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Sept. 14, 3.05 a.m.—The British forces which crossed the Struma River into Greek Macedonia last Sunday have been withdrawn, after having inflicted heavy losses on the Bulgars, according to a report sent by the British press representative at Saloniki.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

The French war office refers to Italian operations, stating that "in the region of the Beles Mountains, Italian troops are engaged in the direction of Butkovo Duzna."

Sorovitz Captured. A Franco-Serbian offensive on the western end of the Macedonian front has resulted in the capture of the town of Sorovitz, near Banic, on the railway line west of Lake Ostrovo.

The Serbian official communication issued today says: "A violent artillery duel was started by the Serbians yesterday. Serbian infantry at many points expelled the Bulgars from their advanced positions and attacks carried out during the night were successful."

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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.

FRENCH HOLD GAINS IN HEAVY FIGHTING

Cling Tenaciously to Salient Driven North of Peronne.

TAKE TRENCH SYSTEM

Ally's Troops by Additional Success Place Combes in Jeopardy.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—The French troops to the north of Peronne are holding tenaciously to the salient they have driven into the German line eastward of the Bethune-Peronne road near Bouchavesnes. They also hold intact the town of Bouchavesnes and other points along the line captured in the offensive which they started Tuesday. In addition a powerfully organized German trench system south of the Lepriez Farm, near the road running west from Ranocourt to Combes, has been captured, placing Combes in further jeopardy.

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ROUMANIANTS 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 Rumanian 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 Rumania. There is no news of the activities of the Russian forces in the theatre.

That the Rumanians attach importance to the Dobruja operations is indicated by the announcement that General A. Averesco, former Rumanian 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.

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 German, in their official communication, claim that they repulsed Russian attacks between Smotrych and the Golden Bistritza River in the Carpathians. The Russian, however, returned victoriously to the heights.

At the request of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A., Rev. John MacNeill 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 Europe. 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 election 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 that government, and now 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 for one of the buildings, 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."

The only question in doubt is whether the beer will have to be actually shipped by the Ontario brewer to Quebec and then reshipped from Quebec to the Toronto consumer. The brewers have legal advice to the effect that they may hold the beer in their brewery subject to the order of the Quebec dealer to whom they have sold it, and that he may order it for delivery in Ontario as he gets orders for it from Ontario consumers.

Direct From Brewery. In other words, an Ontario consumer can get beer brewed in this province delivered to his home direct from the brewery, provided he mails an order therefor to a dealer outside of Ontario, who has already bought and paid for and had stored in the brewery a stock of such beer. In short, the order goes outside of the province, but the beer will not take any unnecessary journey to Montreal or Hull and back. It will come direct from the brewery.

A prominent brewer speaking to the World said that while the brewers might avail themselves of any construction of the law, which would save the needless expense of shipping to Quebec from Ontario and re-shipping again to Ontario from Quebec, they intended to obey the law in letter and spirit.

"We will sell only to Quebec," said this gentleman, "and will not sell any beer in Ontario. The sale to the man in Quebec will be an outright sale and people who prefer our brand of beer will have to write to him. We will furnish them with blanks and envelopes for that purpose, but we will not handle any money. If it comes to your attention that our beer is being shipped into this province to be sold again in violation of law we will certainly notify the authorities."

Of course anyone shipping intoxicating liquor into this province to be dealt with in any way contrary to the Ontario Temperance Act, will have to answer to the federal as well as to the provincial authorities. The Doherty bill passed at the last session of the Dominion Parliament, makes it criminal for a railway company or anyone else to bring into the province intoxicating liquor, excepting

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, Roumania. The statement says: "German seaplanes have attacked Russian sea forces off Constanza and the coast to the south. Hits on one battleship, one submarine and several destroyers were observed. All the seaplanes returned unharmed."

"On the evening of Sept. 12 several German naval aeroplanes attacked the enemy's sea force in the Gulf of Riga. Several hits were obtained, and one of the enemy destroyers sank immediately. Despite heavy shelling, all the aeroplanes returned safely."

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, Foe 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:

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"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.

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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 departure from neutrality on the part of Greece is the only remedy for the present international situation and refers to the Greeco-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.

It is reported that M. Dragoumis, the former minister at Petrograd, will be foreign minister in the Dimitracopoulos cabinet.

MICHAEL MISCIOS DIED. HAMILTON, Sept. 14.—Michael Miscios died at the City Hospital last night from pneumonia sustained while working in the Dominion Steel Casting Company plant yesterday. An inquest will be held Friday.

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.

The counter-offensive from the German front, which was expected to be a strong counter-offensive from the German front, was stopped by our fire and the enemy driven back to his trenches with considerable loss.

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