Central Span Collapsed And Fell Into River---Supports Gave Way---Feared That the Loss of Life is Heavy.

some defect in the steel strips up

led is a question on which eye-wit-

Hon. J. D. Hazen says the struc-

one side and fall into the river with

Col. McBain, on the other hand.

The first intimation of the disas-

patrols and private yachts, number-

A somewhat heavy mist hung over

the river, but this vanished before

the warmth of the September sun-

shine, and weather conditions for the

engineering feat were almost ideal.

The signal flags fluttering from the

vessels gave color, life and cheerful-

ahead where powerful tugs were puf-

fing as they pulled the scows on

which rested the gigantic span.

Farther ahead the clearing mist re-

realed the mammoth arms of what

was to be the longest span cantilever

o'clock with high tide water and no

current the span was fitted into

of one of the hydraulically operated

Through some error, it is stated

on the part of the workmen, one corn-

er of the span was raised too high

centre, one of the steel girders giv-

scows directly below its place the

8.15 the pontoons drifted into the

and the jack gave way. The stress

jacks at one corner of the span.

Crowds on the decks gazed eagerly

ness to the picture.

wrecked itself as it fell.

nesses differ.

(Special To The Whigh Quebec City, Sept. 11 .- The great | which it was creeping two feet at a five thousand ton central span of the time with the aid of hydraulic lifts, Quebec National Transcontinental or whether the structure itself buck-Railway Bridge, which was being raised into position, a hundred and fifty feet above the river, this morn- ture, which was 640 feet long, seeming, in the presence of many notables, ed to buckle in the centre, turn to collapsed when it was about fifteen a thunderous roar. feet in the air and fell into the river. Ninety workmen were engaged in the says that the span settled slightly operation, and it is feared the loss of on the corner, then turned and life is heavy.

The great structure had been safe- ter was felt not long after the steamly towed out of Sillery Cove and lift- ers bearing the press and parliaed to pontoons amidst great excite- mentary party, including Sir Wilfrid ment and whistling of hundreds of Laurier and many distinguished minriver craft. The pontoons had been isters, ex-ministers, members of parremoved, and it was being jacked up liament and the Australian delegates in the greatest feat in bridge building had left the scene convinced that the in history. Suddenly there was a operation was a success. ripping noise at the north end, and V Just at sunrise the fleet of pasthe whole span dropped into the senger steamers, barges, tugs, naval

Frantic efforts were made to get a ing about a hundred, commenced to chain rope around the tottering beam fill the river on the way to the scene.

TWENTY-FIVE DEAD

(Special to the Whig.) Montreal, Sept. 11 .- An esti- 4 mate at noon by officials of the * 4 St. Lawrense Bridge Company, 4 placed the death list in the Que- * ♦ bec bridge disaster at twenty- ♦

but to no avail. The remaining supports then gave way, and the whole span disappeared with a mighty splash into the channel of the river. Boats hurriedly endeavored to rescue the workmen swimming about in

The span was towed to position at high tide and connected with contilever arms. When the tide fell the scows dropped away, leaving the span suspended, after which by means of eight jacks and hoisting chains it was to be raised 150 feet.

Not Practicable to Raise Span.

It was on August 29th, 1907, that the superstructure of this bridge collapsed with the loss of sixty lives and hydraulic lifts started to work, hoistone million five hundred thousand ing two feet at a time, each lift bedollars. The monetary loss in to- ing braces by great pins, which were day's collapse will be much more. fitted through the bands of steel

Engineers say it will not be prac- Gradually the weight of the span was ticable to raise it from the river bed, taken up by the bridge and the scows although portions may have to be rose higher and higher. Finally the blown up clear the channel for span was clear above the scows. At

It was after the 1907 calamity that under current and were guided by British Carry Out a Successful Raid the Canadian Government called on tugs down the river. Looking up at the most eminent engineers that the great arms of the bridge one could be secured to rebuild and com- could see many people gazing down plete the structure. The contractors at the span or the animated scene on were the St. Lawrence Bridge Com- the river below. These people were pany, and their contracts for com- in a position of desperate danger, as much activity among patrols and inpleting the work was let in April, developments proved. One man was termittent bombardment along a 1911. The bridge was built for the thrown from the shore arm on the great part of the front," says the of- which today affected New purpose of shortening the railway Levis side and hurled down, disap- ficial communication given out today journey across the continent by about pearing in the river. He was pro- in regard to operations in Greek two hundred miles. It was to be us- bably drowned. On the centre span Macedonia. "The Bulgarians abaned by eight railways, the C.P.R., itself, which had only about twenty doned several trenches in the district Grand Trunk, Delaware and Hudson, feet to fall, there were about thirty east of Vetrenik, leaving munitions." Intercolonial, Quebec Central, Que- men. L. S. Odell, Montreal, an eye- The Serbian official statement plete sympathy. The union combec and Lake St. John, Quebec and witness, says the span buckled in the issued today reads: Saguenay and Canadian Northern, centre and then collapsed.

longer than the Forth Bridge in when someone shouted, "There goes many bombs and other material. the world's record in that respect. seemed to buckle in the centre, roll pelled the Bulgarians from the vil-The weight of steel in the bridge was over with a terrible grinding roar lages of Poleschori and Emboria."

What Caused the Disaster?

(Special To The Whig) Quebec, Sept. 11 .- For the second transcontinental railway structure, and at an hour when the great and daring engineering project ed in There is a gaping , vacant

spot in the centre. The steel work At 1.p. m. the number of dead was estimated all the way from three to the lost span has disappeared entwenty-three. The span itself, which tirely in two hundred feet of water. Of Some Advanced Trenches to the is a complete wreck, cost more than a million dollars. Should the catastrophe mean the abandonment of the great project it would mean from the first to last, including the old bridge and the new, loss to Canada Company: of from twenty-five to forty million

Whether the span dropped through

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New York, Sept. 11.—During the first trading U.S. Steel, which opened at 103 % and %, slumped off below 103. Bethlehem Steel was up 2 at 402 at the opening, while Reading lost 1% at 110. Price movements were narrow.

The Cause Unknown.

(Special to the Whig.)

official statement was issued at 2.30

pended span on the south side failed.

letting the span drop and dragging

dead and seven saved. Engineer

Herbert McMillan is the only staff

man injured. He is in the hospital

with a broken leg. Those killed are

mostly French-Canadians. It is semi-

officially announced that the work of

building a new span will be com-

NEW YORK STOCKS

Bethlehem Steel Up.

U.S. Steel and Reading Slump-

cause is unknown."

menced at once.

Quebec, Sept. 11.-The following

LANDING OF THE R USSIAN ARMY IN COSMOPOLITAN SALONIKA.





Picture illustrates the recent landing of Russian troops at Salonika, where every Allied power now has troops, making the city one of the most cosmopolitan in the world. Upper picture shows a boatload of troops lower one shows bridge in " the world. Everything worked like clockwork. At seven part of the Russian staff.

One story of the disaster says the accident was caused by the collapse OLADO

thus caused the span to break in the Paleschori And Em When the big span was brought by beria on the Macedonian Front

BOMBARDMENT ALONG GREAT PART OF BATTLE LINE

on the Doiran Front-Bulgarians Retreat in Disorder Before the Serbian Troops.

Paris, Sept. 11 .- "There has been

also for street railway and vehicular Hon. J. D. Hazen, also a neye-wit- the entire front Saturday, while in ers today and will be in daily session. ness, said that everything was work- the direction of Florina our artillery The length of the bridge from ing smoothly, and he had just con- forced the Bulgarians to retire in disshore to shore is 3,890 feet. The gratulated Engineer Gray on the order from some of their advanced bridge has a channel span of 90 feet great success of the undertaking, trenches, where we found 60 rifles, They Have Taken the Offensive-Scotland, which has previously held the bridge." As he looked the span "In the direction of Korzani we ex-

180,000,000 pounds and the cost and sink. The scene that followed The following British communica- Balkans it was officially announced great battle, begun 201 days ago, has The first man saved was a fore- Macedonia was issued last night:

man who was groaning with a broken leg. It is hoped that owing to the during the night we shelled Jenikoi great depth of water, about 150 and Nevolyen. Enemy patrols and going on. time grim disaster has cast its sha- feet, navigation on the St. Lawrence working parties were dispersed by our machine gun fire. A successful The bridge now looks just as it raid was carried out on the Doiran did before the centre span was float- front."

BERLIN ADMITS LOSS

(Special To The Whig) Berlin, Sept. 11,-The loss of vanced trenches to the British o'clock by the St. Lawrence Bridge tween Ginghy and Gombles furious battle, was admitted by the "The connection holding the sus- War Office this afternoon. Fighting for possession of the village of Ginchy continues. South of the Somaway the north connection. The me a few houses in the village of Berny have been recaptured from the At 2 p.m. there are nine known French.

PREPARING FOR BIG MOVE.

First Canadian Division Out of & Trenches, First Since May, 1915. The colonel added that the divisthe particulars of which, he said, + limit, On the contrary, it has + vited the Greek authorities to quit on the Atlantic. time his letter reached Kingston.

wall; James McNicoll, Renfrew.

******** FOOLING THE PEOPLE.

& event, the liquor men have & larging his gains on Fleury. + been selling local option non- + + intoxicating beer for weeks. + * They have been selling it simp- * + ly as "beer" and the public + + hasn't known the difference.

****** A GENERAL STRIKE

Union Heads Asked to go Out odically, at intervals after exhaustive in Sympathy With Transit artillery preparations. Strike.

(Special to the Whig.) New York, Sept. 11 .- An order recommending a general strike of New York's 800,000 trade unionists in sympathy with the transit strike Bronx and Queen's counties out to the union heads today.

The union heads recommended a general strike with which action shelter. mittee which will direct the propos-"An artillery duel occurred along ed general strike, opened headquart-

BRITISH IN BALKANS Fighting Heavy.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, Sept. 11. - The British here today. The British crossed the entered its third stage. The French "On the Salonika-Struma front the Bulgarians at Nivolgen and positions. Karad Jaqueil. Heavy fighting is

> Distribution to Farmers. Ottawa, Sept. 11 .- By instructions of the Minister of Agriculture a distribution of superior sorts of grain and potatoes will be made during the coming winter and spring to Canadian farmers. The samples general distribution will consist of spring wheat, about 5 lbs., while oats about 4 lbs., barley about 6 lbs., and field peas about 5 lbs. These will be sent out from Ottawa. A distribution of potatoes in samples of about 3 lbs., will be carried on from several of the experimental farms. the central farm at Ottawa supplyng only the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. All samples will be prisoners and munitions. sent free by mail.

A GERMAN MAELSTROM.

press has announced that the + aviator was interned. * matical precision. The ground * tration will be suppressed.

Daily Roll of Prisoners At Verdun Indicates French Activity.

TOWARDS VAUX,

Columns.

New York, Sept. 11.—A New York the dead, torn to fragments. World correspondent cables the fol-

twenty-four hours, the flerce con-Prince at Verdun continues to blaze fiercely, but the flames are blowing in the opposite direction and beating back the Germans.

in the Verdun sector indicates the the pupils' debility." relentless French activity. Although The significance of this can hardly captured in smaller batches at Ver- be appreciated where people are redun than on the Somme, the taking ceiving plenty to eat and prosperity is significant, as the Verdun operations IN NEW YORK comprise a consistent, interminable hammering, whereas the mighty

> ed up in the Vaux-Chapitre section in twenty-four hours and 1,000 from south of the Somme.

Between Vermandovillers and assault—the tactics used before the the one salvation of these people. York French reequipped themselves with machine guns—but the machine guns its branch at 59 St. Peter street, in New Westminster on the eve of the withered the German's storming Montreal, and also sub-branches and election. columns, driving the survivors to local committees throughout the Do-

War Tidings.

in Roumania apparently is slacken-Rumanian resistance.

rescue of the hard-pressed Teutons in Galacia to check the Russian advance on the fortified city of Halicz. The Germans are now entirely on the defence around Verdun. The CANADIAN WAR LOAN Struma River at Orliax and attacked are steadily winning back their lost

> The Austrians have begun blowing up forts at Halicz Galacia. Russians already occupying some of them. The French captured a section of German trenches east of Fleury or

King Ferdinand of Bulgaria and his staff arrived at German headquarters for a conference with the

A French aviator dropped bombs on a powder factory at Rottweil, do- of the investing public.

man-Bulgar army captured the Rumanian fortress of Silistria on the New Governor-General to Danube, sixty miles south east of . Bucharest.

A German monoplane, after be-London, Sept. 11 .- For Ger- + ing hit in the wings and petrol tank igston friend states that the first | many the Somme is becoming + by bullets of Dutch soldiers while

would no doubt be viewed by the pone on with steady, mathe- Florina where the Greek adminiswhich the Germany army orders of Combles is now besieged by the

WOOD AND FLEURY.

lowing from Paris:

tles have been lulled during the past nothing but a horizon of fire," flagration kindled by the Crown CHILDREN STARVING

Toronto, Sept. 11.-Toronto . Very slowly but inexorably, Gen hotel and shopkeepers have been + Nivelle edges forward his lines tooutting one over" on the public + ward Vaux, simultaneously encroache Next week Ontario goes dry, wing on the German occupation of the + but, instead of waiting for that + remnants of Chapitre Wood and en-

Relentless Acitvity.

Nearly 500 Germans were round-

The German-Bulgarian offensive ing under more stubborn Russo Turkish troops have come to the

The Bulgarians were driven from

Dobric in southeastern Rumania by Russian and Rumanian troops. In northern Transylvannia six towns were occupied:

the Verdun front.

Bulgarians abandoned trenches in east Macedonia, leaving SHIPS BEARING DUKES The Berlin War Office says a Ger-

constructions the enemy camp.".

to evacuate their seaport of Varna on the Black Sea. German losses to date are nearly three and a half millions. The Austrian war office has ordered all civilians to leave Rovereto.

twelve miles south of Trieste. The Berlin War Office admits that the Teutonic forces in the Carpathanians are retiring before the Rus-

British aviators have again at- Made tacked German aerodromes in Berlin with great success. Depots were left in flames.

Austrians gained a temporary footing in Italian trenches in the Adigo valley, but were driven out with fearful losses.

Italian aeroplanes destroyed a

SOMME CANNONADE HAS NO PRECEDENT

Violence of Bombardment Now in Progress Never Equaled.

Paris, Sept. 11 .- The ever-increasing violence of the bombardment now tween Ginghy and Leuze wood. East in progress along more than thirty of Sigh wood and northwest of Pozmiles of fighting front in the Somme lieres advances were also made on sector is thus described in the des- Saturday. patches to-day from the authorized correspondent of La Liberte with the French army

"From one end to the other of the attacking front the cannonade raged yesterday evening, reaching a degree of intensity hitherto without precedent. Each day it seems as if the extreme limit has been reached, and each day the bombardment still grows in violence and fury. The French and British batteries along the whole front never cease to pour out a deluge of thousands and thousands of shells of every calibre. 'Never before have I witnessed such a spectacle,' said an officer who had just arrived at the front near Vermandovillers.

"The German positions at the close CHAPITRE of yesterday evening were surrounded with clouds of dust and smoke through which objects could be dis-Germans Revert to Old Style Pha- tinguished faintly. One frightful exlanx Formation For Assault, But plosion followed another. From Machine Guns Wither the Storming time to time one saw enormous masses of earth and material thrown up, and among it all the bodies of

"When night came the sky, stretched out like one vast furnace, so that Although the French Somme bat- as far as one could see, there was

WHILE AT SCHOOL number of prisoners. Condition of Belgian Kiddies

Such That School Hours Have Been Shortened.

The daily roll of German prisoners have been reduced on account of office.

of prisoners by Gen. Neville is more prevalent. If this is the state of the children the condition of their parents can only be imagined. The Empire has promised to support these people, to guard their interests, and care for them and their + the Somme front.

children in their helpless state, but this report from Antwerp, is one which should set Britons and Canadians to thinking. To Canada Belgium must look for most of her aid. Chautnes the Germans reverted to for there are the life-saving fields of their old style phalanx formation of wheat that make the flour which is

The Belgian Relief Committee has children-starving in their seats in changing the number of-his license. school-the bare food that is justly theirs. The task is a big one and needs the co-operation of the father and mother of every Canadian school child. Two dollars and a half will save two of these children and their parents from starvation for a month. Why not do it now?

LOOKS VERY POPULAR

And It Is Expected It Will BOTT-At Detroit, Mich., August 20th Soon Be Oversubscribed.

(Special To The Whig) Toronto, Sept. 11.-Despite the fact that the terms of the new war loan are not to be officially made Interment at St. Mary's cemetery public till to-morrow, the indications SMITH-On Sunday afternoon, at his here are that here will be a big response, specially from small investors. No doubt is expressed in banking and brokerage circles here that there will be a great demand for these bonds, and that it will soon be oversubscribed. Many enquiries have already been received from all classes

TO PASS ON ATLANTIC

at Rideau Hall in a Few Weeks.

Ottawa, Sept. 11.—The Duke of Canadian division was out of the + a maelstrom as leadly as Ver- + flying over Dutch territory, landed in Connaught expects to leave Canada trenches, the first since May, 1915. dun. Repeatedly the German + the Dutch village of Roosterin. The a fortnight hence and, according to custom, the Duke of Devonshire, the ion was preparing for a big drive, - Allied offensive had reached its + The German commandant has "in- new Governor-General, will pass him Bombs on Enemy in Egypt?

Seriously Ill — R. Stickwood, and never regained. The Allies and never regained. The Allies are the expected to-day.

Halicz is now entirely occupied by the Russian troops.

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Halicz is now entirely occupied by mazar. Eleven of the 20 bombs heard; and (strange to tell!) he practised what he preached. London, Sept. 11 .- "Three British Russian despatches says the Rus- dropped were seen to take effect in practised what he preached.

LAST EDITION

Successful Attack Along Three And a Half Mile Front.

large section of the Duino-Vieste WAS MADE SATURDAY BY TRISH REGIMENTS

> All German Counter Attacks Were Repulsed North-east of Pozieres-Advances Were Also Made by the

British. (Special to the Whig). London, Sept. 11.—In an attack along a front of three and a half miles the British occupied the whole of Ginchy village and territory be

The British made further advances on the Somme Saturday night and Sunday morning. All ground gained is firmly held. Strong counter attacks by the Germans in an effort to recapture the lost ground failing

with-heavy enemy losses. Two heavy German counter-attacks fast night against the village of Ginchy, captured by Irish regiments Saturday, were driven off, Gen. Haig reported this afternoon.

Germans Losing Heavily.

(Special To The Whig)
Paris, Sept. 11.—The Germans launched five attacks against the French lines south of the Somme, between Berny and a point south of Chaulnes, last night, using liquid fire. The War Office announced that all these attacks were checked by artillery fire, the Germans losing

Taking Prisoners.

(Special To The Whig) London, Sept. 11 .- The Germans attacked near Mouquet Farm, but were driven back. Otherwise there were no important operations on the Somme battle front. Between Neuville, St. Vaast and La Bassee Canal the British entered the enemy trenches at several points, taking a

German War Usury Office,

London, Sept. 11 .- According to the Berlin papers, the ministry of the interior has created a special central authority, whose task it will be to London Sept. 11-The want of food suppress usury as exceeding maxiin Antwerp is so great that the child- mum prices, and excessive raising of ren can no longer stand the strain the price of food-stuffs. The new of a full day in school and class hours body will be called the war usury

CANADIANS FIGHTING.

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, Sept. 11 .- Casual-+ ties indicate that the Canadian + forces have been in action on

Both the British Columbia Premier and Mr. Brewster, the Liberal leader, have returned to Vancouver from the country ridings to close their campaign, which ends next Thursday. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper is continuing

Edward Conway, a Hamilton jitney minion: These branches are exerting driver, was charged at the instance every effort to give these Belgian of Magistrate Jeifs with forgery for

DAILY MEMORANDEM

"Silent Sue," Grand, 8.15 p.m. for probabilities Hear Billy Matheson (converted pugilist and saloon keeper) at Market Square tonight, 8 o'clock.

HAYWARD-In Kingston, on Sept. 11th 1916. to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hayward, Sixth street, a son.

1916, Daniel Archibald Bott, aged 18 years, 8 months, youngest son of Mr. and, Mrs. Jerome M. Bott. Condor, Alberta, formerly of Har-

CASTERTON-In Kingston, on 9th, 1916, Ellen Lorraine, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur

late residence, 472. Brock street Thomas C. Smith, formerly of Gar-Funeral from his late residence,

friends and acquaintances respectfully WHITNEY-At Coaldale, South Alberta, on Sept. 4th, 1916, Walter Alex-

ander Whitney, son of the late Benjamies Whitney, of Pittsburgh

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