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SECOND ANGLO-FRENCH DRIVE ON WEST FRONT BEGINNING

Hail of Shells Being Poured Into German Lines--Great Battle Expected on Plains of Artois--Important Developments From Dardanelles--British Attack all Along Front--German Reserves Insufficient--Hostile Airmen Attack Serbian Frontier Towns--German Losses 60,000 on Champagne Alone--Bulgaria May Have New Premier Friendly to Russia--Welsh Miners Strike--British Transport Was Sunk.

BRITISH FORCES ATTACK ALL ALONG FRONT.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—A despatch from the British headquarters reports that the British forces are attacking all along the front. It is becoming increasingly evident that the German reserves are insufficient to meet assaults on adjoining sections at one time.

ANOTHER ANGLO-FRENCH DRIVE STARTING.

PARIS, Sept. 29.—Despatches report that a great storm of shells is being rained on the German lines in preparation for another drive by the British and French infantry.

East of Souchez, the French advance is approaching the crests of Vimy ridge, the capture of which will be the prelude to a great battle on the plains of Artois.

The prisoners now number over twenty-five thousand.

ALLIES CLOSING IN ON SOUTH-EASTERN FRONT.

ATHENS, Sept. 29.—"I believe we are on the even of the most important operation of the war, namely the landing of troops in Macedonia to begin the march not so much on Constantinople as on Salonika," said an officer attached to the general staff of the British army on the Gallipoli Peninsula, who has come to Athens from the Dardanelles front. "The two offensive forces are gradually closing in. The Mesopotamia expedition is approaching nearer to Bagdad and from the Suvia Bay-Caba Tepe line an attack on Constantinople may begin at any moment."

2,000 WELSH MINERS STRUCK TODAY.

CARDIFF, Sept. 29.—Two thousand miners in the Aberdare district and Vovot Dunvant went on strike today, protesting against the employment of non-union men. They appointed grievance committees to confer with the colliery owners.

TRANSPORT RAMAZAN SUNK BY SUBMARINE.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—An Athens despatch says the Greek government released the Sikhs and Gourkas who were survivors of the British transport Ramazan which was sunk by a submarine. They were immediately sent to Malta. This is the first announcement of the sinking of the Ramazan.

HOSTILE AIRMEN FAIL IN ATTACK ON SERBIA.

NISH, Sept. 29.—An official statement issued at the Serbian War Office says that twice hostile aeroplanes flew over Podjevat dropping bombs and killing four men but doing no damage of military significance. The same day enemy detachments tried vainly to cross the Drina near Resnik. A similar attempt was made near Porachnitz.

GERMAN LOSSES TERRIBLE IN WESTERN CENTRE.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—The World's Paris correspondent says he has information from the highest possible military source that the German losses in Champagne alone total more than 60,000 and that the Kaiser's avers in that sector is evidence that the Germans fear disaster will overwhelm their sorely tried centre. In Artois they have lost between 30,000 and 40,000. The correspondent advises that he is empowered to state that the French casualties are considerably below the Germans.

FRIEND OF RUSSIA TO BE BULGARIAN PREMIER?

PARIS, Sept. 29.—A Havas despatch from Athens says that the Bulgarian Ministers of Finance and Commerce have resigned according to a report received from a reliable source in Sofia because of complete disagreement with Premier Radostavoff on the policy to be followed in view of the determined attitude of Greece. The despatch adds that former premier Malinoff leader of the party favorable to Russia is understood to have been asked by King Ferdinand to form a new cabinet.

NO DANGER OF BULGARIA JOINING HUNS.

ROME, Sept. 29.—The success of the allies' offensive movement has removed the possibility that Bulgaria will enter the war at once on the side of the Austro-Germans, according to the Tribune's Sofia correspondent.

ENTIRE GERMAN CORPS DROWNED IN FLOODS.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—The Times Petrograd correspondent says: "A report which has been confirmed from a good quarter, is that the 41st German army corps was overtaken by the flooding of the Pinsk marshes, and being unable to escape nearly the whole of the corps perished."

ENTIRE REGIMENT'S WERE WIPED OUT SAY GERMANS.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—Reuter's correspondent at the British headquarters in France, in a description of the bombardment which preceded Saturday's attack on the Germans, says: "The German lines became smothered in dust, their parapets melted away, and their barbed-wire entanglements disappeared. Those sleeping thirty or forty miles away were awakened by the dull rumbling, while even at that distance the displacement of air was clearly felt."

"At the outset the weather prospects were not favorable, but before midnight a change set in and the morning broke dull but fine, with a slight mist, which was reminiscent of the opening days of the Aisne and Neuve Chapelle."

"Most of the German prisoners were taken in the village of Loos. The village was surrounded on three sides and the Germans were forced to surrender when their ammunition ran out. They said their losses had been very heavy, entire regiments having been wiped out."

ALLIED LOAN OF HALF BILLION IN U. S. ARRANGED.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—The agreement between the Anglo-French financiers commission and the American bankers with whom they have been conferring over the proposed credit loan to Great Britain and France has resulted in the formation of a definite plan, it was officially announced here last night, for the establishment of a \$500,000,000 loan issue on five-year, 5 per cent, joint British and French bonds, payable jointly and severally by the two nations, upon which the big loan will be a first lien.

The bonds will be issued to the public in \$500,000, thus yielding approximately 5 1/2 per cent, to the investor and to the nation-wide syndicate of bankers which will subscribe to the loan, at 94. Formation of the syndicate has been left to J. P. Morgan & Co. and a "large group of American bankers and financial houses." The bonds will be issued in denominations as low as \$100.

ALLIES ADVANCING MESSAGE FOR LIEGE.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam says: "An aviator flew over Liege yesterday, coming from the south, and threw down into the city French flags and documents, containing proclamations announcing that the allies were advancing and calling upon the populace of Liege to keep up their courage. Although subjected to a heavy fire, the aviator escaped."

"This is the first visit of an airman of the entente allies to Liege since the fall of the city, and his appearance is described as greatly cheering the Belgians there."

UNITED STATES GETS RID OF AMBASSADOR DUMBA.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Dr. Constantin Dumba, Austrian ambassador to the United States, has been formally recalled by his government, and the state department is arranging with the British and French embassies here for his safe conduct on a steamer sailing from New York Oct. 5.

This announcement was made today by Acting Secretary of State Polk after receipt of a cablegram from ambassador Penfield at Vienna, telling of his conversation with Austrian officials, and a message from Dr. Dumba himself asking safe conduct in accordance with the instructions from his government. The incident is now considered closed.

FRENCH GAIN MORE GROUND AT SOUCHEZ AND MASSIGES.

PARIS, Sept. 29.—The French troops, fighting on the western front, have made further gains of ground east of Souchez and north of Massiges, the prisoners taken including Germans recently brought back from the Russian front, according to the official communication by the French war office last night.

A heavy artillery action is in progress in the Aronne. The text of the statement follows: "During the day of Sept. 29 our troops continued to gain ground foot

by foot in the direction of the ridges to the east of Souchez. We took about 100 prisoners, among whom were men of the Guard Corps brought back a few days ago from the Russian front.

"In Champagne likewise new progress has been realized, particularly to the north of Massiges, where we have made an additional eight hundred prisoners."

"The enemy has directed against our trenches in the Aronne a violent bombardment, to which we have efficaciously replied, but he has attempted no infantry action."

"Engagements with grenades have enabled us to regain some parts of our first line, where the enemy had maintained himself since yesterday. There has been intermittent cannonading in the forest of Le Pretre and in the region of Ban de Sapt."

SCHOONER LOST IN LAKE ONTARIO WITH FIVE LIVES.

KINGSTON, Sept. 29.—In the terrific gale which swept over Lake Ontario Saturday night and all day Sunday, Captain McDonald, his wife and crew of three men lost their lives when schooner Cheboygan, bound from Kingston to Buffalo with a cargo of coal, foundered at what is known as Nut Island, a very small island about four miles from Amherst Island.

Those on board the schooner were: Capt. and Mrs. McDonald, William Yoyner of Kingston, Robert Milne of Port Hope and Jerry Lavis of Cobourg.

The tragedy was witnessed by Joseph Bray, who lives on Amherst Island. He saw the schooner battling with the waves and saw her go down. Mariners state that the storm was the worst experienced in this district for years and that no life boat could have been manned in such a storm. The story of the catastrophe was brought to the city this morning by Mr. Bray. He says that one spot of the boat is sticking up out of the water and that this is all that is left to tell the story of the wreck.

WILL NOT SERVE MEN IN UNIFORM WITH SPIRITS

OTTAWA, Sept. 29.—Following the example set by some other cities in Ontario, the majority of the 48 housekeepers in Ottawa have signed an agreement not to serve any person in military uniform on and after Friday, Oct. 1, with wiper or spirits. The soldiers, however, will be served with lagers and ales.

The suggestion came from the hotelkeepers themselves, who believed that the military authorities would approve of it. All the leading hotels have signed.

Buried Under Masonic Auspices

All that was mortal of the late Van S. Hegg, son-in-law of Mr. Thos. F. Willis, was laid to rest in Belleville cemetery on Tuesday afternoon with Masonic honors. Many citizens including the members of the G.T.H. Brotherhood, gathered at the family residence, Ann Street, where the Rev. W. G. Clark of Bowmanville, former pastor of the Tabernacle, Rev. S. C. Moore, Rev. J. Egan and Rev. Amos Campbell conducted a solemn service. The remains were then removed from the house to the hearse and the cortege formed. Six brothers Masons were the bearers. N. G. Williamson, G. J. Naylor, J. Cooper, A. Calcutt, C. Bonesteel, and T. Cropper. The interment was in the family plot. The Masonic ritual was read by W. Bro. John McCarthy of the Belleville Lodge No. 123 assisted by R. W. Bro. J. Newton.

Headquarters For Campaign

The Civic Welfare League is completing its organization for the local option campaign. The headquarters of the league will be on Campbell street in the rooms formerly occupied by the Belleville Shoe Co. and in the rear of the Bank of Commerce.

Last evening the committees met there for the first time.

Birth

EMPSON — In Belleville on Sunday, Sept. 26, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Empson, a son.

Crown Prosecution at Napanee

Mr. W. Carrow is attending the Fall Assize at Napanee for Lennox & Addington Counties as crown prosecutor.

Y. M. C. A. AND CITIZENS BADE GODSPEED TO MR. J. L. HESS

Farewell Gathering at Association Building Last Evening--Tributes by Representatives of Various City Organizations--Address and Presentation to Secretary and His Family.

Mr. J. L. Hess, secretary of the Belleville Y.M.C.A. for the past nine years, Mrs. Hess and their daughter Mary, were last evening bidden Godspeed by the directors and friends at the Association building. At noon today they left for their new home in historic Quebec City, where Mr. Hess becomes secretary.

The lecture auditorium of the Y.M.C.A. was well filled last evening at the closing function in which the retiring secretary was to take part. The platform was prettily decorated for the occasion with flags. Seated alongside the guest were Mr. W. B. Deacon, vice-president, and Mayor W. H. Pantor.

After the singing of the National Anthem, Mr. Deacon, the chairman, referred to the successful nine years of service Mr. Hess had given this city. "He has made the Y.M.C.A. in Belleville what you see it today. He has spent many an hour in it and as a result of his work Belleville has one of the best equipped association buildings on the continent. We must be grateful to Mr. Hess for putting up this building. Without his enthusiasm it would not have been possible. He is going to a larger field. Before he departs, we wish to say Godspeed."

Testimony to the indefatigable work of Mr. Hess was given by representatives of various organizations in the city. On behalf of the Ministerial Association, Rev. A. M. Hubby bade farewell to the retiring secretary.

Mr. Hess' work in the city at large and his wide sphere of influence were borne testimony to by Mayor Pantor. "I am intimately acquainted with his work in the city. He has taught honesty, sobriety, and straight-forwardness to the young men of Belleville and they are better for it. As representative of the City of Belleville and the council, I may say that it is with extreme regret we have heard of his departure and I predict that with the same energy which he has shown in the past, he will be as successful in his new field."

Messrs. C. M. Reid and F. E. O'Flynn appeared as representatives of the Board of Education to say farewell. Mr. Reid voted Mr. Hess as the first man in Belleville in recent years. His influence has been great in the educational sphere. He has by his advice and daily life educated our children. One of the greatest educational factors in Belleville life is the Canadian Club and its founder is Mr. Hess. As a business man Mr. Reid deeply regretted the departure of Mr. Hess. He has done a work that will live in our city for many years. Mrs. Hess has by character and disposition endeared herself to the citizens of Belleville.

Mr. O'Flynn emphasized Mr. Hess' labors in the Canadian Club, and in Sunday school work. "No one has taken hold of the Y.M.C.A. with such mastery. If he had been paid a salary commensurate with his services he would be a wealthy man. He will bring to his work in Quebec, the benefits of his experience in Belleville."

"We all begrudge Mr. and Mrs. Hess to Quebec," said Mrs. D. V. Sinclair, president of the Ladies Auxiliary. But our goal remains the same. Mrs. Sinclair bore tribute to Mr. Hess' wholesome advice, clear and just judgment and cooperation.

Mr. D. A. Campbell sang a solo, which was roundly applauded. The Canadian Club's debt to Mr.

Hess was emphasized by the president, Mr. D. V. Sinclair. "Any man can be president with Mr. Hess doing all the work." For every dollar put into the building Belleville has got one dollar and a half, by reason of the secretary's close attention to details. "Mr. Hess I consider the most valuable man in Belleville today." He will be missed yet the work will go on. We cannot hope to get a man to fill his position right away. We must assume greater responsibilities. The work of the Y.M.C.A. is world-wide and there is no telling where it may lead him."

The chairman read a tribute from Rev. Chas. G. Smith who stated that "The work of Mr. Hess among the boys and men of Belleville will be more and more apparent as the days go by."

An interesting feature took place at the closing of the evening. Mr. P. G. MacLaurin in reading the following address—

ADDRESS
Dear Mr. Hess—
It is with mingled feelings of regret and congratulation that we have assembled tonight—keen regret that it marks the parting of our paths in the forward work for Belleville in which you have been our progressive, faithful and efficient leader, congratulation that you are going to a larger and more remunerative field of action.

We cannot but go however, without expressing to words our sense of personal loss as well as our appreciation of the progress, growth and shining lines of endeavor, the good result of which we already see and which will we know advance with increasing momentum in our community life of the future.

We wish to express especially our grateful recognition of your work in establishing a safe and wholesome Christian centre for the young men of this city, of the scarcely less vital centre of intellectual pleasure and profit in the Canadian Club, and of the newer and more promising movement in connection with the Civic Welfare League.

Our educational institutions have felt your friendly co-operation, our churches your sympathy, our homes the reactionary benefit of your achievements, and we as individual citizens, the warmth of your genial inspiring personality. A note of appreciation comes also from the ladies in connection with your liberal-minded consideration of their needs in gymnasium and lecture hall.

Nor can we in this hour of faith and fear, with the war-cloud looming heavily before us, fail to feelingly recognize the uplifting and safe guarding influence of the Y.M.C.A. among our soldier-citizens, many of them now at the front.

Yet while we know that it is the spirit of things which lasts, and that it is the spirit of appreciation that matters, we beg you in addition to the intangible things that words do not express, to accept this little tangible token of our personal regard for you as a man, our gratitude for your achievements among us, and our good wishes for the future success and happiness of yourself and Mrs. Hess.

(Sgd.) W. B. Deacon, Vice President.
Messrs. E. B. Frederick and E. W. Dickens then stepped forward and made the presentation of a purse of gold and travelling bag and to Mrs. Hess a beautiful bouquet of flowers amid applause.

Mr. Hess in reply expressed his gratitude in being so honored. The friendships of the past nine years had ripened with experience. Such expressions of good-will and confidence make these closing days in the city, the saddest.

He had had the privilege of having fellowship with the ministers, the directors, the ladies' auxiliary which is the most aggressive and the largest in Canada. The co-operation of the editors of the city press had contributed in no small measure to the success of the Y.M.C.A.

In 28 dormitories we have had 27 men who have gone to the front. Out of the senior membership upwards of

one hundred have donned the King's uniform.

"The activities of the Civic Welfare League were a bright feature in the social work of the city today."

"I wonder if there is any danger in these days of estimating the Y.M.C.A. in dollars and cents. What matters it if we do not leave the impact of our personality on those we meet. We must live such lives that people will know we have been with the Father. In your personality do the young men and the boys catch a glimpse of the Father. Let us govern our lives our habits as if we had only a few days more."

He invited Belleville citizens to come down to Quebec and renew acquaintance. "The big building" will be a welcome addition to the city. Quebec has an active English-speaking population of about the size of Belleville. The place will challenge all the experience that he had acquired here. Plans are to erect a modern building soon in Quebec.

Thinking the directors for the gifts and the societies for their kind words he closed by saying "The problem today is a financial one. Stand fast. You will win out if you stand shoulder to shoulder. I wish to you all goodbye and success be unto you."

After rounds of applause the function was brought to a close by the singing of "The Maple Leaf" and "God be with you 'till we meet again."

Military Notes

T. Harry G. McCrodon, formerly clerk of the Hotel Quinte, Belleville, for the past ten years, has been made orderly room corporal for the 30th Battalion Barrieffield.

The orderly room of the 30th Battalion is now well furnished, and stocked with a supply of stationery.

On October 1st there will be a big recruiting and patriotic rally at Madoc when Hon. G. R. Graham, Mr. Northrup, M. P. B. Captain Fonton and E. J. Cook, M. P. P. will speak. Madoc is rising the price of a field kitchen for the 30th Battalion that day.

A signalling class for the camp was started on Monday at Barrieffield and all units sent men to the class. Lieut. Rackham of the 50th Battalion has been made camp signalling officer, and will be promoted to the rank of Captain.

Among the many recruits secured by Major Massie in Toronto are 35 canoeists, and all of them are experts with the paddle and have a reputation for clever things on the water. These recruits have arrived in camp.

Major Charles Lowe, formerly of Kingston who is senior major of the 30th battalion, has reported for duty. He served for 20 years with the 14th regiment. Two years ago he gave up his business associations there and went to Hamilton where he was vice-president and general manager of the Citizens' Ice and Fuel Co. He was also president of the Alvinston Milling Co., but gave up both offices and sold his holdings in order to serve his country.

In the Courts

In the County Court today, an Italian named Alfonso Romani of Trenton was charged with appropriating to his own use a watch that had been lost by another man. He was acquitted, the evidence not showing that it had ever been in his possession. Judge Deroche presided over the court. Mr. P. J. M. Anderson, crown attorney appeared for the prosecution.

Cristos Elief, the Bulgarian, who was to have been sentenced today on conviction of having made and passed counterfeit coin, was again remanded by Judge Deroche.

William Reynolds who was accused of taking a quantity of silver, belonging to the Deloro Mining and Reduction Company was arraigned before Judge Deroche this morning and pleaded guilty. He was remanded until Oct. 14th. Mr. Anderson represented the crown.

In Trenton yesterday Percy Shewman was tried in police court and convicted on a charge of stealing a check. He was sentenced to not less than three months and a further indeterminate term not to exceed two years less one day in the Ontario Reformatory. Magistrate O'Rourke occupied the bench and Mr. P. J. M. Anderson prosecuted.

Mr. Garvin Berkeley, Victoria, left this morning for Kingston to attend Queen's University.