

# Sudden Activity on the Western Front Germans Claim Big Haul of Serb Soldiers Italian Artillery Service Best in the War

## GERMANS CLAIM THE CAPTURE OF 5000 SERBIANS

No Hope in England That Monastir Can Be Held From the Invader.

### WHAT ABOUT ITALY?

Russians Beat Back Attack South of Riga and Defending Galicia.

Aeroplane Squadron Attacked British Camp Six Miles From Ypres.

BERLIN, Nov. 19.—(By Sayville wireless)—The capture of 5,000 Serbians was announced by the war office to-day.

London, Nov. 19.—The fate of Monastir is not yet known definitely, but there is little hope in England that it will escape the Bulgarians. There is a possibility, however, that the invaders will not dare to make such an extension of their line with the French apparently established solidly on their flank. Left in the lurch as to the actual progress of the Anglo-French campaign in the near east, the British public can only hope the Entente allies will soon have such strong forces there that they will be able to harass Serbians to make a successful stand and preserve a small portion of their country as the Belgians did along the Yser. Some substance is given this hope by unofficial news that the Anglo-French force is now assuming formidable proportions, as well as by hints that Italy is on the verge of actual participation in the Balkan campaign.

The retreat of the Serbians towards the Albanian border is causing increased uneasiness at Athens, but the developments there are interpreted as being not unfavorable to the Entente powers. The British war council has returned from Paris without giving any intimation of the outcome of its deliberations with the French committee, but the public is convinced closer unity will prevail hereafter in the operations of the allied armies and fleets. Little news comes from the eastern front, in addition to the reports that a German attack south of Riga has been repulsed and Austro-German attempts to cross the Styry River in Galicia have been resumed.

### AEROPLANE ATTACK.

Berlin, Nov. 19.—(By Sayville wireless)—A German aeroplane squadron made an attack yesterday on the British camp, west of Toperinghe in Belgium, six miles from Ypres, the War Office announced to-day. There were artillery duels yesterday in and near the Argonne and in the Vosges.

### Duke Inspected Soldiers.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Montreal, Nov. 19.—The Duke of Connaught, governor-general of Canada, this afternoon inspected units of the overseas company on the McGill campus and a battery of heavy artillery raised in Montreal by Major Cape, and the First Pioneer Battalion from Winnipeg. His Royal Highness arrived in the city this morning from Ottawa and will return on a special train this evening.

Mrs. Charles E. Knoblauch of New York, must stand trial on the charge of violating the sanitary code adopted by the Board of Health by having an unmuzzled dog in Fifth avenue, January 8, 1915.

## A SUDDEN BURST OF ACTIVITY IN FLANDERS

By Special Wire to the Courier. Rotterdam, Nov. 19.—(In Montreux Gazette)—From several sources news reaches here that a period of particular activity on both sides is suddenly developing on the western front. Certain evidences of liveliness on the part of the Germans in the section of Arras-Armentiers has for a week past suggested that they are preparing for an attempt at a local advance. These preparations would explain the heavy artillery duel, the sound of which has been distinctly heard, even as far east as Antwerp.

### KITCHENER BUSY.

By Special Wire to the Courier. SALONIKI, Nov. 18, via Paris, Nov. 19, 4 p.m.—Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, the British secretary of war, today conferred with General Sarrail, commander-in-chief of the French army of the Orient, and left immediately without debarking.

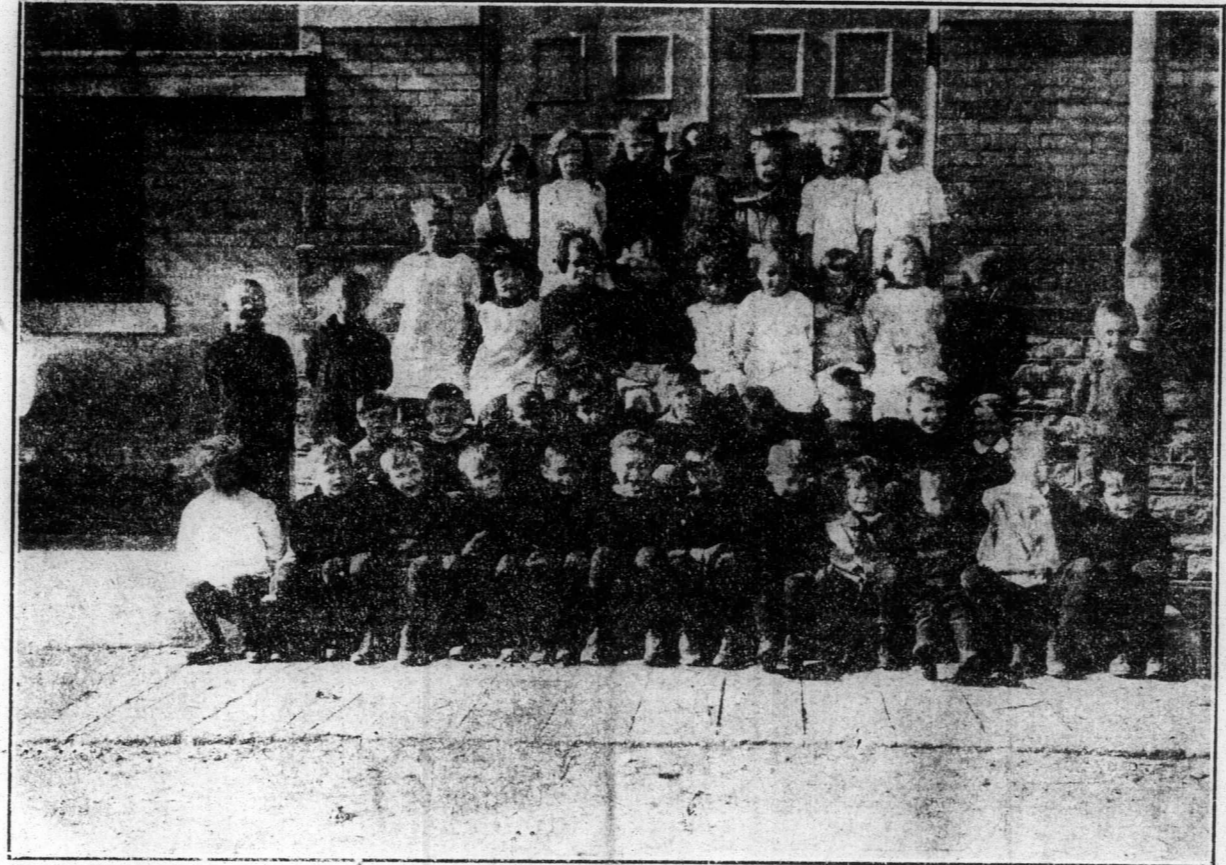
### THREW THOUSANDS OF SHELLS

By Special Wire to the Courier. Constantinople Nov. 16, via London (delayed in transmission)—An official statement issued at the Turkish War Office says: "On November 14 the enemy fired thousands of shells against our left wing near Anafarta and Sedul Bahr without important damage. On the 15th the enemy similarly bombarded our right wing and advanced positions in the centre with land and naval guns for five hours. In the meantime the enemy delivered an attack. The left wing of one of our centre regiments was driven back some distance. When the enemy attempted to attack the front of another regiment he reached its advanced trenches, but by cross fire and counter attacks was repulsed from these trenches to his former positions suffering heavy losses."

By Special Wire to the Courier. A fashionable Detroit Episcopal congregation will do overalls and go to work in the Ford factory and "get close to humanity."

## Brantford's Bright Pupils Have Been Photographed

KING EDWARD SCHOOL—DIVISION TEN



TOP ROW—Olive Pickering, Helen Mack, Erma Verley, Vera Fowler, Helen Eagleton, Marion Maich, Helen Robbins. SECOND ROW—John Moore, Jack Fisher, Hazel Edmund, Beatrice Campbell, Genevieve Mitchen, Eanid Hawley, Lillian Sylvester, May Durand, Lillian Gilmore, Ruby Haynes, Gilbert Box, Cecil Robinson. THIRD ROW—Elmer Parsons, Jack Kewley, Fred Durnford, George Adams, Montie Smith, Lennie Elins, Jack Ratcliffe, Lawrence Lane, Jack Spicer. FRONT ROW—Charles Allison, Melvin James, Willie Slater, Rosy Hodge, Leo Connor, Ted Chandler, Sam Benton, Willie McIntyre, Hugh Pickering, Charles Sherry, Wilfrid Dennis, Ross Dickson.

## CANADIAN PROSPECTS OF TRADE WITH THE RUSSIANS

Mr. C. F. Just of the Dominion Trade Department is a Visitor in Brantford—People of the Czar Wish to Stop Buying any Goods From Germans.

Mr. Just, of the Dominion Government Trades and Labor department has been in the city all day at the Board of Trade offices, Court House, and will also be here all day to-morrow to meet the representatives of local manufacturers with regard to the opportunities of trade with Russia. In an interesting interview with a Courier man, he stated that he had just returned from a four months trip to the country named, and had found the people there very anxious to free themselves from purchases in Germany, which the last year prior to the war had totalled some \$75,000,000. The Germans have hitherto built up a big hold there through the banks and other financial channels and the Russians are more than anxious to trade with the Allies to the exclusion of the Fatherland. In this regard, a big opportunity was offered for Canada, as the Czar's people are determined to throw off the German incubus. They bought agricultural machinery of all kinds, plows, binders, windmills, etc., wood working machinery, metal machinery, lathes, binder twine, sawmill machinery and so on in an infinite variety. "I think," said he, "that the line of approach should be through co-related industries, who could operate in sending representatives to the half a dozen chief centres, from which the whole matter could be handled. The field is undoubtedly there and the keen desire to oust German articles. It is not a cut market. The main needs would be capacity to deliver and credits slightly larger than is the case with other lands."

A number of Brantford manufacturers called on Mr. Just to-day and many more have signified their intention of doing so to-morrow. Without doubt, much good and advantage will result from his visit here as elsewhere in the Dominion. Susan Dickinson, authoress and Civil War correspondent is dead at Scrant'n. Dr. David J. Fuller of Hendersonville, N.C., who lost a huge fortune in unfortunate investments, died while working as a farm hand. The cry, "Italy is a traitor; long live Austria and Germany," by a man of Teutonic appearance, precipitated a small riot in St. John's Hall, Boston, among a crowd of 7,000 Italians.

## FRENCH OFFICIAL

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, Nov. 19.—There has been spirited fighting in Alsace accompanied by throwing of hand grenades, according to the announcement given out this afternoon by the French war office.

Eight German aviators flying over Luneville were pursued by the French aviators. Five of them were driven away, but the others succeeded in throwing down several bombs. Three persons were wounded.

The text of the communication follows: "In Alsace, on the plateau of Uffholtz and at Harman-Wellerkopf, there has been very spirited artillery fighting accompanied by activity from the trench guns as well as the throwing of hand grenades. On the remainder of the front last night passed without incident."

"Eight German aviators endeavored to fly over Luneville. French aviators went up in pursuit, and five of the Germans were deflected from their objective. The remaining three threw down a number of bombs on the town. These missiles wounded three persons. The material damage inflicted was unimportant."

Judge Clarke of Cleveland grants appeal from injunction restraining County Treasurer from collecting taxes of \$311,049.377 from John D. Rockefeller.

Mrs. Sadie E. Michel of Trenton is suing Dr. J. H. Winslow for damages because, she alleges, he sewed up a gauze sponge in the plaintiff's abdomen.

## PRIVATE STEVENSON KILLED WITH O'NEILLS AND LOWES

One Shell Snuffed Out Life of Four Brantford Lads—Letter From Chaplain to Mr. Lowes and Miss O'Neill Telling How Boys Died.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN. Belgium, Nov. 2nd, 1915.

Dear Mr. Lowes: I am sorry to have to write you on the sad subject of the death of your son, James Henry, of the 19th Battalion. He and three of his comrades were killed by a German shell on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 31st. We buried him on Monday afternoon in a military cemetery near where his battalion is quartered. I conducted the funeral service in the presence of a number of his officers and comrades. It may be of some comfort to you to know that your son was cared for in death and lies at rest in a place which will be kept sacred, and a cross with inscription will be erected at once over his grave to mark the spot where lies another loyal son of Canada, fallen in a great and righteous cause. Please accept my sincere sympathy, though I am a stranger to you.

Yours truly, R. F. THOMPSON, Capt. Chaplain 4th Batt. Canadians. FROM COMPANY COMMANDER. Belgium, Nov. 3, 1915.

Mr. J. Lowes, 50 Duke Street, Brantford, Ont. Dear Sir—I regret very much to advise you that your son, Pte. J. H. (Continued on page 4.)

## SERIES OF MEETINGS ONLY ITALIANS

To Help Recruiting for the 125th Brant Battalion, C.E.F.

In connection with the formation of a Brant County Battalion, it has been decided to at once hold a series of meetings to help with recruiting. The first will take place in the Brant Theatre on Sunday night and the names of those who will address the same will be published in Saturday's paper.

The committee of the Recruiting League having matters in hand have already opened negotiations to obtain other speakers for subsequent meetings as follows: Sam Sanders, the noted labor leader, Hamilton. Col. Sutherland of the 71st Woodstock, who has just returned from the battle front. Col. Towers of the 70th Battalion, London. Rev. (Major) Tolmie, M.P.P., Windsor.

Also two well known lady speakers, Still Neutral. By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, Nov. 19, 8:40 p.m.—The Greek Legation issued a denial to-day of recent press despatches from Athens stating that a commission of German military officers had arrived in Greece and was inspecting the camp at Saloniki of the French and British troops with the assistance of Grecian authorities.

### French Imports.

Paris, Nov. 19.—Figures compiled officially regarding exports and imports show that the food imports of France for the first six months of 1915 were greater by 657,000,000 francs (\$137,400,000) than for the same period in 1914, while the value of manufactured goods brought into the country in the half year increased 918,000,000 francs.

## KNOW HOW TO USE ARTILLERY

A German Observer Says Their Firing Against Gorizia Never Equalled.

### TORRENTIAL RAINS

Gen. Cadorna Has Assembled 1500 Guns in a Space of Twelve Miles.

Importance of His Attack Not Thought Of, But Success Would be Blow.

By Special Wire to the courier.

New York, Nov. 19.—The New York World this morning publishes the following copyright despatch from Karl H. Von Wiegand: "With the Austrian army on the Isonzo, Doberdo plateau corps headquarters of Archduke Joseph, November 15 (by courier to Vienna, via Amsterdam, November 18)—The fourth great battle for Gorizia and the commanding heights of the Doberdo plateau, still in the hands of the Austro-Hungarian army under General Borojevic commenced two days ago, and is on in full force and, under weather conditions probably unexampled in any of the other numerous theatres of war."

### TERRIFIC FIRING

The day and night cannonade of the concentrated Italian artillery splendidly served, surpasses anything I saw during the June and September offensives on the western front, while at Tarnov and Gorlice, where the Germans and Austrians smashed through the Russian lines by weight of iron and started the Russian steam roller moving backward until it disappeared in the centre of the west Muscovite empire, is declared by those who were there now here, as having been childish play in comparison. "THE HELL."

The Doberdo plateau and a portion of Mont Podgora are called "the hell." They justify the name. Nothing else could give a vague idea of the fighting the conditions under which it is taking place. With the third battle on the Isonzo River lasting over three weeks of uninterrupted fighting from Monfalco on the Adriatic to Tolmino above Gorizia, having brought the Italians no appreciable results. Count Cadorna, the Italian generalissimo, two days ago began a fourth attack against the Doberdo plateau and Gorizia. This time instead of a general attack upon General Borojevic's front of eighty kilometres (forty-one miles), along the Isonzo from the Adriatic to Tolmino, Gen. Cadorna is concentrating the greater portion of his (estimated) 1,500 guns and throwing the full weight of his artillery against the Doberdo plateau and the heights around Gorizia, on a front not exceeding ten or twelve miles. For two weeks it has rained in torrents. It has rained with but few intervals for the three days I have been on this front so far. In the low places along the Isonzo is a sea of mud. The men of the Austrian army in the front trenches are fighting in water and mud that at times reaches the hips, while the trenches drilled and blasted through rock over the steep heights, during the heaviest downpour are veritable mountain torrents. Into this mess the Italian heavy batteries which include 30, 35 and 38 centimetre (11.8, 13.7, and 14.8 inch) mortars and ship guns, from the flats beyond the Isonzo pour a hail of big shells and shrapnel that give the heights and trenches the appearance of volcanoes. (Continued on Page 4.)

## CONSTANTINE RECEIVES THE FRENCH ENVOY

By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, Nov. 19.—"Denys Cochin, French Cabinet minister without portfolio, was received at Tenocemy by King Constantine," says a Havas despatch from Athens. The conversation lasted an hour. "Both on his way to visit the King and on his return M. Cochin was again the object of enthusiastic demonstrations by the public of Athens. Numerous delegations of various societies called upon him at his hotel to express their gratitude to the eminent advocate of the rights of Hellenism. "M. Cochin leaves to-day for Saloniki on a torpedo boat placed at his disposal by the Greek Government. "In political circles here favorable to the Entente powers, it is hoped that the French cabinet minister's visit will have a beneficial influence on the relations between Greece and the allies."

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