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STEAMER ON FIRE REPORTED IN HALIFAX

Supposed to be a Former German Vessel Captured by British and now Proceeding to Halifax. One Life Lost.

(Special to the Guardian.) HALIFAX, Sept. 20.—The steamer Athena is on fire and was abandoned at sea last night after 459 passengers and crew had been rescued by other steamers. Only one life is reported lost. HALIFAX, Sept. 20.—The Athena, abandoned on fire, was the starting message received last night by C. H. Harvey, agent for the marine and fisheries, by wireless from Cape Race. The report came from the S. S. Marina which had evidently picked up the dread news from a point in mid-Atlantic. The message received by Mr. Harvey is in full, as follows:— "8 p. m.—Marine reports Athena abandoned on fire this afternoon. Tuscania rendering assistance. Unable to obtain position. All ships in zone of Athena out of normal range." Another message was received by Mr. Harvey, this one from Cape Ray, stating as follows:— "Athena on fire proceeding to Halifax. Get Camperdown on job as too far away for us." At first it seemed likely the Athena was a Donaldson line ship of 5,113 tons, which was being used as a transport, and according to the company's advertisement was to have sailed from Glasgow for Montreal on September 18th. The Tuscania, which was reported to be standing by the burning steamer, was due to sail from Glasgow for New York on September 11th. The second message received makes it appear that the Athena was not abandoned as stated in the message from Cape Race. Mr. Harvey got into communication with Camperdown and was making efforts to get the position of the distressed liner so that assistance might be rendered. As no position was given it cannot be estimated what time the Athena would be likely to arrive in Halifax. MONTREAL, Sept. 19.—The vessel that is reported on fire at sea is not the passenger liner Athena, so well known in the St. Lawrence trade, according to Messrs. Robert Reford and Company, Montreal, representatives of the Donaldson line. They received advice to-night to the effect that the boat on fire in the Atlantic is the former German vessel, the Athanae, which is being taken as a British prize to Halifax. Messrs. Robert Reford and Company state that the Donaldson liner left Glasgow yesterday for this port. NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—Available marine records here do not contain the name Athanae reported from Montreal as the vessel on fire in the Atlantic. They do, however, mention the Athena, a ship of 2,700 tons and belonging to the Deutsche Levante Line, a German concern. The Athena was formerly the Regina. She was built in Germany in 1904, and has been used in the Mediterranean trade.

CONDENSED ADS. TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

ONE CENT per word each insertion for advertising in this column. Cash must accompany orders. Minimum charges, twenty-five cents. MR. THOMAS DONE HAVING TAKEN OVER the Grocery Store of Mr. Jas. McKenna, 225 Queen St., will conduct the business as formerly and hopes to have the kind patronage of Mr. McKenna's customers and others. 3073-9-21M11. TO LET—HOUSE, APPLY 232 Great George St. 3072-9-21M11. WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. Apply Mrs. John Hoffman, 29 King Square. 3081-9-21M31. TO LET—HOUSE, EIGHT ROOMS, modern conveniences, heated. Central. Post Box 87, city. 3083-9-21M11. WANTED A RELIABLE PROTESTANT girl. Family two. Enquire 15 Pleasant St. 3073-9-21M31pd. WANTED—A GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. Apply to 21 Great George Street. 3016-9-17M11. WANTED AT ONCE—HOUSE FOR small family, centrally located. Apply at this office. 350-6-21M11. WANTED, TWO OR THREE SMART strong girls to work in the Star Laundry. Apply to A. F. Webster, 124 Kent street. 3085-9-21M31pd. TO LET A LARGE DOUBLE FRONT bedroom, neatly furnished in a central location. Private family. Apply at Guardian. 2553-9-21M11. BUSINESS ENVELOPES.—No. 3 printed with name and address either on flap or front, \$3 per 1,000; \$5.00 for 2,000; \$12.00 for 5,000; \$20 for 10,000. GUARDIAN OFFICE. 8808-11-21M11. LOST—ON MONDAY, BETWEEN Queen St. and Station, new pair ladies gloves, Perrin make, size 9 1/2. Will finder please leave at Guardian Office. 3076-9-21M11pd. WANTED TO RENT OR LEASE house with few acres of land within three miles of some station. Queen's County preferred. Address "M" Guardian Office. 3067-9-21M31pd. LODGING AND STABLING—MR. W. W. Rodd having purchased the premises of Mr. James McKenna, 225 Queen Street, will continue the business of the lodging and stabling only at above address. 3065-9-21M31pd. DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE concerning Prince Edward Island, its Farms, Foxes, Fisheries and Tourist Resorts, delivered free. Apply personally or by letter to J. E. B. McCready, Publicity Agent, Royal Bank Building, Charlottetown. 3064-9-21M31pd. AUCTION SALE—ANY PARTIES having stock to dispose of after the exhibition is over shall have an opportunity on Friday, 24th, when an Auction Sale will be held on the Market Square for that purpose. Apply Benj. Carter & Co., Auctioneers. 3084-9-21M21. Minard's Liniment cures Neuralgia

ITALIAN VOLCANOES ARE ALL ACTIVE

(Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, Sept. 20.—Multiple eruption of Italian volcanoes now occurring, says a despatch from Rome. Vesuvius, Aetna and Stromboli are all active. Such a singular phenomena has never before been recorded. None of the eruptions, however, are of such a character as to cause alarm.

RUSSIANS ESCAPED FROM CAPTURED VILNA

(Special to the Guardian.) PETROGRAD, Sept. 20.—A despatch from Kiev Bourse Gazette quotes a director of the South Western Railways as saying: "The evacuation of the town proceeding normally. There were on hand sufficient cars for this purpose." Military critics say: "In absence of official information, the Russian forces abandoned Vilna, retreating southward."

ALLAN LINER ARRIVES SAFE

(Special to the Guardian.) QUEBEC, Sept. 20.—The Allan liner Corsican from Glasgow arrived shortly after five o'clock this morning, carrying officers and men coming from the front. Some of these were on board the ill-fated Hesperian when she went down in British waters. Among those returning was Captain Goggin, of this city, who is on leave following an operation. He said Major Barre, Montreal, was on the Corsican, but his name does not appear on the passenger list. The Corsican had an uneventful voyage and left for Montreal at eight o'clock this morning.

DOES SAN MEAN WAR WILL END WITHIN YEAR.

BERLIN, Oct. 18.—"I tell you boys that inside of one year you will be walking the streets of this city triumphant, having helped in defeating the Prussian autocracy." General Sir Sam Hughes declared at a meeting of the patriotic meeting held in the Auditorium last night addressing himself to the Berlin boys of the 24th and 71st Battalions, who have enlisted for overseas service. Never before in the history of Berlin has there been such a patriotic demonstration as was witnessed here last night, and the Minister of Militia intimated to the vast audience that no public man in Canada was ever the recipient of a more enthusiastic reception than was accorded him here to-day—not that it was tendered to him personally, but for the cause which he and the Berlin boys of the overseas contingents represent. The entire population of Berlin and Waterloo was out. The vast Auditorium which can provide accommodation for eight or ten thousand people, was crowded to its capacity. "Britain to-day," General Sam announced, "has the most magnificent army ever mobilized in the world. It is being equipped with arms of the most modern type. France has mobilized splendid armies. Russia has millions of men ready, but they are waiting for the delivery of thousands of dollars worth of rifles and ammunition. Italy is already on the offensive, and when this vast army gets under way I declare to you that Germany's race will soon be run, and the Allies will be triumphant." This was the climax of a series of recruiting meetings held during the week under the auspices of the Citizens' Recruiting Committee and its success surpassed the fondest expectations of the most patriotic.

THE WEATHER. TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to the Guardian.) TORONTO, Sept. 21.—Maritime: Strong winds and moderate gales, from South to South-West; warm and becoming showery. THE WEATHER.—Yesterday was fine throughout the day, but growing somewhat cooler towards evening. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 69 deg. above zero. At 9 o'clock yesterday morning it registered 62 deg. above; at 9 last night 52 deg. above. The coldest the previous night was 53 deg. above zero. The tide will be high this morning at 8.31 and tomorrow at 9.34; it will be high tonight at 9.40 and tomorrow at 10.30. The sun sets this evening at 6 and tomorrow at 5.58; it rises tomorrow morning at 5.46 and Thursday at 5.43. The moon sets tonight at 12.43. The first quarter of the moon was on Thursday, Sept. 16th, at 3.21 a. m. There will be a full moon on Thursday, Sept. 23rd at 5.35 a. m. The length of today will be twelve hours and twelve minutes.

SUMMARY OF WAR SITUATION

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Sept. 20.—Of many big battles fought on the eastern front during the past five months, few if any have been fraught with such importance for the opposing armies as that now in progress to the east and south of Vilna, where German Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is attempting to cut off the retreat and destroy the Russian army which defended that city. A German official report issued to-day throws little light on the progress of operations, simply stating that the "attack against the enemy retreating from Vilna is proceeding." Petrograd continues to express confidence in the ability of the Russians to extricate themselves from the net thrown around them. In the opinion of military writers they are in a dangerous position, that they got their artillery away before the Germans moved across the railways, as the evacuation of Vilna was decided upon weeks ago. Prince Leopold of Bavaria is also approaching the railway to the south-east of Lida, having reached the district of Dworze, which is immediately west of the road skirting Pripet marshes and running to Rovno, south of Pripet. The Russians still control the situation and keep on harassing the Austro-German armies in Volhynia and Galicia. Although presumably Germany has had her hands full in driving the Russians back she has ally's assistance against the Serbians, and the German guns have taken up the fighting against the Serbian artillery across the Danube, and claims to have silenced it. Bombardment with very heavy guns has become mutual in the west, both side are maintaining an almost continuous fire, while the British fleet is making matters lively for the German navy on the Belgian coast. There are no signs as yet of a general offensive, however, and another winter in the trenches may be looked for. Intense interest is taken in the Bulgarian situation in the efforts of the opposing parties to induce the King and government to depart from the path of neutrality and join the Entente Powers. It is believed, however, that, despite denials, the railway agreement with Turkey binds Bulgaria to maintain a benevolent neutrality towards Turkey and Germany powers.

GREAT FOOTBALL STAR DECORATED FOR BRAVERY

DUNKIRK, France, Sept. 16.—Lieut. W. A. Cooper, a famous British football star, has been decorated at the front with the British Military Cross for his coolness in joining the Entente Powers. He is believed, however, that, despite denials, the railway agreement with Turkey binds Bulgaria to maintain a benevolent neutrality towards Turkey and Germany powers.

PEGOD'S ANTAGONIST TELLS HOW HE DIED.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 20, via London.—The story of the death fight of Adolphe Pegoud, the French aviator, who was killed recently near Petite Croix in a battle with the air with German aviator, is related by Pilot Corporal Kandulski, his conqueror, in a letter to his father, which is published in the Tageblatt. "While flying," says the letter, "the forts at Belfort opened fire against me, the shrapnel bursting around me in the clouds. I was hardly out of range of the enemy's guns when suddenly a French machine approached. The lighting took place at a height of 2,400 metres, about 8,000 feet. "The first thing I did was to swing sharply around in order to obtain a free range to the flank. My observer, Lieutenant Billitz, immediately fired the machine gun, which, after the thirtieth shot, refused to work. Meanwhile, Pegoud approached to fifty metres. I encircled him once, and suddenly executed a sharp curve to the left, whereby I got him to the flank and Billitz, whose machine gun again was in order, gave him his quietus."

GERMAN BREAD RATIONS.

BERLIN, Sept. 18, by wireless to Sayville.—The increase in bread rations which was granted some time ago to the labouring classes of Berlin for the civilian population. The provincial administration of the Rhine Province has authorised the Rhish Provincial Bank to subscribe \$87,500 to the new war loan.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN GOES TO NIAGARA

(From our own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Sept. 20.—Sir Robert Borden will probably review the troops at Niagara next Sunday and also spend Sunday in the camp. Sir Sam Hughes will be there Wednesday and Thursday.

SWEDISH BANK MAKES LOAN TO GERMANY

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Sept. 20.—In return for Germany's consent to permit the exportation of coal and some other specified items to Sweden, five Swedish banks, according to the Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company, have agreed to make Germany a loan of \$10,000,000, to be used in payment for goods bought in Sweden by Germany.

PROPORTION OF ALIENS IN CANADA

(Special to the Guardian.) OTTAWA, Sept. 20.—That there are 165,775 persons of enemy birth in Canada, this including Germans, Austro-Hungarians and Turks, is indicated by a special report on Canada's foreign born population issued to-night. The figures which have been compiled from the last census returns, are of special importance now that the country is at war. There are 121,430 Austro-Hungarians in the Dominion, this nationality largely predominating amongst aliens of enemy birth. There are 39,577 German born inhabitants and 4,758 who were born in Turkey or Syria. As regards subjects of allied countries it may be pointed out that persons of French birth in Canada number 17,619, of Italian birth 37,739 and Russian 39,985. In view of the prominent part Bulgaria is playing in Balkan diplomacy just now it is of interest that the number of Canadian inhabitants of Bulgarian birth is fixed at 1,666. That unhappy country, Belgium, has 7,975 of its citizens in the Dominion.

HOLY LAND IS TRANSFERRED INTO A VAST MILITARY CAMP

LONDON, Sept. 14.—A despatch from Jerusalem says: Armed airships and aeroplanes are continually flying over the birthplace of the Prince of Peace, at Bethlehem, according to the Reuters and The Messenger (from Zion), a newspaper published in Palestine — by a Swiss missionary. Nearly the entire Holy Land has been transformed into a military camp. Soldiers are manoeuvring every day on the Mount of Olives, at Gethsemane and Jerusalem. The English, French, and Russian consuls have been turned into barracks and between Judea and Jericho, where transportation was by mule pack in the days when Christ came to bring "peace on earth," a road is being constructed for armored motor cars. Long columns of buffaloes, driven by Arab peasants are hauling carts loaded with powder, projectiles and other supplies for the Turkish army along the favorite routes of pilgrims in Palestine. Fast dromedaries of the Camel Corps maintain communication between the camps in Palestine and the Turkish headquarters. It is supposed that the concentration of the young recruits in the Holy Land is with a view to another attack upon Egypt.

THE LOAN WILL LIKELY BE \$800,000,000.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The proposed mammoth credit loan to Great Britain and France, it was reported last night, is to be underwritten by a large syndicate of American financiers and bankers, who are to receive a commission for their services. The securities offered, it was said, will be British and French five per cent. Government bonds, and the price to the investor is to be par. The amount of the loan, it was reported, is as yet undetermined, but will be between \$600,000,000 and \$800,000,000. Whether munitions of war will be included within the scope of the proposed credit, so far as could be learned, has not been decided. The underwriting syndicate, it was reported, will be the largest of its kind ever established in the United States, and probably will be open to nearly all national banks, trust companies and state banks that may care to participate. While the amount of the commission to be paid these banks was not expressed in percentages, it is understood that the profit will be a small one, possibly one-half to one per cent. Elimination of the reported difference in opinion between American financiers and members of the Anglo-French commission over the manner of placing the loan apparently has resulted in a victory for the American financiers. Previous reports were to the effect that the commission's views were to be placed by subscription, and that there should be no underwriting syndicate.

GERMANS WILL TRY FOR CONSTANTINOPLE

Will Withdraw Half Million Men from Russian Front to Make a Drive Through Bulgaria to Constantinople.

(Special to the Guardian.) ROME, Sept. 20.—Active operations will likely soon be under way along the frontiers of the Balkan States, the Tribune declares it learns from competent sources. An Austro-German movement planned for the latter part of October, the plan involving expected diversion of 500,000 men from the Russian campaign to the Balkans, with the simultaneous securing of Bulgaria's adherence. The move is to open a route from Budapest to Constantinople. The Tribune and other journals argue the necessity for offsetting this move by the concentration at the Dardanelles of all the possible forces of the Entente Allies, declaring the issue turn on which side takes Constantinople, the Austro-Germans through Bulgaria or the Allies through the Dardanelles.

GERMANS HOPE TO END WAR BY DRIVE IN THE BALKANS.

BERLIN, via wireless to Tuckerton, N. J., Sept. 20.—The Germans hope by a mighty blow in the Balkans to end the war before Spring. By blasting a road through Serbia to Bulgaria they expect the Austro-German armies may not only settle the Balkan question, but might bring an early peace. Both here and in Vienna, the idea of a sudden stroke in the Balkans meets with popular approval. In Vienna, in particular, foreign press reports that the Austro-Germans will soon throw troops against Serbia are widely commented on. Vienna believes no other military move promises such an early ending of the war. Military men here believe that it would be comparatively easy to defeat Serbia. A short march through the Northeastern part of Serbia would link up the Central Empire with Bulgaria, already very friendly in her relations with Turkey, Austria and Germany. The whole Balkan situation may be summed up in the statement "If one acts, all act." Should an Austro-German march on Serbia result in threatening movements by Roumania, Bulgaria is expected to tumble into the war with the Austro-Germans. Berlin believes that Serbia would get little help from the Allies, because of her clash with Italy over territorial questions in Albania.

THOUSANDS OF TURKS WIPED OUT IN TERRIFIC FIGHTING

LONDON, Sept. 19.—A description of the fighting in the Anzac region on the Gallipoli Peninsula during the last week in August, and the result achieved during this period, is given by the Dardanelles correspondent of Reuters' Telegram Company. The capture of Hill No. 60 was important, says the correspondent, as it is the last crest of the last ridge separating the Anzac zone from the plains to the north, and thus constitutes a point of union between the British forces in the Anzac position and the line across the Suva Plain, besides giving access to a ravine leading to high ground beyond it. The Turks, he says, clung to the hill with the utmost determination, and when they were thrown out of their trenches would fight their way back again, accepting terrible losses unflinchingly to regain the lost ground with the result that when the trenches finally were captured they were filled with Turkish dead. It took three days to oust the Turks, and the ground around, he says, is still thickly strewn with their bodies and those of British soldiers who fell in the assaults. It is computed, declares the correspondent, that the Turks lost 5,000 men before they surrendered the position. The Indian brigade and the Connaught Rangers took part in the fighting, with Australians and New Zealanders. The correspondent expresses the opinion that the Turks will not attack Anzac positions again, after the terrible losses they sustained in previous attacks. They did succeed, he adds, in sweeping two British Battalions off a ridge that previously had been won by the New Zealanders, but when they got across the crest into the ravine below, they came under the fire of British machine guns. They came down in thousands, said a staff officer of the New Zealand brigade; "they went back in hundreds, the correspondent's story continues. Machine gunners, he says, claim that five thousand were killed. Danger to this part of the line, the correspondent thinks, could only come through physical overstrain from troops, as they have made the position virtually impregnable.

A SCRAP OF PAPER NOT BE THIS PROCLAMATION

GENEVA, Sept. 18.—The Lausanne Gazette, says it has learned that the German government has decided to issue a declaration annexing to the German Empire the occupied territories in France and Belgium.

BOY KILLED NEAR SOURIS

A very deplorable accident took place near Souris on Saturday when, Onatus the fifteen year old son of Stephen MacAulay was accidentally killed by the falling of a tree, while working in the woods. He and his brother were chopping a large tree, which in falling struck forcibly against another, knocking off a dead branch, which struck the head of the unfortunate young fellow killing him instantly. The sympathy of the whole community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. MacAulay in their sad bereavement.

PRO-GERMAN NEWSPAPER THREATENS MR. WILSON

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 16.—A sensational editorial today in The Milwaukee Free Press, an English-printed pro-German newspaper, controlled by local German-Americans, makes an open threat of revolt against the President unless there are changes in the manner in which the Administration is handling the cases against Germany regarding the seizure of American ships destined for neutral ports. The paper, after declaring that Wilson's unbending attitude toward Germany should be duplicated in the shipping question, continues: "Let us say here and now that at least 60,000,000 of American citizens have had their fill of this kind of neutrality, are through with being led by Great Britain's increasing encroachment on our rights."

HEAVY BOMBARDMENT.

PARIS, Sept. 18.—An official Belgian communication issued to-day says: "The night of September 17-18 was calm. This morning there was a bombardment of slight intensity of several of our advanced positions, as well as at Pervyse. A bombardment more sustained occurred in the region to the south of Dixmude."

PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY'S EXHIBITION

At 12 o'clock to-day His Honour Lieutenant-Governor McDonald will formally open the Exhibition and deliver a short address. President Hearitz and others will also speak. The military men now in camp will receive the Lieutenant-Governor when he arrives at the grounds. The judging in all the various lines will begin immediately after the formal opening. As far as live stock is concerned the Prize List will be followed in the order published. The judging will take place in the main building and the horse races will start at 2 o'clock sharp. The two races for the day will be a 240 trot stake, for which there are eleven entries, and the 219 pace stake, which has seven entries. The special attractions include the bicycle high dive by the great Van Norman, the three Claire sisters, the wonderful performer on the wires; Paul Pedrini, the great equilibrist and his great baboon Toby; the George Cole troupe—the monarchs of the wire; the Selbins, and the vaudeville comedian troupe, the Eddie Trio.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

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