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Germans Forced To Weaken Defence on The Western Front

Indication of Crisis When This is Done While Offensive of Allies is at Its Height

London, Sept. 2.—H. Warner Allen, special representative of the British Press with the French army, says in a cable dispatch:

"The Austrian army has just passed through a period of three months' defeat, in which they lost 800,000 men. Their strategic reserves are completely exhausted, and despite the continual pressure of the Italian and Russian on their frontiers, the Austrians were able to scrape together eight divisions, which they sent to Transylvania, in readiness for the rupture with Rumania. These divisions are badly needed elsewhere, and it seems scarcely possible, despite the difficulty of the country, that they will be able to hold the long line of the Rumanian frontier.

"The question arises, where is the dual monarchy to find more troops. It cannot secure Germany of having failed to secure 'The brilliant second'. The German lost half a million men at Verdun before the Somme offensive began. Since July 1 they have been losing heavily,

SOLDIERS WITH TUBERCULOSIS TO BE ATTENDED TO

More Institutions Needed To Handle Cases Continually Coming From Overseas

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 2.—There are at the present time 831 returned Canadian soldiers under treatment for lung trouble in various sanitariums throughout Canada under the control of the Dominion hospitals commission. About 180 more soldiers, who have contracted tuberculosis on active service, are expected to return from overseas within the next six months. Before the war ends it is expected that the commission will have to look after hundreds more of such cases and arrange for their recovery under proper treatment to bring them to the front which is being subjected to an offensive described in the German press as a 'significant operation'. The German press has declared the Germans were greatly outnumbered on the Somme, and yet so great is the loss of men that they actually to weaken his western front, during the height of the offensive."

Germans Get Back Part of Trenches; Russians Win Victory In West

Paris, Sept. 2.—After repeated and violent attacks last night, the Germans re-occupied part of the trenches taken recently by the French on the Somme front, south of Estrées.

In the Champagne, Russian troops put to flight a German contingent north-west of Aukeretz after a spirited engagement.

London, Sept. 2.—An Austrian attack in the Suparna Valley was repulsed. Violent artillery fighting is proceeding in the Trentino.

Paris, Sept. 2.—A dispatch to the 'Paris Tribune' from Salonika, dated Friday, says that a committee of national defence, composed of Lieut-Col. Zimbrakakis and a prominent military and civilian, has been proclaimed as the provisional government of Macedonia. All the Greek and Macedonian press, however, has denounced this movement. A parade of revolutionary troops, under Zimbrakakis took place, after which there was a parade of armed civilians and volunteers wearing the blue and white uniform of Macedonian masses.

An Athens despatch to the wireless press says that the newspapers of that city, published a manifesto by General Lapalatis, appealing to the Greeks to enroll as volunteers in an army which will protect Greece from its enemies.

A Paris despatch from Athens quotes La Paris as saying that the Greek divisions, which had been set for October 8, will be useless, and urging prompt action on the part of the Greek government to avert disaster.

Salonika, Wed., Aug. 30.—The committee of national defence organized here, has addressed an appeal to the public, urging the population to join the allied forces in the defence of Macedonia. The eleventh army division, the police and the liberal party have united their forces.

Home to Take Command Of Fine Unit For War

Major G. G. Corbet Starts to Work at Once With No. 8 Field Ambulance Train

Major G. G. Corbet, commanding officer of the new No. 8 Field Ambulance Train, who arrived in the city last night on his return from overseas, is busy today familiarizing himself with the progress which has been made in the organization of the unit pending his arrival. The ambulance train has proved popular, as has been shown by the number and quality of recruits received. With the arrival of the commanding officer, and with such a fine record at the front, it is to be expected that the ranks will be filled, and the organization completed within a short time.

Speaking to the Times this morning, Major Corbet said that he could not tell yet when the ambulance train could cross the ocean. Unless they were ready to depart within a few weeks, it was possible that they might spend the winter in the hospital in England, and upon the movements of the new divisions would depend the orders for his unit.

While in Halifax on his way home, Major Corbet met Colonel Marlow, A. D. C., who is starting from Halifax to cross the continent to Vancouver, inspecting the various medical units in the hospitals in England. He will arrive in St. John on this mission at the first of next week. Major Corbet said that Colonel Marlow had informed him that the St. John unit and one from Kingston, Ontario, would be the next of their branch of the service to cross to England.

Speaking of the organization of the ambulance train, Major Corbet said that the regulations called for a commanding officer with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and a staff of six majors, six captains and sixteen sergeants. He was not in a position to tell yet who would be the ad-



MAJOR G. G. CORBET, M.D.

FOUR ARRESTS IN AN AUTOMOBILE CASE

The joy of four city pleasure seekers came to an unexpected ending early this morning, while they were proceeding out the Silver Falls road, when they asked County Policemen Saunders "could he have a ride?" The county policeman got aboard and was informed that the four occupants of the car had "put one over on somebody in town and had taken out the car. They were placed under arrest and brought to the central police station, where they spent the night. All four were arraigned today on the charge of stealing an auto, No. 4488, from the barn of Frank Donnelly, the car being owned by A. N. Hannan, 114 Kensington street.

FORMER NOVA SCOTIAN MINISTER AND BROTHER DROWNED IN SCOTLAND

A despatch from Sydney says that old Sydney residents will be shocked to learn of the drowning of Rev. B. Sanderson, former pastor of Falmouth street Presbyterian church, together with his brother, Professor Rankine of Glasgow University. The fatality occurred at White Mirk, Scotland, near Glasgow, on the night of the 29th inst. Mr. Rankine was a native of Greenock, near Glasgow, and went to Nova Scotia soon after being ordained. Before coming to Sydney he was pastor of St. John's Presbyterian church at St. John's, Nova Scotia about five years ago. Mr. Rankine was a man of scholarly attainments and was a member of several of the learned societies of the old country, and recently had been elected moderator of the Lothian synod.

MORE IN ITALY'S WAR DECLARATION THAN THE GERMANS WOULD ADMIT

The New York Tribune sees in Italy's declaration of war against Germany more than the Germans profess to do. The Tribune says—

The sudden action of Rumania has robbed the Italian declaration of war upon Germany of half of its value in the eyes of the world. It was not an "empty gesture," as Berlin too promptly asserted. Rather it was but the prelude to something that is to be regarded as a real and legal form to a condition of war.

It is interesting to recall the relation of Rumania to Italy. Rumania has been a rooted sentiment in the Rumanian mind is that their race is Italian, Roman, as their name signifies. The Rumanians have been the only people of the Balkans, despite the Magyarization of the last century, that have retained their Italian blood, and they have never been satisfied to remain in Rome. The Rumanians have been a complete and Italian force so generally recognized that it is not surprising that a financial collapse would follow hostilities between Rome and Berlin. But this has been an internal revolution. There have also been numerous fantastic stories: one of the most familiar was that of an internal revolution. The Triple Alliance bound Austria and Germany to support the House of Savoy against France, and it is asserted that the publication of such a document would have obvious perils for the Italian Republic. It has been asserted that an Italian sovereign has exercised a deciding influence in preventing Italy from doing anything that would have been to the disadvantage of the Triple Alliance.

PERSONALS

The Misses Austin of 184 Carmarthen street, have left for a month's visit to friends at Grand Lake.

Harold S. Clark and Jack R. Nugent will leave today via I. C. R. train to resume their studies at McGill University.

George G. and Mrs. Corbet will leave by steamer this evening for Boston to spend two weeks in New England and return home by way of Upper Canada.

Major C. E. Doherty, assistant director of Medical Services of the Overseas Canadian Contingent, arrived in New York yesterday on the steamer Adriatic and left immediately for Canada. His mission will take him from coast to coast.

He is a brother of Manning W. Doherty, formerly a prominent St. John citizen. Miss May Small, who spent the last few weeks at her home here, left by train this morning for New York.

Mrs. James Murphy, left today for Fredrickton to visit her cousin, Mrs. Thomas Merrylweather.

Rev. J. Edward Hand, now of Calais, has arrived home, after spending a month at Campbellton. The trip to Campbellton and return was made by automobile.

Mrs. David P. Chisholm left yesterday morning to spend a week in Boston with friends.

PERJURY CHARGED

Joseph Kearns, or Curran, who was in an abusive language case laid against him by Mrs. Louise Green, and which was dismissed by the magistrate yesterday, was re-arrested today by Detectives Barrett and Briggs on a warrant issued by Mrs. Green, charging him with perjury.

POLICE COURT

Court officials told the Times this morning that owing to the non-appearance of the Chinese connected with the gambling charge, in the court yesterday at the hour appointed for their appearance, the fine of \$1,200, which was put up as deposit for the fourteen Chinese, was not permitted to land until the case has been satisfactorily established. Proof of his neutrality must be furnished to government officers by the prediction of the contract provided for the new building. So far as can be learned, there is not likely to be any resignations from the committee; any differences of opinion as to policy and methods are being amicably adjusted for the time being, at least.

TODAY'S NEWS OF THE KILTIES

Sergeant-Major J. W. Olive Rose, formerly of the 1st C. M. R., has been appointed paymaster sergeant of the No. 9 overseas Siege Battery. Sergeant-Major Rose is a warrant officer, having been confirmed as such while in England. Promotion has also been granted for him to hold the same rank, that of warrant officer, with his new position. He is probably the first warrant officer to act as paymaster sergeant in Canada.

Signaller Irving D. Appleby has been attached to the special service company of the 26th Kiltie Battalion.

Private James Newlands, of the No. 2 Pioneer Battalion, has been discharged from that unit and taken on the staff of the Parks Convalescent Home as an N. C. O.

Major God and a party of the N. C. O. and men of the 14th Battalion are making a tour of the province on military business.

Word has been received that Quarter-master-Sergeant C. E. Blair of the 10th Battalion has left England for Canada to take a commission in the 29th Kiltie Battalion.

IN NEW POSITION

Douglas McRobbie, who left St. John about four years ago to become associated with his brother in the shoe business in Vancouver, has accepted the position of Canadian traveler with the Walker Shoe company of America. Mr. McRobbie is a son of John H. McRobbie, of the McRobbie Shoe Co., of this city. Many friends in St. John will hear with pleasure of his advance. His wife, who is a sister of Police Matron Ross, arrived in the city yesterday from the west and is visiting her mother, Riverdale. Mrs. McRobbie left immediately for Boston, where he will likely locate.

GOOD TO HALIFAX IS MR. GUTELIUS

The Halifax Mail says:—"The outcome of the conference with Mr. Gutelius will be, for one thing, that the city of Halifax shall be given, by the Canadian Government Railways, a magnificent site for a hospital and also that splendid shores near the head of the North West Arm are to be dedicated to the city for the purposes of recreation. The subway problem at the Three Mile House will be satisfactorily arranged."

THIRTY DEATHS IN FIRES IN CANADA DURING LAST MONTH

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 2.—The Monetary Times' estimate of Canadian fire loss during August, amounted to \$808,109, as compared with July loss of \$1,159,285, and \$408,698 for the corresponding period of last year.

The most important fires of the month were the destruction of the business section of Blind River, on August 1, with a loss of \$150,000 and factory fires in Winnipeg, and Drummondville, Quebec, on August 2 and 3, with losses respectively \$100,000 and \$125,000. Lightning caused eighteen fires, and there were thirty deaths from fire, ten of them in Drummondville and twelve in forest fires at New Liskeard.

CONDITION SERIOUS

The condition of Mrs. Emily Talbot who was severely burned yesterday in attempting to light a fire with wood alcohol, was reported this morning from the hospital as being serious.

NEWS OF THE 115TH

News of the 115th Battalion and of some St. John men is contained in a letter from a member of that unit to a friend here. He says—

"We have removed from Onxey to Brudenell camp. It was a very nasty day; it poured rain when we fell in, in the afternoon, and continued until we were about seven or eight miles distant. The boys didn't seem to mind it at all. For one thing, they were marching under absolutely normal conditions. The band played along the march, and though each man was fairly dripping with water, one would have thought that they were marching under absolutely normal conditions.

Several of the officers are taking courses of various branches and quite a few of the non-coms also are attending.

This morning (August 21), we had an inspection by the G. O. C. Aldershot. He caused an inspection of all the units in camp, numbering about twelve battalions.

In London last week I met Dr. Simonds, captain and veterinary surgeon in the 8th Brigade, home on leave from the front. He is looking well, but had been knocked out for a time by illness. Captain Andrew Rahnke, who came over in the same divisional train with the doctor, went to France last week with the Fourth Division. I understand, Captain Sanford, Q. M., 118th, is in the hospital with minor stomach trouble."

THE MILK SITUATION

Relations between the Kings county dairymen and some of the local milk dealers still continue strained and the supply of milk arriving this morning was less than usual quantity. Some of the local men left this morning to return to their points to arrange for a supply.

L. C. Prime said this morning that, while the supply started by the I. C. R. was less than the usual quantity, he had sufficient for the demands of his business for today and tomorrow.

The manager of the Farmers Dairy and Produce Company said that he had received his usual supply of milk, but that he understood that some of the dealers were very short.

Eight deaths were reported to T. M. Burns, secretary of the Board of Health, for the last week. There were two from cardiac failure and one each from apoplexy, toxemia, erysipelas, malnutrition, arteria sclerosa and chronic nephritis.

Valcartier Deserted In About Month is Report

Valcartier Camp, Aug. 25.—It is expected that the 182nd Battalion will be clear of the front by the end of the first week in October. No definite policy has been served soon afterwards. At 8.30 a.m. the battalion left the bivouac and marched back to camp.

On Wednesday night the 182nd Battalion will again occupy the trenches in the camp area. These trenches have now been improved and extended and cover a square mile of ground.

Elaborate arrangements are made to make the trench training as realistic as possible.

Apples and "very" rights are sent to Ammonal bombs are exploded in front of the actual trench and here and there a portion of the parapet, which has been previously mined, is blown in, after which the troops occupying the trench have to repair and occupy the crater formed.

Brigadier General McLean, M.P., spent a few days in Ottawa and Montreal last week.

The weather has been splendid for the last few weeks; the days are not too hot and the evenings and nights are very cool. It probably will not be long before frost appears at night, as in this part of the country and especially in the Carleton Place, frost appears at night early in September.

Arrangements are being made to hold a big field day at camp when sports of all kinds will be held. The date has not yet been set.

Lieut. Correll, 1st Brigade staff, has returned after leave.

Lieut. W. D. Leblanc, 165th Battalion, has resigned his appointment.

It is rumored that it will not be many days before the 14th Battalion embark for overseas. This battalion, under Lieut. Colonel Beer, is in splendid shape. A few recruits are, however, needed to bring it up to establishment.

It is rumored that in future battalions which are not up to strength will be organized into three companies instead of four as previously, before proceeding overseas. This would cut the establishment of officers down to twenty-six instead of thirty-two.

NO TIMES ON MONDAY

On Monday, Labor Day, the Times will not be published.