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Germans Preparing for Desperate Resistance

Additional Defences Along Hindenburg Line

General Debeny's Men Already in Contact With New System But Continue to Advance--Making Progress South of St. Quentin--Violent Efforts of Enemy Prove of No Avail--Desperate Hand-to-Hand Fighting by Gas-Masked Troops

With the French Army in France, Sept. 22--(By the Associated Press)--General Debeny's troops continued to advance toward the La Fere road, south of St. Quentin today. They reached La Bay, the Capone and Lemoutin farms the Vandeuil Forest, which is only 1,000 yards from the road and about a mile from the Oise River.

As the French draw nearer the Hindenburg line around St. Quentin, the Germans multiply their efforts to keep them from it. North of the Somme they are organizing a defensive system on the line of heights which runs parallel to the Hindenburg positions from east of Holnon to Hill 123, south of Holnon and thence through Hill 138, east of Savy Wood, to the Dallon Heights, on the front Ham to St. Quentin.

This line is being feverishly fortified against tanks with mine fields. All eastern slopes of these heights are utilized to shelter troops which appear quite dense there. A system of communicating trenches has been dug to permit their circulation and the bringing up of supplies.

General Debeny's men are now in contact with this line of resistance and continue to advance, notwithstanding the formidable fortifications and the active resistance of the enemy's infantry.

German forces in this region, according to evidence worthy of credit, do not take to the commission acts of desecration in preparing traps for French soldiers, taking in Christian cemetery was thrown to the ground and connected by wire a detonating device that caused the explosion of a grenade when a soldier tried to lift it.

FINLAND OPENS HER DOORS TO THE REFUGEES

But Asks Neighbors To Help in Good Work

ARRANGING EXCHANGE

Russian Peoples' Commissary at Valogada Urges Ruthless Persecution of British, French and Americans--Japan's Position Stated

Helsingfors, Finland, Sept. 22--(By the Associated Press)--"In view of the condition of anarchy and murder at Petrograd and the defenceless situation of a great part of the population," says an official statement issued here, "Finland's government feels that purely humanitarian grounds it cannot refuse to permit Russian, English, American and Italian refugees to come to Finland."

The Finnish government, however, the statement says, is compelled by the scarcity of provisions to beg the three Scandinavian countries--Norway, Sweden and Denmark--to help in harboring a portion of the refugees.

London, Sept. 22--It is understood in official circles here that arrangements are progressing for the mutual repatriation of British subjects in Russia and Russians in Great Britain. Information is said to have been received from M. Tchaketeria, Russian foreign minister, which leads to the belief that British subjects will be got out of Russia safely.

Amsterdam, Sept. 22--The Russian peoples' commissary at Valogada, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Hamburg Nachrichten, has urged on the people of the entire Volga province the most ruthless persecution of British subjects and French and American citizens.

Rioting against Entente nationals has taken place in various towns, the correspondent says, and some Frenchmen and Americans are being murdered.

Archangel, Sept. 11--(By the Associated Press)--Colonel Tchepkin, leader of the recent attempt to overturn the provisional government headed by M. Tchaketeria in northwestern Russia, has resigned as commander of the Russian forces and has been succeeded by Colonel Ivanoff.

The labor disputes in Archangel are being rapidly settled.

Harbin, Sept. 19--(By the Associated Press)--A proclamation has been issued by the Japanese saying that only because of its friendly feeling for Russia and a desire to gain, Japan wishes to help restore order here. The proclamation lays emphasis on the assertion that anyone, regardless of nationality, causing disorders will be severely punished.



Hun Idea of Proper Plan for League of Nations

Undisturbed Possession of Territory and Colonies and Division of Surplus of Raw Materials Seem to Be Vital Points

Amsterdam, Sept. 22--A draft of a constitution for a league of nations, worked out in detail by Mathias Erbenberger, clerical member of the German Reichstag, is published in the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin. It is taken from a book entitled "The League of Nations--The Way to Peace," which Erbenberger will publish soon.

The first section of this constitution, dealing with the organization of such a league, says: "Any sovereign state can enter the league, which shall be considered to have been formed when the following powers are among those who have announced adherence: Germany, Great Britain, France, the United States and Russia."

The Hague would be the seat of the league and there the international bureau would conduct its business. Each state, with the approval of its parliament, would appoint one delegate. The international bureau would be controlled by a permanent administrative council consisting of the representatives of the

LATE CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Sept. 22--Casualties--INFANTRY. Died of Wounds--J. Arsenau, Alwick, N. B.; G. Ross, Stuart, St. Stephen, N. B.; J. Mansfield, Caledonia, N. S.; L. Nisbett, Prince County, P. E. I.; R. S. Noel, Bonne Bay, W. N. S.; E. Stephens, Lockport, N. S.; A. Richard, Point St. Charles, N. B.; A. Richard, Richibucto, W. T. Robertson, Pugwash; J. M. Daly, Moncton; J. W. Blaine, Halifax; P. Surette, Hebron, N. S.

SPANISH INFLUENZA RAGING IN QUEBEC PROVES FATAL

Quebec, Sept. 22--An epidemic of what is supposed to be Spanish influenza is raging at Victoriaville, Que., where the 300 students at the college are reported to be sick. The fact is that the college has been quarantined for the last week, all the scholars being gradually sent home after disinfection. So far, two of the teaching brothers have died--Brother Donat and Brother Pierre. A scholar has also succumbed.

BRITISH BOMB METZ

London, Sept. 22--Machines of the British independent air force dropped nearly sixteen tons of bombs on German airbases and on blast furnaces in the Metz region on Saturday night, it was officially announced today. The blast furnaces attacked were those at Hagendangen and Rombach. Four enemy air-dromes were bombed by the raiders.

SMASHING BLOW TO TURKS IN PALESTINE

Enemy Retreating Fast as Legs Will Carry Them

Capture of 18,000 Prisoners Means Virtual Annihilation of Ottoman Forces in This Region--Details Received Confirm Completeness of Surprise and Magnitude of Success by General Allenby's Forces

London, Sept. 23--(By British Wireless Service)--Further information received concerning the dramatic advance of the British army in Palestine, begun during the night of Sept. 19, serves to confirm the completeness of the surprise and the magnitude of the success. A special correspondent at General Allenby's headquarters wires:

"The victory is much more important than the number of prisoners at present reported indicates, for the Turk has had a smashing blow, retiring into the hills as fast as his weary legs will permit. The British are pressing him with splendid energy, delivering overpowering blows in every attempt to resist."

"The situation is most promising." General Allenby's forces in Palestine have taken 18,000 Turkish prisoners and have captured 120 guns. This means the virtual annihilation of the Ottoman forces in this region. The Turkish losses were surprisingly slight, considering the importance of the advance.

With the British army in Palestine, Sept. 23--(Reuter's)--One incident showed the nature of the surprise attack made by the British.

A staff car with Turkish officers, in turning a corner in one town, met a British armored car, and all the Turks were captured. The roads converging at Nabulus and beyond are jammed with retreating transports and fugitive troops, affording easy targets for our airmen, who are raiding them with bombs with terrible effect, and are also machine-gunning the roads and doing great execution.

ALLANBY'S VICTORY MEANS LIBERATION OF THE HOLY-LAND FROM TURKS; MOST COMPLETE SUCCESS OF THE WAR

London, Sept. 23--(Canadian Press despatch from Reuter's, Limited)--The victory of General Allenby is hailed as a model in conception and execution. It is the most complete of any hitherto attained by the Allies in any theatre. General Allenby's consummate use of cavalry is especially praised by military critics here. The immediate effect of the victory is the liberation of the Holy Land, for it is anticipated that General Allenby will have little difficulty in entirely clearing Northern Palestine and be able to relieve his communications by establishing a sea base at Haifa, whence the railway runs to Beisan and Damascus. Thus, French forces in Palestine.

The Turkish disaster is bound to have the most profound reaction in Constantinople and Sofia and compromise the situation of the Turks in Mesopotamia. It will likely terminate the Turkish adventures in Persia and the Caucasus.

"CRISIS" IN GERMANY MERELY A STRATAGEM

London, Sept. 23--Although reports of a German political crisis arising from the supposed movement for parliamentarization of the government are printed at greater or less length in the papers here and the situation is watched with mild interest for any possibilities it may contain, the whole thing is mostly regarded as merely an integral part of the German "peace offensive."

It is recalled that the reassembling of the Reichstag has frequently since the war broke out been preceded by an outbreak of excited talking in German political circles. This has created a temporary "thunder" atmosphere, during which some revolutionary bomb has been predicted, but which has never fallen.

The Telegraph discussing the rumors, says that this is the eighth political "crisis" in the course of the war and adds: "All of them have left things very much as they were before." The papers generally ignore reports editorially that the view widely taken is expressed by the Graphic, which describes the discussion now filling German papers as a stratagem to lure the Allies into making peace by depicting Germany as a democracy.

AWFUL LOSS OF LIFE, MOSTLY GIRLS IN AUSTRIAN MUNITIONS FACTORY

Amsterdam, Sept. 22--Three hundred and eighty-two persons have been killed and many others injured in an explosion in an ammunition factory at Woollersdorf, near the Austrian capital, according to the Vienna newspapers. Fire broke out in the powder room and the terrific heat quickly overcame those in the flame-wrapped building. The victims were mostly girls.

WILLING TO LET CITIZENS SETTLE IT

Commissioner McLellan Welcomes Recall Plan

MR. HILYARD RETRACTS

POLICE SITUATION DISCUSSED BY THE COUNCIL--NO CHANGE AND UNION MEN SAY THEY WILL PROCEED WITH RECALL

Contrary to expectations there was no later delegation present at a meeting of the council this morning. After transacting some business a discussion regarding the situation was indulged in and both Commissioner Hilyard and Commissioner McLellan made statements. The latter said that he would not recede one-sixteenth of an inch from the stand he had taken in the matter and said that he favored a recall as it would be a means of securing a decision from the citizens. He also produced a telegram saying that the minister of labor was not in favor of police organizations affiliating with labor unions. Commissioner Hilyard said that his remarks regarding German money being behind strike movements had been meant in a general way. He said he was not aware that there were returned soldiers on the police force and that if they considered his remarks applied to them he would retract his statement and apologize to them.

Repairs Ordered. At the meeting this morning Mayor Hayes said that he had given authority to Captain Blanchard on Saturday, in the absence from the city of the commissioner of public safety, to place contractors at work this morning making alterations and repairs to the exhibition building for the housing of troops during the winter months. He explained that they were anxious to get the work underway and he felt that no obstacle should be put in their way. Commissioner McLellan, who was present at the meeting, said that he would look after the matter today.

A letter was read from Captain J. R. Thompson asking why no action had been taken on the part of the council to investigate the conduct of him on the part of Driver Powell of the city ambulance. Commissioner McLellan explained that he had regarding a letter from Captain Thompson received the alleged discourteous treatment some time in his living throughout the day.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis--Since Saturday the weather has been unsettled and showery, with reasonable temperatures in the western provinces, while from Ontario eastward it has been mostly cloudy and decidedly cool.

Forecasts. Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay, Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley--Moderate winds, a few scattered showers, but for the most part fair today and on Tuesday. Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore--Moderate westerly winds, fair and cool today and on Tuesday. Fair. Maritime--Moderate westerly winds, fair today and on Tuesday with much the same temperature. Superior--Fresh easterly winds, mostly fair and cool today and on Tuesday. Western Provinces--Easterly winds unsettled and cool today and on Tuesday, with showers in many localities. New England--Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; little change in temperature; gentle to moderate shifting winds.