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RUSSIA TAKES TURK FORTRESS IN CAUCASUS

BRILLIANT CANUCK FIGHTING IN THE STRUGGLE FOR LENS; HEAVY BLOWS EXHAUSTING FOE; HILL SEVENTY SECURELY HELD

Official Record of Canadian Troops Fighting Around "Coal City" Shows Remarkable Achievements By Boys From Dominion, Four German Divisions Being Put Out of Action—How Hill Seventy Fell.

Ottawa, Sept. 28.—The military department today gave out the following account of the brilliant achievements of the Canadian Corps in the fighting around Lens: "Since the last report was written the Canadian Corps has added a new and very remarkable success to its long list of brilliant achievements."

Hill 70 safely. The formidable defended position known as Hill 70 covering approaches to Lens from the northwest, which in September, 1916, played no large part in the battle of Loos, has been carried by assault, and is now securely incorporated in our lines. The casualties inflicted on the enemy, both in the attack itself and in the minor operations which followed it were quite exceptionally heavy. In addition 1,375 prisoners, with a large number of machine guns and trench mortars were captured by our troops. Four German divisions have been put out of action and the divisions which have taken their places in the line have already suffered heavily.

Exhausting Reserves. Apart from the military value of the ground gained, such results represent no small addition to the growing strain imposed on the enemy by our offensive, and must contribute materially to the exhaustion of his reserves.

Despite the enemy's assertions to the contrary, the casualties incurred by our troops on the 15th of August were light, largely as a result of measures taken to induce the enemy to exhaust his reserves.

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DEMOCRATIC RUSSIA IN BIG CONFERENCE TO FIND PATH FROM THE PRESENT CHAOS

1,200 Delegates From All the Sections in Attendance—Kerensky There.

Petrograd, Sept. 27.—The Democratic Congress held its first session this evening in the Municipal Theatre, 1,200 delegates from all parts of Russia, being in attendance. All the members of the Provisional Government, headed by Premier Kerensky, were present. Several members of the diplomatic corps occupied a special box.

N. C. Tchadev, president of the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates, in opening explained that the extremely grave situation of the country necessitated the constitution of a strong revolutionary power responsible to all elements.

Kerensky Defends Govt. Premier Kerensky addressed the congress at its first session, receiving applause, which came principally from the less radical groups of delegates. He spoke in forceful style, with the air of a man who was confident of the success of his government.

M. Kerensky was interrupted frequently by shouts from one group and another, which led at times to interruptions lasting several minutes. At one point, when the premier spoke of the refusal of the soldiers' and workmen's delegates of Heisingford to oppose the re-opening of the Finnish Diet, although the government had forbidden it, the Bolsheviks burst into loud cheers.

"Cheer, my friends, if you will," said M. Kerensky, when he was able to make himself heard, "but bear in mind that a German fleet is moving up the Baltic."

The delegates of the right feared the Bolsheviks, asking them why they did not cheer the premier's remark, inasmuch as the Germans were their friends.

A ROOF COLLAPSES AT
SPRINGFIELD, O.; 3 DIE

Springfield, O., Sept. 27.—Allan Bowington of Simcoe, Ont., and W. A. White of Columbus, Ohio, were crushed to death, three men are believed to be buried in the ruins, and fifteen workmen are in a hospital as the result of the collapse of a wall and part of the roof of the Columbia Theatre here this afternoon.

ENEMY REPULSED THREE TIMES IN ARGONNE REGION

German Suffer Further Heavy Losses, Is the French Report.

Paris, Sept. 28.—The Germans made an attack last night in the Argonne region. Today's official statement says they were repulsed three times, suffering heavy losses.

"There was unusual activity last night over the greater part of the front. The Germans undertook a series of attacks on the Aisne front, in the region of Fathion, south of La Roquette, in the region south of Ailles, and against our trenches northwest of Courcy. All these attacks were repulsed by our fire."

"In the Argonne, at Four de Paris, northwest of Tahure and west of Navarin, the enemy made three successive attacks against our positions, but the fire of our artillery inflicted heavy losses on them."

"Spirited artillery engagements occurred on the right bank of the Meuse and also in the region of Hill 304."

"Notwithstanding the unfavorable atmospheric conditions, our aviators last night dropped a large number of projectiles on the aviation grounds at Marville and Mars-les-Lours, the railway stations at Breuille, Fosse and Romagne-sous-Cotes, and on barracks at Peuvillers and Servy-sur-Meuse. All our objectives were attained."

Abandoned Peace Address and "Doctored" Answer To Pope's Note.

The Hague, Sept. 28.—Chancellor Michaelis, it is learned here, suddenly abandoned his intention of speaking before the Reichstag on Tuesday night. He has amazed the members of the majority parties, who apparently fully expected that he intended to discuss frankly the future of Belgium and other German war aims at Wednesday's session.

The sudden change by the chancellor are becoming striking. It is recalled here that the text of the note to the pope was revised and severely cut, according to various well-informed sources, at a cabinet council, at the last moment.

The contemplated speech to the Reichstag was also the result, it appears, of a council of secretaries of state and some military personages.

The National Liberal resolution of Sunday, indicating a non-German stand may be significant of the same change of Government opinion.

SAW STEFANSSON SIGNS AND BLONDE ESKIMOS

Vancouver, Sept. 28.—After six months spent in the Arctic, D. A. Cadzow of the Museum of American Indians of New York has arrived in Vancouver with one of the finest ethnological collections ever brought from the north. While in the Arctic he found the remains of Stefansson, the Canadian explorer, and met the Blonde Eskimos, rapidly dying out, he says, as the result of tuberculosis brought on by unsuitable clothing and methods of living.

Mr. Cadzow, after returning to New York, intends to join the American army and see service at the front.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 78; lowest, 46.

Forecast: Today—Moderate westerly to southerly winds, fair and slightly cooler. Saturday—A few scattered showers, but for the most part fair.

THE FOLLOWING WERE THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES FOR THE 24 HOURS PREVIOUS TO 8 A.M. TODAY:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria.....52 38 Clear.

Calgary.....52 38 Clear.

Winnipeg.....52 38 Clear.

Port Arthur.....52 38 Clear.

Park Sound.....52 38 Clear.

Port Stanley.....52 38 Clear.

Buffalo.....52 38 Clear.

Toronto.....52 38 Clear.

Kitchener.....52 38 Clear.

Kingston.....52 38 Clear.

Ottawa.....52 38 Clear.

Montreal.....52 38 Clear.

Quebec.....52 38 Clear.

St. John's.....52 38 Clear.

Several depressions exist this morning over the continent, the most important one being situated in the Gulf of Mexico. Showers have been more or less general from Saskatchewan to Western Quebec.



RUSSIAN AMAZONS MAKE FINE SOLDIERS

Petrograd, Sept. 28.—An army order issued today gives high praise to the second women's fighting detachment at the front. The order says the women soldiers arrived at a time of great difficulty, owing to the destruction of roads by rains and confusion caused by the retreating demoralized troops. Nevertheless the women were perfectly disciplined and showed "that they were conscious of their duty of defending the fatherland."

In tactics the women are described as having been efficient, especially in close formation work. The women served in a Turkestan rifle division, famous for hard marching, but kept up with the men, tramping along in their equipment twenty or thirty miles a day.

REGINA CONSERVATIVES FOR NON-PARTISAN GOVT.; TO MEET THE LIBERALS

Regina, Sept. 27.—Conservatives of the constituency of Regina, at a well-attended meeting last night, adopted resolutions favoring a non-partisan government, expressing confidence in Sir Robert Borden as the first minister of such government and to select a candidate to favor the formation of the revolutionary military government, pledged to enforce the Military Service Act and all other useful war measures.

A committee was named to meet the Liberal committee appointed at the recent convention to nominate a candidate satisfactory to both parties.

RUSS EXTREMIST LEADER IS ORDERED ARRESTED

Petrograd, Sept. 28.—The minister of the interior has ordered the arrest of Nikolai Lenin, the extremist leader, if he is found in Petrograd, but he is not in the city.

The Reich today reported the reorganization of the revolutionary military government, known as the "Red Guard." The reorganization consists of a military force for 12,000 rifles and several machine guns, and ammunition in proportion.

NEW WAR BOND ISSUE BY BANK OF ENGLAND

London, Sept. 28.—The issue of a new class of war bonds is announced by the Bank of England last night. On and after October 2, and until further notice, the bank is authorized by the treasury to receive applications for 5 million pounds repayable in 1922 at 102; bonds repayable in 1924 at 104; bonds repayable in 1926 at 106; and an issue of 5 per cent bonds repayable in 1927 at par.

War Bonds, and will be issued at par. The 5 per cent bonds will be subject to the income tax. The four will be free of the income tax.

STRIKE AT SAN JUAN

Street Car Conductors Object to Cash Fare Boxes.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Sept. 28.—The street car conductors and motormen in this city went on strike late yesterday after cash fare boxes had been installed on the cars. Taxicab and motor-bus drivers have contributed to the strike benefit fund.

RUSS DESTROYER LOST.

Petrograd, Sept. 28.—The Russian destroyer Ochochik was sunk by a mine in the Baltic on Wednesday.

The Ochochik, 248 feet long, of 615 tons displacement, was built in 1905. She was armed with two 4.7-inch guns and six 6-pounders. Her normal complement was 85 men.

HUN MAN-POWER FAST DWINDLING; ONLY BOYS NOW FOR LAST STAND

Of Fourteen Millions on Military Lists, Less Than Half Are Left.

BY HENRY WOOD.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
With the French armies in the field, Sept. 28.—Germany today has 8,800,000 men as the "human material" with which to enforce her demand for "a place in the sun." This is the "man-power" that remains out of a total of 14,000,000 men who have figured on German military lists and passed through the hands of Germany's military arbiters. Of the 8,800,000, approximately 5,600,000 are actually at the front, and 800,000 more are in reserves.

The remaining 700,000 constitute one of the greatest tragedies of war. They are the boys soldiers of classes of 1919 and 1920. They constitute the only resource of "human material" upon which Germany has to draw. They must fill up losses in the German army which, with no major Allied offensive in progress, normally totals from 70,000 to 80,000 monthly. To date, however, the German general staff has not yet succeeded in imposing upon the German people its right to seize these youths before they are eighteen months old.

With a final blow the last drop of potential German manhood cannot pass into the army except in the last ditch, and the boys attain to the age of 18.

CROTHERS SAYS C.N.W. TROUBLE SOON SELED

Minister Predicts Early Ending of Telegraphers' Strike.

Ottawa, Sept. 28.—Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, when asked this morning if there was any hope of an early settlement of the G. N. W. employees' strike stated positively that it "would soon be settled."

He was asked if he was not in a position to give out any definite information regarding the matter, but intimated that he would do so shortly. As far as it can be learned no word has been received from the company at the labor department.

MORE TURNED BACK.

Montreal, Sept. 28.—The immigration authorities continued to turn back today to Canada to take possession of the G. N. W. Telegraph Company, whose striking operators were still on duty.

It was also learned here today that the U. S. immigration authorities are investigating the troubles in the company because they suspect that a large number of men trying to get into Canada to take telegraph jobs are really men attempting to evade military service.

LAW STILL MISSING.

Geneva, Thursday, Sept. 27.—It has been ascertained by the Red Cross formation committee that the name of Capt. J. K. Law, son of Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the Exchequer, does not appear in the latest German list of aviators who have been captured. Capt. Law was reported missing on Wednesday, not having returned from a flight over the German lines last Friday.

S. VANCOUVER COUNCILOR CHARGED WITH SEDITION

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 28.—Councilor Crimmins of South Vancouver Council yesterday filed a complaint with the military authorities against his fellow councilor, Mengel, charging him with seditious utterances. Councilor Mengel declares he is the victim of a political conspiracy and denies the charges. A hearing has not yet been set.

EXAMINATION APPLICANTS ARE FEWER AT OTTAWA

Winnipeg, Sept. 27.—Despatches from Ottawa that the first draft is not likely to be called for some time yet had the effect of lessening the number of men who presented themselves for examination before medical boards. The total for yesterday was only 160. Of this number 150 per cent were placed in class "A."

AUSTRIAN WAR REPORT

Small Successes Claimed Over the Italian Forces.

Vienna, Wednesday, Sept. 28, via London.—British Admiralty per Wireless Press.—Austro-Hungarian general headquarters today issued the following statement on operations: "Eastern theatre.—Near the Sereth, German troops brought in 140 prisoners and several machine guns as the result of an enterprise carried out as far as the enemy's first line."

"Italian theatre.—On Monte San Gabriele and near Kal hostile reconnoitring troops were repulsed. In the Tonale sector and in the sector west of Tolmino our troops brought back as the result of an enterprise carried out as far as the enemy's first line."

"There has been lively aerial activity in the Isonzo and between the Adige and Sugana valleys."

ANTHRACITE COAL DISCOVERED IN NEW BRUNSWICK OF BEST QUALITY

Vein Located Fifty Miles From Fredericton, With at Least Half-a-Million Tons in Sight.

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 28.—Anthracite coal has been discovered fifty miles from this city by Capt. Bellaney, a geologist, of New York city, while prospecting in the Salmon River district of Queen's County for silver. The coal resembles Pennsylvania anthracite. In tests it produced an intense heat, and was almost odorless and clinkerless, ignited quickly and burned slowly. There is at least half a million tons in sight.

FURIOUS ASSAULT ON BRITISH NEAR ZONNEBEKE THROWN BACK

Rifle, Machine Gun and Artillery Fire Too much For Fritz.

London, Sept. 28.—Another German counter-attack was made last night against the new British positions near Zonnebeke. The attack was broken up by the British, the war office announced.

The statement follows: "Yesterday evening another counter-attack by the Germans against our positions in Zonnebeke was broken up by our rifle and machine gun fire and artillery. South of Tower Hamlet and south of Polygon wood isolated strong positions, in which parties of the enemy were holding out close to our new positions, have been cleared up."

"We killed or captured several German soldiers without loss to ourselves in carrying out a successful raid last night southwest of Cherisy."

"The enemy's artillery showed considerable activity during the night south of Zonnebeke. The artillery on both sides has been active on the battlefield."

AGAINST MORE SALARY FOR VICE-CHANCELLOR

Copenhagen, Sept. 28.—The Communist and Socialist representatives at the meeting Wednesday of the inter-party caucus of the Danish Parliament, Radical, Social and Socialist parties manifested a desire to refuse to vote in favor of the salary of Vice-Chancellor Helfferich, who is unpopular in Reichstag circles. The establishment of the chancellorship as a separate ministry, including vice-chancellor, necessitates a new vote of credit. The Radical and National-Liberal oppose consideration of the matter at the caucus and the question was sent to the main committee of the Reichstag.

ACTING-MAGISTRATE'S WORK POLICE COURT IS ILLEGAL, DECLARES MAYOR STEVENSON

Temporary Appointment, According To Municipal Act, Only Possible Through Mayor's Request, and This Was Never Secured Nor Asked.

According to Mayor Stevenson's interpretation of the act governing the office of police magistrate the police proceedings and convictions of Wednesday, Thursday and today are illegal. His contention is supported, he claims, by sub-sections 3 and 4 of section 353, chapter 192 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario 1914.

"Why haven't you been on duty at the police station during the last few days?" asked the reporter of the mayor today.

"Simply because I have never been notified of any vacancy existing there," was his reply. "I have consulted the statutes and I find that the proceedings and convictions of the last three days are illegal."

Subsection 3 of the above chapter states that in the event of the magistrate being absent or ill the mayor shall attend in his place by virtue of his office.

Subsection 4 states that a justice of the peace, or an alderman, may act upon the request of the mayor. Under these sections the mayor maintains the police court proceedings illegal, and there seems to be no provision made in the statutes to dispute his claim.

Under what conditions were you asked to act at police court?" was asked Mayor Stevenson.

"Magistrate Graydon telephoned me and requested me to act during the time he would be at the hospital, and I consented," was his reply.

"The act in no way provides for the magistrate to appoint anyone to take his place during his illness. It clearly states that the mayor shall act in his place during his absence or illness, or appoint an alderman or justice of the peace," said the mayor.

"A careful perusal of chapter 353, which pertains to the appointment of a temporary magistrate during the absence of the magistrate, shows that it states the duty of the appointment devolves upon the mayor and not the magistrate," said Mayor Stevenson.

Ald. S. R. Manness was requested by Chief Williams to act at Thursday's court with Mr. Macklin, and Squire Chittick was summoned today by a telephone message from Inspector Birrell.

Neither of the above named police officials have any more right to act as Alderman Manness or Squire Chittick than you have said the mayor.

If the mayor's contention proves to be correct, four liquor licenses, one for \$200 and three for \$10 each, imposed at Thursday court, have been imposed illegally.