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Fear For Safety Of The Russian War Ships

London View That There is Danger—A German Fleet Reported in Gulf of Riga—Retreat on Land Continues—Men in High Command Say Petrograd is Not in Danger

Petrograd, Sept. 6.—It is semi-officially announced that a German fleet has appeared in the Gulf of Riga. During the last two days the Riga front has been broken on a width of sixty miles. Throughout Tuesday the Germans energetically pursued their offensive, particularly north of Ustka in order to cut the Riga-Dendon railway.

FEAR FOR RUSSIAN FLEET?

New York, Sept. 6.—A special cable to the New York World from London says grave fears are expressed there regarding the possible fate of the Russian fleet, for its safety depends on the stand being made by the Russian armies. "Germany has her eyes on the Russian fleet," the cable says, "and its early capture is viewed in London as even a more immediate consequence than the Petrograd campaign. Naval experts here fear the fleet will be destroyed by the Russians themselves in the event its capture seems imminent."

RUSSIAN FLEET EXPECTS FIGHT?

Washington, Sept. 6.—When Riga was cleared of its civilian population three weeks ago, according to officials at the Russian embassy, preparations were made for its final evacuation. Supplies were taken to other points, and whatever would be of value to the Germans was destroyed or otherwise disposed of. It is reported that the Baltic fleet is preparing for a battle with the enemy near Kronstadt. At this point the Russians will have the assistance of the shore fortifications and a number of submarines.

HAVE NO FEAR FOR PETROGRAD

Petrograd, Sept. 6.—General Alexieff, former commander-in-chief, said today that Petrograd was not threatened by the fall of Riga. The greater danger, he added, was on the Roumanian front.

General Vassilkovsk, commander of the Petrograd military district, agrees with General Alexieff. He declares the fall of Riga is of moral and not of strategic importance, and gives assurance that the Petrograd campaign is in good progress, well advanced and confident of the safety of the capital.

Drastic measures have been decided upon by the government to avert serious conditions at the capital as a result of the capture of Riga. Agents will be sent out to stop the flood of reserves on the way here. Railroads have been forbidden to sell them tickets to Petrograd.

Retreat is difficult. Petrograd, Sept. 6.—The retreat of the Russians from Riga over a neck of land a mile and a half wide between Lake Kish and Lake Egel is being accomplished with the greatest difficulty, and with the enemy constantly shelling the rear guard. This route is along the Pskoff railway and is the only exit from the cul de sac, the German column having moved up from the Ustka direction, cutting off the Russian retreat to the southeast.

The civilian head of the war ministry, Boris Savinkoff, has issued a statement saying that the success of the measures which will be taken to check the advance "depend wholly upon the behaviour of our troops."

Despite reports of the disgraceful flight of some elements of the Russian defenders of Riga positions, military commentators praise the heroism of certain regiments, among which were some composed of Letts who fought bravely to stem the tide of retreat.

Some Opinions. The chief of the general staff, General Romanofsky, expresses the opinion that the evacuation constitutes no imminent menace to Petrograd because the near approach of the rainy season will prevent the enemy from advancing far in the direction of the capital. The danger of a descent upon the coast nearer to Petrograd is also discounted in official circles for the reasons and the additional difficulty the enemy would find in maintaining communication with a detached force. The newspapers take a gloomy view of the situation.

Retreat Continues. Petrograd, Sept. 6.—The Russians are continuing their retreat toward the northeast in the Riga region, crossing the Melupe river.

Berlin Celebrates. Berlin, Sept. 6.—(Montreal Gazetteable)—Berlin's houses were flagged yesterday in honor of the victory of Riga, and the crowded streets presented a festive aspect.

AMERICAN RAILROADS MADE A NEW HIGH RECORD IN JULY

Washington, Sept. 6.—Preliminary reports for 1917 of the big large railways of the country made public today indicate that the July revenue exceeded those of any other month since the start of the year. The 106 railways reported net revenues of \$68,000,000, compared with \$62,299,800 in July 1916.

Wheat Arrivals Small. Chicago, Sept. 6.—Arrivals of wheat today were not of sufficient volume to permit of furnishing supplies to any other than local mills. Similar conditions were reported from Minneapolis and Kansas City.

Fair and Cool. Maritime—Fresh to strong southwest and west winds, showers tonight; Friday, fresh to strong southwest winds, fair and cool; Saturday—Moderate winds, fair and cool today and Friday.

Western Provinces—Fair and a little warmer. New England—Showers this afternoon or tonight; Friday, partly cloudy and cooler, moderate west to northwest winds.

DO NOT WANT HER. Wellington, N. Z., Sept. 6.—(Via Reuters) Ottawa agency.—The government has decided that Adelaide Pankhurst will not be allowed to land in New Zealand.

FOR PURCHASE OF COAL BY CITY

Mo.e To Get 10,000 Tons Decided On

MILK ALSO DISCUSSED

Matters Vital to People Discussed by Commissioners This Morning—The Proposed Shed at Reid's Point—The Carleton Wharves.

A committee meeting of the common council was held this morning. The question of laying a new siding on the Pettingill wharf was referred to a council meeting this afternoon.

Commissioner Russell submitted plans for a new shed which the Eastern S. S. Corporation desire the city to build on the city wharf which they have at present under lease. He estimated the cost at about \$20,000. It was decided that Commissioner Russell and City Engineer Murdoch interview Mr. Currie, agent of the Eastern S. S. Corporation, and get in writing from him just what the company was willing to do in the matter with regard to rental and term of lease.

The shed, as per plan, would be 209 feet long, 88 feet wide, tapering to 49 feet. The Eastern S. S. Corporation have offered to pay ten per cent of the cost in rental. This the mayor thought was not enough. He thought all city property should be paying enough to cover expenses and suggested that the company should pay at least twelve per cent.

Commissioner McLellan was of opinion that twelve per cent was little enough. Commissioner Russell said that the company was willing to satisfy the city's wants. What the company wanted was the shed and he thought that they were willing to pay for it. He drew to the attention of the council the fact that the company had been building sheds at Reid's Point for some time past and that they were willing to do so here.

The commissioners, however, all favored the scheme of putting up the shed and it was only matters of detail which Commissioner Russell is to get which papers from the company, and which might easily have been read and copied.

WANT MEN, WHETHER BY CONSCRIPTION OR VOLUNTARY METHOD

Canadians' Commander Makes Statement—Recent Casualties One-Third of German Losses

London, Sept. 6.—(Montreal Gazetteable)—General Sir Arthur Currie tells the Montreal Gazette correspondent that the troops in the field want more men, whether it be by conscription or raised by voluntary methods.

So far the morale of the Canadian troops has been well maintained, said the general, while the disturbance which reinforcements are always forthcoming.

"In the last action," he said, "our casualties were only one-third of the enemy's losses. The enemy had lately retreated with numerous counter attacks, but these had been successfully met by new plans."

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. P. Sturp, director of meteorological service

Synopsis.—The Atlantic storm has passed eastward beyond the region of observation, while the disturbance which was just west of Lake Superior yesterday morning is now passing across Quebec. Showers occurred during the night in both Ontario and Quebec, elsewhere the weather has been fine.

Forecast.—Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay and Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fresh northwest winds, fair and cooler; Friday, moderate winds, fair and cool.

Lower Lawrence and Gulf and North Shore—Fresh to strong southwest and west winds, showery; Friday, fresh to strong southwest winds, fair and cool.

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GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S DAUGHTER TO WED



The Governor-General has announced that a marriage has been arranged between Lady Mabel Cavendish, eldest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, and Captain Angus Mackintosh, A. D. C., Royal Horse Guards.

Captain Mackintosh is well known in Canada, having been A. D. C. to the Duke of Connaught as well as to the present Governor-General.

Recruits Will Go To Units From Their Own Districts

Ottawa, Sept. 6.—The organization of the units which comprise the Canadian expeditionary force in England and at the front on a territorial basis having been completed, the militia department intends handling the men recruited under the military service act on a similar basis. This means that men recruited in any of the military districts of Canada when sent over to England will be attached to the reserve regiments already there from their own military district.

Likewise when sent forward to the front from the reserves in England they will be attached to regimental units originally from their own military district in Canada.

The organization of depot in the various military districts of Canada to handle the men recruited under the military service act is being proceeded with. These depots, so far as possible, will be placed in charge of returned officers who have seen action at the front.

AUSTRIANS STILL HOLD MONTE SAN GABRIELE

Yesterday's Cabled Report Premature—Supporting Positions Gradually Falling—Huns Again Bomb Hospitals

Udine, Italy, Sept. 5.—The Austrian command has succeeded in concentrating again such numbers of fresh troops and artillery removed from the Russian-Balkan fronts, that the southern part of the Bainsizza plateau, but all the surrounding supports of this stronghold are gradually falling into the hands of the Italians, so that the network of fortifications which the enemy had spread along the section is little by little being destroyed.

(Unofficial reports through London yesterday said that Monte San Gabriele had been captured by the Italians.)

Rome, Sept. 6.—The desperate battle for possession of positions in the district northeast of Gorizia on the Austro-Italian front is continuing, according to today's war office statement. The Italians yesterday took more than 500 additional prisoners.

Hospitals Bombed. London, Sept. 6.—On the night of September 4-5 German aircraft dropped bombs on three hospitals," says today's official communication. "Local fighting and patrol encounters occurred during the night southeast of St. Julien and east of Fleurbaix."

French Front. Paris, Sept. 6.—Two German attacks on the Aisne front last night were repulsed by the French, says today's official statement. Heavy artillery fighting occurred on the Champagne and Verdun fronts.

In the vicinity of Rheims the French made a surprise attack which permitted them to penetrate the enemy's first lines. In the Champagne, French batteries obtained the ascendancy over the artillery of the enemy which developed a particularly violent fire in the sector between the Main De Massiges and the Butte Du Meuil. The French replied vigorously against the German firing and repulsed an attack by the enemy.

SIX OF OLD COUNCIL FAIL OF ELECTION IN YORK COUNTY

Fredericton, Sept. 6.—Returns from the parish of North Lake show that still another of the old councilors has met defeat, making six of the old municipal council who will not be in the new council. The voting in North Lake resulted as follows:—J. T. Dennis, 62; Coun. Arthur C. Wetmore, 55; Ex-Coun. George A. Maxon, 53; Coun. Charles H. Gould, 53.

The new municipal council of York will be composed of the following:—Bright, John P. Christie, John Inch; Canterbury, H. W. Smith, Clarence A. Grant; Douglas, Alex. Brewer, Fred Seymour; Dumfries, T. W. Brewer, Hiram Manuel; Kingsclear, T. C. Everett, B. W. Fox; Sutton, Robert Thompson, B. H. Dogan; McAdam, Charles Anderson, L. M. White; New Maryland, Alex. Huing, Frank Smith; North Lake, A. C. Wetmore, J. T. Dennis; Prince William, R. H. Graham, James King; Queensbury, Alex. H. Jones, Cheddy Hallett; Southampton, E. W. Stalm, Pat. Graham; St. Marys, John Cowperthwaite, Douglas Clarkson; Stanley, B. D. Clarkon, C. W. Pond; Marysville, D. E. Pickard, Elwood P. Allen. Devon to be appointed by the town council.

The Australian government is offering a bounty of four and a half cents a gallon on oil produced in Australia during the next four years.

The Australian house of representatives has passed the war profits tax.

Why Not Carry Out Undertaking?

Senator Bostock Would Know More About C. N. R. Deal

FIGHT AMONG THEMSELVES

Prussian and Bavarian Prisoners Have To Be Kept Apart

Prediction That, so Soon as Allies' Pressure is Removed, Central European Coalition Will Collapse Like House of Cards

New York, Sept. 6.—The New York Herald this morning publishes the following from Paris:—"A Jassy despatch reports that relations between the Prussians and Bavarians are so 'friendly' that those taken prisoners have to be kept apart to prevent their fighting among themselves. At the battle of the Sereth a group of Prussians, pointing to some Prussians captured to their Roumanian captors, 'kill those Prussian dogs. They only continue the war to ruin us.' A furious rough and tumble scrimmage followed, and several prisoners were seriously mauled before the Roumanians could restore order. How these Germans do love one another. The moment the pressure of common danger from the Allies is removed it is certain the Central European coalition will collapse like a house of cards."

Senator Bostock asserted that the common stock of the Canadian Northern had no value and read from the Drayton-Acworth report to prove that the liability of the company exceeded the value of the road and equipment. He said all the debts of the Canadian Northern would be worth par when the government took over the road and estimated that in taking over the railway the country would assume liabilities amounting to \$653,000,000.

Senator McLennan said he would give his support to the bill, and based his stand upon the speech of the prime minister which foreshadowed the cooperative management of all Canadian railways under state control.

Senator Casgrain said that the information that the Canadian Northern had given as to the cost of completing the Montreal tunnel, station and other terminal facilities was ridiculous. By its statement the company contended that the station could be built for \$114,000 and would favorably compare with the Windsor station of the C. P. R., but would be a hundred yards away. The Windsor station cost millions, and could not be duplicated for much more than its cost. The company claimed already to have spent \$80,000 on its station, but no one could see any real result, and it was not to be completed for some time.

Senator Casgrain adjourned the debate. The senate adjourned until Thursday afternoon.

WOULD LIKE LIGHT WINES AND BEERS IN RESTAURANTS

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 6.—As a war measure the Trades and Labor Council meeting last night endorsed a resolution of the Kamloops chamber of commerce asking the Canadian government to establish plants for handling iron deposits and for their conversion into steel.

The council also endorsed the attitude of the brewery workers and bachelors in advocating the sale of light wines and beers in restaurants, and prohibition goes into effect in the province.

Predicts Sharp Advance in the Price of Newspaper

Sherbrooke, Que., Sept. 6.—G. A. Bottwell, general manager of the Brompton Pulp and Paper Company, said yesterday that he believes newspaper publishers are about to experience another great advance in newspaper, which will make the earlier increases look small indeed.

CHAMPION WALKER FALLS AND HURTS KNEE

Toronto, Sept. 6.—While enjoying a brief stop-over in Detroit on his way home after the A. A. U. championships at St. Louis, where he established a three mile championship record, George Goulding sustained injury through falling on a slippery sidewalk. The noted Toronto walker injured his knee, but declares he will be in good shape for walking again by next Saturday.

VESSEL SINKS; 200 MEXICAN SOLDIERS GO DOWN TO DEATH

Los Angeles, Sept. 6.—According to news received here, 200 Mexican soldiers were drowned last night in the Gulf of California as a result of the sinking of a Mexican government vessel.

The report said that a squall which caused the capsizing of the vessel prevented a tug from sending assistance to the struggling men.

TODAY'S BALL GAMES

National League—St. Louis at Chicago, 3 p.m.; Brooklyn at Boston (two games), cloudy; Philadelphia at New York (two games), rain. American League—Boston at Philadelphia, rain; Detroit at St. Louis, cloudy; New York at Washington, cloudy.

International League—Richmond at Newark (two games), rain; Baltimore at Providence (two games), cloudy; Montreal at Buffalo (two games), cloudy; Rochester at Toronto, clear.

Poles Present Demands To Germans

Copenhagen, Sept. 6.—According to a report from Cracow, Count Boniker, 4 Warsaw, representing a group of prominent Russian Poles, has presented to the German government a set of demands. These include abolition of the frontier line between the German and Austrian spheres of occupation in Russian Poland, cessation of requisitions in Poland, the expenditure of 6,000,000,000 marks to repair the ravages of war and the appointment of Count Marnofsky as head of the new administration of the occupied districts.