The Germans Have Apparently Abandoned Any Attempt to Take the Russian Capital This Season

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BRITISH AND FRENCH DEFEAT HUNS; GERMANY PREPARING PEACE TERMS

BRITISH WIN IN FIGHTING YESTERDAY

German Trenches Entered East of Villeret and Southeast of Hargicourt.

OTHER RAIDS ALSO SUCCESSFUL

French Hurl Back Number of Vicious and Violent Counter Attacks.

THOUSAND ENEMY DEAD COUNTED

Berlin Admits French Retain Some Ground in Verdun Region.

London, Sept. 9.—British troops holding the line east of Villeret and southeast of Hargicourt, attacked early this morning and succeeded in entering German trenches on a front of several hundred yards, taking a number of prisoners, according to the war office statement today. Enemy trenches also were successfully raided during the night in the neighborhood of Gavrelle, and east of Vermelles.

The text of the statement follows:

"Early this morning troops holding our line east of Villeret and southeast of Hargicourt attacked and succeeded in entering German trenches on a front of several hundred yards. A number of prisoners were taken by us.

"We successfully raided the enemy's trenches during the night in the neighborhood of Gavrelle and east of Vermelles, and secured a few prisoners.

"Hostile artillery was active during the night in the neighborhood of Westhoek. We captured 13 prisoners as the result of local fighting northeast of Ypres."

French Successful.

Paris, Sept. 9.—Violent counter-attacks were made last night by the Germans on the positions taken yesterday by French troops in the Verdun region. After a hard struggle, in which the French artillery played a telling part, and in which the infantry surged forward again, wherever temporarily driven back, the French positions were left intact.

The text reads: "During the night our detachments executed various surprise attacks into the German lines, notably near La Royere Farm, east of Rheims, and in the region of Maisons Des Champagne. We captured some material and a certain number of prisoners.

Violent Attacks.

"On the right bank of the Meuse (northeast of Verdun) the Germans launched violent counter-attacks upon the positions we conquered yesterday in the sector of the Bois Des Fosses and the Bois Des Caurieres. The enemy attacks were broken by our fire, which inflicted heavy losses upon the assailants. At some points on the front of the attack fierce fighting took place. Our troops resisted energetically and after alternating advances maintained their positions.

"The number of prisoners which we took on Sept. 8, numbers about 800.

"Our reconnoitering parties, which pushed out in front of the Bois Des Fosses, counted nearly a thousand enemy dead before our lines in this region. On the left bank of the Meuse there was great artillery activity on both sides, without infantry attacks."

Berlin Statement.

Berlin, Sept. 9, via London.—French troops, which attacked the German lines in the Verdun region, while in general driven back to their original positions, retained possession of some ground in the southern part of Chaume Wood and on the ridge to the east, army headquarters announced today.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN LESS DANGEROUS

England No Longer Worrying Over Food Supply.

London, Sept. 9.—Baron Rhonda, the food controller, in an interview with the London correspondent of the Amsterdam Handelsblad, declares that the submarine campaign is no longer causing anxiety regarding England's bread supply.

"In one respect," remarked the food controller, "the submarine campaign is a blessing. It has acted as a stimulus to cultivation so that within a year the United Kingdom will be practically independent of imports, so far as the chief foodstuffs are concerned."

830 RETURNED MEN LANDED IN HALIFAX

Lieut. Col. Bauld Expects the Canadians Wiil Soon Capture Another German Stronghold.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 9.—The arrival of a ship from overseas with a passenger list of approximately 1,400, among whom were 830 men returning from the front, landed here many of them for limited furloughs, was principally notable for the fact that among those who returned was Lieut. Col. Stan Bauld, commander of the famous Nova Scotia battalion which has done such splendid work at the front. The steamer landed her passengers this afternoon. Among those who were landed were eighty-one for Maritime Province points, including Major Guy Mott, Captain D. A. Rankin, Captain Sircom and others who are well known here.

The voyage was smooth and uneventful but they were universal in expressing the opinion of being pleased beyond words in getting back once more to the land of the Maple Leaf. The members of the western and Upper Canadian battalions were sent forward to their homes as rapidly as possible and those who had their homes in the city were released as rapidly as possible and allowed to proceed to their homes.

Premier Holman Arrives.

Preimer Holman of New South Wales, who is returning to his home after a stay in the British Isles, was among those who will proceed to an American port in order to embark for the Antipodes.

Lieut. Col. Bauld, who returned from the front on a three months' furlough, said that one of the gratifying facts about this battalion was the fact that it was purely Nova Scotian, and had always been reinforced and officered by Nova Scotians since first landing in France on September 15th, 1915.

"When I left the battalion," said Lieut. Col. Bauld, "they were in the line with the rest of the division, close to the great mining centre which is at present slowly but surely falling into the hands of the Canadian troops; and while the fighting lately has been very bitter, I have no doubt that very shortly Canada will be credited with the capture of another German stronghold."

HEDLEY W. KEECH OF WOODSTOCK DEAD

Was Formerly Newspaper Man and C. P. R. Employe.

Special to The Standard.

Woodstock, Sept. 9.—Hedley W. Keech, one of our popular young men, died this morning from peritonitis, aged 31 years. He underwent an operation for Bright's disease at the Fisher Memorial Hospital and expected to be able to leave the hospital this week so rapid seemed his recovery, but peritonitis developed on Saturday.

After serving his time in The Press office he entered the employ of the C. P. Railway and remained with the company until last February when he purchased the Royal Cafe. He was unmarried and is survived by his mother, Mrs. James Keech, and two sisters, Mrs. Andrew Gavin of Ontario and Mrs. Martha Feeney of this town. The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon.

AN ANIMATED FIGHT ON IN PARLIAMENT

Opposition Attempt to Delay Second Reading of the Franchise Bill.

COMMONS GIVEN CLOSURE NOTICE

As Usual Hon. William Pugsley and MacDonald Figure in Muss.

(Canadian Press).

Ottawa, Sept. 9—The fight has opened. There was a lively opening round in the house on Saturday, terminating a few minutes before midnight with a notice of closure on the new franchise bill. Directly proceedings opened in the afternoon the opposition presented a motion, with the apparent intention of delaying the second reading of the bill, on the ground of public urgency, the motion called for adjustment to discuss the decrease in the production of munitions in Canada. Sir George Foster, who was leading the house in the absence of the prime minister, objected to the motion. But a vote showed that the motion had more than twenty supporters in the house (sufficient to meet the rule in such cases) and the Speaker allowed the debate to go forward. Discussion proceeded throughout the afternoon and for an hour in the evening.

Hon. Mr. Hazen Intervenes.

Then, as there appeared prospects of a drawn-out debate till Sunday brought a close, the minister of marine intervened.

He submitted a motion that precipitated a scene reminiscent of the blockade over the Borden naval bill. He moved that the house proceed to the orders of the day, thus bringing the munitions debate to a sudden conclusion. Immediately Hon. Mr. Pugsley was on his feet to a point of order. He cited from Bourinot at length to prove that the rule cited by Mr. Hazen did not apply. The Speaker ruled the motion in order and Mr. Pugsley appealed against the decision. Then, in rapid succession came four divisions of the house and, on each occasion, Hugh Guthrie, Liberal member for South Wellington, voted with the government. Excitement rose to fever pitch. At one moment Hon. Mr. Pugsley narrowly escaped being "named" by the Speaker. He had risen to some point and failed to resume his seat as the Speaker rose.

Mr. Pugsley Sat Down.

"Unless the honorable gentleman takes his seat I will certainly name him," the Speaker threatened. Mr. Pugsley made no attempt to contest. "I will do that immediately," he gracefully assented, and sat down. There was excitement on both sides of the house. "Shame, shame" government supporters shouted, and Liberal members were no less ready in their retorts. "If honorable members insist on speaking while the vote is being taken I will certainly name them" again the Speaker threatened, as he glanced round the house. "On both sides?" Mr. Pugsley queried and Mr. Lemieux echoing his query. "On both sides" the Speaker assented. The noise died down eventually as the points of order were disposed of and the house proceeded with the debate on second reading. It had been in progress two hours when notice of closure was given. On all sides Saturday's happenings are regarded as a harbinger of trouble to come.

The Pictou Kid.

Mr. E. M. MacDonald's motion for adjournment was "for the purpose of discussing a definite measure of urgent importance, the necessity of supplying munitions to Great Britain during the continuance of the war, in view of the fact that they are being decreased and stoppage of the same is threatened."

Mr. MacDonald, proceeding, said the motion was in the first rank of importance. The munitions industry was absolutely menaced.

"Financial trouble seemed to be at the bottom of the matter. Was it a fact that Canada was not in a position to give credit or to supply the money for the production of shells in Canada?

Sir Thomas White.

Sir Thomas White, the minister of finance, contested statements that Canadian credits to the Imperial government were being discontinued. The house would no doubt be aware that by reason of the exchange situation between the United States and Great Britain it was an object to Great Britain, from the financial standpoint, to manufacture as much of her own requirements as possible on the other side of the Atlantic.

"She is continuing to order the shells," Sir Thomas went on, "which she requires in this country and my honorable friend is entirely mistaken in the statement that the shell industry is to be effaced.

"Further," Sir Thomas said, "it was the intention of the Canadian government to advance twenty-five million dollars a month for September, October, November and December, and to continue such payments as long as the war lasted. He submitted the following statement to the Imperial government, month by month, during the present year: January, twenty million; February, twenty-five million; March, thirty-four million; April, twenty-five million; May, twenty-six million; June, thirty-six million; July, forty-eight million; August, thirty-seven millions; September, estimated, forty millions.

The Dominion government was supplying money to the Imperial treasury not only for the production of munitions in Canada, but also by reason of arrangements made by the Canadian treasury, Canadian dairymen were able to sell their cheese to the British cheese commission.

Canadian bacon was also going forward to Great Britain and it had been drawn to his attention that the British government might require some assistance in this connection, one of so much importance to the hog industry of Canada.

Since the outbreak of the war the Dominion government had furnished in cash and securities no less than $443,000,000.

Sir Thomas concluded by saying that there was no reason for this motion being brought forward because the munitions industries were in no danger. The farmer and producer of food must, however, also be considered.

HUN BOMB INJURES KAISER'S PORTRAIT

Venice, Sept. 9.—Bombs dropped during the Austrian airplane raid over this city on the night of September 7 struck the Damuta Palace, a beautiful Gothic structure of the fourteenth century, near the Rialto Bridge, now called the Morosini Palace. It is now inhabited by the Countess Morosini and the German Emperor has been a guest there several times. There were no victims and the damage was slight. The Countess Morosini and her family were absent.

One bomb fell in the drawing room next to a room where a marble tablet recalls that the German Emperor dined there. Among the few objects damaged was a portrait of the Emperor with his autograph.

WORLD'S FIVE MILE TROT RECORD GONE

Marioni, Montreal Gelding, Negotiates Distance in 12.23 1-4.

Quebec, Que., Sept. 9.—A new world's harness record for a five mile race was established here on Saturday at the closing of the Quebec exhibition harness meeting, when Marioni, a brown gelding, owned by Mr. F. Michaud, of Montreal, paced ten rounds of the half mile track in 12 minutes and 23 1-4 seconds. The record standing for five miles up to then was 12:24, established in 1902 by Zombra.

MARITIME MEN AT HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 9—The Maritime Province N. C. O.'s and men arriving were:

Corpl. W. A. Murray, Corpl. J. F. Stephenson, Lance-Corpl. H. Grant, Lance-Corpl. E. R. Grant.

Pte. Armsworthy, Pte. T. Comeau, Pte. Henry Comeau, Pte. C. F. Fraser, Pte E. Green, Pte. J. Hunter, Pte. E. S. B. Keating, Pte. J. A. Lowe, Thomas Morice, Pte C. A. Pearce, Pte. C. Stonebridge, Pte. J. R. Stroup, Pte. J. Timmins,

Pte. L. Totten; Pte. R. White; Pte. J. R. Wynn; Pte. E. W. Ayles; Pte. L. Cleveland; Pte. C. Macer; Pte. Sims

UNION GOV'T TALK AGAIN IS HEARD

Hon. Clifford Sifton and Hon. Arthur Sifton Are Again in Ottawa.

HON. J. A. CALDER ON HIS WAY

Western Liberal M. P. Says Premier Sifton and Calder Will Join Govt.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Sept. 9.—Union government talk has revived with the return of Sir Clifford Sifton from the West. Hon. Arthur Sifton, Premier of Alberta, is here and Hon. J. A. Calder of the Saskatchewan government, is on his way to Ottawa. A prominent Western Liberal M. P. is authority for the statement that cabinet re-organization is in sight and that both Mr. Calder and Premier Sifton will join the government. Gossip sought to associate the name of Lord Northcliffe with the present move for coalition, but it is announced that his lordship is merely spending the week end in a social way as the guest of government house.

The rumors of union government it is said, prompted the speech delivered at the Chatham convention Saturday by Dr. D. B. Neely, M. P., for Humbolt. Dr. Neely returned here this morning and announced that he stood by his speech at the convention. He claims that Sir Clifford Sifton is a recent convert to conscription, and that he was engaged as late as last June in organizing an anti-conscription propaganda. It is reported that this charge will be made in the debate on the franchise bill by several Liberal members, including Mr. William Power, of Quebec; Mr. E. W. Tobin, of Richmond, Quebec, and Mr. F. A. Charlton, of Norfolk.

Asked if he had anything to say about Dr. Neely's Chatham speech, Sir Clifford Sifton said that he had not seen any report of the speech; that so far as he knew no report had been published, and he therefore preferred for the present to make no comment upon it.

W. FRANK KENNEDY NOW RECOVERING

Popular St. Andrews Hotel Man Recently Operated On.

Special to The Standard.

St. Stephen, Sept. 9—W. Frank Kennedy, the popular proprietor of Kennedy's Hotel in St. Andrews, who was operated on for a serious internal trouble at Chipman Memorial Hospital during the week, is steadily improving and reports from the hospital late this evening indicate that a strong hope is now entertained for his ultimate recovery.

BRITISH FOOTBALL.

London combination—Clapton O, Arsenal 5; Fulham 7, Crystal 1; Millwall 1, Brentford 3. Queens Park O, West-Ham 1; Tottenham O, Chelsea 4.

Midland section—Barnsley, Lincoln O, Bradford5, Rotherham 2; Leeds 5, Sheffield Wednesday O; Leicester 1, Notts County O; Nottingham Forest Hudderafield O; Hull 1, Birmingham 2 Lancaster section—Burnley 2, Rochdale2; Liverpool 4, Burslam O; Manchester United 6, Blackburn 1; Oldham1, Blackpool 1; Southport O, Everton 2; Stockport O, Manchester City 1; Stoke 6, Bolton 2.

New York, Sept. 8.—Leading financial interests are beginning to take the position that price fixing results are going to work for stimulation of business on a very broad scale. They point out that uncertainty will be removed and in addition government and general buying will be accelerated.

"The position of the railroads in the new scheme of things is more favorable than for many years," says a prominent source.

ST. STEPHEN FAIR OPENS TOMORROW

All Indications Point to Large Attendance at New Brunswick's Big Show.

Special to The Standard.

St. Stephen, Sept. 9.—The big fair in St. Stephen, the only one to be held in New Brunswick this year, opens Tuesday morning and continues until Friday evening. Every indications points to a very large attendance. Half a hundred horses are entered for the races and forty-two of them have already arrived. Entries for all departments have been pouring in and a fine exhibit in each department is assured.

PROHIBITION PROBABLE IN CHARLOTTE

Mass Meeting at St. Stephen in Interest of Repealing Scott Act.

Special to The Standard.

St. Stephen, Sept. 9.—On Thursday next Charlotte county is to vote on the question of the repeal of the ancient Scott Act and this evening after services in the churches a mass meeting was held in Bijou Theatre in the interests of the appeal and the place was packed to the doors. Gov. Ganong presided and clergymen of St. Stephen and Milltown, with Mayor Grimmer of St. Stephen occupied seats on the platform. Judge Ritchie of St. John was introduced by Gov. Ganong and delivered one of the finest addresses ever heard in St. Stephen, marked at times by eloquence and bright flashes of wit. Chief Inspector Wilson spoke briefly explaining the working of the New Brunswick Prohibitory Act, and method of voting.

There is no doubt that the old law will be repealed and the better act passed by the late Clarke government adopted by a large majority.

CAPE BRETON COLLIERY FIRE

Bankhead of Dominion No. 1 Colliery Destroyed.

Sydney, N. S., Sept. 9—The bankhead at Dominion No. 1 Colliery was destroyed by fire early this morning. The mine itsel sustained no damage but will be idle for some weeks as a result of the fire.

HARCOURT, N. B.

Miss Evangeline Richard of Moncton is the guest of Miss Evangeline Saulnier.

Mrs. K. B. Wathen of Winnipeg who has been spending a few weeks at Dalhousie Jct., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Dunn.

Mr. F. Lamkey, Shive's Athol, spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. S. Williamson and little daughter, Mary, of Brown's Flats, are visiting Mrs. J. W. Fox.

Miss Hilda Baxter and Miss Stebbings are delegates at the Sunday School Convention held in Rexton. Rev. C. Stebbings is also attending the Convention.

Mrs. Houlton of Moncton is the guest of Mrs. W. Cumming.

Mrs. G. Morton, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. H. M. McDougal motored this week to Call's Mills, where they are guests of Mrs. Wilkinson Ward.

Mrs. W. F. Buckley has returned from a short visit to New Glasgow.

Master John McPherson, who has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. Beattie, has returned to Moncton.

Mrs. Robert Campbell is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Wellwood.

Melvin B. Dunn who has been assisting in the work of the Entomological Branch of the Agricultural Department was in town today. Mr. Dunn leaves on Thursday for Fredericton where he will continue his studies at the University of New Brunswick.

Mrs. C. G. Cameron and children spent Wednesday in Moncton.

Mrs. Walker arrived here last week having been called home by the illness of her mother, Mrs. S. Smallwood

Miss Jean Wathen left on Saturday for Fredericton where she will attend the Provincial Normal School.

GERMANY TO PUBLISH HER PEACE TERMS

Rumored Developments Looking to Armistice in Europe.

GERMANY MAY BE BANKRUPT SOON

Meeting Today of Teuton Committee Which Will Frame Reply to Pope.

ANTI-PREMATURE PEACE PARTY

Germans Have Probably Decided to Postpone Advance on Petrograd.

BULLETIN.

London, Sept. 9.—Germany will shortly be able to publish her peace terms, according to Dr. George Michaelis, the German chancellor. Dr. Michaelis in an interview said he had so informed the Reichstag main committee, an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen today states.

Rumor of Armistice.

New York, Sept. 9.—In international financial circles there is a growing impression that developments looking toward an armistice in Europe will be witnessed before the end of the year. Advices are being confidently given to watch carefully German news during the next thirty days for signs of a total financial collapse.

Meeting Today.

Copenhagen, Sept. 9.—The committee of seven members of the Reichstag and seven members of the Bundesrath appointed to draw up an answer to Pope Benedict's peace note will meet on Monday afternoon and the reply will probably be drafted then, says a Berlin despatch today.

Against Peace Now.

Amsterdam, Sept. 9.—The Renische Westfalische Zeitung, of Essex, announces the formation of a new "patriotic party," the leaders of which are Duke Johann Albrecht, of Mecklenberg-Schwerin, Admiral Von Tirpitz and Dr. Von Wolfgang Kapp. The party's initial proclamation declares hostility to the Reichstag's peace resolution and urges against "any peace dictated by weak nerves."

The proclamation adds that the party is "non-political" and will be dissolved on the day peace is signed, its aim being to "combat inner dissension in view of victory."

May Halt Advance.

Copenhagen, Sept. 8.—Leadin German military circles consider that, with the capture of the important naval bases at Riga and Duenameunde, operations on the Riga front have virtually been ended, says a Berlin despatch to the National Tidende. It is considered too late in the year to advance further, as this would require the building of new roads and the establishment of depots. On this account, the despatch says, it is unlikely that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg will permit the troops to continue the advance with Petrograd as the objective.

THANKSGIVING DAY OCT. 1ST

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Sept. 9—October 1, which happens to be the first Monday of the month, will be Thanksgiving Day. This was decided at a meeting of the cabinet on Saturday.