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NTROLLER HANNA SAYS MIDDLEMEN OBSTRUCT PRICE CUTTING

German Aircraft Are Driven Off in Two More Attacks on London

Speeches of Leaders Give Reason Still to Expect Settlement.

CONVENTION AT CORK

Grand Committee Will Endeavor to Harmonize Conflicting Proposals.

Cork, Ireland, Sept. 25.-The Irish Convention reassembled here today. the members being the guests of the harbor board at luncheon, and visiting local factories and places of interest. As many of the southern and western delegates were never in Belfast before until the convention visit-ed that city, so some of the northern delegates never had been in Cork. The northerners expressed themselves as delighted with the decision to hold some of the sittings of the conven-

tion here.
The no definite arrangement yet has been reached with the Ulsterment is said that the speeches of some of their leaders, couched in very eloquent and friendly language, have given good grounds for hope of a peacable settlement. Some apprehension of opposition on the part of Sinn Feincra in Cork was felt, but John Neil and Arthur Griffiths, the Sinn Fein leaders, urged their followers in this city to follow the example of their compatriots in Dublin and leave the convention alone.

first sitting here, with Sir Horace Plunkett in the chair. At the lunch-eon given by the harbor board. Chair-

Grand Committee. An automobile plant being erected by an American concern was one of points of interest visited during the afternoon's tour of the city. Tomorrow the delegates will sail down the River Lee and out into the Atlantic Ocean, where the mayor of Cork will drop a dart into the water

to indicate his jurisdiction as the adunanimously by the delegates at their

"First, that on the conclusion of in an interview with the Canadian the debate at the present sittings of Press, Limited. The statement was the convention the various schemes made following the return of the food which have been submitted will be controller to Ottawa after a study of referred to a grand committee, in or- the situation extended over a period der, if possible, to prepare a scheme of several weeks. Mr. Hanna has for submission to the convention made personal inquiries in all parts of for submission to the convention which would meet the views and difficulties expressed by different speak
for submission to the convention made personal inquiries in all parts of the Dominion, and has just returned to the food controller exist in the minds of a number of Canadians. This number of a number of Canadians. This number of a number of Canadians. ers during the course of the debate.

Hoover at Washington. In the interview with the Canadian Press he disview with the adjourned after this week's sitting

until the grand committee is in a position to report." The convention then adjourned un-

MILLION U. S. SOLDIERS SOON TO BE IN FRANCE

T. P. O'Connor Says U. S. Will Accept None But Decisive Peace.

New York, Sept. 25,-Prediction that the United States will soon have 1,-000,000 troops in France, and that if necessary "America can and America will put in double, treble or quadruple that number," was made by T. P. O'Connor, the Irish leader, in an ad-

dress in Brooklyn tonight. "America is as determined to accept none but a decisive peace as she is to carry on the war vigorously to success," Mr. O'Connor said. "It is to her strong right arm that we must look for the decisive blow against the cen-

BELGIANS' BATTERIES REPLY TO GERMANS'

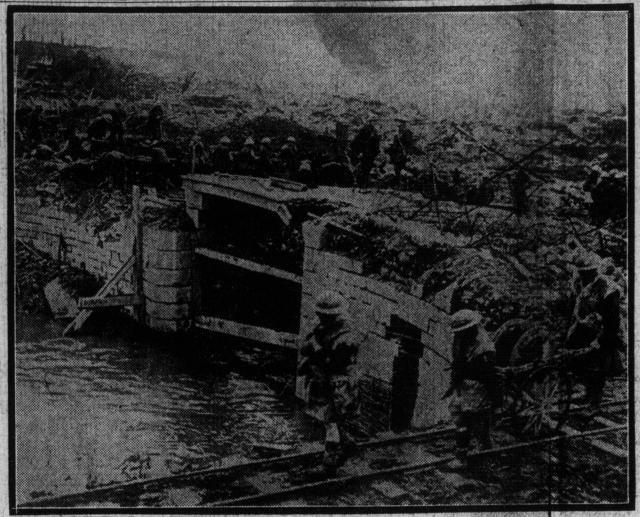
Airplanes of King Albert Keep Up Efficient Work.

Paris, Sept. 25.—The Belgian comnunication tonight reads: "On the night of Sept. 24-25 our batteries shelled the enemy works in reply to bombardments in the neighborhood of Ramscapelle. The afternoon of Sept. 24 was marked by lively bomb fighting near Landmark 16 on the Yser. Today the Germans fired gas shells near Kmooke. Our artillery replied against the enemy communi-

"Our airplanes were very active during the last two days, carrying out numerous pursuits and protecting our lines."

TIE-UP AT CALGARY.

Calgary, Alta., Sept. 25.—Owing to the circuits having been put out of business in some unknown manner, the G. N. W. is unable to handle any the G. N. W. is unable to handle any of the Canadians, is gazetted tonight as business out of Calgary today. The having been awarded the Croix de six local operators are still on strike. Guerre, of the Legion d'Honeur.



REPAIRING THE DAMAGE British engineers at the battlefront are a busy lot these days. Here's a few of them repairing a partly destroyed lock bridge on the western front

man Plunkett and other delegates Food Controller, in Warm Reply to Critics, Declares Multiplicity of spoke guardedly but hopefully of the Middlemen Great Obstacle---Iron Hand to Fall on Producers or Middlemen Who Practice Extortion.

of a drastic policy of arbitrary price be making an undue char-cutting would mean "temporary ruin services—an unfair spread." The following motion was carried to every city and town in the country," according to a statement tonight by Hon. W. J. Hanna, food controller.

cussed the whole question of high prices and the factors responsible therefor with frankness. He stated

Ottawa, Sept. 25.—An excessive number of middlemen is the greatest obstacle to the reduction of prices, and under present conditions the adoption of a drastic policy of arbitrary price of a drastic policy of arbitrary price be making an undue charge for his cutting would mean "temporary rule services—an unfair argand" to bring all the pear at times even to be fostered by writers who have perhaps been too busy to give sufficient thought to the public to make the following statement:

Mr. Hanna proposes to issue additional statement sfrom time to time discussing phases of the economic situation which he is trying to solve. Grave Misconceptions.

ber is not large, and I had hoped that with the passage of time most of the misconceptions to which I refer might of themselves have been cleared away. Since, however, they persist, and ap-

Toronto Star Editorial: The World this morning handed the government a knock or two as a warning to call the dogs off Mr. Maclean, M.P., in his York borough or there will be worse and more of it.

Perhaps. What The World did was to

troller away from profiteering in bacon.

FOURTH LORD EDGCUMBE

Admiral of Cornwall.

London, Sept. 25.-William Henry

Edgeumbe, fourth Earl of Mount Edg-

cumbe, lord lieutenant and vice ad-

miral of Cornwall, died today at Ply-

is Viscount Valletort.

Would Mean Disruption.

"Unless the consumers in the cities of Canada signify their willingness to face a complete disruption of all trades, a total breakdown of real es-"I find," said Mr. Hanna, "and the gentlemen who ably, earnestly and dis-interestedly are assisting me find, that the food controller cannot possibly acvery grave and mischievous miscon- cede to the demand made in some

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BATTLE NEAR RIGA FAVORS RUSSIANS

Germans Twice Attack Near Rumeni Farm Without Success.

Petrograd, Sept. 25.—(British Admiralty per Wireless Press)-German attacks against the new Russian positions south of the Pskoff-Riga highread were repulsed yesterday by the Russians, according to the official statement from the war office today Except for a raid southeast of Kimpolung, there was little other activity on the Russian front to the Black

Sea. The statement follows:
Northern front: In the Riga region south of the Pskoff highroad. near Rumeni farm, the enemy twice counter-attacked positions taken by us the day before. Both attacks were

repelled. "Western and southwestern fronts: There were fusillades and reconnaisrances.

"Rumanian front: In the region scutheast of Kimpolung our volunteers, after artillery preparation, daringly raided the enemy trenches, killing many and making fifteen prison-

"Caucasus front: In the region of Bitlis, near Ortoba, our reconnoitring detachments attacked the Turks and brought back prisoners. On the southern bank of Lake Van our ships destroyed two Turkish barges.
"Aviation: On Saturday our airmen bombarded the enemy's storehouses northeast of Kovel (Volhynia) and the small town of Lubashevo, drop-ping about 135 pounds of bombs."

WINS CROIX DE GUERRE.

London, Sept. 25 .- Pite. Harry Watts,

As I Was Walking Down the ITALIAN AIRCRAFT DO MUCH DAMAGE

Bombard Austrian Stations With Four Tons of Bombs.

Rome, Sept. 25 .- The official statenent from the war office today reads: "From the Stelvio to Monte Rombon there was profitable activity by our reconnoitring parties and moderate artillery activity. In the Monte Nero region the enemy exploded a powerful mine under our position, upon which he then concentrated violent artillery fire. Our prompt and effec-tive barrage fire, hindering the advance of the enemy, prevented the enemy from gaining any advantage. The damage was very slight. "On the Bainsizza Plateau local enemy attacks were repulsed with hand grenades. On the Carso we captured some prisoners.

show the two Joes leading the food con-"Yesterday four tons of high explosive bombs were dropped by our airmen, causing destruction and setting fire to railway establishments and stations at Podberga, in the Bainsizza SUMMONED BY DEATH Valley and at Rifenberga, on the Car-At night one of our airships sur Was Lord-Lieutenant and Vice- prised, in the Chiapovano Valley, an lorry columns and dispersed them by dropping a ton of projectiles."

Heroic American Aviator Meets Death in France

French Front in France, Sept. 25 .-The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe was (By the Associated Press.)-Douglas since 1907. He held various prominent was killed in an aerial flight yesteroffices in the household of the late day. He won the French war cross Queen Victoria, and from 1837 to 1897 for bravery under fire. Mr. MacMonhe was A,D.C. to the Queen. His heir agle arrived at the front on May 5, and was promoted to sergeant Aug. 25. Carey.

LONDON AGAIN RAIDED ATTACKERS DRIVEN OFF

Raiders Fail to Reach City in First Attempt, and Are Speedily Driven Off in Second---Twenty Casualties in Outskirts.

London, Sept. 25.—Another hostile airplane raid on London took Fierce Battle Rages for Posplace tonight. There were two attacks apparently, for after a fortyminute quiet interval anti-aircraft guns resumed firing in the London dis-

In the first attack, after brisk firing by the defensive guns, lasting only ten minutes, the raiders were driven off without succeeding in reaching the City of London.

The firing of the anti-aircraft guns in the second attack was of only brief duration. The raiders were finally driven off and the police gave out the "all clear" signal at 9.30. A report of the raid was issued by Field Marshal French as follows:

"The Thmaes estuary was again the objective of a hostile air raid this evening. The Kent and Essex coast was crossed at various points and a few bombs were dropped, but no casualties are yet reported. "One raider penetrated as far as the southeastern outskirts of London, where two bombs fell, causing some twenty casualties." Raiders Less Numerous.

The weather conditions were equally favorable for the raiders, but the British east of Ypres today. They

judging from the information thus far available, tonight's raid was less serious than Monday's, and apparently the raiders were less numerous. The air battle tonight was insignificant compared with that of Monday night. The anti-aircraft fire in the first instance lasted only about ten minutes. It then stopped entirely for about forty minutes, when it was resumed again in a more distant section, but only for a few minutes. Nothing further

was heard after this. BRITISH SCATTER ARMY OF ENEMY IN AFRICA Nigerian Troops Cut Off Retreat of Germans on Mbemkuru River, Compelling Them to Disperse in Small Bands London, Sept. 25.—The following summary on the campaign in German Fast Africa was issued today by the British war office: was heard after this. Won positions and re-established their line in its entirety, according to Field Marshal Haig's report tonglet. "Under cover of a thick mist, the enemy launched a powerful counterattack this morning against our positions on the ridge east of Young tween Tower Hamiets and Polygon Wood. On the greater part of this front, the enemy was repulsed at two points, one just north of the Ypres-Menin road, and the other immediately south of Polygon Wood. He succeeded in penetrating our lines for short distances on narrow fronts. "Fierce fighting continued during the morning and at midday the enemy launched another heavy counter-attack. Despite his efforts, the enemy was unable to make further progress, and, early in the afternoon our counter-attacks drove his troops from the bostions into which they had en-

"The enemy remaining in the field at the beginning of September were in three principal groups. The first was in the Mbemkuru Valley region; the second was in the Lukeledi Valley and southwest of Lindi, and the third was based on Mahenge.

"On Sept. 19 the British advance in the direction of Kilwa was resumed and the enemy driven north of the principal passes over the Mbem-Kuru River. He evacuated Mihambia, retreating to Mpingo. Simultaneously we attacked a larger German group at Ndessa, compelling the enemy ously we attacked a larger German group at Neessa, to evacuate that town. The enemy was retiring on the Mbemkuru, purto evacuate that town. The enemy was retiring on the Mbemkuru, purto evacuate that town. The enemy was retiring on the Mbemkuru, purto evacuate that town. The enemy believe that the enemy believe to the enemy of t ian infantry, south of Ndessa. After severe fighting, in which the enemy

suffered heavy losses, he was dispersed into small parties. "In the western area we engaged the enemy at Mpondas and the Ligamba Hills, 33 miles southwest of Mahenge, while the Belgian forces are approaching Mahenge from the north."

ARGENTINA TO FIGHT---GOOD GAIN FOR ALLIES

Washington Expects Entry of Greatest Producing Nation of South America Into War-Action Will Restore Prestige.

ther consolidating the Americas in of the German minister. the war for democracy, the entry of Argentina would mean the partial re-lieving of the American and Brazilian fleets in the South Atlantic, even if Argentina did not send an army to

The action of the senate and cham. ber of deputies, in voting for a rup-ture of relations with Germany created little surprise among officials of the state department, and it is be-lieved here that the break will be followed by war.
President Irigoyen has been con-

course, since the majority of the tribute plentifully to the food suppeople appear to feel keenly the plies of the fighting nations.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Besides fur- ridiculous position in which the coun The discovery today that the strike

Entry into the war will enable Ar gentina to regain her prestige in South American affairs, damaged when Brazil formally broke relation with Germany and then sent her floor to sea to co-operate with that of the United States. Brazil did not form ally declare that a state of war existed, and it is believed that if forced to bleak relations, Preisdent Irigoyen sistent in his determination not to will seize the opportunity to step permit his country to take any other ahead of Brazil in declaring war. than a neutral position, but it is considered improbable that he will veto not be given the allies by Argentina, the action of the legislative branch of her economic aid would be important. his government. A political danger Perhaps the largest producing counwould face his administration in such try in South America, she could con-

Greek-German Plots Revealed

Athens, Sept. 25.—The parliamentary commission investigating charges against the Skouloudis and Lambris cabinets is revealing scandal-ous facts regarding their relations with Garman areas are septembers. While ous facts regarding their relations with German propaganda.

MINNEAPOLIS TO GET WHEAT FROM CANADA

Minneapolis, Sept. 25.-Frank L. The Canadian Government recently placed an embargo on shipments of born in 1832 and had been keeper of B. MacMonagle, of San Francisco, a wheat, with the proviso, however, the privy seal to the Prince of Wales member of the Lafayette squadrilla, that the Canadian food controller could order such shipments if action was deemed advisable.

More wheat will be obtained from Canada later on if necessary, said

SOCIALISTS GAIN IN STOCKHOLM ELECTION

Stockholm Sept. 25.-The result Carey, representative on the food ad- the elections in the first parliamenministration grain corporation, antary district of Stockholm shows that tribunals. nounced today that Canada, having a the Socialists of the left lost their surplus of wheat right now, will send two seats, which were captured by 500,000 ibushels to Minneapolis this the Social Democrats. The number of week, thus relieving the wheat shortage situation, which prevented local four mills from operating at capacity. The Canadlan Government recently increase also in the Liberal vote. Among those elected in this con-

stituency were Rjalmar Branting, the Socialist leader, who headed the poll, and Admiral Lindman, the Swedish foreign minister, who ran third. The constituency will be represented in parliament by two members of the the seasonable colors and a variety Right, one Liberal and five Socialists. Styles. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

session of Important Ridge.

BRITISH QUICKLY WIN

Hand-to-Hand Fighting Defeats Enemy Counter-Attacks.

London, Sept. 25. - The Germans delivered a powerful attack against succeeded in gaining a foothold in the British lines on narrow fronts. Hand-to-hand fighting ensued, and after another strong German attack, the British drove them from their newly won positions and re-established their line in its entirety, according to Field Marshel Heige repositions

the positions into which they had entered. Our line has been re-established on the whole front attacked.

"The enemy raided one of our posts early in the morning south of Queant. Two of our men are missing.

"There has been great artillery as tivity on both sides during the day east of Ypres."

FIRST DRAFT OUT

Difficulty Arises in Connection With the Board of Selection.

ADJOURMENT MADE

Call Cannot Be Issued Before the Middle of October.

Ottawa, Sept. 25 .- The first call of nen under the Military Service Act is delayed. It cannot well now be issued before the middle of October, altho every effort will be made to avoid unnecessary postponement. The difficulty has arisen in connection with the board of selection established to choose one member of each local tri-bunal thruout the Dominion. The board met again today, but adjourned till October 9 without having formally hosen its appointces. Under the order-in-council, which gave the board its authority, it was provided that all appointments could be completed to-day or the minister of justice would be empowered to fill all the vacancies. Later the department of justice unofficially agreed to extend the time till September 80. Now, in view of the situation, the time limit will still further have to be extended, as it is realized that confusion would only be created by the department proceeding to make over thirteen hundred ap-

pointments.
The difficulty today arose from the absence of the Saskatchewan members nees on the list, the Manitoba mem-bers thought it advisable to give the matter further consideration, and are returning to Winnipeg. There the ap-pointments made by the Manitoba judges will be reviewed, and, if necessary, such changes will be made in the Manitoba list as will secure the

BRIGADIER LUMSDEN WOUNDED.

London, Sept. 25.—Brigadier F. W. Lumsden, V.C., formerly staff officer with the Canadian corps, has been

THE NEW STETSONS.

A shipment of new Stetson hats has just been opened and offers new attractions in hat styles for men. All the seasonable colors and a variety of