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BOMBARDMENT IN FLANDERS CONTINUES

TRENCH RAIDS ON BRITISH FRONT --- GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED BY FRENCH

OFFICIAL SILENCE REGARDING OPERATIONS IN FLANDERS

Canadians now astride Lens-Bethune road and within reach of last German defences of Lens—Sound of artillery heard in England—Trench raids continue

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, August 9.—An air of expectancy for big things prevailed in London today. Slowly but surely the grip on Lens, the great coal centre of France, is tightening. The Canadian troops are now astride the Lens-Bethune road and are within striking distance of the positions on which the enemy will have to make his last stand to hold his present line. The official silence regarding operations in Flanders during the last twenty-four hours is regarded as probably holding the greatest significance. The roar of the big guns firing against the German lines is distinctly heard within a few miles of London.

The German Fleet.

Speculation has been revived in London as to whether the German fleet may not be planning another sortie into the North Sea. The frequent appearance of small German vessels far from their base has been reported.

Trench Raids.

The British successfully raided the German lines near Lombard, and also gained ground west of Bixchoote. In the vicinity of Roex and Oppy, east of Arras, the enemy raiding parties were repulsed. British shells bombed the railroad tracks several miles behind the German lines and derailed two trains.

French Front.

Paris, August 9.—The troops of the German Crown Prince last night launched attacks on the French positions east of Vauxaillon, and west of the Calonne Plateau in the Aisne region. Both attacks were easily repulsed. German raids north of St. Mihiel in the Verdun sector and in Upper Alsace were checked by artillery fire. On the greater part of the Aisne front, mutual artillery fire is in progress.

Berlin Report.

Berlin, August 9.—The British troops after a bombardment by artillery of dreadful intensity, moved forward from Nieuport on the coastal sector of the Belgian front, but were driven back after hand fighting. Artillery activity increased in Flanders during the night.

To Free Austria.

Stockholm, August 9.—The Emperor Charles is eager to free Austria from military and economic dependence upon Germany. The emperor has set his heart upon a reconciliation with the United States. There is a strong German feeling in the Dual Monarchy.

Russian Front.

Petrograd, August 9.—General Hoffmann holds that Russia will not now surrender, and believes that if the country ever concludes a dishonorable peace, it will be a German colony. The southeastern frontier in

Galicia, the Russians drove the Austro-Germans from two villages, capturing heights and over 300 prisoners. To the south, between Kimpolung and Mount Limpolu, the Russians and Roumanians ran short of ammunition. They bayoneted and stoned the invaders, who captured two heights.

Serbia's Rights.

London, August 9.—Addressing a notable gathering at a lunch in honor of Premier Pashitch, of Serbia, Lloyd George made it clear that the independence of Serbia would be one of Britain's demands which must be met before peace is possible.

REASSEMBLY OF IRISH HOME RULE CONVENTION

(Special to The Daily News.)

Dublin, August 9.—The Irish Home Rule Convention reassembled here today in Trinity College. Great importance is attached to an interview of Sir Horace Plunkett, chairman of the convention, with the King, thus indicating the Royal interest in the proceedings. Mr. Sinclair, of Lisburn, one of the leading Ulster Unionists, strongly favors the home rule settlement including all Ireland.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF WAR VETERANS' ROOMS

The club rooms of the Great War Veterans' Association were open to the public on Tuesday afternoon and a goodly number of visitors took advantage of the occasion to be present. Tea was served in the rooms downstairs, and the tables were thronged all afternoon. There were many raffles, which were well patronized and after all expenses are met the sum of \$89.00 remains for the funds of the association.

The committee of the I. O. D. E. in whose hands were all the arrangements for the opening of the rooms, wish to thank all those who so ably assisted at the function, and also to particularly thank those who, unsolicited, contributed cakes, etc., for the tables.

EXCHANGE OF CANADIAN PRISONERS OF WAR

London, Aug. 7.—The Canadian Press understands the new arrangements between the British and German Governments concerning the return of prisoners is unlikely to affect Canadian prisoners for some time at least. There will be many prisoners from English sources, such as those taken at Mons, who will receive consideration first. Therefore, although many Canadians have been in captivity almost a couple of years, they cannot be dealt with for some time.

FISH ARRIVALS

The Haysport No. 1 has arrived with 8,000 lbs. halibut; Lillian M., 6,000; Kitwinmar, 14,000; Joe Baker, 5,000; Royal, 5,000; Mayflower, 5,000; Teddy J., 13,000; Liberty, 6,000; Dip, 9,000; Lincoln, 12,000; Aurora, 5,000, and the Chief Zibassa had 11,000 lbs. for the Cold Storage.

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Kaiser: "He's gaining fast and I had a forty years' start"—New York Tribune

W. P. HINTON IS G. T. P. GENERAL MANAGER

(Special to The Daily News.)

Montreal, August 9.—Mr. Morley Donaldson, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, who has been absent from Winnipeg by reason of illness during the last year, has resigned. Mr. W. P. Hinton, traffic manager of the G. T. P. and the National Transcontinental, with headquarters in Winnipeg, has been appointed to succeed him.

Welcome News.

The above will be very welcome news to the citizens of Prince Rupert and of the West generally. Mr. Hinton is one of the younger men of the G. T. P. and he has an abiding faith in the territory tributary to the Grand Trunk Pacific road. He is aggressive in his policy, and with the confidence he has in the territory his road will serve, big things may be looked for.

SENATOR ROOT ON THE RUSSIAN AIMS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, August 9.—Senator Root, who headed the United States Mission to Russia, which has just returned from Europe, praises the democratic aims of Russia. The Mission is greatly encouraged over the outlook. Assurances from the United States would go a long way to help the Russians in their struggle for the principles of democracy. The Commission will report their findings to the President.

TENDERS WANTED

Sealed tenders endorsed, "Tenders for grading at King Edward School" will be received by the secretary of the School Board until 5 o'clock, August 9th, 1917, for the grading of part of the school grounds.

Plans and specifications may be seen and forms of tender obtained from the secretary of the Board, or at the office of the City Engineer, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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WINNIPEG CONVENTION SOLID FOR LAURIER

(Special to The Daily News.)

Winnipeg, August 9.—Nearly all the minor questions have been disposed of at the Liberal convention now being held here. The "win the war" policy on which all the Western Liberals will unite is the matter on which the convention is now working towards a solution. The committee is fully alive to the seriousness of the situation in Canada brought about by the policy of "drift" which has been adopted by the present government.

A proposal to create Farm Banks under Government supervision has been discussed. Alberta and Saskatchewan in common with Manitoba and British Columbia are solid for Sir Wilfrid Laurier. "Win the war with Laurier" is the slogan. Sir Clifford Sifton's tour is claimed to have done him more harm than good.

BLAME'S AMERICANS FOR AUSTRIAN PLOT

Amsterdam, August 8.—Count von Reventlow, in an article in the Tages Zeitung referring to Arthur J. Balfour's speech in the House of Commons in which he spoke of the nationalities of Austria-Hungary determining their own course of future development, tells his readers of widespread machinations of American agents in Austria-Hungary, started by former Ambassador Penfield long prior to the Austro-American breach.

The article says that Americans who left Austria soon after the breach talked confidently to neutrals of "impending complete political isolation of Germans in Austria, while in Hungary also a secret organization of Entente peoples and Americans soon would bear fruit."

Both predictions have been fulfilled, says Count von Reventlow, who darkly adds: "How long the former ambassador to Constantinople, Elkus, remained in Vienna, or whether he is still there, we do not know."

"Balfour's idea," says Count Reventlow, "is the dissolution of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, which squares exactly with the aims of the Czech Poles. Such politics, however, will suffer shipwreck on the rocks of the free German Empire, which did not provoke the war, in contrast to the Entente nations fighting for conquest and enslavement."

WESTHOLME THEATRE

Arrested for a murder which he did not commit, an obscure and wholly innocuous character, "Butsy Gallagher," one of the denizens of New York's great east side, finds himself notorious and a person of some distinction in the eyes of his acquaintances. Now being popular and famous among his contemporaries, instead of heretofore as of no account, the difference of the mental attitude which he adopts gives rise to some curious developments. His belief in himself, newly gained, enables him to carry out some wonderful adventures. The story is one of distinct originality, and is brimful of thrills and delightful satire. A Ford Monthly will also be displayed.

A local lady will demonstrate the wonderful cooking possibilities of the New Perfection Oil Cook Stove at our store, Third Avenue on the 10th of August. Smith & Mallett, Third Avenue.

Just arrived, 250 tons of lump coal. Phone 116—Albert & McCaffery.

HON MR. LEMIEUX IS INSISTENT FOR EARLY ELECTION

Severely Criticises Appointment of Sir George Perley as Canadian High Commissioner.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, August 9.—The Hon. Mr. Lemieux, the late Postmaster-General, demands an election. In the course of a critical speech on the general policy of the Government, he said that when the country is expending nine hundred thousand dollars daily they should not be ashamed to say there was no such word as economy in the dictionary. He severely criticized the appointment of Sir George Perley as acting High Commissioner to London.

Sir Sam Objects.

Sir Sam Hughes also took a decided objection to the programme of the Government. He asserted that the Canadian offices in London were much too large and greatly overmanned.

War Costs.

The war has cost the Dominion more than six hundred million dollars up to July 20 of this year. The war expenses of Canada are now \$850,000 per day.

C. N. R.

During the discussion of the railway policy of the Government, the Hon. Mr. Graham declared that the C. N. R. stocks were valueless. It was proposed that the Government become liable for all the company's outstanding liabilities.

WANT PAY OF BRITISH SOLDIERS INCREASED

London, August 8.—The trade unions have taken up the question of soldiers' pay, which is now miserable compared with that of the Australians and Canadians. At a meeting of sixty members of Parliament it was urged that it be placed at three shillings daily. Lord Beresford declared that the pay of the navy had not been raised for sixty years. The sailors are included in the movement. A powerful committee has been appointed.

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