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BRITISH ESTABLISH POSITIONS ACROSS RIVER IN FLANDERS

Desperate Fighting Improves Positions on Right Bank of Steenbeek --- Eleven German Machines Are Downed in Aerial Combats --- Enemy's Counter-Attacks at Westhoek Fail.

London, Aug. 14.—The British troops in Flanders today improved their position on the right bank of the River Steenbeek, northeast of Ypres, and captured some prisoners. The official statement from British headquarters in France tonight tells of the repulse of several strong raids by the Germans between Ypres and Arras.

Early this morning the enemy attacked our line east of Westhoek, but met heavy artillery and rifle fire and was repulsed. He succeeded only in driving back one or two of our advanced posts a few yards.

During the day we again improved our positions on the right bank of the Steenbeek. The enemy captured several prisoners. Last night the enemy twice endeavored to raid our positions east of Laventie.

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FRENCH AIRMEN FIGHT WITH FOE'S INFANTRY

Powerful Squadrons of Airplanes Brilliantly Second Ally's Foot Soldiers in Counter-Attacks Near St. Quentin.

London, Aug. 14.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—Reuter's correspondent at French army headquarters telegraphs: A remarkable instance of the facility with which fighting airplanes transform themselves into weapons of assault against infantry is furnished by the 14-hour battle of August tenth and eleventh in the trenches northwest of St. Quentin.

LIBERALS DEMANDING FORECLOSURE ON C.N.R.

Graham's Amendment Seeks to Cut Off Compensation for Stock --- White, Announcing Sir William Meredith's Appointment as Arbitrator, Criticizes Drayton-Acworth Report.

Ottawa, Aug. 14.—The Liberals have finally agreed upon a policy in respect to the Canadian Northern Railway situation. It was crystallized in an amendment offered by Hon. George Graham in the house of commons this afternoon upon the second reading of the bill.

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WARM TRIBUTE PAID TO MEN OF DOMINIONS

Hon. Walter Long Publicly Acclaims Worth of Overseas Troops.

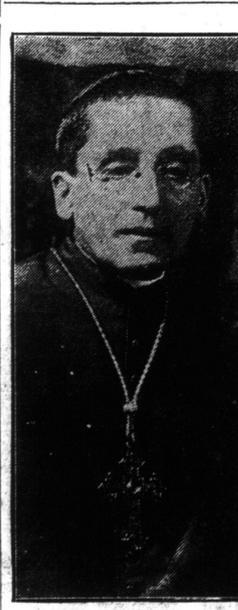
MAKE BIG SACRIFICES Overseas Parts of Empire Bear Extremely Heavy War Burdens.

London, Aug. 14.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—In the house of commons today, during discussion of the colonial office vote, Right Hon. Walter Long, secretary of state for the colonies, paid a warm tribute to the overseas armies of the British Dominions.

Mr. Long said that the fine part played by the dominions and crown colonies in the war required no special description. The part which the dominions' troops had taken was well known to the world, and especially to our enemies.

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PEACE MOVE IN INTERESTS OF ENEMY, BRITAIN'S VIEW



Vatican's Proposals, Including Policy of No Annexations, Limited Indemnities and Return of German Colonies, Acceptable to Central Powers---Britain Counts on United States to Retain Unbending Attitude.

ROME, Aug. 14.—The peace proposals made by Pope Benedict and delivered to all the belligerent governments will be published here on Thursday. The Pope's peace appeal proposes that there be no annexations and no indemnities except in special cases, such as Belgium and Serbia, the return to Germany of her colonies in exchange for the occupied departments of France, freedom of the seas, disarmament, and the formation of a supreme court of arbitration for the settlement of future international disputes.

The Pope suggests restoration of Belgium, Serbia and Rumania, and peaceful solution of the problems of Alsace-Lorraine, Trent, Trieste and Poland, according to reports received from Vatican sources.

BRITISH PUBLIC SURPRISED.

London, Aug. 14.—The peace pronouncement of Pope Benedict was an entire surprise to the British public. Whether or not it was a surprise to the government cannot be learned.

The proposal embodies what has been well known here for some time as the terms the central powers would have been glad to offer and relieved to have accepted, being virtually the restoration of before-the-war conditions with a commission to the diplomats to thresh out the questions which have been on the border line.

British pacifists undoubtedly will favor the acceptance of any offer to go into a peace conference, but a great majority of the people do not look askance at a proposal which they think is issued distinctly in the interests of the enemy powers.

The American position in this war has, perhaps, been made clearer than that of any of the other belligerents. The informant of the Associated Press: "From the American point of view any status quo peace is obviously impossible."

Look Confidently to U. S.

The suggestion for the return of the German colonies is one which we will leave with perfect confidence to the judgment of the American people. It is unthinkable that hapless natives should be returned to a power which

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U.S. CANNOT NEGOTIATE ON TERMS SUGGESTED

Washington Not Taken By Surprise, But, While Vatican's Good Faith is Unquestioned, Feeling is That Germany is Behind Peace Move.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Pope Benedict's proposals for a peace conference by the United States nor by any of the entente allies.

The possibility of a peace move discussed with British Foreign Minister Balfour and Vice-Premier Vivian when the British and French official missions were in Washington, and it was agreed that all the allies, including the United States, should refuse to discuss peace terms while Germany occupied the territories she had taken by force, and thereby avoid what the allied statesmen considered a German trap.

Now, the pontiff's proposal presents the question in a somewhat different light, difficult perhaps to meet because it offers to a war weary world, a hope for peace.

Germany and her allies are expected promptly to accept the Pope's proposals.

Calls for Reply. American officials acknowledge that the Vatican's offer is of a nature calling for a reply. Diplomats of the entente circle voice nothing but a unanimous opinion that it will be rejected.

An unofficial outline of the Pope's communication was received here this morning. Members of the president's cabinet said it had not been discussed at this afternoon's meeting, but some of the president's official family gave signs of the difficulty which it has presented.

Wilson's Expressed Views. When the new Russian government was overthrown, the president, in a message to the Russian people, declared: "Of course the imperial German government and those whom it is using for their own undoing are seeking to obtain pledges that the war will end in the restoration of the status quo ante. It was the status quo ante out of which this iniquitous war issued forth; the power of the imperial German government within the empire and its widespread

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ROMANIAN OFFENSIVE FROM OCNA CONTINUES

Allies Smash Germans in Moldavian Battle---Russians Check Enemy in Fokshani Region, Repulsing Von Mackensen's Attacks.

Petrograd, Aug. 14.—(British Admiralty wireless press.)—The Rumanian offensive in western Moldavia continues successfully, according to the official report from the war office today, and the Russo-Germans have been driven from the heights southeast of Grozsetchi. All the enemy's efforts in the Fokshani region have been repulsed by the Russian and Rumanian forces.

The Rumanian front: There were fusillades and scouting operations. "Rumanian front: Through Monday there were stubborn battles in the Oena-Grozsetchi region. The Rumanian troops continued their counter-offensive, begun on Sunday, and towards evening occupied the village of Slanic, and dislodged the enemy from the heights about six versts southwest of Grozsetchi. The offensive is developing.

Deadlock at Fokshani. "In the direction of Fokshani, after strong artillery preparation, the enemy made several attacks in the direction of Marasochi, and from the direction of Doaga. All the attacks were repulsed by the Russo-Rumanian troops. Enemy efforts to attack our positions in the region of Maaaimeni were frustrated by our fire.

Caucasus front: A Russian scouting party of forty men, in a daring sally, attacked a Turkish barrier guard in the region of Tirebell, captured some prisoners. The remainder of the front is quiet.

Our ships in the Black Sea, in the region of Slope, destroyed two large Turkish barges loaded with benzine and twenty-two loaded feluccas. "German airplanes dropped bombs on the railway stations at Molodetschno and Siniavkava."

Great Rumanian Victory. A belated Rumanian official telegram dated last Saturday and received today describes the battle on the Putna in the region of Marasochi, August 6, as the greatest in the entire campaign. Nine German, Austro-Hungarian and Italian units had been engaged in the desperate enemy mass attacks during four days and nights, aided by numerous pieces of heavy artillery, were shattered before the line, which was fiercely defended by the Russo-Rumanian troops, who, in hand-to-hand combats and energetic counter-attacks, inflicted enormous losses on the enemy.

For at Standstill. A German official statement today said: "Eastern theatre—Prince Leopold's front—There have been no large fighting engagements. "Archduke Joseph's front—South of the Proutse sector, the enemy, by a strong counter-attack, contested our gain of ground south of the Ottava valley. The attack was repulsed.

Field Marshal von Mackensen's group near Fandru there has been fresh fighting in which the enemy, in fruitless attacks, suffered the heaviest losses. Between the Suchitza and the Putna valleys our troops have pressed back the enemy into the mountains, despite stubborn resistance. Forward engagements along the lower Sereth went in our favor and some prisoners and booty were captured. In the region of the mouth of the Danube the firing activity has been revived.

Macedonian front—There is nothing to report."

CROSSING TRAGEDY WAS PREVENTABLE

Bowmanville Jury Declares Train Brakeman Could Have Averted Accident.

Eleven Deaths at Spot Attention of Railway Commission Drawn to Necessity for Protection There.

By a Staff Reporter. Bowmanville, Aug. 14.—At 12.30 this morning the jury under Coroner Dr. S. Tilley, Bowmanville, brought in its finding as to the cause of death of the five victims of the level crossing tragedy who met death here on a G.T.R. crossing Saturday afternoon last. The jury found that Mrs. Frank Walker, 26 Duchessa street, Toronto, and Norman Fletcher, James Connolly, James Normyle, and William Johnston, all of Bowmanville, died by being struck by a G.T.R. passenger train at Bowmanville.

The jury further advised that the coroner drew the attention of the Dominion Railway Commission to the "inability of placing signs or other protection at the crossing, which was also death having already occurred at that place."

The inquiry, which was resumed at 10 o'clock last evening in the town hall, was attended by a large body of citizens. Those conducting the inquiry were A. J. Armstrong, M.P. of Colborne, Acting County Councillor, G. A. Conant, mayor of Bowmanville, and J. P. Pratt, of the Bowmanville branch of the G.T.R.

At the crossing there were four tracks, north and south side tracks and the two main lines between. The freight train was traveling in a westerly direction, had entered the crossing, which was also traveling west. The automobile carrying the six people had approached from

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BIG ITALIAN AIR RAID IN REGION OF TOLMINO

Numerous Batteries Co-operate in Bombarding Austrian Carso Defences.

Rome, Aug. 14.—"There was slight activity on the whole front yesterday," says today's official statement issued by the Italian war office today. "An enemy attack on our positions on the Vodice failed, owing to our fire."

"In a combined attack numerous batteries and a large aerial squadron yesterday afternoon bombarded the enemy's military works at Modrea and Modreva, south of Tolmino, damaging them severely and setting some of the establishments on fire."

DINEEN'S FOR SUMMER THINGS. All the summer hats, straws and panamas, selling at half-price. The Dineen exclusive lines, nowhere else available. It is drawing towards the last call for summer hats and the Dineen prices indicate the approach of the demand for fall goods.

Motor dusts and motor caps. These are an especial feature in the Dineen stock. Dineen's, 140 Yonge Street.

HUGHES AGAIN RAISES BRUCE REPORT ISSUE

Sir Sam Says Army Medical Service Must be Reorganized

Ottawa, Aug. 14.—Sir Sam Hughes asked in the house today what changes had been made in the Canadian army medical service as a consequence of the Bruce report. He said he believed some changes were urgently needed, and perhaps had already been made. He hoped the government would make an announcement on the subject at an early day, otherwise he would ask for an inquiry.

The prime minister replied that the announcement would probably be made by the government in the near future.

No Peace Proposals Brought Before Canadian Government

Ottawa, Aug. 14.—In the house of commons today Hon. Charles Murphy asked if any peace proposals had been brought to the attention of the government. He received a negative reply from the minister.

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