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BRITISH RESUME ATTACK, WINNING TWO LINES ON MILE FRONT

UNSPEAKABLE CRUELITIES PRACTICED ON RUSSIAN PRISONERS BY GERMANS

"Bloodiest Defeat Imaginable" Suffered by Germans Thursday on Somme

REPORT SHOWS TEUTON ORGIES OF CRUELTY TO RUSS CAPTIVES

Finger Nails Drawn and Men's
Tongues Cut Off.

SOME ARE BURIED ALIVE

Prisoners Punished by Being
Shut Up in Coffins.

SOME BURNED TO DEATH

Soldiers Driven Into Cart
Shed and Place Is Set
on Fire.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Sept. 22.—The Daily Mail says this morning: "Sovereign evidence of cruelties practiced by German officers, soldiers and prison guards upon Russian prisoners is contained in the latest report of the Russian committee of inquiry now issued in English with photographs. 'Torture by drawing of nails, cutting off tongues and tearing out ears has been inflicted upon the Russians unwilling to betray their comrades. Men have been buried alive in revenge for or sheer amusement of the captives. Packed into Coffins. 'In the camp at Duna-Szerdahely, Austria-Hungary, Russians were punished by being sewed up in a coffin. This has been sworn to by many prisoners, and by a Russian soldier of mercy. Some were shot because too weak to work. 'Tied to a post with their toes barely touching the ground, and beaten with whips, many found death more merciful than their captors. 'For two weeks, Pte. Paul Kreshchenko, relates a Georgian prisoner, was compelled to live in a dog kennel, in which he could neither sit nor lie down. Each time the guard was changed, he was dragged out by the chain, struck, and driven back again. His extreme was that he attempted to escape. 'Prisoners Burned Alive. 'The commission states that Austrian officers appeared before it and swore to cruelty inflicted by their allies not far from Yerslav. Inhabitants of that village told one such witness that Germans drove half a dozen Russian prisoners into a cart shed and set it on fire. 'When the prisoners tried to get out through an opening they were thrust back by German bayonets. The witness personally saw the remains of this cart shed after the fire, and several burned and blackened corpses visible among the charred beams and ashes."

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Calgary, Sept. 22.—The problem of immigration and land settlement after the war was dealt with by Lord Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in an address to the Calgary Board of Trade following a complimentary luncheon tendered to him by that body today. 'Place Men on Land. Lord Shaughnessy declared strongly against the script system which was practiced by the Canadian Government after the South African war, and declared that the only right policy was to settle the soldiers themselves on the land. He also declared for a non-political immigration service, and informed his hearers that for a very considerable time after the conclusion of peace all the available Atlantic shipping would be occupied in bringing home the soldiers to Canada, so that there would be no vessels to carry immigrants from Europe to this country.

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BRITISH RENEW ATTACK BY TAKING TWO LINES ALONG FRONT OF MILE

Another Big Advance Occurred Last Night in Somme Sector
Between Flers and Martinpuich, According to Official
Announcement.

London, Sept. 22.—2:15 p.m.—The British advanced on a front of about a mile last night in the Somme sector, south of the Ancre River. The war office announced today that two lines of hostile trenches had been captured.

"During the night we advanced on a front of about a mile," the statement says, "capturing two lines of hostile trenches, approximately between Flers and Martinpuich."

"Our front now runs approximately on a direct line north of Flers and Martinpuich."

"The enemy's trenches were successfully entered last night south of Arras, prisoners being taken and many casualties inflicted. North of Neuville St. Vaast a mine was blown up by us and the crater occupied."

The British are again striking hard on the Somme front. Their latest thrust, delivered last night, netted them two lines of German trenches on a front of a mile long, between Flers and Martinpuich, London announces today. It is at this point that the British have pushed forward, towards Bapaume, which is but little more than three miles distant from Flers. Last night's advance straightened out the former bend in the line, from Martinpuich to Flers, which now runs almost directly east and west.

The French, for their part of the Somme fighting, have had another series of German attacks to cope with. Strong forces advanced in waves this morning against positions recently captured by the French between Rancourt and Priez Farm. According to Paris, the Germans did not even reach the French lines, being forced back to their trenches with heavy losses by the fire of the French guns.

NOTHING TO REPORT, SAYS BERLIN.

Berlin, Sept. 22.—Via London.—Reporting military operations in France the German official statement issued today says:

"Western Front: Apart from lively artillery and hand grenade engagements on the Somme and in the Meuse region, there is nothing to report."

Statesman Confirms Agreement Not to Invade.

EMULATING THE GERMANS
Also National Instinct to
Break Word—Foe's Plan
Fails.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Sept. 22.—The reports which have been current for some time that Bulgaria agreed not to attack Rumania when the latter nation declared war on Austria-Hungary are supported by a statement made today by a Rumanian official in London. Discussing the Russo-Rumanian victory over the German and Bulgarian forces in Dobruja, he said Gen. Averesco, formerly Rumanian war minister, who led the forces which invaded Hungary, was transferred from Transylvania to Dobruja only after evidence had been obtained that the Bulgarians intended to break their word.

ENEMY CANNOT DIG IN.
[Canadian Press.]
London, Sept. 22.—The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at Bucharest sends the following, dated September 18: News from both fronts, Transylvania and Dobruja, continues satisfactory. The German plan of capturing the town of Constantza and the great bridge over the Danube has failed definitely," he continued. "The Bulgarians will realize the mistake they made in following national instincts and being unable to keep their word."

TERM EXTENDED ONE YEAR.
Berlin, Sept. 22.—Via London.—The Reichstag, which is to be reopened on Thursday, September 28, will be preceded in the course of the next few days by confidential conferences between Gottlieb von Jagow, the minister of foreign affairs, and the various party leaders.

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LEUT. ROCHE KILLED
Watford Boy Enlisted at Winnipeg With
Fort Garrys.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Winnipeg, Sept. 22.—In casualty lists the name of Lieut. Basil J. Roche, killed in action, appears. Lieut. Roche came from Watford, Ont., to Winnipeg five years ago, and was in real estate business here. He went away with the first contingent of Fort Garry Horse, and was for a time with the Strathconas. He got his commission last spring, and was attached to the 1st C. M. R.

FRANCE HAS BOUNTIFUL CROPS
Paris, Sept. 22.—The agricultural situation in France on the completion of the harvest was summed up authoritatively today as follows: The wheat yield is somewhat below that of the average year, but in the west, central and southeastern sections the harvest is satisfactory as a whole. The situation as to oats is quite favorable. Potatoes suffered from dryness, but good crops were raised in many sections. The beet yield was satisfactory.

THE WEATHER
The depression which was over Lake Superior yesterday now covers Lake Michigan with its energy diminished. Showers and local thunderstorms have occurred in Ontario and Quebec.

COUNTY REGISTRAR'S SON LISTED TODAY AMONG THE WOUNDED



CORP. HARRY MARSHALL, son of Joseph Marshall, ex-M. P., who has been admitted to a casualty station suffering from shell shock. He was serving with a British battery. Corp. Marshall's only sister was married only yesterday to Rev. Edwin Hawkins, formerly curate of St. Paul's Cathedral here.

PRO-KAISER GANG PULLS STRINGS TO CONTROL CABINET

Anti-Entente Crowd Still Has
Finger in the Greek
Pie.

ALLIES ARE NOT "BITING"

Ministry Hopes to Keep Off
Participation for Two
Months.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Sept. 22.—(New York Times Cable).—A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Athens, September 21, says: Five days after its formation the cabinet still remains unrecognized by the Entente powers. That the Allies will be able to enter into anything like cordial relations with it is highly improbable. Its composition made it suspected from the first, and its cordial declarations produced no result.

At the present moment it is credited with the desire publicly to declare that Greece is willing to abandon neutrality, stating at the same time that a couple of months will be necessary to prepare the army for that event. Whether this method of gaining time will succeed remains to be seen.

A Strange Conglomeration.
Seldom has an administration contained persons of such divergent opinions. There are Ententeists such as Bassile and Canaris, in addition to anti-Entente Francophiles, there are men of pre-Entente days, imbued with all the traditions of old times, and new men who succumbed to Teuton ways of thought.

Such is the cabinet which is awaiting recognition by the Entente. The chief of the whole situation is that there remains in the background an unofficial cabinet of entirely anti-Entente leanings. M. C. Strelet and Stratos still wield tremendous power, assisted by numerous pan-Germans, such as Herr Esslin, successor to Baron von Schenk.

Why Zalmis Resigned.
It is no secret that they have been known to issue instructions above the heads of Zalmis' cabinet, and it is known today that the main cause of Zalmis' resignation was an instruction, issued to the minister of the interior over the press, and without his knowledge, that the League of Reservists, who had arrogated police functions to themselves, and become a great public danger, were not to be interfered with.

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LIGHTNING SOON TO FLASH FROM RUSSIAN HOSTS

Development of Insistent
Pressure Is Likened to
Thundercloud.

ELECTRICITY IS STORED

Brusiloff Continues to Crowd
Germans at Every Con-
centration.

MENACE OF SOMME FRONT

[Canadian Press.]

London, Sept. 22.—A Petrograd dispatch to the Daily Chronicle dated September 20 follows: For the present Brusiloff's armies are maintaining a steady pressure on all parts of the southwestern front, more particularly in the neighborhood of Halicz and in the difficult region of the wooded Carpathians on the border of Bukovina and Hungary. This insistent and broadly distributed pressure has the advantage of holding the Teutons and preventing them from concentrating superior forces at any given point.

Preparing Thunder Cloud.
Its steady accumulation of the electric force of advance (the best method of preparing the next blow) forms a menacing thundercloud, so to speak, from which, at the right moment, the lightning will suddenly strike.

The Germans are most anxious for the key points of Kovel and Halicz, and they have succeeded in establishing analogous conditions of defence for both towns. At both Kovel and Halicz the Austrian troops have been largely displaced by Germans, and the Dniester and its left bank tributary, the Nariluvka, play in relation to the Halicz defensive a role very similar to that which the Stokhod and Strid did in relation to Kovel.

Effect of Somme Drive.
In both places the Russians are attacking from the northeast and the southeast, now simultaneously and now alternately, but while the Germans have concentrated their energies in determined efforts to hold these two positions they are in the awkward plight of not knowing whether a breach at the Somme or other point of their far-extended front may not render all efforts nugatory and so force them to retire.

Meanwhile, the Russians are steadily progressing in the wooded Carpathians where they are taking height after height. Southwest of Dorna Watra they are in touch with the right wing of the Russian forces, who are advancing into and in Transylvania.

BRITISH WARSHIPS
BOMBARD BULGARS
AT RIVER'S MOUTH

Shell Foe Near Nechori With
"Satisfactory Results."

GREAT ARTILLERY DUEL

In Dorian Region Great Guns
on Both Sides Blast
Away.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Sept. 22.—p.m.—British warships have been bombarding Bulgarian positions in the vicinity of Nechori, on the east bank of the Struma, near its mouth, northeast of the present front line, says the statement, which came as such a surprise that I felt that a certain responsibility attaches to myself as counsel for the crown. I was so amazed when the witness used the language he

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Twenty German Battalions Hurled At French on Thursday Melted Like Wax Before Most Terrific Fire

JOLT TO SLACKERS

Three veterans of the present war in Europe, three men who were wounded at the front and invalided home to Canada, have given slackers a real jolt by signing up once more for service overseas.

Sergeant Murray, late of the 18th Battalion, joined the 160th Battalion as a private on Tuesday last, and yesterday Ptes. Jas. Blair and James Gordon, both of whom are old 1st Battalion men, presented themselves to the Engineers, were attested and accepted.

These men all had their discharges from the C. E. F., and might reasonably have been considered to have done their bit. Their spirit and patriotism might well serve as an example to many who have not yet found "IT CONVENIENT" to put on the khaki.

Galveston, Texas, Sept. 22.—Two British subjects were taken from their home and shot, and 35 of a party of 38 Carranza soldiers were killed in a raid September 16 on an Aquila oil camp near Tuxpam by Mexicans calling themselves Villistas, according to a report brought here today by the steamer Topila from Tampico.

ROGERS, IMPLICATED
IN WESTERN CRAFT,
STRUCK AT JUDGE

Commissioner Galt Says He
"Certainly Is Implicated."

LAWYERS REBUKE "BOB"

Slurs on Court After Examina-
tion Repudiated by Both
Lawyers.

[Canadian Press.]
Winnipeg, Sept. 22.—Counsel in attendance on the royal commission investigating the agricultural college, Hugh Phillips, K.C., for the Government, and A. E. Hoskins, K.C., for Carter, Halls and Aldinger, contractors, made reference at this morning's session of the commission to the statement made yesterday afternoon by Hon. Robert Rogers, in which the minister of public works attacked the legal staff of the commission as receiving remuneration for conducting such commissions. Following the remarks of counsel, Commissioner Galt made a defence of the course taken by himself and other judges.

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LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 67; lowest, 53. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 61; lowest, 44.

"Prussia Suffered Bloodiest
Defeat Imaginable," Says
Correspondent.

HINDENBURG THE HOODOO

Personally Directed Attack
Which Proved To Be Awful
Disaster.

UNITS ARE ANNIHILATED

Many of Attacking Forces
Lose 60 Per Cent of
Soldiers.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Sept. 22.—A Paris cable to the Herald, dated Thursday, says: "Prussia's despair was betrayed in yesterday's furious attack on the Somme front. Her waning strength was revealed in its complete failure. 'It was the most formidable effort she has made to stem the victorious progress of the Allies. Prussian guns shelled the French lines, and the violence of the battle raged for ten hours. Twenty battalions took part in it and were melted like wax in a fiery furnace. 'The fighting was the bloodiest in the centre before Bouchaves and on the left wing in the vicinity of Comblancq. 'A Terrific Massacre. 'Two Prussian battalions were annihilated before Le Priez Farm, and a French artillery officer says that twenty millimetre guns caused terrible massacre. 'How is it possible,' he added, 'that the Prussians still believe in massed formations after so many ghastly lessons? 'The road from Comblancq to Rancourt was a veritable shambles, he added. 'Hope of form and discipline had been lost. The Prussian division lost 150 men out of 210. Two battalions, which is all the Prussian Regiment were almost wholly swept out of existence. 'Suffered Awful Defeat. 'The 13th Division of Reserves suffered enormously, certain regiments losing 60 per cent of their effectives. Military conviction is that Prussia has suffered the bloodiest defeat imaginable, which is all the more important, as the move was the project of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, who, instead of being a mascot, seemed to be a hoodoo. 'It is known that when men, directed personally by von Hindenburg took part in the attacks. 'HANNA TO RETIRE, REPORTS PERSIST.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Sept. 22.—Hon. J. B. Lucas, attorney-general, stated today that there is no truth in the report that the resignation of Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary, is in the hands of the Government. From other sources, however, it is learned that while the cabinet knows nothing officially of Mr. Hanna's intentions, he will withdraw from the Government before long and devote his entire time to his engagements as a solicitor.

COVERED COMPASS AND MAP
THAT PERMITTED ESCAPE.

Second Attempt of Delmer
Man's Brother Successful
Through Aid Sent Him.

Recipe for escaping from a Ger-
man prison camp: One cream
cheese, one compass, one map,
some money and lots of courage.

Having set his heart on escape from the German prison camp, where he was incarcerated after a few months' fighting with the 5th Battalion, C. E. Pte. M. C. Simmons of Delmer, Ont., has at last succeeded, and Ottawa dispatches announce that he has arrived safely in London, England.

This is not the first time Pte. Simmons has got away from Rheulien camp, but his freedom only lasted three days on the former occasion. German guards recaptured him as he neared the border. When released, the compass and map of the territory, which he had obtained by some unknown means, were found by his captors and confiscated. He was then taken back to the camp. This occurred last fall.

Undeterred by his capture and the punishment which was undoubtedly inflicted on him, he forthwith proceeded to plan another attempt to reach England and friends. At the beginning of this year he wrote to his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. Simmons of Delmer, Oxford County, telling of his escape and asking for certain things to be sent him to enable him to make a second attempt to escape.

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FRENCH HURL BACK ATTACKS OF ENEMY NORTH OF SOMME

German Infantry Advances in Waves This Morning, But
Are Forced to Retire to Their Own Trenches With Very
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The attacks of the Germans, made in strong force, were centred on the French positions between Le Priez farm and Rancourt.

The announcement follows: "To the north of the River Somme German forces this morning delivered a strong attack on our new positions between Le Priez Farm and Rancourt. Our curtain of fire, however, checked sharply the assaulting waves of the enemy and compelled them to retire, at the same time inflicting upon them heavy losses. Elsewhere on the front the night was relatively calm."

SOFA, VIA LONDON, SEPT. 22.—2:30 a.m.—Only minor fighting on all the Bulgarian fronts, with no change in the general situation is reported in an official statement issued by the war office today (Thursday). The text of the statement follows: "Macedonian front Wednesday: There is no change in the situation. Our troops at Florina and Kaimaktsalan height passed the day in relative quiet. A Russian attack on Hill 1278, north of the village of Armenik, failed. Hostile battalions were repulsed in disorder in the Moglen Valley, on both sides of the Vardar there was weak artillery fire. In the Struma Valley and along the Aegean coast quiet prevailed. "Tunisian front: Along the Danube the day was quiet. In Dobruja our detachments are consolidating their positions. Yesterday was marked by feeble actions only. German aeroplanes successfully attacked the enemy railway line near Tostanavka, causing great damage. A Russian squadron of 20 fighting units unsuccessfully bombarded the heights north and east of the village of Peruvia. Our hydroplanes frustrated an attack by hostile hydroplanes on Varna."