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#### EXPERTS STATE CRISIS OVER IN TRANSYLVANIA

Russian Reinforcements Saved the Situation — Heights Captured and Prisoners Taken.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, Nov. 17.—In the region of Kimpolung, in Transylvania, the Rumanians have fiercely engaged the Austro-Germans and have been successful in retaining their positions.

In the region of Dorna Watra, key position of the whole Transylvanian campaign from an Allied standpoint, the Russians have stopped a hostile offensive movement and have been successful in capturing a strongly fortified height and a hundred and eighty prisoners.

#### Crisis Over.

There is intermittent activity prevailing along the Stokhod River, and on the Brezany and Halez fronts, but the Russians have directed their attention chiefly to the Rumanian theatre of war, where experts believe that the crisis is now past. The arrival of fresh Russian reinforcements in this region is thought to have removed all danger of any further advance being made by Von Falkenhayn's army.

#### CASUALTY MESSAGES ARE TRANSMITTED FREE

The Grand Trunk Pacific Telegraph Company, through Mr. G. B. Brien, city manager, makes the following announcement which will prove of considerable interest to relatives of soldiers serving at the front:

Every soldier's next of kin, whose address has been changed since the last directory was published, and every such person whose name does not appear in the directory or telephone book, should register at the Grand Pacific Telegraph Company's office their name, new and old address, soldier's name and regimental number.

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The Grand Trunk Pacific Telegraph Company will transmit free of charge three messages to the record office in Ottawa requesting information of any soldier who has been reported wounded or missing. Official notice from Ottawa must be presented at the Telegraph Company's office when making request for this service.

Any "next of kin" to a soldier, who finds the name of the soldier in the casualty list, and who has not been officially notified, may send a collect message to the officer in charge of records at Ottawa, requesting information.

W. H. Pierce, the missionary at Essington, is a visitor in the city.



GENERAL MANGIN

The hero of the battle of the Marne, the turning point of the war on the western front, who commanded a column in the recent big offensive on the Verdun front, when the French regained in a day what the Germans took many days to capture.

#### CONTINENTAL TRUST CASE RESUMED TODAY

The case of McGregor v. Naden occupied the whole of yesterday in the Supreme Court and is likely to last until Saturday, there being five more witnesses to examine for the defence.

Mr. McGregor stated that he received from Mr. Hobin and Mr. Peterson a statement of the affairs of the company as at January 31st, 1914. He went over it item by item and asked questions regarding several points. The statement showed a loss in operating for the year of \$92, which was in keeping with the statement made by Mr. McCaffery in Vancouver at the time the option was taken. He believed that, when the deficit was cleared off, the company ought to make a little money. After figuring out the quality of the assets, he entered into an agreement with G. R. Naden, M. P. McCaffery and T. D. Pattullo to purchase 110 shares for \$2,000, paying \$1,000 in cash and the balance in sixty days, with the understanding that he was to remit sums at stated intervals for the carrying on of the business. His partner Wilson had meantime got into difficulties and McGregor assumed full responsibility under the agreement. He later paid in \$2,350 and his total investment amounted to \$4,700. The latter portion of his investment was sent up at intervals to take up stock. He also entered into an agreement with the defendants in regard to his arranging with a guarantee company for the \$25,000 bond made necessary by the new trust company legislation.

He carried out his part of the agreement by sending along money at intervals, but the company seemed to be getting further behind. He asked for an explanation and showed a statement of the company's affairs to Mr. Leyens, a financier whom he was trying to interest in the company. There was one item which he did not understand, and he suggested that Mr. Leyens come to Prince

#### "NO FIRM HAND AT THE HELM," SAYS LAURIER

Winning the War More Important Than Party Triumph—Folly to Expect Efficiency Under the Circumstances.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, Nov. 17.—At a dinner in the Chateau Laurier last evening, under the auspices of the Liberal Associations of Ontario, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Liberal leader, declared that the winning of the war is much more important than the triumph of any political party.

He asserted that the correspondence which had passed between Sir Robert Borden and Sir Sam Hughes had revealed the fact that there is no firm hand at the helm in Canada. "It is folly for Canadians to expect efficiency under such circumstances," declared Sir Wilfrid.

Reverting for a moment to the retirement of Sir Thomas Tait from the National Service Board, the Liberal leader said that Sir Thomas had been compelled to resign his National Service appointment because of the continued jarring and discord which obtained at Ottawa.

Rupert with him and go into the matter. Arrived at Prince Rupert, Mr. Leyens went into the affairs of the company but decided that he would have nothing to do with it. There were several aspects of the statement provided that he did not like.

Cross-examined by Mr. Patmore, on behalf of Mr. Pattullo, witness admitted that he had been told that the operating loss for the first year was \$12,000 and that he had gone into the statement provided by Mr. Hobin and Mr. Peterson and found that the loss in the second year had been reduced to \$92. A letter which plaintiff had written to Mr. Hobin in December, 1914, was produced, in which McGregor told Hobin that he believed the company's charter was worth \$15,000. "Was it not simply the charter you wanted?" asked Mr. Patmore. Witness replied that he bought stock in the company and that included the charter.

Asked if he had told Mr. Peterson that he intended to float stock to the amount of \$100,000, witness said that he did not remember having said so. Witness denied that, when in Prince Rupert with Mr. Leyens, he tried to get Messrs. Naden, Pattullo and McCaffery to purchase \$1,000 of stock each. He also denied having said to Mr. Hobin, on going on board the boat for the south, that he would make them come through yet and that there were more ways than one by which he could do it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Williams, witness was again taken over the whole ground, from the conversation he had with Mr. McCaffery up to the time when he

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#### BELGIAN KING HAS APPEALED TO WASHINGTON

State Department Asked to Intervene Regarding Deportation of Belgians—Thousands in Slavery.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, Nov. 17.—The King of Belgium, through M. Havenith, the Belgian minister to Washington, has presented an appeal to the State Department of the United States government, asking for its intervention on behalf of the Belgian civilians who have been deported to Germany by force in order that they may be compelled to labor for the Germans.

The appeal states that many thousands of Belgians have been compelled to enter Germany and have been practically forced to fight against their native country. The King asks that the government of the United States intervene in order to prevent any more Belgians being sent to Germany and also that a request be made that the thousands already deported be given their liberty.

#### AMAZING SPECTACLE ON THE SOMME FRONT

British Headquarters, Nov. 15. During the fight of Saturday the front wave swept over Regina Trench in pursuit of Germans already on the run.

A lieutenant, who had been crouching in a "cubby" home, began firing his automatic pistol after our men. Unluckily for him he had forgotten all about the second wave, and before he could stir or cry out, one of our men was on him with the bayonet.

Quite a number of Germans scrambled out of their trench and came running to meet our men, with arms up and fingers spread to show they were not clasp-bombing. The attack was not to be held up, therefore, the order was passed to let them through.

So the amazing spectacle was witnessed of British soldiers charging in one direction, bayonets poised, and German warriors bolting in the other, hands in air. It is stated that German officers who attempted to arrest this flight were shot by their own men. There have been several authenticated instances of late.

A significant fact is that several machine gun teams voluntarily surrendered. The machine-gunners constitute a corps d'elite, and every member takes an oath never to yield.

As a rule this is kept, and that it should have been thus deliberately broken is suggestive.

#### HALIBUT ARRIVALS

The American schooner Helge-land brought in 23,000 pounds this morning and the Margalice, 6,000. The latter was bought by the Atlin Fisheries at 11% cents.



SIR WILLIAM ROBERTSON

Chief of the British army staff addressing village crowds. Gen. Sir William Robertson delivered an important speech in unveiling a village cross at Dalderby, Lincolnshire, for securing the greatest percentage of enlistments among its eligible manhood. Dalderby, which has scarcely three hundred inhabitants, sent 72 per cent. of its men to the front which is the largest in Lincolnshire. Sir William Robertson is himself a native of a small village in this county, though his parents were Scotch.

#### CAPTAIN CARSS KILLED WHILE AIDING WOUNDED

Magistrate Carss last evening received a letter from Colonel Warden extending his sympathy in the death of Captain Adair Carss. The colonel states that Captain Carss was amongst the first into a captured trench and was assisting a dying German when the latter threw a bomb which he had concealed about him, killing Mr. Carss who was seeking to make his enemy's departure from this world a little easier.

Colonel Warden states that Captain Carss was like a brother to him; was loved by his men and would very shortly have been given his majority.

#### VETERAN PIPER IS ASSISTING RECRUITING

Daniel Hossack, an 83-year-old piper of Stanley, N. B., is assisting in recruiting for the New Brunswick Militia. This old gentleman, who came to this country as a boy, is still hale and hearty and just as expert on the pipes as many a much younger man.

A party of 38 laborers came in last night from Prince George and left for Ocean Falls this morning.

#### ALLIES WITHIN FOUR MILES OF MONASTIR CITY

Bulgarians Abandon Important Positions—More Prisoners Taken Along Ancre River.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Nov. 17.—French and Russian troops on the Macedonian front are now within four miles of Monastir and the Bulgarians and Germans have been compelled to abandon their principal positions along the Cerna River, where the Serbians have done magnificent work.

#### Western Front.

North of the Ancre River, British artillery fire caused several explosions within the German lines. Three hundred more prisoners have been captured and the offensive at this point still continues. South of the Ancre, there has been considerable hostile shelling of the British lines, while the British successfully bombarded the enemy positions. British aeroplanes carried out several fruitful bombing raids, driving down one German machine.

#### French Front.

Paris, Nov. 17.—Enemy detachments gained a footing in a group of houses near Saillisel but were driven out by means of a French counter-attack. The artillery struggle is being continued with great violence in the neighborhood of Ablaincourt.

A French pilot brought down an enemy aeroplane near Chaumes.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hosson and family of Fort Fraser, who arrived in town last evening, have gone to Vancouver.

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