

RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE ON BOTH WINGS

Blunts German Advance--Von Hindenburg, With Million Men, Being Held Up Along Dvina River in Effort to Drive on to Riga.

London, Sept. 16.—The most furious fighting of the war is being waged in the Baltic provinces of Russia, according to all news reaching here, and the result of the gigantic series of battles, which might be said to make one huge and long continued engagement, still is in doubt.

The most surprising news of the day is the fact that the Germans have lost their grip on the Petrograd Railway, which they succeeded in cutting at Novo Sventitskaya by a cavalry raid several days ago.

Further towards Dvinsk, where the line passes through a lake region, Berlin reports that German cavalry is nearing the tracks, having driven off a Russian cavalry detachment at Sokol.

Russ Attacks In Force. According to advices reaching here the half million Austro-Germans in Eastern Galicia, Volhynia and along the Bessarbian frontier are being kept busy meeting strong Russian attacks.

Only in the centre do the Germans appear to be making consistent progress. On an average they are reported to be only 33 miles from the Vilna-Rovno Railway, their objective.

Military experts in Petrograd are not as enthusiastic as their brethren here, however, regarding the possibility of a general Russian advance, which will wreck the German plans for the winter and force the Berlin general staff to keep the millions now in the east engaged in a dangerous winter campaign in trackless Russia.

Some Russian critics admit that it is not likely the Russians will be able to prevent the Germans from securing the Vilna-Rovno Railway and Dvina lines, but predict that for whatever success they attain they will be forced to pay a heavy toll in men and time.

for some time, is located in Hamilton, and will help coach the Hamilton Rowing Club.

The college football authorities are prepared to go ahead and play Rugby this fall so as to keep the boys in condition for active service at the front when the time comes for those who elect to go.

At the winding up of the International League this week, Fred Herbert, of Toronto, will go straight to the New York Giants and will participate in several games here close of the National League season.

There will not be any changes in the rules of the various rugby leagues this year. Owing to the war, President Hewitt, of the C. R. P. U., and his rules committee, gave the proposed amendments a twelve months' hoist.

Fred Clarke, who has resigned as manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and who will retire to his Kansas farm at the close of the season, was in baseball twenty-three years. Only four men—McGraw, Jennings, Robinson and Griffith—who were in the majors when Clarke broke in—are still in active big league service.

Of last year's Dominion Rugby championship team, Toronto Argonauts have lost four of the regulars: Lieut. "Jack" Allen, at Kingston; Pte. Colin Simpson, at Kingston; Pte. George Motley, at Niagara; and George Motley, who is in England taking a commission with an imperial regiment.

Quinn Butterfield, of the Preston intermediate hockey team, has joined the 71st Battalion, Butterfield is well known all over western Ontario, and is looked upon as one of the best rovers playing the game to-day. While a resident of Preston he turned down tempting offers to turn professional.

Ottawa Citizen: The Queen's decision to operate a senior team means that the Intercollegiate will be intact again. Coach Frank Shaughnessy goes to Montreal next week to take charge of the McGill squad. He expects that "Silver" Quilty will be the only surviving member of last year's team.

The O. R. F. U. meeting which was held at Toronto Saturday, when the schedule for the season will be arranged. The senior series will have four teams, and will likely be composed of Parkdale Canoe Club, St. Patrick's, of Ottawa, Balmly Beach, and the Hamilton Rowing Club.

The executive of the London University has applied for admission to the intermediate series of the Intercollegiate Rugby Union, and its application has been endorsed by Queen's and Toronto, which means that London will be admitted.

The Ottawas have lost Harry Broadbent, their best scoring forward, and Leth Graham, their most promising substitute, but there is no lack of local material and Coach Smith is already negotiating with one or two Ottawa Valley youngsters, who will be added to his squad. Broadbent, and Graham are

now at the Canadian concentration camp at Shorncliffe, near London, Ontario, is on the firing line in France.

The Capitals, and Toronto North End Rugby Club, decided last night to enter five teams in the city series, despite the enlistment of 126 members since last year for overseas service. Capitals have a strong hold in the suburbs and believe that Rugby should go on as a training for future soldiers.

What is claimed to be a new American endurance swimming record was established Monday by C. T. O'Brien, who was in the water fifteen hours and forty-seven minutes while swimming from Charlestown Bridge to Boston Light and back. The distance is estimated at twenty-four miles.

"Alec" McFarlane, the big wing man of the Toronto Argonauts for the past two seasons, will be with the Tigers.

With McFarlane on the line, the Bengals will have one of the strongest fourteens that has ever represented the yellow and black. His line-plunging ability and strong defensive work will be a great help.

President Trenholme of the Quebec Football Union, is personally in favor of calling off the regular series this fall, but the course that will be followed will depend entirely on the

BRITAIN MAKES

Great Efforts to Cope With Zeppelins.

THE REPLY OF BALFOUR

TO CRITICS OF THE BRITISH AERIAL SERVICE.

"Job" Came As a Surprise—First Lord of the Admiralty Had No Idea Of This Duty Falling To His Lot.

London, Sept. 16.—The adequacy of the air service was the subject of some criticisms in the House of Commons. Arthur J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, admitted that the provisions which had been considered sufficient at the beginning of the war had to be materially developed. He said, however, that the service was now being supplemented far more rapidly than was the danger it was organized to meet.

THE DOCTOR'S WORK.

Strange Effect of Ether on a Colored Patient.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—Dr. J. W. King, of Bradford, Pa., recently told a number of his colleagues at a meeting how he turned a negro's skin white as the result of an accident. He treated a colored woman for lumbago by freezing one leg from the hip down to the ankle with ether. "After a week or so," said Dr. King, "she returned to my office and said: 'Doctor, the lumbago is gone, but I think I shall have to prosecute you for maltreatment. You've done more than you said you would.' The leg I had treated was perfectly white, and so to this day." Some of the doctors present agreed that ether freezing has been known to remove the pigments in the skin, but they say Dr. King's case is unusual.

Lusitania Memorials.

London, Sept. 17.—Miss Mary Booth, a relative of the principals of the Booth Line steamers, has succeeded in collecting funds to provide 1,196 motor ambulances, now being used at the front, as a memorial of the Lusitania disaster. She is now collecting funds for a hospital for paralyzed and otherwise permanently injured soldiers as a further memorial of the same event.

FIRE OF PATRIOTISM IN FRENCH LETTER

Address of a French Colonel to His Men-- France Will Consent to No Peace Till Insult And Ruin Are Avenged.

The following is taken from a letter published in a French paper: When the men of his regiment to whom leave had been granted were about to start for the rear, Colonel X., of the 1st Regiment of Dragons, addressed them in the orders of the day, as follows: "Their colonel would remind the men who are about to visit their homes, of their duty. Though absent from the front, their mission remained the same. At home, as in the ranks, the mission is to hold high the banner of France, her confidence in the future, her certainty of final triumph, and lastly, to intensify the hatred of their neighbors towards an enemy odious and unworthy of pity."

"Led by a madman, the conqueror of Europe, the German armies, escaping from the battle of the Marne, have burned and laid waste a part of France for the insane pleasure of destroying marvels of art whose splendor their brutish minds could not appreciate. Their vile soldiers have crucified children, made necklaces of the hands of young girls, cut off the breasts of women, tortured aged men, dismembered the wounded, and their prisoners! These abominations planned and ordered by the Emperor as an organized prelude to the dismemberment of France, have been universally applauded by all classes of society among our enemies. The German people are, therefore, responsible to the very last drop of blood for crimes to which history affords no parallel!"

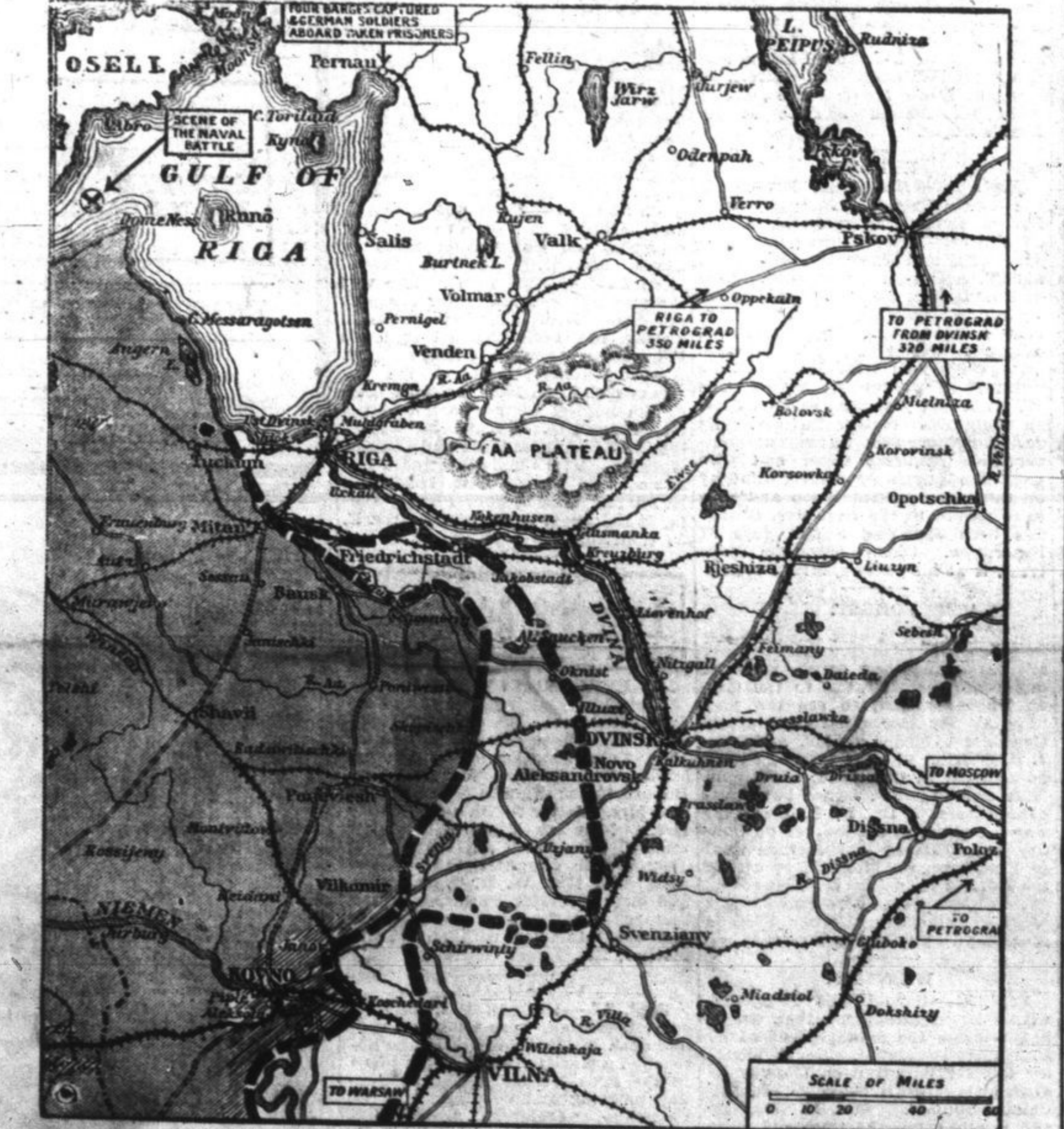
These Atrocious Howes. "Men of my beloved regiment, who have endured through these atrocious hours, who, under the banner of France, saw burn the ancient Cathedral of Rheims, who each day see perish the historic town of Arras, do not forget! Stir up the fires of your hatred! Sustain this hatred in the hearts of your friends and neighbors! Let your war cry be 'to the end! No quarter!' Have often in mind the picture representing the Kaiser as 'Emperor of the World' and Elitel, his second son, as 'King of France!' It is not a fanciful one! There are no limits to folly and, given the power, it will attempt any crime!"

Perhaps, when you reach home, you will find some anxious minds troubled by those pessimistic rumors which are spread by traitors and listened to only too eagerly by those egotists who desire to return as soon as possible to their pleasures or gains. Perhaps at your own expense you will detect a weariness of waiting! Perhaps some one will say to you, 'Has enough blood not been shed? Why continue a never-ending war? Cannot peace be made with the enemy?'"

Peace Abominable. "Abominable words! The blood shed will cry out for vengeance until the enemy is crushed to earth, exterminated, until his cities are taken, his historic buildings burned, his factories destroyed, his fields laid waste and his treasury emptied by war re-

Confound Verne Goes. Toronto, Sept. 17.—The Anglican General Synod, returning to Toronto, has voted to amend the National Anthem in its hymnal.

SLOW PROGRESS BY GERMANS IN RIGA REGION.



Map from London Sphere emphasizes the slow progress made by the Germans at the easternmost end of their eastern line. The line at the end of the shaded portion is that of August 22nd. The line to the right is the battlefront on September 13th. Riga and its key Friedrichstadt are untaken, as are Dvinsk and Vilna.

stand taken by the clubs composing the union. These are: Montreal, Westmount, Shamrocks, Ottawa II, Gananoque and Brockville. Letters asking for the feeling of the respective clubs in the matter have been sent out.

It looks as if the Detroit Tigers had shot their bolt. Defeats have been coming to the "Jennings" crew pretty regularly of late, and unless a miracle happens, the Detroit aggregation is out of the running as far as the pennant and the world's series money is concerned. The addition of supposed pitching strength a couple of weeks ago, which it was believed made the Tigers real contenders with the Red Sox, has not panned out.

Toronto Globe: No-decision boxing is a thoroughly unsatisfactory proposition. This is the big lesson to be derived from the McFarland-Gibbons fiasco. The giving of a decision is not an absolute safeguard. It might not have protected the public in this instance. But it would at least have tended to protect them. If the records were going to show that McFarland won or that Gibbons won, the likelihood that both men would "fly" would at least have been considerably greater, and likelihood would become certainty in the case of lesser lights, of gentler less skillful and not so well acquainted as McFarland and Gibbons.

LONE BANDIT GETS \$2,500.

Holds Up Train in Indiana—Dynamites Express Safe. Arcadia, Ind., Sept. 17.—A lone bandit last night held up train No. 25 on the Lake Erie & Western Railroad between Arcadia and Cicero, and escaped with \$2,500 in cash. The bandit dynamited the safe in the express car, took a package containing the money, and left the car as the train approached Cicero. He escaped in an automobile.

anti-air craft guns. The development of an aerial offensive had not been foreseen before this war, but the naval air service was now of great dimension.

"I cannot see," Mr. Balfour said, "that there will be a discontinuance of the attacks on London, but no one will suggest that such methods of terrorism are going in the slightest degree to shake the resolution of the British people."

Mr. Balfour frankly admitted that he was much surprised to discover, when appointed First Lord of the Admiralty, that he was responsible for the aerial service, which had only a remote connection with naval work. If the Government had set to work three or four years before the war, with full knowledge of the requirements of aerial warfare, he said, the defenses of London would undoubtedly have been much better organized, but he hoped that the organization was now in a fair way to become complete.

GERMAN-AMERICANS FIGHT AGAINST LOAN

Appeal From National Alliance to Prevent its Flotation Sweeps Continent.

Philadelphia, Sept. 17.—An appeal to the American people to prevent the Anglo-French \$1,000,000,000 loan was telegraphed to every corner of the United States from this city yesterday by Dr. Charles Hexamer, president of the National German-American Alliance. The message was a warning against what it terms the "most sinister influence of national life, the money trust," which, Dr. Hexamer declares, was in a conspiracy against the American people. It asks that all citizens appeal to the President and the Secretary of State to thwart the loan and that all bank depositors protest against their money being used.

"We are passing through the greatest crisis in the country's history," said Dr. Hexamer, in an interview. "The times of 1776 are revived. If we go down now we will never attain the commercial supremacy which we must attain. We are just as isolated as is England and it is imperative for us to have access to the open seas to trade. That is the only way we can develop. England stands in the way—England, who has swept our commerce off the seas, who tells us what ships we can buy and build. And now we Americans are to go down into our pockets to help our greatest enemy." The message, which was wired to every branch of the alliance, is headed: "An Appeal to Every Patriotic American Citizen."

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