, the diplomatic intervention of the United States alone preventing the constitutional chief from abruptly handing passports to the British envoy.

Spanish Regrets. Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador here, already has expressed his own regret for the incident, by apologizing personally to the state department. He did so without instructions from his foreign office, and while the American Government does not believe Sir Lionel was expressing the views of his government, the formal

SIX NUNS MENTIONED FOR DEVOTED NURSING

Canadian Press Despatch. BORDEAUX, Sept. 18, 3.30 p.m.—Six nuns in the Convent of St. Charles are mentioned in army orders for the splendid devotion they displayed in nursing over 1000 wounded soldiers in their establishment, despite the incessant and murderous bombardment which has continued since August 24. The sisters stuck to their post while the civil population completely abandoned the town.

ONE HUNDRED REJECTED.

One hundred more men arrived from Valcartier last night, having been rejected as physically unfit. Of the number, 43 belonged to the 4th Highlanders, a small number of Queen's Own men, and the rest belonged to Winnipeg, Vancouver and other western cities. Poor eyesight, hearing and weak hearts were the reasons for most of the rejections.

DUNNING

Brushing afternoon 4 to 6 p.m. (music) street, 28 Melinda.

IS ITALY'S REPLY TO GERMANY?

Card Has Been Left Behind.

HAMILTON HOTELS

NOTICE—AUTO TOURISTS. To accommodate auto tourists, the Hamilton Hotel Royal, Hamilton, Ontario, is open from 12.30 to 3 o'clock, highest standard of cuisine and service.

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