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FRENCH BREAK GERMAN LINE AT PERONNE Italian Troops Engage Bulgarians West of Vardar River

ITALIANS JOIN BIG OFFENSIVE IN MACEDONIA

Clash With Bulgars Near Lake Butkovo, West of Vardar.

SERBS MAKE ADVANCE

In Co-Operation With French, They Occupy the Town of Sorovitz.

LONDON, Sept. 14, 3.05 a.m.—The British forces which crossed the Struma River into Greek Macedonia last Sunday have been withdrawn, after having inflicted heavy losses on the Bulgars, according to a report sent by the British press representative at Saloniki.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Sept. 13.—Official announcement today that Italian troops are participating in the heavy fighting proceeding along the Macedonian front emphasizes the fact that the entente allies have launched an offensive on a broad scale in the Balkan theatre. The Italian war office claims that Bulgarian detachments have been forced from positions near Lake Butkovo, west of the Vardar, where the Italians are in close touch with the French. Italian columns had skirmishes with the enemy, who was forced to fall back beyond the Demir Hissar-Doiran Railway line, according to Rome, but Sofia offers a different version, stating that two Italian companies with machine guns and a squadron of cavalry which had advanced in the direction of Butkovo and Duzna, were dispersed by a Bulgarian counter-attack.

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WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

IN the battle of the Somme yesterday the French did not stop with the gains that they had made the day before, but they swept onward to the east of the Peronne-Combes-Bapaume-Bethune road, carrying in their progress a complete trench system, powerfully organized, south of Le Priez farm, Bouchavesnes Village, and Bois L'Abbe farm, 650 yards east of the road. These points marked the limit of their advance, for the Germans had been able to send forward reinforcements by noon and to begin their counter-attacks in order to catch the French unprepared before their consolidation. At one time six German regiments which were launched against Bois L'Abbe farm recovered it, but the French troops poured back again like a flood and reformed their new front without losing any of their territorial gains. Round Hill or Slope 76, seized by the French last night, a desperate fight raged throughout the day, but the French managed to retain possession of it in the final efforts.

The foregoing successful actions brought in about 2300 unbound German prisoners and ten guns and they bring the French and three-quarters miles between Combes and the Somme River. A notable point about these gains is that they will permit the pouring of an enfilading fire from the south on the German lines to the north when the British army takes its turn at advancing. On their part yesterday the British maintained the artillery action and they repulsed a German counter-attack from the direction of the Mouquet farm. Otherwise they found the general situation unchanged.

It is probable that the heaviest fighting of the war at the present moment is proceeding north of Saloniki and in Macedonia. Italians for the first time joined in action and drove the Bulgarians from positions near Butkovo Lake, west of the Vardar River, to positions in the rear of the Demir Hissar-Doiran railway line. Close liaison is being maintained between the Italians and the French. The Franco-Serbian offensive on the left wing of the allies, has resulted in the capture of the Town of Dorovitz on the railway line west of Lake

LARGE STEAMER SUNK OWNED BY OIL TRUST

LONDON, Sept. 13.—Lloyd's Shipping Agency announces that the Dutch steamer Antwerpen has been sunk. The Dutch steamer Antwerpen was a vessel of 11,800 tons, and was built at Newport News. She belonged to the Standard Oil Company, and left Newport News in ballast on her maiden voyage for New York, Aug. 24, and sailed Aug. 31 from Bayonne, N.J., for London, on her first trip across the Atlantic. The steamer was in command of Captain Herman Segbarth, and was 480 feet long, 60 feet beam and 30 in depth.

BOSPHORUS TUNNEL IS LATEST TURKISH DREAM

BERLIN, Sept. 13.—A proposition for a tunnel under the Bosphorus is being discussed at Constantinople. Engineers have worked out detailed plans showing that the project is feasible and financially profitable, while its strategic importance is obvious. Earlier projects for direct communication between the European and Asiatic shores of Turkey, inspired by the construction of the Anatolian and Bagdad railways, were devoted to the subject of bridging the narrow at Sunk Hissar.

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ROMANIANS FOES HARD IN DANUBE FIGHT

Defeats Hostile Detachment, Capturing Eight German Guns.

ADVANCE ON DOBRUDIA

Ally's Forces Establish Contact With Enemy on Entire Front.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—The Romanian War Office today issued the following at Bucharest: "There have been light skirmishes on the whole of the north and northwest fronts. We took 275 prisoners. On the Dobruja we are in contact with the enemy on the entire front, with lively engagements between patrols and advance guards. A detachment of the enemy which had advanced up the Danube was counter-attacked and repulsed, leaving in our hands eight German guns. The latest official communications shed almost no light on what is happening in the Dobruja region of Roumania. There is no news of the activities of the Russian forces in the theatre. That the Roumanians attach importance to the Dobruja operations is indicated by the announcement that General A. Averesco, former Roumanian War Minister, and the kingdom's most distinguished soldier, who initiated the brilliant invasion of Transylvania, has been transferred from the northern front to command in Dobruja. General Averesco is another illustration of the military leadership which has been shown in Transylvania, has been taken over by General Oranikoino, who also is a former chief of the general staff, and war minister.

SLAVS HOLD PEAKS AGAINST ATTACKS

Russians Retain All Territory Won in Wooded Carpathian Region.

FOIL TEUTON MOVE

Czar's Troops Check Attempts of Enemy to Cross Bistritza.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Sept. 13.—The battle in the region of Halicz, the key of the southern roads to Lemberg, continues with great intensity. The Germans and Austrians launching fierce attacks. The Russians repulsed their fire frustrated attempts of the enemy to cross the Bistritza River. The Teutons also failed in counter-attacks to recapture the heights seized by the Russians along the upper course of the "Buzdy-Chernov" river in the wooded Carpathians, according to the Russian official communication from Petrograd today. The Germans, in their official communication, claim that they repulsed Russian attacks between Smotrych and the Golden Bistritza River in the Carpathians. The Russian communication states that in the region of Riga and the Dwina River the considerably the German aeroplane fleet in the Black Sea off Constanza, compelling some of them to run ashore.

REV. J. MACNEILL TO GO OVERSEAS IN OCTOBER

At the request of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A., Rev. John MacNeill of Walker Road Baptist Church will go to England and France to speak and preach to the Canadian soldiers. He will leave Toronto on Oct. 15, and will return about the middle of end of next March.

REV. JOHN MACNEILL RETURNING TO LONDON

DENVER, Col., Sept. 13.—Rev. John MacNeill tonight announced his resignation as pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of Denver, and announced he will leave soon for London, where he is to be connected with Young Men's Christian Association work. He also expects to preach to the troops in the trenches in France. A son of Rev. MacNeill has just returned from wounds received in battle. Rev. MacNeill came to Denver about eighteen months ago from Cooke's Church, Toronto.

The Political Pot Aboil!

OTTAWA, Sept. 13.—Politicians here are very much concerned over the evidence that has already come out before the Winnipeg commission appointed to investigate the erection of the agricultural college in Manitoba, and in which the reputations of the Roblin government and of Hon. Robert Rogers, who was a member of the Borden government here, are concerned. In the investigation on Tuesday a contractor named Carter declared that Hon. Mr. Rogers, at that time provincial minister of public works, had called on the witness, who had the contract to build the college, and asked him to increase his tender, and that in accordance therewith he had increased it to the extent of \$6000, and that some three weeks later a political agent of the Conservative party had called on him and had got two contributions, one of \$5000, and another of \$5000 for the election fund in the then impending Dominion election of 1911.

Mr. Rogers, in reply to this evidence, stated here today that he had permitted an increase of the price of the contract in question, but with no intention of assisting Carter to make a political contribution, and that as a matter of fact, any money that he may have given to any party fund was given as other Conservatives had given when asked to do so, simply and solely as Conservatives, and not as any political cause they had at heart.

Observers here are convinced that this evidence, and other evidence that may be coming later on, show that a determined effort is being made by his political opponents to "set" Mr. Rogers, to borrow a phrase used by one of them in discussion of this question some time ago. Any charge in this direction will have a far-reaching effect on the political destinies of Conservatives now in office in Ottawa, and whose candidates will shortly have to appeal to the voters of Canada in a general election. Everyone here, therefore, is watching the progress of the evidence bearing on the politics of Canada that may have been given today or will be given hereafter.

Also the political sign readers here are now divining why Hon. Mr. Murphy and Hon. Mr. Lemieux withdrew from the contest for the Ontario Temperance Act, that they will assist the government in enforcing it, but that they may seek for some slight modification. They are, of course, free to manufacture, as formerly, but they cannot sell anything stronger than two-per-cent. beer in the province. Every brewer, therefore, in Ontario will sell outright large quantities of beer from time to time to some outside of Ontario, say in the Province of Quebec. The Toronto or other Ontario man who wants to buy some beer for domestic consumption will have to send an order dealer for his favorite brand to an outside dealer, say in the Province of Quebec. Printed blanks for that purpose can be obtained on application from all local brewers.

The blank order, addressed to the dealer in Hull, Montreal or some other place out of Ontario, will read about like this: "Dear Sir,—I am enclosing \$..... for which please deliver to me the following..... (cases or kegs..... (P. Brown, or other)..... carter."

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS BOMBED BY PLANES

Berlin Says Russ Destroyer Was Sunk in the Gulf of Riga.

BATTLESHIP WAS HIT

Seaplane Raid on Russian Warships Off Constanza Reported Successful.

BERLIN, Sept. 13.—(Via wireless to Sayville).—A Russian destroyer has been sunk in the Gulf of Riga by a German aeroplane squadron, says a report given out by the German Admiralty today. German naval planes also have attacked Russian sea forces in the Black Sea off Constanza, and there is a real hot political stove. And there is a real hot stove at the moment. It was thought by all it was a good opportunity for Mr. MacNeill, as well as for the Canadian soldiers, and it was decided to release him from his pastoral duties. He will leave Toronto on Oct. 15, and will return about the middle of end of next March.

FRENCH SHOVE LINES ONWARD IN SHARP OFFENSIVE ACTION

British Repulse Germans Artillery Action Goes On

Teuton Attempt From Direction of Mouquet Farm Suffers Reverse From Tremendous Fire of Defenders, Fooled Losing Heavily in Fiasco

LONDON, Sept. 13.—The British forces south of the Ancre and north of the Somme stopped an attack of the Germans from the direction of the Mouquet farm by their fire, and they drove the enemy back to his trenches with considerable loss last night. The general situation remains unchanged, says tonight's British official communication, which follows: "The general situation continues unchanged. An attack made last night on our lines from the direction of the Mouquet farm, was stopped by our fire and the enemy driven back to his trenches with considerable loss. "The hostile artillery activity is normal."

LICENSED BARS AND SHOPS TO GO ON SATURDAY NIGHT

But Ontario Householders May Get Beer and Spirits to Homes in Roundabout Ways—Brewers Will Still Do Business.

What are the brewers going to do after Sept. 16? This question may be answered by saying that they have intimated that they intend to obey the Ontario Temperance Act, that they will assist the government in enforcing it, but that they may seek for some slight modification. They are, of course, free to manufacture, as formerly, but they cannot sell anything stronger than two-per-cent. beer in the province. Every brewer, therefore, in Ontario will sell outright large quantities of beer from time to time to some outside of Ontario, say in the Province of Quebec. The Toronto or other Ontario man who wants to buy some beer for domestic consumption will have to send an order dealer for his favorite brand to an outside dealer, say in the Province of Quebec. Printed blanks for that purpose can be obtained on application from all local brewers.

GREECE TO HAVE WAR MINISTRY?

Dimitracopoulos, Probable Successor of Zaimis, Holds Decided Views.

CANNOT STAY NEUTRAL

He Will Confer With Allies' Ministers Before Deciding on Acceptance.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—Special despatches from Athens say that the former minister of justice, M. Dimitracopoulos, after reaching an understanding with the king, will expound his views to the cabinet ministers and decide according to their attitude whether to accept the premiership. M. Dimitracopoulos, the despatches add, is of the opinion that Greece is to remain neutral on the part of Greece is the only remedy for the present international situation and refers to the Greco-Turkish war of 1897, when Premier Delyannis incurred all risks in order to re-establish unity in the nation, which was then divided as now.

QUEBEC DEATH LIST PLACED AT THIRTEEN

QUEBEC, Sept. 13.—Another victim has been added to the list of killed in the Quebec bridge tragedy on Monday, bringing the list of dead up to 13. The latest victim is J. Thiffault of St. Adolphe, Que. He was first reported rescued but inquires at his boarding house today proved that he had not been seen since the collapse of the span.

DINEEN'S GENUINE FURS. The main consideration in buying fox fur is to know that the skin is that of an animal living wild in its native hunting ground. The "farmed" variety do not fluctuating fortunes, the same quality of fur. The animal is still plentiful in the northwestern parts of Canada, and the fur is its best. Its heavy richness and warmth. It is very serviceable and enjoyable. It is an unvarying popularity in the realm of fashion. Dineen's furs—established 1894, Toronto, 110 Yonge street, and in Hamilton, 90-22 King street west.

Repulse Germans in Tumultuous Fighting, Enlarge Gains South of Combes and Tenaciously Hold On to Captured Territory.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. PARIS, Sept. 14.—Continuing their forward drive north of the Somme today, the French appreciably extended their positions on a portion of their front facing Combes, and they also took by assault south of Le Priez Farm a complete and powerfully organized trench system. In the course of last night and this morning the French captured Bouchavesnes Village in a brilliant fight, although the enemy had strongly entrenched himself there and they advanced 400 yards east of the Peronne-Combes road and carried by assault the Bois L'Abbe Farm, southeast of the village. The result of the fighting has been the driving of a salient east of the Peronne-Bethune Road. These counter-offensive from the Germans. 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