

A VIOLENT BATTLE IN VOSGES REGION

Germans Attacked French Works But Sent Back With Heavy Losses--Second Charge at Night Repulsed.

Asphyxiating Gas Bombs Were Used--The French Used Bayonets and Knives--Heavy Artillery Fighting Continues at Various Points on the Western Line.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, Sept. 1.--(Official)--A violent battle is raging around Schratzmaennele, in the Vosges, after the cessation of infantry actions in this region for several days. The Germans yesterday shelled the French trenches on the slopes for several hours. The explosion of several hundred asphyxiating gas bombs was followed by a rush of German infantrymen on the French works. The French chausseurs, who protected themselves from the gases with respirators, met the attack with bayonets and knives, and drove the enemy back from the parapets. The Germans suffered heavy losses, leaving many bodies before the French trenches. A second charge was made last night, but was repulsed. Elsewhere there have been no important infantry engagements in the last twenty-four hours. Heavy artillery duels continued throughout the night around Neuville, St. Vaast, Roye and at several points around Arras. Other artillery fighting occurred in Argonne, particularly at Fontaine-Aux-Charmes, Houyette and Haute Chevauchee.

ITALY HAS NO FEAR OF AUSTRO-GERMAN ATTACK

(Special to the Whig.) Rome, Sept. 1.--Italy has no fear that the Austro-Germans, having finished their campaign against Russia, will throw forces down the Adige valley for the invasion of the Italian northern provinces. "We hold every important peak dominating the Adige valley section," said a high official to-day. "The Germans might throw half a million men down the valley, but we could hold them off with ease for months. Winter is approaching, and by December military operations in the Alps will be out of the question, another fact the Germans have undoubtedly taken into consideration. And before the arrival of spring England, France and Russia will be keeping the Austro-Germans busy elsewhere." The Government several weeks ago contracted for large supplies of wool, and every weaving and knitting factory in Italy is now turning out heavy clothes for the winter campaign. Extra heavy garments are being made for the troops engaged in the Alps along the Trentino frontier. On some of the highest peaks, two miles above the sea level, structures to house Italian soldiers during the winter are being built in the shelter of rocks. These will be heavily provisioned, the War Office anticipating that many of the positions on the summits will be shut off from the outside world by heavy snows.

THE FOUR EX-MINISTERS IN WINNIPEG POLICE COURT

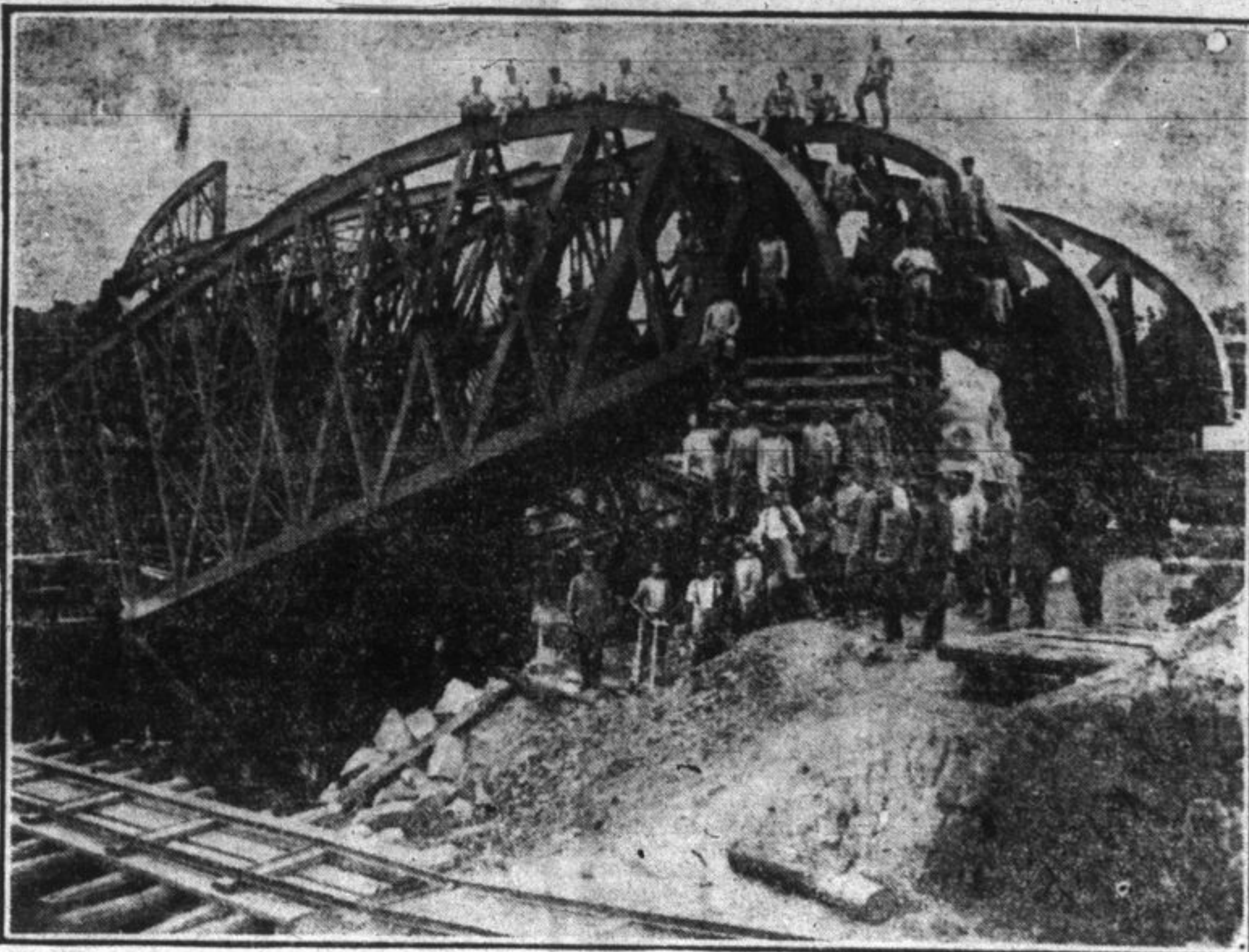
(Special to the Whig.) Winnipeg, Sept. 1.--A few minutes after ten o'clock this morning Sir Rodmond P. Roblin walked dejectedly up to the City Police Court preparatory to stepping into the dock charged with conspiracy. Following him came ex-Attorney-General Howden and Hon. Dr. Montague, and after another brief interval Hon. George Coldwell appeared. The four ex-Ministers of the Crown all met in the office of Crown Prosecutor Graham, and after a conference with their solicitor, went to the office of the chief detective, in which they waited pending the arrival of R. A. Bonnar, K.C., Crown Prosecutor. The ex-Ministers asked that the case against them should proceed immediately, but Mr. Bonnar's absence prevented the authorities from pursuing this course. The names of the four ministers appear on the docket charged with that they did "conspire to defraud." The hearing will be very short and a date will be fixed for the preliminary trial. The ex-Ministers pleaded not guilty, and were remanded until next week for a hearing.

8th C.M.R. to Go Overseas As a Unit Russian Duma Extends Rights of State Banks

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, Sept. 1.--Two mounted regiments, the 8th at Barrieffield, commanded by Col. J. R. Munroe, Ottawa, and 12th Calgary, commanded by Col. C. Macdonald, have been selected to go on overseas service as complete units. This is one mounted regiment from Eastern Canada, and one from Western Canada. They were selected after an inspection of the mounted troops by General Leonard.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Sept. 1.--The latest move indicates that the Balkans are swinging to the side of the Allies. It is believed that Teutonic advance against Romania has begun any time. Rumania having refused Germany's offers.

GERMANS REPAIRING A STEEL BRIDGE BLOWN UP BY RETREATING RUSSIANS.



A steel bridge near Lemberg, which was blown up by the retreating Russians, being rebuilt by a corps of German engineers. Note the temporary wooden military bridge across the stream in the foreground.

ENLARGE CZAR'S CABINET. Ten Members, Five From Duma and Five From Council. London, Sept. 1.--The enlargement of the Russian Cabinet by ten members, five of them to be chosen from the Duma and five from the Council of the Empire, has been tentatively agreed on a means of making the Government more truly representative of the people, according to the Daily Telegraph's Petrograd correspondent. "Since Parliament assembled," the correspondent adds, "vigorous efforts have been made to devise some means by which the Government and the Russian Chamber could co-operate more closely and effectively. The parties on the left of the Duma would have preferred an immediate transition to a Parliamentary Government, this idea naturally found many opponents. An agreement finally was reached on a project under which five members each of the Council of Ministers and the Duma should enter the Cabinet as ministers without portfolios.

See Peace Coming Soon. Washington, Sept. 1.--Villa and Zapata agents here said that a peace convention soon would be called in neutralized territory in Mexico to set up a Provisional Government. Independent Mexicans, yet unaffiliated with any of the factions would take part, they said, and it was possible that the pan-American conference that was asked to arrange the details. The delay in receiving General Carranza's reply to the pan-American peace appeal has raised hopes that influences are at work to induce him to participate. The Villa and Zapata adherents, however, announce their intention of proceeding without Carranza if necessary.

Will Not Sink Liners Without Giving Warning

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, Sept. 1.--"Liners will not be sunk by our submarines without warning, and without providing for the safety of the lives of non-combatants, provided that the liners do not try to escape or offer resistance," was the written statement of Ambassador Bernstorff, conveying his instructions of State on the Germans answer to the Lusitania.

Loyal Warsaw Bankers. Amsterdam, Sept. 1.--Thirty Warsaw bankers who refused to accept German promissory notes have been arrested and interned in Germany.

(Special to the Whig.) Petrograd, Sept. 1.--The Finance Committee of the Duma presented a bill to-day extending the rights of state banks to issue paper money. The committee report was discussed. It was stated that the sums needed for war expenses were so large that all possible sources of revenue must be used, taxation, internal credit operations, an issue of paper money, and foreign loans. Minister of Finance Bark, supporting the report of the committee, said that in spite of the exploitation of internal credit to a degree hitherto unprecedented, amounting to total of over three billion roubles, Russia possesses immense reserves of savings of which the Government intend soon to make use. The Government is increasing the number of saving banks, simplifying and facilitating their use by the people. Germans Before Grodno. Berlin, via London, Sept. 1.--German troops have arrived before the western front of Grodno, and are preparing to attack the fortress.

Australian War Bill Calls For Registration

Ottawa, Sept. 1.--Australia is going further than Canada by its War Census Bill. The object of it is to furnish the Government with complete and accurate knowledge of the forces it aspires to organize. Every male citizen of fighting age is compelled to give an exact account of his physical condition, his social and industrial status and his military capacity. In addition there must be disclosed, in confidence, the nature, extent and value of every man's possessions. Australia's war outlay is computed at \$225,000,000 per annum.

ARE UNDER ARREST. (Special to the Whig.) Winnipeg, Sept. 1.--Sir Rodmond Roblin, Dr. W. H. Montague, James Howden and G. R. Coldwell are arrested here, and under \$50,000 bail to appear in court to-day charged with conspiracy to defraud.

THIRSTY ENTOURAGE. Evangelist's Party Emptied Philadelphia's Liquor Closet. Philadelphia, Sept. 1.--An eight-page schedule reciting reasons for a claim for damages against the Philadelphia Evangelistic Association, which backed the Billy Sunday revival here last winter, has been filed in the Common Pleas Court in the City Hall. The lists set forth the condition of the home of Col. Charles M. Keegan, 1914 Spring Garden street, which the Sunday entourage occupied while working here. Instead of the original claim of \$1,754, Col. Keegan's demand has risen to \$2,042.75, and formal action to recover the amount has been started by him. Now, for the first time, authority is found for the accusation that liquor Col. Keegan left in the house when he turned it over to the Sunday party were missing when he again took possession. The schedule speaks reimbursement for 53 quarts of wine, whiskeys and cordials, valued at \$40. One of the heaviest items among the claims is \$298 for scraping and refinishing floors. Another charge is \$57 for carting away rubbish found in the house after the Sunday party left it. Also several marble figures and twelve French novels were gone.

British Troops Melting Away From London

London, Sept. 1.--The war office just now is as silent as the desert sphinx, but London hears that something is about to happen on the western front. The question most asked here is--when is the big show come off? The average Londoner is waiting in highly interested expectancy. He believes he will not have to wait long. All the reasons behind his deductions cannot be stated here. But it is sufficient to note that soldiers are becoming more scarce in London. Killed Scots, be-capped British Islanders and Canadians, be-hatted Australians and New Zealanders, and turbaned Indians are fast disappearing from the gaze of civilian London--hundreds of thousands of them, daily for the past month they have been moving off, somewhere. It is known here that the British front in France has been lengthened--exactly how much the public does not know.

HAVE MERELY DRIFTED. Times Makes Attack On Direction of Campaign.

London, Sept. 1.--The Times military correspondent this morning makes a strong attack on the higher direction of the campaign from the British side, which he declares is the subject of severe criticism in the fighting services. Pointing to the "Antwerp fiasco," "The Dardanelles mistakes" and the failure to organize a munitions supply, the correspondent says the Cabinet has shown a genius for war. "To put it brutally," the correspondent says, "we have not been governed in a strategic sense, we have merely drifted."

Four Vacancies in Court. Ottawa, Sept. 1.--There will probably be four vacancies to fill this autumn on the Superior Court bench of the Montreal District. Two of the appointments will be made as soon as the Prime Minister returns, and the Cabinet gets down to regular work again. These are the vacancies caused by the death of Judge Beauchamp, and the promotion of Judge Peltier from the Superior Court to succeed the late Judge Goyens, in the King's Bench.

EXCEL GERMAN IN AIR. New French System Restrains Hun Aviators.

Paris, Sept. 1.--The new French system of handling the air fleet, described in dispatches last week, has greatly restrained the German air activities, according to a letter from a German aviator in the Temps to-day. He says: "My squadron has been withdrawn because the French aeroplanes now appear only in large numbers, either for reconnaissance or to bar our scouts systematically. The latter task accomplished is this: Ten machines patrol our line at a height of two thousand metres and ten more at three thousand, both flying in opposite directions, so that if a German scout tries to get through he is attacked by the nearest two French then above and below simultaneously, others joining if the two are insufficient to stop him. Their combing is operating with similar numbers. We must follow their example or yield command of the air."

WANT EVERYTHING SETTLED. Before They Get Busy In the Mines

(Special to the Whig.) Cardiff, Sept. 1.--Though a settlement was reached at London, yesterday, 20,000 miners in the Rhondda Valley and 12,000 in Monmouthshire refused to resume work to-day until the agreement is formally ratified and signed by the miners' delegates.

RUSSIA'S WHEAT CROP 2,000,000,000 BUSHELS. Winter Sown Grain Already Garnered Enough Harvesters Are Found.

Petrograd, Sept. 1.--A despatch to the London Daily Mail says that M. Krivosheina, Minister of Agriculture, has given definite assurances in figures about the Russian harvest which completely dispel all doubts thrown by German agents on its unusual size and value. Taking all crops together, these figures indicate that the yield will be about 2,000,000,000 bushels. The winter-sown grain is harvested already, and a large proportion of spring-sown crops. The figures arrived at are 445,000,000 bushels better than last year's total, and 291,000,000 bushels in excess of the five-year average. Of wheat altogether there will be harvested 571,000,000 bushels, against 428,000,000 in 1914, and a five-year average of 475,000,000 bushels. For export there will be available 450,000,000 bushels. The difficulty of finding sufficient harvesters has been successfully overcome, and there will not be any difficulty in transporting wheat to Black Sea ports as soon as grain ships can pass through the Dardanelles. Great quantities of grain are at these ports already awaiting the success of operations in Gallipoli.

NO WINES FROM FRANCE. Exportation Prohibited Until Further Notice.

London, Sept. 1.--The Daily Mail says that the exportation of all wines from France is prohibited until further notice. Since last Wednesday no wines have been shipped. It is understood that the French Government wishes to keep all the ordinary wines, which are cheap and practically national beverages, for the use of the troops. This year's vintage prospects in Bordeaux are exceptionally poor. Usually large quantities are exported to South American and other countries, and, faced with the probability of a shortage, the Government has ordered that none shall be sent out of the country.

TURNING OF TIDE. (Special to the Whig.) Petrograd, Sept. 1.--Successful counter-attacks on a wide front in Galicia is officially reported. Three thousand Germans were taken, with thirty cannons. At Lowville, N. Y., Peter North, aged 70, was instantly killed by being struck by a train.

DRIVING THE ENEMY BACK IN GALICIA

Troops From the Low Dniester Region Are Busy And Have Forced the Austro-Germans Back Nearly a Mile.

The Situation is Regarded as Satisfactory by the Russian War Office--The Germans, it is Said, Are Purposing to Make a Drive on Petrograd--A Slow Retreat.

(Special to the Whig.) Petrograd, Sept. 1.--Strongly reinforced, the Russians in Galicia have taken the offensive, and by successive attacks are threatening to roll up the right flank of the Austro-Germans. Despatches received here to-day indicated not only a complete check to the enemy's advance in Galicia, but Russian gains between Strypa and Zelota Lipa, south-west of Tarnopol. Troops brought up from the low Dniester region are battering at Gen. Pfanzner's flank in the hilly country between the two rivers, and have driven the Austro-Germans back nearly a mile. At the extremity of the 500-mile battlefront the heavy German attacks are being repulsed in the region south of Riga. The enemy's offensive in the direction of Vilna and Warsaw-Petrograd railway has been stopped, and the whole situation is now considered satisfactory by the War Office. Germans are concentrating heavily south of Riga. Their heavy guns are hammering at Friederichstadt bridgehead, and fresh German forces, presumably from the Brest-Litovsk district, are approaching the Dvina. Military men here believe this activity forecasts a drive on Petrograd. Around Brest-Litovsk and south-west to the Galician border the Czar's troops are moving back in conformity with a general plan of retirement adopted when the evacuation of Brest-Litovsk became necessary. The retreat is slow and orderly. Several enemy detachments

which attempted too hasty a pursuit have been defeated with severe losses. In their sudden attempt to expel the Russians from Galicia the Austro-Germans had apparently been heavily reinforced. Regiments which were reported in action before Warsaw attacks against the Slavs on the Zlota-Lipa. When the Russian forces were redistributed to meet this blow the enemy was halted. War Tidings. A Washington State official said that British concessions to American shippers would not effect the American formal protest against the British order-in-council. The Welsh coal strike is now definitely settled. The Government has granted the demands of the miners, and is taking steps to prevent any more strikes. The advance of Italian troops continues near Valsugana. Austrians in retreating are blowing up bridges, viaducts and railway lines. The Russian fortress of Grodno is now within range of heavy German guns. Russians have been evacuating it for many days, taking everything of value to the enemy. Adolphe Pegoud, a noted French aviator termed the "terror of the Hun's," was killed on Tuesday. Italian troops are making further progress toward Trent. The summit of Monte Cista has been captured.

DAILY MEMORANDUM. Vaudeville at Grand, 2.30 and 7.30. Lake Ontario Park vaudeville, 8.15. See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities. MARRIED. PATTINGREW-BARBELS--On Tuesday evening, August 31st, 1915, by the Rev. G. I. Campbell, B. D., Vera L., eldest daughter of Rev. Cecil Whalley, and Archie J. Pattigrew, both of Kingston. SEGSWORTH-DALTON--In St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, on Tuesday, August 31st, 1915, by the Very Rev. Dean Starr, M. A., D.D., assisted by the Rev. Cecil Whalley, M. A., B. D., Mabel Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bartlett Dalton, to Robert Frederick Segsworth, barrister-at-law, Toronto, son of the late John Segsworth of Toronto.

DIED. MCKEOWN--In Kingston, at Hotel Dieu Monastery, on August 31st, 1915, Rev. Sister McKee. Funeral will take place after a solemn requiem mass, which will be sung on Thursday morning at 7.30 o'clock in the monastery chapel. SWIFT--In Toronto, September 1st, 1915, Mary K., beloved wife of Joseph F. Swift. Funeral mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, the city, Tuesday, 3.30 a.m. Friends invited to attend. WALDRON--In Kingston, on August 31st, 1915, Gordon Elliot, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Waldron, aged four years. Funeral from the residence of his grandmother, Mrs. S. Rees, 430 Brock street, on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. IN MEMORIAM. YORKE--In loving memory of my dear father, John M. Yorke, who died September 3rd, 1909. But some day, if we may enter, Through the pearly portals wide, He will be the first to meet us. Ever on the other side. Safe within our Father's mansion, Clad in robes all white and fair, Chanting sweet a joyous welcome, We shall know each other there. --Daughter. ROBERT J. REID The Leading Undertaker. Phone 577. 250 Princess Street. JAMES REID The Old Firm of Undertakers. 254 and 256 PRINCESS STREET. Phone 147 for Ambulance. REFRIGERATORS. From \$2 to \$7, while they last, at Turk's. Phone 765. SUMMER GOODS: LUNCH TONGUE IN TINS LUNCH TONGUE IN GLASS OX TONGUE IN TINS OX TONGUE IN GLASS SELCED OX TONGUE IN GLASS CHICKEN AND TONGUE IN GLASS CHICKEN BRAGS IN GLASS SLICED BACON IN GLASS SLICED DRIED BEEF IN GLASS BASKET OF BEEF IN TINS

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HON. RODMOND ROBLIN, Ex-Conservative Premier of Manitoba, under arrest at Winnipeg on charge of fraud.

Jas. Redden & Co. Phones 20 and 900. Soldiers digging trenches at the Toronto Exhibition found an Indian skinning knife in perfect condition.