

AUSTRIANS LOSING HEART OVER DEFEATS

CAPTAIN FRYATT DELIBERATELY KILLED, SAYS HUN PAPER, TO ANTAGONIZE BRITAIN

During the Last Two Months Russians Have Taken 358,000 Prisoners

CANADIAN ARCTIC EXPEDITION HAS FOUND ANOTHER GREENLAND

Explorer Stefansson Traced Two Hundred Miles of its Shore Line, and High Mountains are Noted Upon the Country--Six Members of Party Have Returned to Nome

By Special Wire to the Courier. Nome, Alaska, Aug. 16.—Six members of the Canadian Arctic Expedition under Vilhjalmur Stefansson, who arrived here yesterday on the power schooner Alaska to-day related their experiences in the Polar regions during the last three years. They said Stefansson, who remained in the Arctic to continue his work exploring newly discovered land north of Prince Patrick Land, probably would not return to civilization during the present season.

Reached Coronation Gulf Most of the scientific work of the expedition has been carried on by this branch party. The first winter after leaving Nome, the party spent at Manning Point, near Camden Bay, after having failed to find a passage through the heavy ice to the eastward. The following spring Dr. Anderson proceeded to the east and reached Coronation Gulf during the summer of 1914. Quarters which were established in Bernard Harbour became the base for the expedition's work. The summer and winter of 1915 were spent in scientific labors around Coronation Gulf.

In Little Known Section Most of the time since the spring of 1914, the party has been in quarters at Bernard Harbour on Coronation Gulf, east of the Mackenzie River, one of the least known sections of the habitable earth. The last member of the party to see Stefansson was the photographer, Wilkins, who was one of those who departed from the ill-fated Karuk shortly before that vessel was carried away in the grip of the

CHRISTIANITY'S GOD NOT ONLY DEITY OF HUNS

Thor and His Hammer Symbolizes German Heroes, Says Prussian Writer.

GREAT FINAL BLOW COMING. Germany Waiting for the Stroke That Will Shake the Rock of Britain.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Aug. 16.—Prominence is given in Der Tag of Berlin to a long article on Thor's Hammer by Dr. Reinke, member of the upper house of the Prussian diet. Dr. Reinke opens his article by recalling the fact that the hearts of millions of Germans were lifted to the God of Christians at the commencement of the third year of the war with a profound feeling of gratitude for the immeasurably great things we achieved during two years of bitter struggle in this defensive war forced on us.

Thor and His Hammer. "Thor and his hammer," Dr. Reinke asserts, "symbolize the German hero to the present day and it is the blows of Thor's hammer that are wielded by German soldiers on the fronts of the present battlefield. One great blow of this hammer is still needed in the west before the peace that Germany wants reveals its face."

Great Blow is Promised. Dr. Reinke observes that the chancellor expressly declared he holds this in reserve and he refers the chancellor to a state of constant fear and anxiety. "Thor's hammer must be swung with such strength and vigor that the blow will cut ruthlessly through all the forces and all the instruments of war at our disposal."

Slight Decrease in Awful Plague. Number of Deaths and New Cases Not so High.

New York, Aug. 16.—A slight decrease in deaths and new cases in the epidemic of infantile paralysis was noticed to-day in the Health Department's bulletin on the progress of the scourge. During the 24 hours preceding 10 a.m., the plague killed 34 children in the five boroughs of New York City. One hundred and thirteen were stricken. This compares with yesterday's figures of 39 deaths and 163 new cases.

Beginning to Take Action. Bucharest, via London, Aug. 16.—The Epoca announces that Germany has offered territorial compensation to Rumania at the expense of Austria in return for Rumanian neutrality in the war.

Members of St. John's Presbyterian church at Vancouver, turned out in large numbers to attend the funeral of their pastor, Rev. W. H. Smith, B.D., Ph.D.

Stores and Men Taken

By Special Wire to the Courier. Petrograd, via London, Aug. 16.—Between June 4 when the Russian offensive was inaugurated, and Aug. 12, General Brussiloff's forces captured more than 358,000 men, the War Office announced to-day. Great numbers of guns also were captured, says the following figures. Officers captured, 7,757; men, 350,845; cannon, 405; machine guns, 1,326; mine and bomb throwers, 338; powder carts, 292.

The Russians have captured a series of heights to the west of Vorokhta and Ardzeny, in the Carpathians. In the Vorokhta and Delatyn regions the Austrians are retreating to the west.

Huge New Loan to Great Britain

250 Million Dollar Loan Announced by J. P. Morgan and Co. By Special Wire to the Courier. New York, Aug. 16.—Formal announcement was made to-day by J. P. Morgan and Company, as syndicate managers, of the new loan to Great Britain, aggregating \$250,000,000, to run for two years at five per cent. interest. Associates with Morgan and Company are several of the leading banks, trust companies and banking houses of this city, Boston, Pittsburg and Chicago.

ITALIANS AGAIN MAKE GAINS EAST AND SOUTHEAST OF GORIZ.

Austrian Trenches on Northern Edge of Carso Plateau Taken, Also in Neighborhood of San Marco—Heavy Shelling on West Front

By Special Wire to the Courier. Rome, Aug. 16.—Further advances for the Italians in their campaign against the Austrians east and southeast of Gorizia were announced to-day by the war office. Austrian trenches along the slopes of Monte Peccina, on the northern edge of the Carso plateau, and in the neighborhood of San Caterina and San Marco, east of Gorizia, have been taken, the announcement states.

GERMANY STEPS IN. Bulletin, Paris, Aug. 16.—5.10 p.m.—It is reported that Germany is taking over the defenses of Trieste, sending troops, especially organized for that purpose, says a despatch to The Temps from Milan. The official statement follows: "On the Carso and in the hilly area east of Gorizia, heavy artillery and trench mortars are active. Our infantry succeeded in capturing enemy trenches along the slopes of Monte Peccina, on the northern edge of the Carso plateau, in the neighborhood of San Caterina and San Marco, east of Gorizia. We took 353 prisoners, including eleven officers."

Activity at Verdun. Paris, Aug. 16, noon.—A violent bombardment was carried on last night on the Verdun front, at Thiaucourt, Fleury, Vaux and Chapitte, east of the Meuse. Along the greater part of the front the night passed quietly, the official report issued to-day says: "The text of the statement follows: 'The night was calm on the greater part of the front. In the Champagne in the region of Triaire, and in the Argonne towards Harzeze, we dispersed some German patrols. 'On the Verdun front there was a fairly lively bombardment in the last night, Fleury and Vaux-Chapitte sectors. 'Aviation: Last night enemy aeroplanes dropped some bombs on Belfort. There were no victims.'"

RESISTING POWER OF AUSTRIANS BROKEN; THEIR SPIRITS FLAG, RUSSIANS NEVER STOP DRIVING

Captured German Officers Admit That Talk of Peace is Prevalent--Austria's Fighting Power is Gone, and Lemberg Soon to Fall

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Aug. 16.—(New York Times cable)—The correspondent of the Daily Mail with the Russian army on the Russian front, under date of August 14, sends the following: "The brilliantly rapid movement of Leitchsky's troops northward toward Lemberg causes the greatest rejoicing throughout the Russian army. This fresh blow, inflicted on the Austrians has sensibly reduced their power of resistance, and there is abundant proof that the spirit of their army before Verdun, which threatens them, they will not be in condition to make any determined stand, and Galicia will again be over-run by the Russian troops. In Hungary the difficulty will become more serious."

Keep Reverses From Them. "At the same time the Russians have taught the Germans a severe lesson by handling the troops sent to stiffen the Austrians in a manner so rough that they were glad to surrender in thousands. Nearly all the prisoners were found to be still in complete ignorance of the character of Brussiloff's drive, and of the failure of their army before Verdun. They say when these facts are generally known, all hope of victory will die away."

Longing for Peace. "Many prisoner officers say terms of peace have already been much discussed among them. Their view is that falling in any great success for her arms, Germany will make peace in the spring by giving back all the occupied territory and possibly paying an indemnity. When told the allies would never agree to such a peace, they express great surprise. They admit, however, that the whole energy of Prussianism would in such a vent be directed to preparing another war."

Another Lull on the Western Front; Drive Will be Soon Renewed

British Already Have Almost Surrounded Thiepval and the Leipzig Redoubt—French Advance at Verdun Shows Wonderful Quality of Troops.

By Special Wire to the Courier. New York, Aug. 15.—A London cable to The Tribune says: "Sharp thrusts which won ground both for the British and the French on the west front Monday night have been succeeded by another lull, broken only by the incessant artillery combat. While the Germans insist that the allied offensive is spent, military circles here declare that the way is being cleared for a greater blow yet. 'The earthquake of which the German seismographs gave insufficient warning,' as the French describe it, 'is still rumbling.'"

Airship Raid on Trieste. French and Italians Went Together and Attacked Munition Plants. By Special Wire to the Courier. Rome, Aug. 16, via Paris.—A squadron of French and Italian aeroplanes made a raid near Trieste to-day, and is reported to have inflicted extensive damage. A French airship was lost. "A squadron of Italian hydroplanes, together with French hydroplanes and aeroplanes, this morning bombarded the munitions factories and hangar at Muggia, near Trieste, causing numerous destructive fires," says an official statement issued to-night. "The French lost one aeroplane while resisting the efforts of the enemy. Otherwise the entire Franco-Italian squadron returned safely to its base."

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