

TERRIFIC GUN-FIRE BY BRITISH FORCES MAY BE FORERUNNER OF ANOTHER IMPORTANT ADVANCE

THE BRITISH DELIVER GUNFIRE OF VIOLENT INTENSITY IN PREPARATION FOR OFFENSIVE

From Berlin Official Statement it is Probable Field Marshal Haig's Army is About to Start Another Drive of Some Sort.

NORTHEAST OF ARRAS THE BRITISH REACH HUN LINES, SAYS BERLIN

Germany Deliver Attack After Violent Bombardment Upon French Positions in the Forest of Apremont—More Arrests in Russian Army.

Berlin, Sept. 17.—Drumfire of the most violent intensity was in progress yesterday in some sectors of the Flanders front, says today's army headquarters' statement, but the British made no attack. The statement reads: "Western war theatre: Front of Crown Prince Rupprecht: Good visibility favored the developments of lively artillery activity. In Flanders the artillery duel on the coast and in some sectors between Houtholst Wood and Lys increased several times to the most violent drumfire.

"British infantry attacks did not materialize and there were only local engagements between the lines as a result of which prisoners fell into our hands. Northeast of Arras, strong British reconnaissance detachments pressed forward and at some points even reached our lines whence they were driven back by our rapid counter-attacks.

"Near St. Quentin also the enemy prepared by bursts of fire for attacks by his reconnoitering parties which were everywhere repulsed.

"Front of the German Crown Prince: Along the Aisne, notably northeast of Soissons and also in the Champagne and before Verdun, the fighting activity of our own and the enemy (artillery) increased many times to great intensity. The French lost prisoners in several reconnoitering engagements.

"Two airplanes were shot down by one of our pursuing sections from enemy aerial squadrons which bombed Colmar twice yesterday. In addition to these, the enemy lost sixteen airplanes.

Regarding operations in the eastern theatre, the statement says: "There was no essential events.

On the Macedonian front, the statement says, the situation was unchanged.

French Statement.

Paris, Sept. 17.—The text of today's official statement follows: "The night was marked by quite violent artillery actions, notably in the west of Craonne and in the sector of Meuse.

"After a violent bombardment, the Germans delivered an attack upon our positions in the forest of Apremont. Some detachments of the enemy, which succeeded in gaining a foothold in our advanced trench elements, were ejected after spirited fighting. Our line is fully re-established.

"In the Vosges, a surprise attack of the enemy upon our posts at 'Vieux was checked by our fire."

Russian.

Petrograd, Sept. 17.—The inquiry going made in Petrograd shows that the 60th cavalry division which advanced to the River Marva, believed that it was to defend the Baltic coast which was threatened by a German invasion. Such junior officers as were in the plot, it is said, were influenced by talk of poor pay.

The Mohrler inquiry discloses that the soldiers were told there was anarchy and panic in Petrograd, which was getting no food supplies. They were assured that General Korniloff did not intend to upset the existing order, but aimed to take measures against the disorganization which was helping the enemy.

Upon the other hand, evidence against the higher officers is coming in. Twenty more officers, including General Kisilakoff, have been arrested at Mohrler. Government agents also have arrested Col. Lebedev, in whose automobile were discovered plans of the operations against Petrograd.

STANLEY CONNORS IMPROVING.

Stanley Connors, the sixteen year old son of E. E. Connors of Adelaide street, who was badly injured Sunday afternoon when he jumped off the Millidgeville bus, is reported as improving at the General Public Hospital, though his condition is still considered serious.

MOVE TO CHANGE PROVINCE'S NAME

New Windsor Again Suggested as Substitute for New Brunswick.

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—Representations have been made to the Dominion government that the province of New Brunswick should change its name to that of New Windsor. This communication, which hails from Manitoba, emphasizes that the King has dropped "Brunswick" from his titles and that the royal family is known as that of Windsor. It is urged that a similar course should be followed in Canada in regard to names possessing a German flavor. "New Windsor" instead of New Brunswick is therefore suggested.

MANY HONOR MEMORIES OF A. D. RICHARD

Great Concourse at Solemn High Mass of Requiem in St. Edward's Church, Dorchester—Business Stops.

Special to The Standard.

Dorchester, Sept. 17.—The funeral of the late Hon. A. D. Richard took place this morning at 10 o'clock. A great concourse of people attended. C.M.B.A. and representatives of the K. of C. preceded the hearse. Next to the mourners in the procession came representatives of the bar and banks. An unusually large number of townspeople were in the cortege. Devotion solemn high mass was celebrated in St. Edward's church by Rev. Fr. La Cavaller of St. Joseph's College, assisted by Father W. H. H. O'Rourke, parish priest.

Other members of the clergy present were Fathers Tessier, Roy and Hypolite LeBlanc. The college choir from St. Joseph's rendered the musical parts of the solemn high mass. The interment took place in the R. C. cemetery, Dorchester. Business was suspended two hours in Dorchester during the funeral, blinds being drawn in stores and private residences.

The pall-bearers were J. J. Bourgeois, E. Girouard, Moncton; John Kelly, St. John; J. P. Sherry, Memramouc; V. L. O'Rourke, Amherst. Among those in attendance were Justice W. B. Chandler, Judge R. W. Hewson, Hon. F. Sweeney, E. A. Dyer, A. A. Allen, T. T. Goodwin, A. J. LeGere, Moncton; C. M. Legere, M.P.P., Allison Dyrart, M.P.P., Hon. O. M. Melanson, Shadish; Lieut. Geo. R. McCord, Sackville; Rev. James Crisp, Sunny Brae; the resident clergymen of Dorchester, Rev. Mr. West, Anglican; Rev. Mr. Hudson, Methodist; Rev. Mr. Freda, Baptist and Chaplain Thomas of the penitentiary.

SULTAN RECEIVES VON BERNSTORFF

Now Full Fledged Ambassador to Sublime Porte.

London, Sept. 17.—Count Von Bernstorff, formerly German ambassador to the United States, and recently appointed ambassador to Turkey, was received by the Sultan today and presented his credentials, according to a despatch from Constantinople.

CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—List of casualties: Infantry.

Wounded—D. D. Morrison, Blues Mills, N.S.; D. T. Thibideau, Annapolis Royal, N. S.

C. Veno, Weavers Sliding, N. B.; L. W. Kennedy, St. John, N. B.

Artillery.

Died of Wounds—Gunner M. E. Coughland, South Nelson, N. B.

Wounded—L. LeSauty, Annapolis Royal, N. S.; G. Arsenault, Egmont Bay, P.E.I.; C. McCarty, St. John; J. Benstock, St. John; J. J. Sutherland, Sydney, N. S.; A. Hart, Cliffside, N. B.

Mounted Rifles.

Gassed—Wills Gould, River Glade, N. B.; Nelson Richardson, Sackville, N. B.

ALL MEN IN TUSKET OF MILITARY AGE DON THE KHAKI

Special to The Standard.

Yarmouth, N. S., Sept. 17.—Allen Hatfield, a son of Tracey Hatfield of Tusket, went to Halifax on Saturday to join the 10th street battery. His brothers, cousins and other relatives are all in khaki and his enlistment takes the last man of military age whose home is in Tusket. Tusket is an important village numbering almost a thousand people and probably there is no other village of equal size in Canada and very few if any in the whole empire which has furnished 100 per cent of its man power for the King line.

HUNS LACKING IN OFFICIAL EXCUSE

Do Not Explain Count Von Luxburg's Abuse of Swedish Confidence.

London, Sept. 18.—Germany has given no official excuse regarding Count Von Luxburg's abuse of Swedish confidence, says the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Copenhagen. He quotes the Nya Dagsbladet's Berlin correspondent, however, as stating he had learned from the German foreign office that all German diplomatic representatives abroad had been informed that the Swedish government had no knowledge of the contents of the count's telegrams.

RUSSIAN NAVY MISBEHAVING

Premier Kerensky Sends Peremptory Telegram to Baltic Fleet.

Petrograd, Sept. 17.—Premier Kerensky has sent a telegram to the Baltic fleet, imperatively demanding the cessation of acts of violence and all excesses committed under the pretext of safeguarding the revolution. In reality he says, the men by their actions are disorganizing the navy by reducing its fighting capacity.

The premier's spokesman the guilty parties scathingly adds that he awaits news of the complete re-establishment of order.

YACHT UNION IS BLOWN UP

Explosions in Oil Tanks of Well Known Craft Sends Her to Bottom off Canadian Coast.

An American Yacht, Sept. 17.—News of the sinking of the yacht Union, of the Canadian coast five days ago, as the result of explosions in her oil tanks, reached here tonight on the arrival by rail from a Canadian city of sixty-four members of the crew.

There was no loss of life in the disaster, and only one man was injured. He is in a Canadian hospital suffering from burns.

The Union, once the Vanadis, and one of the most palatial of the American sea-going yachts, was owned until recently by C. K. G. Billing, at the time of her destruction she was the property of the Russian provisional government.

PRETTY WEDDING UP IN MONCTON

Edgar Alexander Robertson and Miss Wilhelmina Gorham United by Fr. Savage.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, Sept. 17.—A pretty wedding of particular interest to Moncton's younger set took place in St. Bernard's E. C. Church at seven o'clock when Edgar Alexander Robertson was married to Miss Wilhelmina Gorham in the presence of immediate friends of the contracting parties. The church was decorated for the occasion. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. J. Savage, pastor of St. Bernard's. The bride was gowned in ivory duchesse satin with yoke and sleeves of ivory tulle and orange blossoms. Little Miss Agnes Myers, cousin of the bride, was flower girl. The groom was supported by F. L. Douglas.

Concluding the afternoon's session, Mr. Fox, generally speaking, said the reason for the increased Canadian business was because of the cutting off of the supplies formerly sent to England, to Russia, Holland, Sweden and Denmark. Mr. Fox also pointed out that he refused to give any opinion as to the reason for Canadian bacon selling more cheaply in England and the United States, than it does in Canada. He contended that the products were not comparable, as they were cured differently.

YOUNG GIRLS BADLY HURT IN JOY RIDE

Automobile Racing with Train Crashes Into Wagon and Then Attempts to Throw Train from Rails.

Halifax, Sept. 17.—A party of joy riders in a hired automobile driven by Frank Kennedy, licensed chauffeur of this city, came to grief on the Bedford road this evening. Kennedy was racing the incoming train from Sydney, when a wagon driven by a Mr. McGrath turned a corner of the road coming in the opposite direction. The driver of the car was unable to avoid a collision and the automobile crashed into the wagon, severely injuring Mr. McGrath.

Swerving off the road, the car then pitched down the eighteen foot fall way embankment and struck the train. The driver and two other men in the car miraculously escaped injury, but the other occupants—two young girls—were seriously injured.

THE CANADIAN BACON TRADE IS BOOMING

Government Commission Investigating High Cost of Ham and Bacon Meets Again at Toronto.

Toronto, Sept. 17.—The government commission investigating into the report of W. F. O'Connor as acting high cost of living commissioner in reference to the prices of bacon and ham, held its first business session today at the city hall. The preliminary session was held six weeks ago.

The entire day was spent in receiving the reports of the government auditors who have spent the last six weeks going over the books of the William Davis Company, from 1913 to March, 1917. These reports showed an enormous increase in the volume of business since the outbreak of the war, and a marked growth in profits.

As to the profits, Mr. C. E. Fox, the general manager of the company, differed with Mr. W. D. Taylor, who was in charge of the audit for Clark, Gordon, Dilworth & Co., contending that Mr. Taylor did not give sufficient consideration to the deductions of depreciation, bonuses, insurance, etc.

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BRITISH FORCES REPULSE RAIDING PARTY OF HUNS SOUTH OF LOMBAERTZYDE

Hostile Party Received with Heavy Fire by Field Marshal Haig's Men and Repulsed with Loss Before It Succeeded in Reaching British Trench

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVE ON THE CANADIAN FRONT SOUTH OF LENS

British Airplanes Drop 143 Bombs on German Airdrome—Six Teuton Airplanes Brought Down in Combat and Four Others Disabled.

London, Sept. 17.—The official report from British headquarters in France reads: "This morning the enemy attempted to raid our trenches south of Lombaertzyde under a covering bombardment. The hostile party was repulsed with a heavy fire by our troops and repulsed with loss before reaching our trench.

"Our artillery was active during the day in the Ypres sector. The enemy's artillery activity was somewhat less marked except in the area south of Lens and in the neighborhood of Nieupoort.

WILLISTON WILL REPRESENT THE CANADIAN PRESS

Succeeds Stewart Lyon with Canadian Army in North France.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 17.—Mr. Walter A. Williston has been named as the representative of the Canadian Press Limited, with the Canadian army in France. Mr. Williston succeeds Mr. Stewart Lyon, of the Toronto Globe, who returns to Canada, after six months' meritorious service.

Mr. Williston as the representative of the Toronto News in London for two and a half years, visited the British, French and Canadian men on many occasions and is familiar with conditions in the zone of hostilities. He returned to Canada some time ago and since the organization of the food controllers' office in Ottawa, has been in charge of the publicity work for that body.

SENATOR ROCHE IN EXPLANATION

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—(Canadian Press) —Senator Roche declared in the senate today that it was absurd to disfranchise Gallicians who had never been friendly to Austria and who had come to Canada to escape the Austrian government. He said he had been the Halifax agent of the Hamburg American Line for forty years but his sentiments had not been influenced by his connection with that company. Certainly he could not have been moved since the war by friendly feelings with that country, as there had been an amalgamation of the Hamburg-American with other lines which had resulted in his dismissal as agent two years before the war began. He declared that he and his forebears had been loyal always to the British Crown. He expressed regret that the attitude of the government tended to build up a military caste in Canada and to make it superior to the ordinary citizen and to Canadian friendliness.

A GREAT FIRE IN RUSSIAN WAR PLANT

Rome, Sept. 17.—(British Admiralty press, via London)—A Petrograd despatch to the Messenger says that a great fire has broken out in the military factories at the Putiloff works, the damage amounting to several million rubles.

A U. S. CONSULATE RUINED BY BOMBS

Germans Hand Out Token of Esteem to United States at Dunkirk.

Washington, Sept. 17.—Destruction of the American consular agency at Dunkirk, France, by a German bomb on September 7, was reported today to the state department. The American consular agent, Benjamin Morel, was uninjured and the archives of the consulate were saved.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVE

"From Sunday the visibility has improved and a good deal of successful artillery work and photography work has been accomplished. During the fine intervals the enemy aircraft were active again being greatly favored by a strong wind. In the course of the morning hostile machines dropped fifty bombs behind our lines. Very little damage was done.

"Our airplanes dropped 143 bombs on a German airdrome and hostile bullets and fired many thousands of rounds from their machine guns at various targets on the ground. In particular a body of 2,000 German infantry was engaged with machine gun fire from a height of a hundred feet and scattered.

"Six German airplanes were brought down in combat and four others were driven down out of control. In addition one hostile machine was brought down in our lines by anti-aircraft gun fire. Eight of our airplanes are missing."

HEAD OF THE GOSSACKS OF THE DON RESIGNS

Petrograd, Sept. 17.—General Kaledines has resigned as Hetman of the Don Cossacks. General Kaledines' arrest has been sought by the provisional government because of his adherence to the Korniloff revolt and instructions to that effect were sent to the Grand Council of the Don Cossacks sitting at Novo Tcherkassk. The council, however, replied that it was impossible to obey the order because of the necessity of General Kaledines' attendance at the military conference of the Cossacks in his official capacity as Hetman.

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