

DRIVING AHEAD FROM COMBLES

The Splendid Work of the French is Telling on the Germans. GERMAN THIRD LINE STANDS

HAVE BEEN TAKEN—LAST OF STRONGLY FORTIFIED POSITIONS The Village of Bouchaverens in the Hands of the French—The Bois Labe Farm Was Captured in a Brilliant Bayonet Charge—French Guns Are of Great Value.

THE KING VISITS THE FRENCH FRONT.



His Majesty talking with Sir Douglas Haig during his recent visit to the French front.

TAKES RESPONSIBILITY.

Government so Advised by the Bridge Company. Ottawa, Sept. 13.—The Government here has received a communication from the St. Lawrence Bridge Company, stating that the company takes full responsibility for the failure of the work of connecting the two cantilevers of the Quebec bridge with the central span and for the loss of the big span.

Berlin Admits It.

Berlin, Sept. 13.—The office admits French troops penetrated the village of Bouchaverens between Comblès and Peronne in heavy fighting last night, but says they were repulsed in attacks near Thiaumont and Souville.

LIFE OF MAROONED MEN

LIVE FOR DAYS ON PENGUIN FLESH FOR BLUBBER. Lost Track of Time—Ask Rescue Party When War Was Over. London, Sept. 13.—Life on Elephant Island in the Antarctic, as it was experienced by the marooned men of the ship Endurance, is described in a message received from Punta Arenas and published in the Daily Chronicle today.

UNIFY FORCES OF THE ENEMY

This is Decision of Great War Council Now Being Held. WILL SWING TO ATTACK WHEN PROPER TIME COMES. There will be a unifying of the movements by the armies of the Central Powers—The Kaiser and His Friends, Says Berlin, Have Most Favorable Reports From the Different Fronts.

UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS.

The Austro-Germans Were Not Able to do Anything. Petrograd, Sept. 13.—The Austro-Germans made unsuccessful attempts yesterday to take the offensive on the Bialystok front by crossing the Bialystok river, near Jesopol, it was officially announced today. In the Carpathians the enemy made several vain attacks on the heights recently captured by the Russians in the upper course of the Czarny-Czeremos river. The Russian fleet successfully bombarded enemy trawlers in the Irben straits.

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THE STORY DENIED.

Ottawa, Sept. 13.—Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of public works, denies the story that work will be suspended on the Welland Canal or any other public works to provide men for war work. Hon. George F. Graham, at the organization meeting of Liberals for the new Federal constituency of North Grey, held at Meaford, stated that an election would be held within a year. Vendors' licenses were granted by the Ontario License Board to Toronto, Hamilton and London men.

NEW PRO-ALLY GREEK CABINET

Being Formed And Greece Will Very Soon Join the Entente.

THE KING FINALLY ACCEPTS

THE RESIGNATION TENDERED BY PREMIER ZAIMIS.

Austrians Retreating in Transylvania—The New Russo-Rumanian Offensive in Dobruja is Progressing.

(Special to the Whig) London, Sept. 13.—King Constantine to-day finally accepted the resignation of Premier Zaimis, and the formation of a new pro-ally cabinet is under way, said despatches from Athens to-day. Stratos, a former member of the Venizelos Cabinet, has been instructed to sound M. Dimitrakopoulos relative to the formation of a new ministry. Dimitrakopoulos was to have a lengthy conference with Stratos and other political leaders to-day.

Austrians Still Retreat.

(Special to the Whig) Bucharest, Sept. 13.—The Austrians are retreating from the upper Maros and Alta valleys in Transylvania without attempting any serious resistance, it was officially announced to-day. The capture of Orsova by the Rumanians has stopped the progress of Austrian and Bulgarian supply ships on the Danube. The new Russo-Rumanian offensive in the Dobruja is progressing.

War Tidings.

The situation on the British front is unchanged, Gen. Haig reported on Wednesday. Rumanian forces are advancing rapidly westward, threatening the enemy troops in North-Eastern Serbia. It is generally understood that the resignation of Premier Zaimis has been accepted, said an Athens report on Tuesday night. No official statement was issued.

RIGHTED IN 3 MONTHS SAYS AN ENGINEER

A Mere Trifle Compared With Former Collapse, He Declares. Quebec, Sept. 13.—An official of the St. Lawrence Bridge Company this afternoon estimated the cost of the sunken span of the Quebec bridge at approximately \$500,000. This, he said, might prove to be a total loss, as the span went down in deep water and the insurance companies would only insure the span while it was on the coasts.

WILL NOT GRANT LICENSES

To Hotels Which Broke the Law in the Past. Toronto, Sept. 13.—It was announced to-day by the Provincial License Commission that not all of Ontario's present licensed hotels had been granted standard licenses by the commission. This means that those who are refused standard licenses may operate as boarding houses, but are denied the privilege of selling cigars, cigarettes and soft drinks. Chairman Flavell said the reason some applicants were refused was because they had not properly observed the law in the past. In Toronto alone twenty-nine applicants are refused licenses. The commission declined to give names of those refused, but all successful applicants throughout the province will be notified in a day or two.

A Cereal Story.

London, Sept. 13.—Here is the shortest "cereal" story ever written: James Rice, of the Highland Light Infantry, married Sarah Ann Sage. Now he has applied for an increased allowance because of the birth of Taploca Rice.

FOE WILL HEREAFTER FIGHT DEFENSIVELY.

Paris, Sept. 13.—The Kaiser and von Hindenburg may be expected henceforth to fight defensively, and we must not forget that they will do this on our territory. Therefore we can not expect the German defensive to be of short duration. The Kaiser and von Hindenburg cannot conquer, but we must be prepared to face the fact that they can prolong the resistance indefinitely, thanks to the passive obedience of the German people and their powerful military organization.

GRAVE OF MAJOR G. M. HIGINBOTHAM.



These pictures, taken at Newington, Shorncliffe, England, show the last resting place of Major Higinbotham, of the 1st Canadian contingent. The cross was erected pending the construction of a permanent monument. In the lower picture are shown, left to right: Major Mitchell, Major Heron, Col. Barker, the Vicar, and Major Eric Armour.

THE SILK SOCK BRIGADE

YOUNG MEN MORE INTERESTED IN DANCES THAN FIGHTING. Will Canada Close Her Doors To Shirkers?—Employers of Labor Who Employ Young Men Were Condemned.

Ottawa, Sept. 13.—"I believe that I am within my bounds if I make this observation, not as a threat or boast, but as truth that must be met, that after this war is over and won, those young men in Canada who were in a position to go and refused to do their duty, will be disfranchised, while those who went across the border in an effort to escape service will find the door of Canada forever closed against them. Canada, in future, will not give protection to the man who played the part of the coward or traitor." So spoke Capt. S. N. Dancy, of the 20th Battalion, in the course of his address at the Plaza meeting. Capt. Dancy took as his theme, "The Silk Sock Brigade," and he relegated to his unit all those young men in the City of Ottawa who live only for selfishness and pleasure. He told an interesting story of a young man in the "Shropshires," a regiment that figured prominently in the retreat from Mons, through which the incident as a pivot on which he turned many points in favor of enlistment. The young men of the City of Ottawa who belonged to the Silk Sock Brigade were more devoted to racing form, the billiard room or the dance hall than they were to the cause that meant the life and liberty of the nation. Capt. Dancy made a strong appeal to the women of Ottawa, pointing out that they could solve the problem of recruiting if they would. To employers of labor he addressed a few remarks pointing out that a man, it mattered not, merchant, former, professional man, or be he who he may, who continued in his employ a young man who should be in the service of King and country was playing the role of traitor.

CAUSE OF DISASTER.

(Special to the Whig) Quebec, Sept. 13.—The fall of the girder causing the collapse of the bridge, says the official report of the company. An explosion wrecked the Dupont powder works at Fairchance, Pa., on Tuesday. Several lives were lost.

SPAIN WANTS TO BE IN IT.

(Special to the Whig) Madrid, Sept. 13.—The Premier announces Spain's intention of seeking alliance with the British Entente.

THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME IS SCARCELY UNDER WAY

With the British Army on the Somme, Sept. 12, via London, Sept. 13.—The battle of the Somme is just beginning. Seen from the British lines, the offensive seems hardly more than under way. All that has happened since the Germans were blown out of their front line trenches by the Franco-British assault early in July was a mere start and preparation for what is coming. As one of the two American correspondents taken the length of the British 100-kilometer (100-mile) front in France since the Somme offensive attained its present proportions, the writer can see nothing so complete as the British offensive out.

IRISH TROOPS CAUSE SURPRISE

The Emerald Isle Soldiers Dashed Ahead Like a Human Avalanche.

CHARGE AT GUILLEMONT

ONE OF THE ASTONISHING FEATS OF THE WAR

Their English Comrades Say They Never Saw Anything Like the Way the Irish Dashed Ahead to Tackle the Enemy.

With the British Army, Sept. 13.—The Irish charge at Guillemont was one of the most astonishing feats of the war. It was almost too impetuous. They went forward, pipes playing, with an irresistible assault. The English who fought with them say that they never saw anything like the way the Irish dashed ahead "like a human avalanche," said one. The officers cheered the men on. One of the commanding officers threw pieces of chalk after the men, shouting "Good luck!" They stormed the first, second and third German lines, sweeping them away and not stopping to breathe. The men were lifted up. "Fey" the Scots called. Death held no terror for them after months of dull and dogged fighting in the trenches. They were excited getting into the open and meeting the enemy face to face. The only fault of their rapidity was that it left no time to safeguard the ground behind them.

The English riflemen on the right had more solidity, but they were so inspired by the Irish dash and the pipes that those in support could hardly be restrained from following. "I nearly blew my teeth whistling 'em back," said an English sergeant, "but discipline prevailed." The Germans began sniping from the rear. A young gunner officer who had come from behind the infantry "just to look round," as he puts it, discovered a slit in a rock leading to an underground chamber, where twenty German soldiers and one officer were hiding. Surprised, but holding their revolvers, ready, they surprised, quietly clicking their heels and saluting. The officer, a polite fellow, offered the corporal a gold watch for a souvenir.

LLOYD-GEORGE MOVES DEFENDERS TO TEARS

British War Minister Pays Stirring Tribute to Verdun's Gallant Defenders.

Paris, September 13.—While a cannonade raged overhead, Lloyd George, the British War Minister, last week delivered a speech in the casements of the Verdun citadel which moved the defenders to tears. He was the guest of General Dubois, who with other undaunted officers had come in from the trenches to listen to the Celtic minister's oration. "None of the military feats with which French history is filled," he said with a hushed voice, "shows more than does the defence of Verdun the highest qualities of the French army. This victorious resistance will be immortal because Verdun not only saved France but our great common cause and the whole of humanity." Upon the heights surrounding this old citadel the evil power of the enemy has been broken like a flint against a granite rock. It was deeply moved to come in contact with this sacred soil. In the name of the British Empire I express their admiration. With me they bow their heads before your sacrifices and glory." After a dramatic pause, during which all heads were bent, the British War Minister raised his hand with a gesture that made all officers leap to their feet, and lifting his glass he said: "To France! To her fallen Verdun heroes!"

PRISONERS IN PITIFUL CONDITION.

The prisoners, 690, were in a pitiful condition. Our artillery had prevented them from getting rations for three days. Their spirit was broken and they were trembling with fear. One captured officer had been in command of the garrison of Guillemont. When he passed the prisoners' camp all sprang up and saluted him with profound respect. He was the only man who maintained a proud indifference regarding his capture. He stood very straight and still, as if careless whether he lived or died. The officers with him clung to the necks of their British captors, crying "Mercy!" Another officer fell to his knees, lifting his hands in an attitude of prayer. One man pulled out a photograph of his wife and children as his strongest plea for life. But the British had no thought of taking their lives. It was hard for some of them to be sorry. They thought of the moments when the men from their dugouts had fung bombs to the last, and then had disappeared into their holes, coming up with an air of innocence and meekness. One sergeant hit in the hip with a piece of shell captured four without help and ordered them to carry him on a stretcher to the dressing station. He arrived, smoking a cigarette, with his prisoners as stretcher bearers. Of the German garrison of 2,000 hardly one escaped. All were dead, wounded or prisoners. Two battalions were wiped out.

THE ALLIED FORCES DOING WELL IN GREECE

Everywhere Success is Flowing to the Forces of the Allied Powers.

(Special to the Whig) Paris, Sept. 13.—Italian troops have joined in the general Allied offensive in Greece, and are fighting near Buthovoduzna. It was officially announced to-day. Despite heavy Bulgarian resistance the Serbians are continuing their advance. They have occupied an important position north of Covel, and are advancing toward Kaitratchland. South of Ostrovo Lake, the French made an important advance. Allied artillery is bombarding enemy positions on both sides of Vardar.

GERMAN FIRST TRENCHES TAKEN BY FRENCH

The Russians Are Said to Have Captured a Bulgarian Port.

(Special to the Whig) Paris, Sept. 13.—Swift assaults by the French troops, under Gen. Foch, captured the entire system of German first line trenches between Comblès and the Somme River, with fifteen hundred prisoners and guns.

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(Special to the Whig) Varna Has Fallen. (Special to the Whig) London, Sept. 13.—Varna, Bulgaria's Black Sea port, is said to have been taken by the Russians. The Allies are advancing in all parts of the western Balkan front. Austrian generals have been relieved of their commands.

BORN.

BENNETT—On Sept. 12th, at Kingston General Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bennett, a daughter. MURRAY—On September 11th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murray, 109 York street, city, a daughter.

MARRIED.

BICHHAM-DRUCE—At St. James' Church, Kingston, on Sept. 12th, 1916, by Rev. T. W. Savary, Cora May, daughter of Mr. James Bichham, Druce, Kingston Station, to William George Bichham, of Montreal, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bichham, 27 Lower Charles street, city.

DIED.

BUCK—In Sydney, N.S.W., Wednesday, September 13th, 1916, by Minister Perry Buck. Funeral at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

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Familiar Quotations

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MANY THINKERS. The most frightful idea that has ever corroded human nature—the idea of eternal punishment. —LORD MORLEY.