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RUSSIANS ACHIEVE SWEEPING VICTORY OVER TURKS IN CAUCASUS

Situation in Balkans is Closely Watched by All Europe

GERMAN INVASION OF BALTIC PROVINCES MEETS A SEVERE CHECK

SERIOUS FIGHTS STILL RAGING IN ARGONNE WOOD

French, Continuing Combat, Recapture Lost Trenches From Germans.

GUN DUELS KEEP ON
Extremely Active Artillery Actions North of Arras and in Vosges.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

PARIS, Aug. 12.—About the only serious fighting with infantry on the French front is in the Argonne, where the Germans are nervous about the security of their communications, and have been making attacks with a view to relieving pressure there. The French army of the Argonne, however, has pretty well held its own. It drove the Germans out of a section of the first line trenches which had been occupied yesterday. During the past night the Germans were extremely irritable and delivered two attacks on the French positions in the region of Marie Therese and near Fontaine-aux-Charmes. These were speedily repulsed.

The portions of trenches recaptured by the French lie east of the road between Vienne-le-Chateau and Binzwila.

Artillery combats go on. Artillery actions of great violence were carried on in the northern Vosges, at Priest's wood, and at Barrenkopf in the Vosges.

Heavy guns continue to bombard the German positions north of Arras.

Roon's Etape, ten miles northwest of St. Die, was shelled by the Germans today, with the result that four civilians were killed and seven women and children wounded.

Fighting with bombs and hand grenades took place in Priest's wood last night.

A German attack against Longue in the Vosges, undertaken under cover of night, was repulsed by the French.

CRUISER INDIA'S LOSS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED

Nearly One Hundred and Fifty of Those Aboard Were Saved.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—An official communication, issued this evening, announces that the British auxiliary cruiser India, while engaged in patrol duty in the North Sea, Aug. 8, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine.

The announcement adds that 22 officers and 119 men of the India were saved.

A despatch from Berlin last Tuesday, concerning the wireless Savyin, N.Y., announced that the India had been torpedoed off the Norwegian coast and that 80 members of her crew were saved by the Swedish steamer Goeteland. It was added that the attack on the vessel occurred north of Borge, while the India was entering Rosthord.

Ontario Fall Wheat May Open at \$1.15

The World made further enquiries yesterday about Ontario wheat and discovered a rather peculiar situation. The Ontario wheat crop a few weeks ago had all the appearance of a record yield, and R. Baiden of the Canadian Grain Co. said that the trade estimated it at 25,000,000 bushels against 14,000,000 gathered last year.

J. Phillips, buyer for the L. Coffee & Co., Grain Co., Board of Trade Building, was quite outspoken in his views of the present position of wheat. "I am willing to pay \$1.10 a bushel, yes up to \$1.15 a bushel, for new wheat, but it must be a good sample and grade No. 2 Ontario. The prospects of the crop were so good a short time ago that millers sold flour for future delivery on the outlook and they are now up against the difficulty of getting wheat that will grind. The old crop is practically used up so that new wheat must be had if possible.

War Profits Limited in Many Establishments

Two Hundred and Forty-five British Factories Come Under New Rules—Labor Restrictions and Customs Also Suspended.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, announces that 245 establishments have been declared "controlled establishments" under the Munitions of War Act. As a result of this control, the profits of employers are limited. Any excess over such a limit becomes payable to the national exchequer. "By this provision," says Mr. Lloyd George, "parliament has assured that sacrifices made by workmen are made for the nation as a whole, and not for the advantage of individuals. On the other hand, during the period of the war, any rules or shop customs which may have the effect of limiting the output of munitions are suspended in controlled establishments."

ANOTHER BIG GERMAN WAR LOAN

LONDON, Aug. 12.—A Reuter despatch from Amsterdam says: "A Berlin telegram received here says, in a bill voted today by the federal council for a supplementary imperial budget for 1915, a new credit of 10,000,000,000 marks (\$2,500,000,000) was asked for."

RUSSIAN VICTORY WON IN CAUCASUS

Turkish Offensive on Olti and in Passine Valley Everywhere Repulsed.

GET NEAR EUPHRATES

Czar's Men Sweep All Before Them, Taking Prisoners and Booty.

PETROGRAD, via London, Aug. 12.—An official communication from the headquarters of the Russian army in the Caucasus, dated Aug. 9, made public today, says:

"The attempt of the Turks to advance in the direction of Olti and the Passine Valley was everywhere repulsed. In the capture of the Mergh Mir Pass we took three machine guns and some prisoners, including the commanders of two regiments.

"In the direction of the Euphrates the pursuit of the Turks continues. During the last few days one of our columns made prisoners of nineteen officers and 1172 men. We also took 206 wagons loaded with pyroxylin (an explosive compound) and trenching implements. We also seized a quantity of arms and ammunition and tents. In the villages the enemy has abandoned his wounded. On the roads our troops are finding heaps of ammunition and artillery."

Another communication said: "On August 10 in the Passine Valley our troops after an engagement, captured the important heights and drove back the Turks toward the west, taking a battalion commander and three other officers and three hundred men prisoners.

"In the direction of the Euphrates the pursuit of the Turks continues. Twenty-one hundred men have been taken prisoner."

HUGE TOTAL OF WESTERN CROPS

Six Hundred Million Bushels is Grand Aggregate Now Estimated.

BETTER TIMES NEAR

Big Expansion in General Business Looked for at Early Date.

D. B. Hanna, general manager of the Canadian Northern, sizes up the western grain crop in the following cable to their London office:

Toronto, Aug. 11.—Have just received exhaustive report on crop situation on our entire western system; also letters from Provincial flour mills. Now harvesting and will be general Manitoba next week. Alberta and Saskatchewan week following. If present conditions continue three provinces which will harvest 240 million bushels wheat and not less than 500 million bushels wheat, oats, barley, flax. Cattle and hog shipments good and prices satisfactory. General business outlook excepting war munitions plants, which are working at capacity, does not show much expansion, but there is general feeling fall and winter business will be much ahead last year.—Hanna.

Another estimate on data received still later makes the total crop exceed 600 million bushels. This crop will keep all the railways busy for months this winter.

ALBERTA'S CROP YIELD

CALGARY, Aug. 12.—A wheat yield of 25,350,000 bushels, and a total yield of 112,617,920 bushels of grain of all kinds is the estimate of U. S. Consul Reat for Alberta, just forwarded to the department of agriculture at Washington.

ITALIAN CONSULS LEAVE TERRITORY OF TURKEY

Austrian Newspaper Announces Italy's Interests Confided to American Officials.

PARIS, Aug. 12.—A despatch to The Temps from Geneva says that the Neues Wiener Journal (a newspaper published in the Austrian capital), announces that Italian consuls have left Turkish territory and that Italian interests have been confided to United States officials.

CLEAN-UP SALE

Friday, always a big hat selling day at Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, will be extra brisk this week, for the greatest clean-up of the hat season is listed, and orders from "the head of the house" are to sell at what the goods will bring. When the almost endless variety of summer hats—straws, panamas, bangkoks, etc.—is considered, you should readily manage to pick up a genuine Dineen quality hat well below cost of making. Besides hats you'll find an immensely underpriced showing of raincoats, motor dusters, outing caps, etc., in fact everything on Dineen's ground floor and basement, selling at deeply cut prices to clear.

RUSSIANS SLAY MANY GERMANS IN BUG SECTOR

Dead Lie in Enormous Heaps Before Muscovite Positions at Ostrow.

WIN IN RIGA SECTOR

Teutons' Attempts to Overwhelm Czar's Advance Guards Fail.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 12.—Via London. Aug. 12.—Dashed German attacks on the roads between Cholim and Vladova have been repulsed with very heavy losses by the Russians according to an official statement issued tonight at the headquarters of the general staff. Attempts to overwhelm the Russian advance guards in the Riga district also have been repulsed, as have attacks at several other points on the battle line.

The communication follows: "In the region of Riga Wednesday we repulsed German attempts to overwhelm our advance guards. In the direction of Jacobstadt and Dvinsk our troops on Tuesday and Wednesday continued their progress, successfully pressing the enemy. In the region north of Vilkimir we occupied Kovarak and Tovyin after a fight and took some prisoners. Near Kovno we continued to repulse German attacks on the front west of the Niemen as far as Jessia. The enemy was not successful everywhere except near the Village of Gory where a desperate artillery duel is progressing.

"On the front between the Narew and the Bug the Germans continue persistent attacks, especially on the roads to Lomza, Sndiavo and Kossvo. Further south on two sides of the Kiev-Malkin Railway our troops on Wednesday advanced steadily. In the direction of Parzew and on both roads between Cholim and Vladova, all were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. These were especially severe at Ostrow, where the Germans dead lay in enormous heaps in front of our positions. On the Bug, the Vistula and the Ziota Lipa, there has been no essential change.

"In the Diester district around the mouth of the Stripa we stopped an enemy attempt to take the offensive."

BIG RUSSIAN SUCCESSSES.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—Wide circulation was given this afternoon to a rumor that the government had received news of military successes closely affecting Russia. This rumor was based on the activity at rising prices of Russian securities and the stock exchange.

C. N. R. SUCCESSFUL IN FLOATING LARGE LOAN

Issue of Nine and One-Half Millions Placed in New York.

OTTAWA, Aug. 12.—The Canadian Northern Railway has successfully floated a \$9,500,000 loan in New York. The loan is for two years and at 5 per cent, secured by a general mortgage on the Canadian Northern and the bonds of that company unsold and guaranteed by the Dominion Government. The proceeds of the loan will be used to take up loan due and to complete certain construction work on the system.

This item, which appeared in the evening papers of yesterday, is apparently true. Sir William Mackenzie was in New York last week and was in New York yesterday negotiating the loan, and in all probability it has been completed.

FOUR ATTACKS FAILED IS CLAIM OF TURKS

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 12, via London.—Four hostile attacks against the Turkish positions on the Gallipoli Peninsula were repulsed on Aug. 10, according to an official statement issued today at the war office.

ENEMY WILL ATTEMPT BIG OFFENSIVE IN WEST

Order Issued to Teutonic Armies in Flanders, Says Amsterdam Paper, Indicates Early Shift From East.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—A significant order of the day, predicting a resumption by the Germans of a vigorous offensive in the west, has been issued to the Teutonic armies in Flanders, according to The Amsterdam Telegraph. An extract from this order, telegraphed by the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company, follows: "Our work now is practically finished in the east, and we are about to begin in the west. Peace is certain in October."

RUSSIAN BLOWS REPULSE TURKS ON EUPHRATES

New Three Weeks' Campaign of Ottomans Ends in Complete Failure.

ENEMY NOW PURSUED

Moslems Lose Fifteen to Twenty Thousand Men in Disastrous Venture.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 12, via London. Explanation of the renewal of a wholesale exodus of Armenians from their country into Transcaucasia is found in an account of military operations on the Caucasus front since July 22.

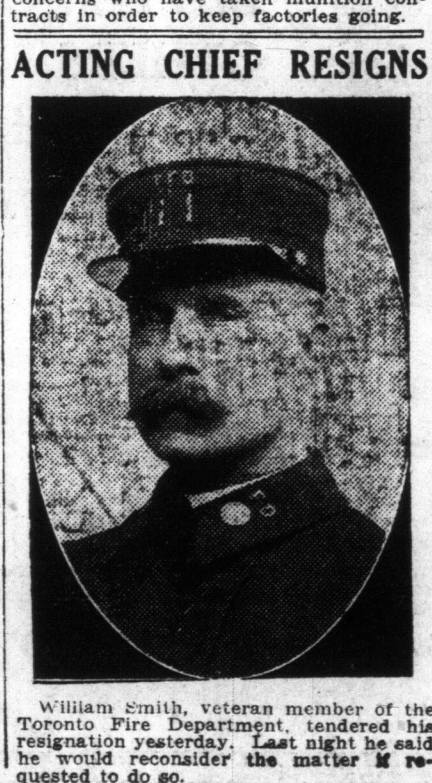
After the Russians penetrated to Mash (83 miles south of Erzerum) and Plian, Halli Bey, commander of the Turkish forces in the Caucasus, re-organized the army, bringing its strength up to 90,000, including six divisions of infantry, one of cavalry and a large body of Kurds. Gen. Eulich, the Russian commander, thus faced the alternatives of hastily attempting to concentrate his forces in the face of a strong Turkish army, or to retreat, and this expose a large Armenian population to the vengeance of the Turks and Kurds. The Russian main army withdrew along the right bank of the Euphrates, the Turks occupying the left bank, being held in partial check by rear guard actions. On Aug. 1 Halli Bey overtook a considerable body of Russians at Palantchen, on the left bank of the

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The Banks and Recruiting

Said a banker yesterday: Mayor Church blames the banks for not helping recruiting. We all voted the shareholders' money for the patriotic fund; we subscribed to the Red Cross; our managers are on all the big committees; we let our clerks and officials enlist, and we are paying their salaries when away; we are holding their places open for them, and we did other things. Some of our banks let over a hundred men go to the front; and if in the next busy two months in handling the grain crop we may have to hold back some of our most competent men who may be ready to go forward it will only be because it is almost as essential to get the food supplies looked after as to send men. We are also to finance the enormous crop yield of this year, and we have assisted financially many of the local concerns who have taken munition contracts in order to keep factories going.

ACTING CHIEF RESIGNS



William Smith, veteran member of the Toronto Fire Department, tendered his resignation yesterday. Last night he said he would reconsider the matter if requested to do so.

BALKAN LEAGUE STILL FAR FROM BEING FORMED

Bulgaria's Attitude Remains Key to Situation in Near East.

TURKEY YET STUBBORN

Balks at Offering Concessions Proposed by Germans for Neutrality.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The situation in Poland and the Baltic provinces is changing but little from day to day, and public interest is being turned to the near east, where the diplomats of the quadruple entente powers are endeavoring to revive the Balkan League and bring all the Balkan states over to their side, and to the armies of the allies which are battling against the Turks on the Gallipoli Peninsula and in the Caucasus.

The diplomats of all the belligerents for the moment are concentrating their attention on Sofia, for Bulgaria holds the key to the situation. It is said she is being smiled upon and offered territorial concessions as an inducement for her to adhere to one side or the other, or to remain neutral. Both the German and entente ministers are declared to be finding their endeavors hindered by their friends. Greece and Serbia are unwilling to concede to Bulgaria the parts of Macedonia which are her price for joining the allies, while Turkey is opposing concessions which Austria and Germany desire her to make to ensure the continued neutrality of the Sofia Government.

Victories Over Turks Help Bulgaria's Army, It is Assumed.

Bulgaria's army, it is assumed, is weighing the victory that the Austro-Germans have gained in Poland against the renewed efforts of the allies in the Dardanelles and the reported signal victory which the Russians are said to have won over the Turks in the Caucasus, and which the military experts here believe will keep the Turks quiet on that frontier for some time.

The Russians continue their retirement in Poland, but all the while they are retarding the German advance, which is now regaining momentum, by repeated counter-attacks and stubborn resistance wherever the conditions are favorable. There is still considerable distance between the German armies to the southeast and northeast of Warsaw, so that seemingly the Russians will be able to make good their retreat, only, however, to be called upon to oppose a German attempt to outflank them at Kovno and further north.

May Aim at Petrograd.

The strength of the German offensive in the latter region has led to the assumption by some of the military observers here that Germans are now aiming at Petrograd. It is pointed out, however, that there is a great stretch of marshy country between the present battlefields and the capital, which is asserted, would make the adventure a dangerous one. Besides, the Germans would first have to capture Vilna, Dvinsk and Riga, all of which the Russians are defending with strong forces, which at times are able to take the offensive.

CAUGHT RUNNING OFF WITH A BANK

You talk about raiders and cattle lifters, but running off with a bank is the latest form of modern adventuring. From all accounts, one of the leading banks in Ontario was about grabbed by a Montreal bank this week; indeed, the buccaneer thinks he still has it, and the big policeman at Ottawa has been asked to interfere with the dropping of the goods. The story is that a prominent bank of this province, whose assets are about forty-six millions, all of Ontario people's money, was induced by the Montreal bank—one of assets of nearly two hundred millions—to put a resolution through the meeting of the directors early this week sanctioning a consolidation with the Montreal concern. The terms are said to have been fine, a bonus in stock, and therefore, one that would commend itself to the shareholders. It would be like cutting a melon, just as in a former consolidation of this kind. Everything seemed lovely for the shareholders of both concerns and also advantageous to the directors and the others who were to help consummate the deal. The special press megaphone service that officiates in such cases was engaged to prepare the treacle for the press announcements.

But something happened in the case that we are now speaking about. A gentleman who is more or less interested, and