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**THE GERMANS FAILED TO BREAK FRENCH CENTRE**

Desperate Effort to Relieve Crumbling Right.

**THEY MUST RETREAT**

AND POSSIBLY BE PUSHED OUT OF FRANCE.

German Cruiser Bombarbs Madras, India—British Troops From Hong Kong Join Japanese at Kiao-Chau.

Paris, Sept. 24.—In a series of night attacks, delivered with desperation, the Germans last night failed to break through the French centre beyond the bare announcement that the attacks were repulsed in their entirety no particulars are as yet available.

This attack, coupled with unusual activity on the French right, proves conclusively, the military experts here say, that the Germans are making every possible move to relieve the pressure on their slowly crumbling right.

There was generally a confident feeling everywhere here, and it was felt that, because of their enormous losses, the Germans must again retreat, and that this time they would be pushed out of French territory, in the north at least.

**British Join Japanese**  
Tokio, Sept. 24.—It is officially announced to-day that British infantry has landed to reinforce the Japanese land forces operating against the German concession of Kiao-Chau on the Shan-Tung peninsula. These British troops were sent from Hong Kong.

**German Cruiser Bombarbs Madras.**  
London, Sept. 24.—It is announced here this morning that the German cruiser Emden, on Tuesday bombarded the city of Madras, in India, setting several oil tanks afire, and killing several Hindus.

**More Cities In Ruins.**  
Paris, Sept. 24.—Further German vandalism is reported in the destruction of Dinant, Jumet, Charleroi and Taminex, four prosperous Belgian towns, and two other communities unnamed. Dinant and Jumet are reported totally ruined. Conditions in the district contiguous to these centres are such that food cannot be carried in to the inhabitants who still remain. They face a state of famine.

**War Tidings.**  
A despatch from Berlin quotes the Tagblatt as saying that four of Emperor William's sons are lying in hospitals seriously wounded.

General Pau has gone to the south of France to form auxiliary corps for the French armies.

**ELECTRICAL MACHINES**  
Are To Be Exhibited at "Kingston's Only Fair."

C. L. Case, Toronto, chief engineer of the Hydro-Electric Commission, was in the city on Wednesday and started work on the installation of fifteen machines and instruments for demonstrating to the patrons of Kingston's "Only Fair" the usefulness of electricity in the house and on the farm. These machines and instruments include everything from washing machines to curling-tong heaters and toasters. Mr. Case was so well pleased with the space allotted him by R. J. Bushell that he returned to Toronto on Thursday to secure three additional machines. He was very enthusiastic about the fair and was surprised that a place the size of Kingston should have such good buildings and grounds so close to the city and yet have such a hard time to make a fair a success.

**Aull-Reid Wedding Valid.**  
Toronto, Sept. 24.—Justice Middleton has given decision in the Aull-Reid marriage case to the effect that the marriage must stand. The action asked that the marriage be made null and void. The attorney-general's department intervened some time ago and declared that the Ontario courts had no right to annul the marriage. This stand was upheld yesterday by Justice Middleton. The wedding was a Coubourg sensation last year.

It is not necessary to tell the truth in order to shame his satanic majesty. Some men can tell lies that shame him.

**BAD COLD? TAKE CASCARETS FOR BOWELS TONIGHT**

No headache, constipation, bad cold or sour stomach by morning.

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Sick headache, biliousness, coated tongue, head and nose clogged up with a cold—always trace this to torpid liver, delayed, fermenting food in the bowels or sour, gassy stomach. Poisonous matter clogged in the intestines, instead of being cast out of the system is re-absorbed into the blood. When this poison reaches the delicate brain tissue it causes congestion that dull, throbbing, sickening headache.

Cascarets immediately cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested food and foul gases, take the excess bile from the liver and carry out all the constipated waste matter and poisons in the bowels.

A Cascaret to-night will surely straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist means your head clear, stomach sweet and your liver and bowels regular for months.

**MILITANCY FOR METHODISM**

Methodist General Conference Opened in Ottawa.

Ottawa, Sept. 23.—Three hundred and fifty delegates from every part of the dominion are attending the general conference of the Methodist church in Canada, which opened a two weeks' session in the Dominion Methodist church here to-day.

Between to-day and October 4th, when the conference is scheduled to close, practically every phase of the work of the church will be discussed.

Rev. Dr. Garman, of Toronto, the veteran of the church, and Rev. S. D. Chow, of Vancouver, are presiding over the conference, and Rev. T. Albert Moore is acting as secretary.

Dr. Garman recommended a policy of militancy for Methodism, and called attention to the need for something to be done for the rural churches. "If Methodism is to go on, attention must be paid to the rural churches," said the chairman.

Regret that the present war was precipitated was expressed. The church must endeavor to reinforce its devotion to the principles of righteousness. It was the duty of the church to bring Christ's kingdom on earth.

"Britain's truth and honor were in the scrap of paper referred to by the Kaiser," said Mr. Garman. "The liberty of every one of us would have been endangered had Britain not respected the neutrality of Belgium."

Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore was again elected secretary of the conference, polling 140 out of 234 votes.

One of the most important reports to be presented will be that of the Methodist Missionary Society.

The following summary of the finances of the society for the quadrennium totals the items of what may be regarded as current income as distinct from legacies: then adds the legacies for a grand total of receipts. This, of course, omits receipts from sales of properties and from sales of literature. The amount received from church members, including legacies, during the quadrennium is \$2,687,628.70. To this should be added contributions to several special funds not credited in general income:

Chengtu Hospital . . . . . \$1,061.52  
China Famine Fund . . . . . 16,509.28  
Mission Plant and Extension Fund . . . . . 203,576.43  
Other minor items . . . . . 1,025.00

Making a total including the above special funds of \$2,909,800.99, as against \$2,031,277.83 for the previous quadrennium. The increase for the quadrennium is therefore \$878,523.11, or over forty-three per cent. advance on the total of four years ago. The current expenditure for the quadrennium has exceeded the current income by \$82,879.94.

Accompanying statement no account has been taken of the government grant for Indian schools or the expenditure of same. For the quadrennium this amounted to \$229,672.49.

**PRIEST SHOT AS SPY.**

An Innocent Abbe Gets Short Shift From Germans.

Department du Nord, France, Sept. 20.—(Delayed)—Falsely arraigned as a spy, Abbe Delebecque, formerly a professor in the College of Our Lady, Dunkirk, was summarily executed at Valenciennes on Friday morning.

The abbe was returning on a bicycle to his parish at Mainz after a memorial service for his father, who died a month ago. When arrested by a patrol of Chibans he carried incriminating documents, but he carried letters from French soldiers of Dunkirk to their families.

The abbe was tried at midnight by a court-martial composed of officers, who after a trial which was a mockery condemned him to be shot at daybreak as a spy. The priest was confined to the care of the German military chaplain and passed the night in praying in one of the waiting rooms of the station.

At 8 o'clock on the morning the abbe was placed in a motor car and taken to the place of execution on the outskirts of Valenciennes. On the way he repeated the prayers for the dying and gave his captors a letter to his mother. Then he knelt in prayer for a moment and soon fell lifeless, pierced by a dozen bullets.

The Germans first unceremoniously threw the body into a hastily made grave which was not deeper than a foot and a half. A passerby, seeing a portion of a cassock protruding, placed stones on the grave for a cross and the women of the vicinity covered the grave with flowers.

The Abbe Delebecque is the 7th priest in the diocese of Cambrai to be shot by the Germans.

**IS THE BIG SHIP DOOMED?**

Sir Percy Scott's Words Recalled by Submarine Success.

London, Sept. 24.—The Daily Chronicle's naval correspondent writes: "The loss of three armed cruisers is a disaster, the meaning of which it would be foolish to minimize. The vessels were not new. They were even obsolescent; but they were still valuable. Wherever the disaster took place, danger was not foreseen. The enemy's submarine was not preceded by any lookout. The conclusion, therefore, cannot be reached that a new element in naval warfare has (really) nearly to its day four-fold by Sir Percy Scott in which the big ship would be doomed. Are we to conclude that big ships like the Aboukir, or let us say the latest battle cruisers, are at the mercy of the submarine assailant? As vessels under way cannot carry torpedo nets, outrigger, their safety seems to lie in vigilant observation, not by themselves, but by accompanying small craft, but still more in rapid movement, and in altering their course so as to make it impossible for a submerged assailant to determine their position. No submarine below the surface has anything like the speed of a cruiser. It must lie in wait or have very good luck."

**BELGIANS DIG OWN GRAVES**

Leading Citizens of Herve Shot in Cold Blood.

Ostend, Sept. 24.—It is stated here that the Germans in revenge for an alleged attack on them by civilians, have completely destroyed the town of Herve in Belgium, 10 miles east of Liege, and an adjoining village. The inhabitants, it is stated, resisted the demands of the Germans to pay a fine and furnish certain quantities of foodstuffs. In the fight that followed the Germans lost heavily. When they finally conquered they forced fifty of the male inhabitants to bury the German dead. Afterward they made them dig a pit and stood 43 of them on the edge. All were shot and tumbled into the pit, after which the two survivors were compelled to bury their companions and then detained as prisoners.

**A BLIND STENOGRAPHER**

Cutting Has Mechanical Device For Reporting Speeches.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 24.—"Bert" Cutting, nineteen years old, who has been totally blind for four years, has won distinction for himself by reproducing in shorthand a speech made by Governor Ralston. Cutting became blind as a result of typhoid fever and other maladies, being otherwise in good health. He wished to earn a living and hit upon shorthand writing as an occupation. He used a mechanical device instead of taking the usual shorthand notes.

By this method words are spelled out in print. Cutting believes he is the first blind person in the world to do this kind of work for a livelihood.

**AMMUNITION UNDER COAL**

How Germans Kept Supplied For Fighting in France.

Paris, Sept. 24.—During the battle of the Marne six barges carrying coal and flying the Dutch flag passed through a lock in one of the canals. The captain seemed rather vague as to his destination, and when asked to produce his papers he replied that he had none. His cargo was searched and was found, under a surface layer of coal, to consist entirely of ammunition for the German army. The discovery resulted in a search along all the rivers and canals from Belgium into France, and 120 vessels carrying cargoes for the Germans were found.

**NEED BELTS AND SOCKS**

Queen Asks English Women to Aid Soldiers.

London, Sept. 24.—Belts and socks are the prime need of the British expeditionary army, and every woman in the empire has been asked to do her share to supply this demand. With the approach of winter 300,000 pairs and an equal number of belts, knitted or woven according to the war office estimate, should be applied to supplement the regular provisions of the government. Queen Mary was notified of this situation, and promised to do her part. She then appealed to British women to aid her.

**KENTISH TOWNS MOURN.**

Crews of Ill-fated Cruisers Hailed From There.

Chatham, Eng., Sept. 24.—The crews of the Aboukir and Hogue are being hailed as heroes in the North Sea. The crews of the two cruisers were in the River Medway. Indeed, the crews and Aboukir only left Kithole Reach a few days ago, and were among the last of the war vessels to sail from port. The total crews number over 2,000 and of these a large portion are residents in four local towns and a considerable portion of the ships' companies were Royal Naval reserve men.

**DISEASE RIFE IN VIENNA.**

Residents Panic Stricken at Discovery of Cholera Cases.

Vienna, via Rome, Sept. 24.—Official admission that there has been quite a number of cases of cholera discovered among soldiers returned from the front created great alarm here. The city has appropriated 1,000,000 crowns for the immediate construction of a contagious hospital. An epidemic of dysentery has already broken out here, and the Viennese are panic-stricken over the prospect of a cholera epidemic.

**SUGAR SHUT OUT.**

Germans Were Selling It Through Holland.

London, Sept. 24.—Because the British Board of Trade has been apprised that German merchants still are disposing of sugar through Holland, notwithstanding the prohibition of its export by the government of the Netherlands, the English government has forbidden the importation of all sugar from Holland.

He is a good-natured man who does not wish to break an alarm clock that goes off on time.

A truth suppressed is sometimes more damaging than a lie told.

**PURE RICH BLOOD PREVENTS DISEASE**

Bad blood,—that is, blood that is impure or impoverished, is the cause of many ailments, and is responsible for more ailments than anything else.

It affects every organ and function. In some cases it causes catarrh; in others, dyspepsia; in others, rheumatism; and in still others, weak, tired, languid feelings, and worse troubles. It is responsible for run-down conditions, and is the most common cause of disease.

**PROBS:—Unsettled and cool with occasional showers to-day and on Friday.**

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**BROCKVILLE CITIZEN CANNOT BE FOUND**  
Ernest Sharpe Went Fishing Boat With Hat Was Picked Up.

Brockville, Ont., Sept. 23.—Ernest Sharpe, proprietor of the Strathcona hotel is missing. Tuesday morning he left in a skiff to go fishing on the river for a few hours and later the empty boat containing his hat had drifted into Morristown Bay, directly across from here on the American shore. A search of the river has failed to reveal the slightest trace of the missing man. Sharpe was recently married to a Brockville girl. For some years he has been connected with the Strathcona Hotel, and before becoming the lessee filled the position of manager. He is a civil engineer by profession, hailing from Brooklyn.

**HE REVEALED 300 MINES**  
Captive From German Trawler Saved British Trouble

A story is going the rounds in London that when one of the British trawlers, captained by a British mining expert, captured a German trawler manned by Germans in the North Sea, the British captain lined up his captives and picked out the weakest looking of the lot. Ordering him to step forward, he said: "I want you to tell me where those mines are that you laid."

"I'll die first," said the captive, as he straightened up.

"Very well," replied the captain. "You are going to the first anyway, if any of us do. You helped lay those mines. You know precisely where they are. We are going to hunt for them and your position is going to be right in the bow of this ship so that if we hit one of them you surely will be the first man to die."

He ordered the prisoner placed directly in the bow and then the ship steamed ahead over the waters known to be mined. The end of the story is that this vessel picked up nearly 300 mines while the captured sailor was kept in his position of danger.

**DON'T GET DOWNHEARTED.**  
British Naval Lieutenant Hints at Big Coup.

New York, Sept. 24.—In a letter just received by a friend in New York a lieutenant-colonel in the British navy writes:

"We have been right up the Elbe in our submarines, but could not get at the big German warships. They are lying well apart and protected by scores of trawlers and small steamships, with huge steel cables and nets in between."

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**RETURNING TO PARIS**  
Many Leaving Paris, But Government Remains.

Bordeaux, Sept. 24.—Bordeaux is beginning to lose something of the overcrowding aspect it has had since the seat of the French government was brought here from Paris.

Many persons not directly connected with the government are going on to Biarritz, Pau and other resorts, while still others, in spite of the long and uncertain railroad journey back to Paris, have decided to return to the capital. They are encouraged by the continued good reports of the progress of the war.

The Temple, which was transferred here several weeks ago from the capital, announces that it will turn to Paris.

The government, however, will not be understood, consider going to the capital until the enemy has been definitely driven from French territory.

**Donate 3,500 Barrels of Flour**  
Calgary, Alta., Sept. 24.—R. Hood Mills, Limited, donates 3,500 sacks of flour to the company's 5,000 sacks of flour to patriotic fund. Total, 3,500 barrels valued approximately at \$23. Robin Hood is a United States concern, and got none of the dominion big orders.

White Rose flour put up in 64, 49, 98 lb. packages, at all grocers.