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(Special to the Whig.) London, Nov. 16.—Monastir is almost within reach of Gen. Serrail's indomitable Franco-Serbian forces after one of the most astonishing advances recorded in the great European war.

Battling against snow and rain over great natural mountain fortresses, the Allied forces have now reached the plain of Monastir, and to-day's official communique from Paris, partially confirmed in the Berlin statement, indicates the sweeping back of the Bulgarian-Turkish line to a point within four miles of the city of Monastir itself.

Berlin's admission was a brief comment that "prepared new positions in the Cerna sector were occupied." The new positions achieved by the Franco-Serbian troops are the result of two separate successive flanking movements. The first involved a well-nigh impossible passage, under fire, of the mountains which guard the head of the Cerna river.

The Serbian official statement gave further corroboration to the French news of the advance around Monastir. It stated that after violent fighting the Allies had captured all the enemy positions southwards of Tepavci, including the village itself and Gules.

Russian Advance in Transylvania.

(Special to the Whig.) Petrograd, Nov. 16.—Russian forces advanced in Transylvania, capturing fortified heights southeastward of Toldeves, according to official statement to-day. The forward movement came after the failure of the enemy offensive violently manifested in rifle and machine gun fire, and was the result of a stubborn battle. The Russians captured 180 prisoners and three machine guns.

In Dobruja the Russian advance continues to progress southwards the enemy retreating and setting fire to the villages.

PREMIER GOES SOUTH.

He Will First Address Lawyers' Club of New York.

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, Nov. 16.—Sir Robert Borden left for the south this afternoon, via New York, where he will address the Lawyers' club of that city. It is understood the Premier will spend ten days or so in southern states, taking rest. No appointment to the Ministry of Militia, vacancy will be made till he returns. In the meantime the administration will be in the hands of F. B. McCurdy, under-secretary for the department. Sir Sam called on Mr. McCurdy this morning and wished him good luck.

WILSON ASSAILS

The Men Responsible for Inflation of Food Prices.

Washington, Nov. 16.—President Wilson, while proclaiming a new agriculture for America in a speech before the War Council, today assailed the men responsible for the inflation of food prices. He said: "We ought to raise such big crops that circumstances like the present can never recur, when men can make as if the supply was so short that the middleman can charge for it what he pleases. It will not do to be niggardly with the world in respect of its food supply."

BERLIN'S OBVIOUS ATTEMPT

To Explain Away an Outrageous and Inhuman Act.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Nov. 16.—A formal Admiralty statement to-day called attention to the Berlin official announcement regarding the sinking in the Mediterranean on the 6th of a hostile transport of 1,200 tons, as indicating beyond a doubt the mail ship Arabia sunk without warning. The Admiralty characterized the Berlin statement "as an obvious attempt to explain away an outrageous and inhuman act. The description, it was said, could only refer to the Arabia."

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LIBERALS GATHERING AT THE CAPITAL

From Ten Counties of Eastern Ontario to Discuss Political Questions.

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, Nov. 16.—Three hundred and fifty Liberal delegates from ten counties around the city of Ottawa assembled this afternoon and began a two days' discussion of political questions. The meeting assembled at the call of O. B. Rochester, president of the Ottawa Reform Association, and he called it to order. The gathering consisted chiefly of members of the Federal Parliament, Ontario Legislature and of candidates for one or the other of these houses. The counties of Leeds, Grenville, Stormont, Glengarry, Carleton, Lanark, Renfrew, Dundas, Russell and Prescott were represented. There were officers of Liberal associations of the ridings and other representative party men.

It was announced that there had been no programme prepared, but that the discussion would be general. To-night there will be a banquet at the Chateau Laurier with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. G. P. Graham and Hon. Charles Murphy as the principal speakers.

VICTORY COMPLETE AND LEAST COSTLY

That Gen. Haig Has Yet Won at Somme—King Congratulates.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Nov. 16.—King George has telegraphed Gen. Haig congratulating him on the great success the British troops have achieved during the past three days at Amiens. His Majesty concludes with the declaration that "this further capture of the enemy's first line trenches redounds to the credit of all ranks."

To his sovereign's congratulations, the British commander-in-chief replied with thanks expressed with Spartan-like brevity.

Complete and Least Costly.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Nov. 16.—Latest accounts of British successes on a wire from special correspondents, agree it was the most complete and least costly victory General Sir Douglas Haig's troops have won since the beginning of the Battle of the Somme.

GOVERNMENT'S FOOD DICTATORSHIP PLAN

It is Said England is a Unit in Support of the Schemes.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Nov. 16.—England is a unit to-day in support of the Government's food dictatorship plan. Not a newspaper nor an individual apparently in the whole United Kingdom has voiced a criticism of the plans announced in Parliament yesterday by Walter Runciman contemplating a conservation of England's food supply. The only criticisms heard were that the government control had been overlong delayed. Lord Milner is talked of as the "food dictator."

WEALTHY WOMEN ARRESTED

Sensational Raid in Back Bay Section Boston—Wild Scenes.

Boston, Nov. 16.—In a sensational raid on several houses in the fashionable Back Bay section, early yesterday, the police took into custody 23 women, all declared to be residents of that colony. It is alleged that the women were obtaining narcotic drugs. Dr. Elliott D. Robbins, dean of the Boston School of Anatomy and Embalming, was arrested on a charge of dispensing drugs illegally. The names of the women held were not divulged.

Scenes of the wildest confusion followed when the police broke into the houses. Many women fainted and some of them tried to flee through the streets.

400 WOMEN READY TO WORK.

Hamilton Fair Sex Prepared to Perform National Service.

Hamilton, Nov. 16.—Following the complaints of the Hamilton Women's Recruiting League, that manufacturers were not engaging female labor throughout Canada, although such a step was necessary to successfully conduct the war, the announcement was made yesterday that Sergt. Jas. Lindsay, on behalf of those interested, has the names of four hundred Hamilton ladies willing to don overalls and enter factories. A good many of these have husbands at the front, while others are members of the league who wish to set the example. The Bertram Co. of Dundas has been supplying male labor with female for some time now.

Sell British Palace.

Berlin, Nov. 16.—As a reprisal against the forced sale of German property in the British colony of Nigeria, Africa, says the Overseas News Agency, the German Government has put up for sale the palace belonging to Sir Francis Oppenheimer, former British Consul-General at Frankfurt. The estate is valued at two million marks.

Canadian Casualties.

Killed in Action—C. A. Mackie, Cornwall; F. Lama, Moulmette. Died of Wounds—S. P. Lashcombe, Cornwall.

Wounded—G. Gray, Smith's Falls; E. Robert, Cornwall; J. H. Turney, J. H. Davis, Belleville.

GERMANY HAS 2,000,000 MEN

Now That Country is Able to Conserve Her Strength.

THE ALLIES MUST STRAIN EVERY NERVE TO OVERMATCH GERMANY NEXT YEAR.

Quite Able to Do This—Great Britain is in Better Position Than Germany to Maintain the War.

London, Nov. 16.—The military correspondent of the Times writes as follows on the question of the man power of the Allies and the Central Powers: "Germany's wise economy of her young contingents and her constant re-examination of the medical unfit, and the refusal to consider the claims of the 'conscientious objectors' and also of the civil service, her success in restoring to the colors a high proportion of the German wounded, the use of prisoners in factories and on farms, the forced labor of the population of the occupied territories and finally the trap she has baited to catch the Poles, all enable her to maintain in the field units of full strength much longer than any one would have thought possible."

National Discipline.

"These successes are due to national discipline and complete subordination of the interests of the individual to those of the state. The militarization of the entire nation represents a remarkable achievement. By a well organized system of substitution Germany is already able to take for her armies two batches of half a million men each and is in the course of taking a third from the munition works, mines, railways and other essential national industries."

"She has been able to build up 200 field divisions and cannot now safely be credited with less than 4,500,000 men in her field armies. On lines of communication, guards and reserves generally, owing to the measures Germany is taking, she cannot even now be reckoned to have less than 2,000,000 men."

Allies Must Work Hard.

"The situation broadly is that the Allies are faced with the necessity of straining every nerve to place in the field next year every man, gun and shell that all the countries can produce. "We Allies are quite able to make this effort, and to overmatch Germany. We in these islands have still between three and four million men of military age in civil life, not counting men over forty-one. We are in far better position than Germany to maintain the war. Our gallant dominions have still large reserves of man power. Russia has still ample reserves and will produce larger armies each year the war lasts. Italy increases and improves the quantity and quality of her armaments monthly and France has been most successful in drawing more men from civil employments. She now excels in the art of accomplishing great things in the field with relatively small losses."

DEATH-BED REPENTANCE SAYS F. F. PARDEE, M.P.

Time to Dismiss Sir Sam Was When He Stuck to J. Wesley Allison.

Dutton, Ont., Nov. 16.—Characterizing the dismissal of General Sir Sam Hughes as a death-bed repentance on the part of Sir Robert Borden, F. F. Pardee, M.P., vigorously attacked the Administration yesterday in a speech before the West Elgin Liberal Convention at Dutton. He expressed his personal opinion that the Liberals in the Commons would be shirking their duty if they allowed the Government a longer lease of power, unless sanctioned by the electorate.

A feature of Mr. Pardee's speech was his reference to the Borden-Hughes episode, when he pointed out that the time for Sir Robert to have dismissed the minister was the occasion when Sir Sam had admitted his friendship for Allison.

Mr. Pardee commended Sir Wilfrid Laurier for refusing to act on the National Service Commission, where the intention of the Government was to saddle him with their sins. Mr. Pardee exposed the hollowness of the Tory race cry in a denunciation of the Bourassa-Borden alliance.

THE PERSONAL EFFECTS

Of Deceased Soldiers to be Sent First to Ottawa.

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, Nov. 16.—It has been ordered that the personal effects of deceased soldiers are in future to be forwarded immediately to Major Ralph, officer in charge of estates headquarters, Ottawa, and not sent to next of kin of deceased. Questioned as to the significance of the order, Major Ralph stated that it is absolutely necessary so that the legal question of heirs and assignees may be properly considered. In several cases, he declares, paymasters have handed out personal effects to claimants who were not legally entitled to them.

GENERAL BERTHOLET,



Famous French general with the Rumanian forces. Much of the credit for ejection of Austrians from Dobrudja is due to this clever officer.

GANOQUE SOLDIER GETS ROYAL MEDAL

For Saving Girl From Drowning in Thames—Lost Leg in Battle.

(Special to the Whig.) Ganoque, Nov. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. James Kirke, Pine street, are in receipt of a letter from their son, Pte. Robert Kirke, who will be remembered as losing a leg at the front and heroically plunging into the river Thames at London, Eng., to save a young woman who has fallen into the water. In his letter he states that he has been awarded the Royal Humane Society's medal for the act, and has hopes also of receiving the Carnegie Medal, his friends making strong pleas in his behalf.

VILLAINOUS CONDUCT.

(Special to the Whig.) Bucharest, Nov. 16.—German aviators have been descending near to earth and shooting civilians in towns and in the country of Rumania. A royal palace has been bombed.

Lord Milner for Food Dictator.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Nov. 16.—The British press and public will welcome a food dictator. Lord Milner is said to be slated for this position.

Attack Was Made Where French and British Joined Hands—The French Bore the Brunt of the Day's Fighting—Are Within Striking Distance of Chaulnes.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Nov. 16.—An unceasing series of attacks and counter-attacks swept a wave of fire and steel across six miles of the Franco-British front to-day. There it appeared the mightiest thrust the Germans have yet made in counter-attack was centring upon that portion of the line where the British and French forces joined hands.

To the north the British were still smashing forward, consolidating their gains and improving their positions under desperate onslaughts from the enemy.

Southward the French lines were forced slightly to give way from tremendous concerted pressure at the very base of the angle which the re-thrust into the German lines. The German gains were insignificant.

It was Gen. Foch's French troops that bore the brunt of the day's fighting. Within striking distance of Chaulnes, an important centre, French troops have been threatening an enveloping movement here for several days.

After a violent battle, the French forces have dislodged the German forces which yesterday succeeded partly in occupying the village of Pressoire, according to to-day's official statement.

Nothing to Report.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Nov. 16.—Gen. Sir Douglas Haig reported to-day considerable shelling by the enemy northwards and southwards of Amiens during the night. Otherwise he had nothing to report.

German Claim.

(Special to the Whig.) Berlin, Nov. 16 (via Saville wireless).—German troops have stormed and occupied the eastern portion of the village of Sailles, taking it from the French, according to a War Office statement to-day.

War Tidings.

The Serbians continue to advance towards Monastir. As a protest against German military prison methods, German officers in Russian camps will be treated as private soldiers.

A Berlin despatch says the Serbo-French forces in Macedonia have compelled the Bulgars-Turks to abandon important positions. Commenting in the British Commons on Belgian deportations, Lord Robert Cecil said no greater outrage was ever committed, save by the Germans.

The Allied defence Council meeting in Paris on Wednesday, made important plans for a new general offensive by the Allies on all fronts, it is understood. Italian airmen successfully bombed piers at Trieste.

ANOTHER POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO SIR SAM HUGHES.

Major-General Francois Louis Lesnard, C.B., former Inspector General for Eastern Canada, who is regarded as a possible successor to Sir Sam Hughes in the Militia portfolio, General Lesnard distinguished himself in South Africa, and is well and favorably known all over Canada. He is a French-Canadian by birth, and it is believed that he could stimulate recruiting in Militia in Quebec if made Minister of Militia.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY TROUBLE

The Ex-Board of Officers Explain Matters to the Public.

WILL GIVE EVERY SUPPORT TO THE NEW BOARD OF LEADING CITIZENS.

Their Letter Deals With Inspector Wylie, the Maintenance of Wards and the Need of a Shelter.

Kingston, Nov. 15.—(To the Editor): At a conference of the members of last year's executive of the Children's Aid Society of Kingston, and Frontenac the conclusion was reached that a public statement concerning matters in which there seems to be misapprehension should be made. We accordingly ask for space in your paper for this purpose.

It is needless for us to say that we rejoice in the willingness of so many leading business men to serve on this year's council of the society. In the past one of our greatest difficulties has been to get business men sufficiently interested to help in the society's work in any way. We were therefore especially glad last year when Aid, O'Connor, Warden, Halliday and Dr. McCallum consented to serve on the council, and to attend its monthly meetings. We look forward to a new era of prosperity and service as a result of the new attitude of our business men towards it. We assure the members of the new council of our willingness to give them any assistance in our power, and we will bespeak for them the hearty and willing support of all citizens. The work requires the interest and sympathy of all, and we trust that the new council will receive it in abundant measure.

Mr. Wylie during the past two years has been of incalculable value to both city and county. The need of such work seems continually to increase. It requires the whole time of an agent who is thoroughly interested in it for its own sake, and who realizes its far-reaching consequences in the rearing of good citizens, and who will devote himself to it without reserve. We sincerely hope that in the search for a successor to Mr. Wylie one with these qualifications may be found.

Matters in Dispute.

Coming now to the matters in dispute: First, we learn from remarks made at the annual meeting, and overheard in the corridors, that there has been considerable friction between our agent and the city officials. We are at a loss to understand why the matter was not brought to our attention some time during the past two years. Assuredly the society has no desire to run counter to the city authorities. Our agent was nominated for our work by the provincial department, and appointed by us on the strength of that nomination. If he did not do his work satisfactorily to the city authorities why was not a complaint made to us, who might by expostulation or reasoning have brought about an improvement, or if necessary dismissed him? There was not a report of the circumstances made to the Provincial Department? Surely that would commend itself to reasonable men as the straightforward course to follow.

Maintenance of Wards.

Second, in regard to the charge of maintenance of wards made against the city. The Children's Protection Act demands that when a child is made a ward of the society, two dollars a week is to be paid by the municipality to the society for the maintenance of the child, and an order upon the municipality to pay the amount is made out by the judge on committing the child to the society. (Continued on Page 9.)

DAILY MEMORANDUM

See top of page 5, right hand corner for probabilities. Princess St. Church, tea and sale, Friday, Nov. 17, from 2 to 6.

BORN

BOLTON—At Pittsford, on Oct. 12th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bolton a daughter.

DIED

WARD—In Cataract, on November 15th, 1916, John F. Ward, in his 82nd year, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bolton a daughter.

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Familiar Quotations

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MANY THINKERS. All other joys grow less beside the one joy of doing simple kindnesses. —HERBERT.

SPLENDID HEROISM.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Nov. 16.—A British chaplain with a handful of men surprised and captured four hundred German soldiers and one officer near the Ancre battlefield.

The British have consolidated all the gains north of the Ancre. A total of 5,678 prisoners were captured.