

RUSSAINS WIN SUCCESS AGAINST GERMANS NEAR DUBNO

Balkan Situation Not Cleared Up By Bulgarian Assurances of Inoffensive Intentions ZEEBRUGGE SUBMARINE BASE HEAVILY BOMBARDED BY BRITISH NAVAL SQUADRON

SHIPS BOMBARD BELGIAN COAST

British Fleet Opens Fire on Zeebrugge—Column of Smoke Ascending.

BIG GUNS EMPLOYED

Object of Attack German Submarine Base in Inner Basin.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—British war ships assisted by French artillery, severely bombarded the entire Belgian coast from Zeebrugge to West End yesterday.

An English squadron consisting of five large warships and twenty-five smaller vessels opened fire on Zeebrugge at half-past six o'clock in the morning. Only two of the big ships fired from what, apparently, were 24-centimetre (12 inch) guns.

A big column of smoke at seven o'clock arose above Zeebrugge, apparently caused by shell fire from the allied vessel in order to establish a better target. The English also employed light guns, but the shots did not reach the coast and probably were directed against submarines.

From time to time a German aeroplane flew from the coast to the field of Zeebrugge. The fleet left at half-past ten o'clock.

Zeebrugge is the only important German submarine base on the coast. As an aid to the activities of their submarines, the Germans have developed a very strong and well protected shelter in the inner basin, which has been subject to frequent attacks by allied squadrons.

The fleet of Amsterdam says it has received news from Belgium that the Germans are preparing for the wholesale transport of wounded to that country. Officers and physicians recently inspected municipal buildings and other structures at Louvain and other places with a view to transferring them into auxiliary hospitals.

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Journalists Entertained. A second party of four Canadian journalists visited the front between the 15th and 18th insts. They spent a day in the trenches with our first division and was entertained by the headquarters staff of brigades, as well as Gens. Alderson and Currie. The party also visited Ypres and surroundings, the units of our second division and the McGill Hospital.

FAMOUS SOCIALIST LEADER DEAD

LONDON, Sept. 26.—James Keir Hardie died of pneumonia in a nursing home at Glasgow this morning. He was a Labor member in parliament, and the leader of the peace element in the British Socialist party.

BRITISH SEE CANADIANS WORKING "SUICIDE CLUB"

Eye-Witness Statement Says New Officers Spent Day With Machine Gun Section.

OTTAWA, Sept. 26.—News of a number of appointments to the Canadian headquarters administrative staff is contained in a brief "eye-witness" report from Sir Max Aitken, received by the minister of militia as follows: "During the period from Sept. 14 to Sept. 20 the situation along our front has remained unchanged. There was no particular activity on the part of the enemy's artillery.

"Rifle and machine gun fire remained normal. Hostile aeroplanes have been more active than usual but on all occasions have met with strong opposition from our aeroplanes and anti-aircraft guns. Our snipers have been active during the week with good results and the motor-machine gun brigade has done useful work against German snipers and working parties.

Various reconnaissances of the enemy's position have been undertaken and much valuable information secured on each occasion. Our working parties have been employed improving and strengthening our lines.

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SUNDAY CONCERT A GREAT SUCCESS

Sportsmen's Patriotic Fund Increased by Over Thousand Dollars. STIRRING APPEALS MADE Kathleen Clifford Sang Wonderfully, and Capt. Haywood Brought Message.

The big continuous Sunday concert put on at the Hippodrome yesterday by the Sportsmen's Patriotic Fund yielded \$1012 for the boys at the front and stirred up more enthusiasm than Toronto has shown on the Sabbath since the fighting began. The climax was reached when the news of the allies' success was read from the stage in the evening. The house broke loose with applause that nearly wrecked the building. From 2 o'clock in the afternoon until 10.30 at night, Mr. Shea's big playhouse was crowded in every seat, and several times it became necessary to hold the crowd at the doors, so great was the rush.

The program consisted of patriotic songs, war pictures contributed by the Universal and Pathe companies, The Hippodrome serial, "Deal of the Navy," and recruiting speeches by Capt. (Dr.) Haywood and Sgt. Taylor. Two Stirring Appeals. Capt. Haywood made two stirring appeals for recruits, in which the element of sarcasm was not absent. In the evening he said, "If I am any judge of the crowd, there should be about 200 men in this audience ready to do a khaki. Now, I'll give you fellows a sporting tip. You will be training a year before you get to the front. Now, here it is—there's a chance that the war may be over in a year from now."

He told a funny story about an Irishman reconnoitering with an advance party near Neuve Chapelle. It was after nightfall, and they came across the cellar of a ruined house filled with Germans. The Irishman crept boldly up and called down the

BULGARIANS TO ATTACK SERBS?

Serbia Omitted From Countries Promised Immunity From Offensive.

MAY DRAG IN GREEKS

King Constantine and Venizelos Apparently Reconcile All Differences.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—The situation in the Balkans and the intentions of Bulgaria are still surrounded with considerable mystery. Bulgaria, which had been definitely placed on the side of the central powers as the result of recent news from Sofia, officially informed the entente powers today that her mobilization had been ordered in the national interests and that it had not the slightest aggressive character.

The Bulgarian premier, Mr. Radouloff, in an interview with the Sofia correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt, reiterated this statement, but it is noteworthy that while he said the measure was not directed against Greece or Roumania, he omitted Serbia, attacks upon which state have been considered to be the intention of the Bulgarian Government in their effort to regain Macedonia.

Such an attack, it is pointed out, would bring Greece to the side of her ally, and as in the last Balkan war, Greece, Serbia, and possibly Roumania, would be found opposed to Bulgaria. The conclusion has been drawn here that they, at least, fear Bulgaria has aggressive designs, if not against Greece, then against Serbia.

King Constantine and the Greek Premier, M. Gounaris, apparently have entirely composed the differences which led to their separation when the premier lately left the king, wanted to join the allies against Turkey. The whole matter may yet be smoothed over, as Bulgaria is continuing to negotiate with the entente powers, the Bulgarian minister at Petrograd having had a long conference with the Russian foreign minister, M. Sazonov, while the ministers at other capitals insist that the Bulgarians have aggressive designs against their old friends, Great Britain and Russia.

On the other hand, the Austro-German offensive against Serbia, which seems to have been delayed, might light the torch which would set the whole Balkans aflame.

CAMP CELEBRATES BIG ALLIED VICTORY

Great Rejoicing at Niagara-on-the-Lake When News Arrives. SOLDIERS PARADED St. Thomas Also Held Great Demonstration Over Cheering Success.

Special to The Toronto World. NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, Sept. 26.—When the news of the big British advance and victory south of La Bassee Canal was received here today a great celebration took place at the military training camp. The soldiers turned out in mass to receive the news of the offensive, which it is believed, will not be stopped till the Germans are driven out of Belgium. Impromptu parades with songs and musical accompaniment were speedily organized, and the celebrators danced in the town pretty lively all day with their observance of victory. The news spread rapidly thru the countryside and many people came to town to join in the demonstration. The camp did not quiet down till late in the night.

ENGINEER WAS KILLED WHEN TRAIN RAN OFF

Fatal Accident on G. T. R. Line to Montreal Yesterday, and S. Hagle is Dead.

The Grand Trunk train No. 14, which left Toronto for Montreal at 9 a.m. yesterday, ran off the track at Newtonville, the first station east of Port Hope. S. Hagle, the engineer, who is supposed to have jumped from his engine, was killed. It appears that none of the passengers were hurt, but many of them were badly shaken up. The traffic was blocked for some time after the accident and a new engine was attached to take the train to its destination. It is supposed that the accident was due to a defective rail.

RUSSAINS WIN SUCCESSES ON TAKING BIG OFFENSIVE IN GENERAL ENGAGEMENTS

PREDICTED TEUTONIC ADVANCE CAUSED BULGARS TO MOBILIZE

Concentration of Troops on Border Not Directed Towards Attack on Serbia, But Taken as Preventive Measure.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—A despatch from Athens to the Exchange Telegraph Company says: "The Bulgarian minister today declared that the mobilization of the Bulgarian army was not directed towards any attack against Greece or Serbia, but that it constituted preventive measures in case Austro-German troops should advance as far as Vidin."

Vidin is a fortified town of Bulgaria on the Danube, 130 miles southeast of Belgrade, Serbia. It is an emporium of the Austrian commerce with the Black Sea. It would be the first Bulgarian town to be reached by the Austro-German forces should the predicted Teutonic advance towards Constantinople in aid of the Turks succeed in crossing the 26-mile strip of territory in the northeastern corner of Serbia.

LONDON JOYFUL OVER BIG DRIVE

Great Rejoicing Among People at News of Successes. CAME WHEN EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN RIGHTS

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Sept. 26.—Great rejoicing attended the announcement in London today of British and French successes in France. The streets were thronged with people eager for further news. Each extra issue of newspapers was snapped up immediately it appeared. For several days rumors have been persistent that the long-expected offensive would start today, and "I told you so" is heard now on all sides. London is anxiously awaiting developments of the next few days, which, it is expected, will determine the scope of what evidently is a concerted important movement of the British and French armies.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

First Battalion. Wounded: (Sept. 18) Cecil Stringer, York, Ont. Second Battalion. Wounded: Leon Arthur Chevaly, Governor, N.Y. Third Battalion. Prisoner: Olf Lindborg, Sweden. Seventh Battalion. Wounded and missing April 24: Fred William Hubbard, Canning, N.S. Tenth Battalion. Missing: Harry Simpson, Winnipeg. Wounded: Robert J. Barker, Craig, Sask. Thirteenth Battalion. Wounded: John D. Tibson, Montreal. Fourteenth Battalion. Killed in action: James Cooley, Cambridge, Mass. Suffering from shock: Corp. Albert E. Lunn, Montreal. Fifteenth Battalion. Prisoner: Corp. James Robertson, 75 Chester avenue, Toronto. Sixteenth Battalion. Wounded: Serg. J. Neville, England; Herbert William Allen, England; John Stanley Hill, England. Thirtieth Battalion. Seriously ill: Mather McNaughton, Scotland; Company Quartermaster-Serg. Wm. Morrison, Winnipeg. Second Field Artillery Brigade. Wounded: Serg. Robert Parker Randall, Moncton, N.B. Nursing Sisters. Died Sept. 25: Matron J. B. Jaggard, Elmira, N.Y. Previously reported missing, now returned to duty: Cecil Stewart, 275 Silver Birch avenue, Toronto. Eleventh Battalion. Seriously ill: George Pottinger, England. Thirteenth Battalion. Died of wounds Sept. 14: Wm. Collins, Halifax, N.S. Dangerously wounded: Conrad Poirier, La Bale du Fevre, Que. GOES TO FRONT AS CHAPLAIN.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Sept. 26.—Rev. Donald Guthrie, D.D., late of Knox Church, Ottawa, and brother of Hugh Guthrie, M.P., has been recommended for an appointment as chaplain in the overseas forces, and it is understood that he will proceed to the front at an early date.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Sept. 26.—Three carloads of underwear for the troops were received in Ottawa today during inspection and re-shipped in smaller parcels to various parts of the country. Eight million pounds of clothing have been received, inspected and sent out so far this month.

While Holding Up Advance of Enemy in Riga and Dvinsk Regions, Czar's Soldiers Push Back Left Flank of Austro-Germans in South With Severe Losses to Foe.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Some of the fiercest fighting of the campaign is in progress on the Russian front. The Germans continue their furious attacks in an effort to drive the Russians out of Dvinsk, while in Volhynia and Galicia the Russians continue to harass the Austro-Germans who had designs on Kiev, from which town they are now further away than they were a few weeks ago.

General Ivanoff apparently is determined to hold back the Austro-Germans, and his efforts are meeting with a considerable measure of success. The fortress triangle, which includes Dubno, Rovno and Lutsk, is again almost entirely in the possession of the Russians.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 25, via London, Sept. 26.—The following Russian official war statement was given out here tonight: "The cannonade in the Riga region has become much more intense in places, the Germans using asphyxiating shells. A fierce battle has been fought along the whole front of the Dvinsk positions between Dvina and Lake Dravitsky, where the Germans, supported by the hurricane fire of their artillery, delivered repeated desperate attacks, all of which were repulsed. Certain trenches changed hands frequently. During an attack along the Dvinsk road, in the district of Lake Lavka near Novo Alexandrovsk, the enemy first succeeded in entering our trenches but afterwards was ejected by a counter-attack.

"Gathering themselves together, the Germans again rushed in compact columns upon our trenches, but, received by artillery, machine gun and rifle fire at close range, they retired in disorder. Twice attacks of the same nature subsequently were repeated in the same direction. The artillery fire here was extremely intense, but all attacks were repulsed, and during the disorderly fighting, is the best proof of the valor of our troops. During one counter-attack a Russian detachment in the heat of the day was surrounded by Germans, but cut its way out and joined the other troops.

"There is no notable change in the front from Oshchiany to Pripet. Isolated actions have occurred in the districts of Novogradok and Baranovich, according to later reports, during the engagement near Logischin the 41st German corps suffered very severe losses and during the disorderly retreat we made prisoners of seven officers and 500 un wounded men and captured a cannon and seven machine guns. We also captured many German wounded, but the number is not yet established.

"In a hot engagement near Dubno for the villages of Khorupagne and Golovitchina, our troops, by a frontal attack, captured 30 officers, about 1500 men and a machine gun. This attack was delivered under the enemy's hurricane of artillery fire, which subsequently forced our troops to retreat towards the River Ikva. "In the region adjoining Galicia the enemy launched a series of attacks near the Villages of New Alexinetz, but our troops, by a counter attack, overthrew him and took prisoner over 3000 men, and captured four machine guns. "Near the Village of Dobranole (Galicia), southwest of Trembovka, our cavalry pursued the enemy, who fled. Our cavalry pursuing the enemy horse, captured a great many and captured about 500 with 17 officers and two machine guns. "Later reports show that the prisoners captured in the Lutsk district numbered 123 officers and about 6000 men, not 80 officers and 4000 men, as stated in the preliminary estimates."

STEAM BARGE ASHORE MAY BE TOTAL WRECK Arabian Driven Aground at Wilsonton, N.Y.—Crew All Brought to Land.

WELSON, N.Y., Sept. 26.—The steam barge Arabian, Montreal Lake Superior port, with a cargo of soda, was driven ashore within 50 feet of the government pier here this afternoon in a heavy gale. The captain, mate and a crew of 16 were brought ashore and the vessel was abandoned for the night. It is feared she will be a total wreck if the gale continues.

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