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Russian Forces On Riga Front In a Successful Offensive

Occupied German Positions In The Sector of Silzeme

Germans Sustained Severe Losses, Leaving Four Hundred Dead On The Field—Russians Took Sixty Prisoners And Ten Machine Guns

Petrograd, Sept. 24.—Russian forces on the Riga front, in the region south of the Pakoff high road, yesterday took the offensive and, after a fierce struggle, occupied the German positions in the sector of Silzeme, the Russian war office announced today.

The Germans sustained severe losses and left 400 corpses on the battle field. The Russians took sixty prisoners and ten machine guns. The text of the northern front:

"Northern front: In the region of the Riga, south of the Pakoff high road our detachments initiating an attack occupied after a fierce struggle, the enemy positions in the sector of Silzeme, one mile to the northeast of Spitaltimmer. The enemy losses were severe and on the battle field we found more than four hundred corpses.

We captured sixty prisoners and ten machine guns.

"General Sokolov was wounded in the head, by a shrapnel splinter."

GERMANS ARE ACTIVE

London, Sept. 24.—German heavy guns were active early this morning on both banks of the River Scarpe, on the Arras front in France, Field Marshal Haig reports today. A German raiding party near La Basserville was driven away after a sharp fight last night with the British.

The official statement follows: "A hostile raiding party last night near La Basserville was driven off with loss after a short fight. A few of our men are missing.

"The enemy's artillery was active early this morning on both banks of the Scarpe, and artillery activity also was shown during the night south of Lens and northeast of Ypres."

VIOLENT ARTILLERY DUEL

Paris, Sept. 24.—North of Verdun and in the region of Fosse and Chauvaux Woods the artillery duel was intensely violent last night, the war office announced today. German airplanes bombarded the camp of German prisoners near Le Duc and two prisoners were killed.

Premature Peace Talk

London, Sept. 24.—In a long review of the war situation, the Observer says that premature peace talks by the leadership to divide public opinion, can only prolong the horrors and misery of the struggle.

No Separate Peace

Petrograd, Sept. 23 (Sunday).—Michael Rodzianko, president of the Duma, told the Moscow union of public workers that any peace which it was possible to conclude at the present juncture must humiliate Russia and he gave convincing facts why this was so. Mr. Rodzianko referred to the German plan to conclude a peace at the present juncture and expressed confidence that the Entente Allies would reject it. He warned Russia, however, that she must create a strong power, otherwise the nation would inevitably suffer when peace was negotiated.

Although the Petrograd council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates has fallen under the power of the Bolsheviks, it is notable that the committee, the organ of the council does not shrink today from declaring that a strengthened army is the only way of preventing the country from falling a victim of aggression.

PLOTTER WAS MONTREAL MAN

Letter to German Emissary Contained Offer to Assist Through Campaign for Independence of Canada

New York, Sept. 24.—(Montreal Gazette cable)—Canada was also the object of solicited interest on the part of Germany's representatives in the United States, as was startlingly proved in the plot to blow up the Welland Canal.

Another lesser but not unimportant enterprise against Canada was foregone by Von Igel because the volunteer plotter was too old, "though he has the best of good will," and also because of his known connection with the Gaelic-American and the Indian revolutionists.

Such is the endorsement upon a letter, signed only "X," who thus sets forth his qualifications for fomenting disorders in Quebec:

"As honorary president of the First Independent Club started at Montreal, about the time of the Boer war, I am well known among the members and journalists in that organization. There is now, in the place of the independent, a secret society based upon its principles, aiming at total separation of Canada from the British empire. It includes all the former members of the Independence Club, and men high in Canadian political life. The adherents are for the most part French and Irish Canadians. I am in daily connection with the leading men in the separation movement—who is a member of the legislative council of the province of Quebec."

THEIR SILVER WEDDING
Mr. and Mrs. Porter M. Brown of 10 Pitt street, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding last week. Numerous friends called to congratulate them, and incidentally to make them recipients of substantial gifts to mark the occasion. During the evening music and dancing were enjoyed and refreshments served.

COUNCIL HEARS PROPOSALS FOR SARDINE PLANT

Mr. Belyea Asks Concessions

Decision Postponed Until Tuesday; Commissioner Fisher Offers Resolutions on Milk Situation—Need New Furnace at City Hall

At the meeting of the common council this morning a general discussion took place regarding the proposed site of the sardine factory in West St. John. Mr. Belyea was present at the meeting and said that he was unwilling to have the city end of the matter settled as soon as possible. It was finally decided to take the matter up tomorrow morning when complete details regarding concessions, etc., would be placed before the commissioners.

Commissioner Russell said that the site selected by Mr. Belyea was owned by the government and that a letter had been forwarded to the department at Ottawa regarding the matter, but no answer had been received. He said he expected to receive definite word this afternoon. Mr. Belyea said that he had considerable property, but required more to erect the factory, which is estimated to cost in the vicinity of \$80,000.

Among the concessions asked for are tax exemption and free water to the amount of 25,000 gallons per day. The site considered is at the head of No. 15 berth.

Commissioner McLellan asked for some particulars regarding the concessions and asked that the commissioners be presented with a typewritten copy containing the same. He considered it advisable to leave the matter stand over until tomorrow when full particulars would be forthcoming.

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GERMANS DREAD IDEA OF WINTER CAMPAIGN

Captured Officer Talks of Sentiment Among His People—Cannot Understand Rejection of Peace Terms

With the British Armies in France, Sept. 23.—(By the Associated Press).—A German officer captured with the 2,000 prisoners taken by the British in the past few days said that the Germans had been forced to reduce greatly the number of their light motor cars, used in recent operations, because it was virtually impossible to obtain tires. According to this officer, the Germans have no rubber whatever for tires for their lorries. He was much impressed with the morale and fine condition of the men behind the British lines and the operations in general being carried on in the back areas. He could not comprehend why it was that the allies should not make peace, when Germany was ready to give up all the territory she had conquered.

"Everybody in Germany," said the officer, "dreads the thoughts of another winter campaign."

He recognized that the submarines had failed to accomplish what had been promised to the German people by the higher command.

MAY FIX PROFITS ON FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Ottawa, Sept. 24.—The Canadian food controller announces that in his opinion the spread of gross profits allowed to wholesalers in apples throughout Ontario, east of Port Arthur and Port William, and in Quebec, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island during such accounting periods as are prescribed by the food controller should not exceed 11 per cent. on the average selling price thereof until December 31st, 1917.

The food controller will also authorize the fruit and vegetable committee or members thereof or others, to act as commissioners to hold public investigations into the profits of the wholesale fruit or vegetable dealer, and if necessary to fix the gross profit allowed on any fruits or vegetables after December 31, 1917, in accordance with the findings of such commission.

THE ROTARY CLUB
The Rotary Club at Lunenburg today held a very interesting address on Rotary by District Governor Donald MacLure of Halifax. He brought a message from the international body, and in the course of his address set forth clearly the value of these clubs for fellowship and service. He spoke of the district conference to be held in St. John, perhaps in November, when the Halifax and Charlottetown clubs will be represented, and told of the steps taken to organize a club in Charlottetown. He urged that a delegation go from St. John with that from Halifax when the new club receives its charter. Dr. Keirstead, who will shortly address the St. John club on food conservation was a guest today and spoke very briefly. President Ginter presided and there was a large attendance of members.



SATISFIED WITH GRECIAN AFFAIRS

Venezelos Finds Situation Well in Hand—Recruiting Exceeds Expectations

Athens, Sept. 24.—Premier Venezelos, who has returned to Athens much benefited from a rest cure at Hypani, in an interview today said:

"The general trend of affairs is satisfactory. The situation is well in hand. The problem of food supplies, however, is offering great obstacles, especially in the matter of inland communication. But the measures which have been adopted are relieving the existing distress which amounts to something approaching famine."

"The results of recent recruiting in the army exceed expectations. This indicates that the poison which the late regime tried to introduce among the youth of the country is being eradicated and the future is hopeful."

Replacing Discontented
London, Sept. 24.—The Greek government, according to an Athens despatch to Reuters, Limited, has decided to replace discontented aid-de-camps in the province. Reports announce good yields generally with high grading. Indications are that the average yield will fully justify previous reports.

Marital Law
London, Sept. 24.—A despatch to Reuters from Athens says that a royal decree has been issued prohibiting marital law in the provinces of Laconia, Arcadia and Larissa.

WESTERN CROPS GOOD

Edmonton, Sept. 24.—The reports received by the department of agriculture Saturday stated that harvest operations were practically finished and threshing had become quite general throughout the province. Reports announce good yields generally with high grading. Indications are that the average yield will fully justify previous reports.

AGED QUEBEC MAN, BY SUPERIOR EFFORT, SAVED SON'S LIFE

Quebec, Sept. 24.—Ernest Peppin, of St. Benjamin, Dorchester county, was crushed under a tree he had felled and his aged father, seventy-one years of age, saved his life by a superior effort of the old man.

FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT

Dauphin, Man., Sept. 24.—W. P. Kearns, a well known civil engineer, was killed when the auto which he was driving turned turtle last night on Main street. There were three other occupants of the car, S. C. Cummins, manager of the Bank of Montreal here; Mr. Stratford, teller of the Bank of Commerce, and Dr. Grobb, and of these three only the latter escaped serious injury. The condition of both Cummins and Stratford is very grave.

TO MEET IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Sept. 24.—Over eight hundred delegates were today on their way to this city to attend the convention of Unitarians of the United States and Canada which formally opens tomorrow in the Church of the Messiah.

Hon. W. H. Taft, former president of the United States, will make two addresses during the course of the convention.

At an international gathering in the Windsor Hall on Wednesday, when Mr. Taft will speak, Canada will be represented by Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, former postmaster-general.

LONDON IS PREPARING FOR MOONLIGHT RAIDS

London, Sept. 24.—London is getting ready for another crop of night raids by air, which it is expected will develop within the coming of next week of the harvest moon. Some persons are making arrangements to take a holiday and others are picking places of safety. It is announced that two of the leading theatres will have no evening performances from Tuesday till Thursday inclusive, but the other theatres are to run as usual. Generally, London's masses are not worried over the prospect, realizing that the danger is not great if refuge is taken under solid buildings.

WEATHER REPORT
Issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service

Toronto, Sep. 24.—Pressure is decidedly high over the eastern half of the continent, with a moderate depression covers Saskatchewan. A few local showers have occurred in Alberta and Saskatchewan, otherwise the weather in Canada has been very fine.

Fine and Cool
Forecasts—Lakes and Georgian Bay: Moderate east to south winds, fine today and on Tuesday, with stationary or a little higher temperature.
Ottawa and St. Lawrence:—Moderate winds, fine today and on Tuesday, with stationary or a little higher temperature.
Maritime:—Moderate west to south winds, fine today and on Tuesday, with stationary or a little higher temperature.
New England:—Fair tonight and on Tuesday; warmer on the mainland; moderate northeast to southeast winds, fresh on southeast coast.

Says He Saw At Least Eight Steamers Sunk

Officer of Steamer at Halifax Confirms Story of Fight Off Irish Coast; Virginian Torpedoed But Beached

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 24.—The Herald here today says—According to an officer of a merchant steamship in port, the Virginian is one of the latest victims of the Hun submarines on the Irish coast.

The officer's story is somewhat in line with a story carried by the Canadian Press on Saturday with the exception that the officer now at this port claims that more than five ships were sunk and that the Virginian, seriously crippled and in a sinking condition managed to make the beach.

"It is impossible for me to say," he said, "whether any submarines were sunk or not, but I saw at least eight of the steamers go down. We were scattered over quite an area and our ship had her own troubles in getting away. The destroyers were busy, however, and I am quite sure that some of them got what they were aiming at. With a heavy sea running and nothing but a periscope to aim at, it is a difficult matter to get in a killing blow at a submarine."

WOULD SWAP BELGIUM FOR LOST COLONIES

(J. M. Robinson & Sons Private Wire Telegram.)

New York, Sept. 24.—Munich papers say that the German imperial chancellor will make new peace proposals in the Reichstag on Thursday, whereby Germany will re-establish Belgian independence in return for Germany's lost colonies.

British losses by U-boat sinkings last week totalled 62,000 tons, the smallest since the war began.

Buenos Ayres despatch says that Germany has sent a note to Argentine completely satisfying that government.

President Wilson ends iron workers strike at San Francisco, men returning to work on temporary wage increase.

At joint interstate wage conference in Washington Tuesday by operators and workmen efforts will be made to adjust mine wage demands.

Secretary Lansing reveals further acts and plots.

Secretary McAdoo announces that war savings certificates in denominations as low as \$5 carrying four per cent. interest and maturing in five years will be placed soon in every town and city in the United States.

Compromise reached on excess profits tax and exemptions which may lead to early decision.

At a conference between operators and workmen at Washington tomorrow efforts will be made to adjust coal miners demand in the central districts.

"Not Germans" Fault If War Is To Continue

Statement of Kaiser at Review of Roumanian Troops—Boys and Old Men Conscribed

London, Sept. 24.—Emperor William, says a despatch from Amsterdam to Reuters has visited the battle fields in Roumania and inspected the troops which participated in the campaign in Transylvania and Roumania in the autumn of 1916. These troops are now on the Moldavia front.

Addressing the troops Emperor William pointed out the world-wide historical importance of this fighting, which he said was also of great importance economically for the home land.

The emperor concluded with the declaration that "if war was to continue it would be the Germans' fault."

Take Boys of Fourteen.
Have, Sept. 24.—The German military authorities at Bruges, Belgium, are conscripting forcibly all the boys and men of that city between the ages of fourteen and sixty to work in munition factories and shipyards.

DRUNKEN BRAWL COSTS TWO LIVES IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Sept. 24.—George Grant and Casimir Schwingel have died in the General Hospital as a result of fractured skulls received while engaging in a brawl while drunk, Schwingel on Friday and Grant on Saturday. The police have taken into custody Robert McKenna in connection with the Grant death and John Yuskens for the Schwingel affair.

K—Drunk
Mrs. M. J. O'Donnell, wife of an official in the inland revenue department, died Saturday as a result of burns received at Shaw Bridge following the explosion of a coal oil stove in her summer home there.

A fracture of the skull, sustained in a fall while at work several days ago, resulted in the death of Wilfred MacCotte, twenty-six years old, of Shawinigan Falls, at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

GERMANS ATTEMPT TO SECURE MINERAL DEPOSITS IN GREAT BRITAIN

London, Sept. 24.—Dr. Christopher Addison, minister without portfolio, in charge of reconstruction, speaking at Huddersfield Saturday night, referred to the activity of the Germans, who, he said, were endeavoring to obtain supplies of materials for munitions and building from different parts of the world. The Germans, he said, had been making, and still are making, efforts to acquire control of great mineral deposits, even attempting to purchase them in England during the war.

Accuse Kerensky Of Conspiracy With Korniloff

Existence of His Cabinet Is Threatened

To Reduce Russian Army

Male Labor Needed at Home and Ineffectives to be Weeded Out—Democratic Congress Opens September 26

Petrograd, Sept. 24.—The Korniloff mystery, arising out of the recent revolt, has developed dimensions which threaten the existence of the cabinet, particularly the position of Kerensky. The newspapers representing the left and the right parties demand an explanation from the government, while the Bolshevik organs openly accuse the premier of being in a conspiracy with Korniloff "to crush the Petrograd proletarians and workers and soldiers' delegates with the help of a cavalry corps sent against Petrograd."

Praises Alexieff
Petrograd, Sept. 24.—Premier Kerensky has issued an order of the day praising the services of General Alexieff in suppressing the Korniloff revolt without bloodshed and for re-establishing order and normal activity in the headquarters staff. The premier accords Alexieff's resignation but places the general at the disposal of the government so as not to lose the aid of his experience in the conduct of military affairs.

To Reduce Army
Petrograd, Sept. 24.—The provisional government has decided to reduce the number of men in the regular army because the country cannot remain longer without male labor, and because it was thought desirable to relieve the army of men who are too old, light, or who have been wounded and whose fighting capacity, therefore, is not great.

Democratic Congress
Petrograd, Sept. 23.—The democratic congress, according to the present programme, will be composed of 1,500 members, but demands to participate are arriving from political organizations from all parts of the country, and the definite composition of the congress has not been decided. As the organization committee has decided to give a large number of seats to representatives of professional and industrial associations, the middle or property classes will not be altogether excluded. The overwhelming majority, however, will represent the peasantry. It is announced that the congress may open on Sept. 26, a day later than formerly proposed.

Serious Situation.
Petrograd, Sept. 23.—The evacuation of Jacobstadt under German pressure is not considered by some of the military writers to indicate an attempt to advance on Petrograd, rather than the capture of the whole Drina line. The Biharevitz, however, says that a further advance in this section is expected and that the situation is serious, on which account Premier Kerensky will remain at headquarters for some days more.

VISCOUNT READING'S MISSION TO WASHINGTON

Working on Programme for Closer Economic Co-operation Between Britain and All Her Allies

Washington, Sept. 24.—American and British officials are working on a programme providing for closer economic co-operation with a view to uniting for war purposes the entire resources of the United States and Great Britain and her possessions. As confidential agent of the British government, Viscount Reading, Lord Chief Justice of England, is handling negotiations here. While tremendous in its scope, Lord Reading's mission here is only part of the comprehensive structure of a policy of resources which Great Britain is building. The resources of all her dominions and those of all the Allies are to be formed, so far as possible, into a compact whole, providing a mammoth reservoir so all the Allies may draw to make more effective the war against the common foe.