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FIRST DRAFT AWAITS CALL

Twenty-Five Thousand Men Will be Under Arms in November.

75,000 WILL GET LEAVE

THEY WILL BE SUMMONED TO THE COLORS

In Lots of Ten Thousand—First Call Will be Next Month, It is Reported.

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—Proclamations calling upon men in the first class under the Military Service Act, that is, unmarried men and childless widowers from 20 to 34 years of age, to report will, it is reported, be issued during the first week of October.

From the men who present themselves at the various military headquarters 100,000 will be selected. Of that number 25,000 will be picked to be equipped and placed in training at once. It is believed that these 25,000 will be under arms early in November. The remaining 75,000 men will be allowed to return to their homes on leave of absence. They will be called in groups of 10,000 to 15,000 as they are required and as the supply of equipment and facilities for training permit.

Take Enemy Positions.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Petrograd, Sept. 18.—The Russian official says: Rumanian forces yesterday occupied a section of the Austro-German fortified positions in the region of Varnitza.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS.

French.

Paris, Sept. 17.—The official communication issued by the War Office Monday night read:

"On the right bank of the Meuse both armies were quite active, particularly in the region north of Hill 344 and the Caurieres wood. We repulsed an enemy surprise attack in the sector of the Rhone-Rhin canal."

"German forces last night attacked the French positions in Apremont forest in the Ardennes. The attack failed after a lively battle."

"There was a violent artillery duel west of Craonne and Massignies."

Belgian.

Paris, Sept. 17.—Monday night's Belgian War Office report said:

"In the last 48 hours our artillery has shelled the enemy defensive organizations near Woumen as well as his cantonments at Praet, Bosch, Keyem, Beert, Essen Rogeveld and Soarrem. The enemy artillery reacted only feebly. Numerous bombs have been dropped on our cantonments. Our aviators were active on September 16th."

Italian.

Rome, Sept. 17.—Monday's official report says: "In the Trentino, in Giudicaria Valley, enemy parties attempted to approach our advanced posts were dispersed with rifle fire. In Carnia greater activity of the enemy artillery provoked brisk reaction by our artillery in the Upper But and Fella Valley."

"On the Bainsizza plateau Saturday night the enemy attempted with four successive counter-attacks to recapture the ground he had lost the day before. He was constantly repulsed by the defenders, who captured 73 prisoners, including two officers."

NEW FRENCH PREMIER DRAFFTS DECLARATION

It Suggests a More Methodical Diplomatic Policy—Cabinet to Receive It.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Paris, Sept. 18.—Premier Painleve drafted a ministerial declaration this afternoon and will submit it to his colleagues in a new Cabinet to-day. As regards the conduct of the war the declaration expresses the resolve of the government to impart to this phase of its duties greater impetus every day. It attaches the greatest importance to the intensification of the manufacture of material for war purposes. The declaration adds to close collaboration between the Allies the pursuit of a more methodical diplomatic policy.

TWO NORWEGIAN SHIPS SUNK

By German Submarines and Twenty-one Men Lost.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Christiania, Norway, Sept. 21.—The Norwegian Foreign Office announced to-day that the Norwegian steamer Askeld, 2,823 tons, was sunk by a German submarine. One boat with eleven men was lost. It also announced that the Norwegian steamship Rein of 1,175 tons gross was sunk by a German submarine off Cape St. Vincent. Ten men were lost.

RUSSIANS HOLD MORE HUN TROOPS THAN EVER BEFORE

Washington, Sept. 18.—The Russian army is driving back toward Riga along a wide front. Within the last five days it has advanced more than seven miles, the Russian embassy announced to-day. The whole Russian military establishment is being reorganized under General Alexeff and discredited commanders are being ousted. The cables say the Russians are forcing retention of more German troops on the east front now than at any time since the war began.

TO TOUR CANADIAN CITIES

Ralph Connor's Novels Have Been Dramatized.

(Special to the Whig.)
Buffalo, N.Y., Sept. 18.—Ralph Connor's (Major Gordon of the Canadian Highlanders) "Sky Pilot" was presented for the first time on any stage last night at the Teck Theatre. The play is founded on Connor's two best known novels, "Sky Pilot" and "Black Rock," the dramatization being the work of Frank Mandel and George H. Brennan. The scene is laid in the Canadian Rockies and the production was faithful to the original story characterizations. Scenarist Joseph M. Murray, an immense audience, including the British, French and Italian consuls testified to its approval by repeated curtain calls. The advance sale of seats was the largest in the history of the theatre for a new dramatic attraction. At the conclusion of the Buffalo engagement, the play will commence a short tour of the principal cities in Canada. In November it will go to New York to remain for the balance of the season.

THE FRENCH WON OUT

And Took Prisoners of the Enemy—Germans Lost Heavily.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Paris, Sept. 18.—The German troops after a violent bombardment south of Miette River, last night, launched an attack and reached the French lines towards the Neufchateau Road. The French official statement issued this afternoon says that after a sharp fight the Teutons were ejected from the positions losing heavily and leaving prisoners in the hands of the French.
The artillery was active on both sides of the Meuse river and in region of Fosse Wood.

C.P.R. earnings for the week ending September 14th were \$2,691,000; decrease, \$37,000.

STILL LIFTING BRIDGE SPAN

Precautions Introduced This Time, Profiting by Last Year's Disaster.

OPERATIONS RECOMMENCED

SPAN LIFTED TWENTY-EIGHT FEET ON MONDAY.

The Engineers Hope to Elevate It Sixty-eight Feet Tuesday—Safeguarding Lives of the Men Engaged.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Quebec, Sept. 18.—Lifting operations in connection with the placing of the central span of the Quebec bridge in its final position, linking up the two cantilever arms, were commenced this morning. The engineers expected to elevate the span sixty-eight feet to-day. The early hoists this morning showed that the engineers were able to make better time than yesterday.

It was officially announced that it had been raised twenty-eight feet out of the hundred and fifty feet it had to travel, and that everything had gone off without a hitch.

Probably the most interesting exemplifications of the care with which the plans were made was to be found in the fact that the computations as to how far the five thousand ton mass of metal would bring down the cantilevers after the screws floated away were out only five-eighths of an inch.

Added Precautions This Year.

Profiting by the disaster of last year, a number of precautions were introduced to safeguard the lives of the men engaged in the task and to secure the support of the link. No men were allowed on the span after it was once hitched up to the chain, save an occasional intrepid engineer, who inspected the lifting connections from time to time. Last year the span was raised three feet at a time, but to-day the engineers were satisfied with a two-foot elevation. After each hoist, the mooring trusses, which are ultimately to hold the span in place, were attached to the span to hold it still till the jacks were ready for a new thrust. This is a new feature, designed to strengthen the supports while the links of the chain are being taken up preparatory to the jacking being hitched to these immediately beneath for a new raise.

"Eminently Satisfactory."

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Quebec, Sept. 18.—Progress that engineers styled as "eminently satisfactory" was made with the elevation of the centre span of the bridge throughout this morning, and by one o'clock practically one-third of the distance to be traversed to the floor of the bridge had been covered and links were going steadily on their way.

NO SUCCESSORS NAMED.

The Resignations Are Part of the German Plans.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
London, Sept. 21.—German newspapers point out that after the resignation of Dr. Van Zand, civil governor of Belgium, his assistant, Dr. Von Lutz, also resigned. No successors were appointed. The resignations are in conjunction with Germany's plans regarding the future of Belgium.

THE RUSSIAN ADVANCE

Continues on the Riga Front—German Positions Captured.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Petrograd, Sept. 17.—Russian forces on the Riga front continue to make progress in their drive against the Germans. On Sunday the Russians occupied a German position south-west of Hapsal and also forced the Teutons from the Sadsen farm to the south of Sisserai.

WAY TO LAIBACH OPENS TO ITALY

Her Troops Are Now in Command of Chiapovana Valley.

London, Sept. 18.—Italy continues to wage one of the most difficult campaigns in history, winning peak after peak of strongly-defended Austrian positions in regions hitherto believed impracticable for military operations. The capture of Monte San Gabriele, announced in Saturday morning's newspapers, gives Italy command of the Bainsizza plateau and the Chiapovana valley; it removes the last danger of an Austrian counter-offensive against Gorizia, and with the expected capture of Monte San Gabriele, less than two miles further south, will open the way to Laibach, the key to Vienna.

For three weeks the battle has raged for this mountain, which lies directly in the path of any advance to the east from Gorizia. It is not merely its height of 2,140 feet that made it so formidable—but Monte Santo and Monte San Daniele are a little higher—but the almost perpendicular rocky face that the soldiers had to climb before attaining the summit. Several times they reached it, only to be beaten back.

MONTREAL ALDERMAN WOULD LEAVE HANNA

He Threatens to Quit the Advisory Board Unless He Controls Prices.

Montreal, Sept. 18.—"I shall resign of my position as representative of this city on the advisory board to the Food Controller unless something is done immediately to control prices, as well as to control the consumption of certain articles of food," said Ald. Weidon yesterday. "My post is a purely honorary one, and I wish it to be honorable as well. I accepted it in the hopes of being useful to my fellow citizens and my country."
"The food control should at once become a benefit to the public and a measure of efficiency. The action that has been taken is entirely too slow and leisurely, and has produced no results. The public wishes prices as well as food consumption to be regulated."

CASUALTIES AT LENS.

1,210 Canadians Met Death and 6,181 Were Wounded.

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—Sir Edward Kemp, replying in the Commons yesterday to a question by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who asked for the details of the Canadian losses at Lens, said that for the last two weeks of August they totalled 7,586. Of this number 397 were killed, 303 died of wounds; 6,181 were wounded; 11 were taken as prisoners of war; 2 were believed to be prisoners; 145 were missing and 25 died of diseases.

Divorce Case Considered.

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—The House of Commons yesterday divided on Dr. J. W. Edwards' motion that consideration of the Gordon divorce bill should be taken up in committee. W. H. Bennett in an amendment moved that it be sent back to the private bills committee for further consideration. The division was on a non-party lines, the amendment being defeated by 27 to 28.

Succeeds Stewart Lyon.

Toronto, Sept. 18.—Walter A. Willson has been named as the representative of the Canadian Press, Limited, with the Canadian army in France.
Mr. Willson succeeds Stewart Lyon, of the Toronto Globe, who returns to Canada after six months' meritorious service.

Nothing of Special Import.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
London, Sept. 18.—Field Marshal Haig to-day reporting military operations last night on the battle front in France and Belgium says beyond patrol encounters in the Ypres sector, in which we secured a few prisoners there was nothing of special interest to report.

Steel Rail Export Limited.

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—An order in Council has been passed, under the war measures act, prohibiting the exportation of steel rails from Canada abroad to countries other than the United Kingdom. British possessions and protectorates.

NEW OFFENSIVE BY THE ITALIANS

This Time It is in Balkans—Fresh Victories by Cadorna.

FUTILE ENEMY ATTEMPTS

TO TAKE POSITION ON PEAK OF MONTE GABRIELE.

The Austrians Suffer Terrible Losses—Italy is Assured a Sufficient Food Supply for the Winter.

Washington, Sept. 18.—"The Italian offensive cannot be considered ended," State Department Rome cables said to-day.
"Italian operations in the Balkans indicate a new offensive there, while the troops of General Cadorna are winning fresh victories in the Bainsizza valley. Preparations are being made for continuing the general advance on positions beyond San Gabriele."

In the last three days twenty Austrian regiments have made futile attempts to take the Italian position on the peak of Monte San Gabriele, Rome despatches stated. To-day the onslaughts continue with terrific losses to the Austrian troops.
Along the Volusia, large troop movements of Bulgarians have been observed to reinforce enemy positions opposite the new Italian offensive.

Italy has spent 7,751,000,000 livres on the war. The nation is assured a sufficient food supply this winter. The wheat crop will total more than 4,900,000 hundredweight, which is 3,000,000 hundredweight in excess of 1915. A corn crop of 21,000,000 hundredweight is expected.

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INCREASED WAGES FOR RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS

The Supplementary Estimates in Commons Provide \$608,000 For That Purpose.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Ottawa, Sept. 18.—Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Customs in the Commons yesterday afternoon tabled the final batch of supplementary estimates for the session. They total \$677,312. The largest proposed vote is a sum of \$608,000 for the following purposes: To increase the minimum salary of railway mail clerks from \$500 to \$600 and to raise the annual statutory increases of railway mail clerks from \$50 to \$100 in cases where the salary is over \$800, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act or the Post-Office Act; also to provide for the payment of provisional allowance of the outside service of members of the House of Commons and Senate who have been absent from Ottawa on account of illness and other unavoidable cause. The item includes the full seasonal indemnity for Hon. H. S. Beland, prisoner of war in Germany.

An annuity of \$2,500 per annum is provided for Dr. Thos. Flint who is retiring from the position of Clerk of the House.

Boys For Service

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Geneva, Sept. 18.—The German shortage of men for the army is reflected in an official announcement that fifteen-year-old boys will be accepted and the migration of lads of this age to Switzerland from Germany has been stopped.

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ALLIED AIRMEN KILL OR WOUND 900 GERMANS

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Amsterdam, Sept. 18.—In a recent raid by Allied airmen on the Belgian town of Roulers, says the Courier de la Meuse, a newspaper of Maastricht, Holland, bombs fell on a building near the market and killed or wounded 900 Germans.

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These pictures show the havoc wrought by the shells of the Prussians in the interior of the church at Roye and families seeking the tombs of their ancestors in the ruins of the cemetery at Solentz.

RUSSIAN ARMIES ARE ALL LOYAL

Rebellious Troops Believed They Were Attacking German Plotters.

GEN. KALEDINE SUPPORTS

THE KERENSKY GOVERNMENT—WIRES HIS BACKING.

Kerensky's Reorganized Cabinet Likely to Have More Complete Support From Various Factions Than Previous Ministries.

Petrograd, Sept. 18.—Having subdued the armed dissension in its confines, the provisional government moved rapidly to-day in settlement of political disputes.
Formal proclamation of Russia as a republic, as issued by Premier Kerensky, destroyed a growing propaganda traceable to German agents, that Kerensky was planning a dictatorship. It was also a warning, in the public's view to-day, to any other leader who might aspire as Korniloff did, to such dictatorial powers, that the government was solely a people's government.

The constitutional convention, which is to devise the machinery of Russian government, has already been called for Dec. 11th. There were indications to-day, however, that long before this time, some sort of a representative Russian assembly would outline and delegate powers, to prevent any repetition of the misunderstandings which led to Korniloff's revolt.

The Petrograd council of workmen and soldiers formally recommended such a representative assembly to be convened Sept. 25th to set up a definite power to lead the country until the constitutional convention shall decide upon a complete system of government.

In the meantime, Kerensky's reorganized cabinet appears likely to have more complete support from various factions, than the previous ministries have been able to muster.

Russian Armies Loyal.

Evidence of the loyalty of the Russian armies is now overwhelming. Preliminary reports from the commission investigating Korniloff's revolt indicate the rebellious troops were deceived into belief they were marching against German plotters. Scores of officers are already in custody.

Gen. Kaledine, of the Don Cossacks, has telegraphed offering his support to the Provisional Government. A Petrograd despatch received to-day by the Evening News asserts:

Gen. Kaledine is understood to be the last of the rebel leaders to announce submission to Premier Kerensky.

Officers Closely Guarded.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Petrograd, Sept. 18.—Twenty-three generals and other officers, arrested on Friday with General Korniloff, leader of the revolution against the Provisional Government, are being closely guarded. General Korniloff is imprisoned in a hotel at Mohilev where he is writing a statement which is expected to be finished to-day.

A Copenhagen Despatch to the Central News says that, according to Bydoneski Dagbladet, a Petrograd correspondent, General Alezajor committed suicide after an interview with Premier Kerensky.

War Tidings.

The Italians have started a new offensive in the Balkans. The British have opened a heavy bombardment near Ypres. A fresh advance.

Swindlers Arrested.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 18.—J. C. Nelson and Mrs. S. F. Ward, who came to Chicago a year ago last year from Houston, Tex., are under arrest in connection with the alleged "\$100,000 swindle" in which Eugene L. Finnigan, a former justice of the peace of Eastwood, N.Y., is accused of being a participant.

All Canadian centres report a rush for medical examination under the Military Service Act.

The Senate has passed the Election Act.

WOULD CHANGE NAME OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—Representations have been made to the Dominion Government that the Province of New Brunswick should change its name to that of New Windsor. The communication, which hails from Manitoba, emphasizes that the King had dropped "Brunswick" from his title and that the Royal Family is known as that of Windsor. It is urged that a similar course should be followed in Canada in regard to names "possessing a German flavor." New Windsor instead of New Brunswick is therefore suggested.