

OVER 800,000 DEATHS IN RUMANIA AS RESULT OF WAR

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ALLIED SUCCESSSES ARE DRIVING HUNS TO SEEK NEW POSITIONS

CZECHO-SLOVAKS CAPTURE TOWN OF IRKUTSK

WAR, FAMINE AND DISEASE HAVE CAUSED THE DEATHS OF OVER 800,000 RUMANIANS

Heroic Little Country Has Suffered Higher Percentage of Mortality Than Any Other in the Conflict—One-Eleventh of Population Has Died.

Paris, Aug. 16.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Rumania's toll of deaths since her entrance into the war in August, 1916, has been more than 800,000 persons, or about 11 per cent. of the total population. This probably is a higher percentage of mortality than in any other country of like size.

War, famine, disease and starvation claimed the largest number of victims,

while a considerable portion of deaths were those of prisoners of war who died in the prison camps in Bulgaria, Turkey, Austria and Germany. In Bulgaria more than 20,000 Rumanian prisoners of war, including officers and soldiers, were deliberately put to death. These facts have been brought to Paris by Col. R. Rossetti of the Rumanian army, who has made a study of the subject.

AIR FIGHTING IN PAST WEEK MOST VIOLENT OF THE WAR

Allied Aviators Account for 339 Hun Planes in Six Days.

London, Aug. 17.—Measured by the number of machines engaged the intensity of the fighting and the magnitude of the losses inflicted on the enemy, the fighting in the air during the past week was the most formidable of the war.

Some of the most severe conflicts occurred on August 11, in the sector between Albert and the Amiens-Roye road, where the German air forces were increased considerably shortly after the opening of the allied offensive. The air fighting resulted in the destruction of 48 enemy machines while 133 German machines were driven down out of control. Fifty British machines did not return.

During the six succeeding days 185 enemy airplanes were destroyed and 89 driven down out of control, making a total of 339 German machines for the week, compared to 123 British airplanes missing.

In the same period British bombing squadrons continually attacked enemy airdromes, railways and other military objectives, dropping more than 250 tons of bombs and causing great damage. Low flying scout machines raked the enemy's congested roads of retreat with machine gun fire, inflicting many casualties.

A notable feature of the air operations was the virtually continuous night and day bombardment of the enemy bridges over the Somme. This greatly hampered the supply and reinforcement of the German troops. The week's work also included a number of destructive raids into Germany.

**U. S. ALIEN PROPERTY
CUSTODIAN TAKES OVER
A \$7,000,000 ESTATE**

New York, Aug. 17.—The estate of Gottfried Kreuger of Newark, N. J., valued at several million dollars, was taken over today by the alien property custodian. An announcement at the custodian's office here said that although Mr. Kreuger is an American citizen, he is claimed as an enemy because of his residence in Germany.

THE WEATHER
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 82; lowest, 53.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 72; lowest, 56.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL.
Toronto, Aug. 17.—8 a.m.
Forecast:
Light to moderate northeast to east winds; fair today and Sunday, with about the same temperature.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria..... 61. 52. Fair.
Calgary..... 82. 46. Fair.
Winnipeg..... 69. 50. Fair.
Port Arthur..... 68. 54. Fair.
Perry Sound..... 50. 52. Fair.
Port Stanley..... 80. 54. Clear.
Buffalo..... 74. 55. Clear.
Toronto..... 75. 53. Fair.
Kingston..... 72. 50. Fair.
Ottawa..... 68. 48. Clear.
Montreal..... 65. 48. Clear.
Quebec..... 62. 49. Fair.
Father Point..... 56. 44. Cloudy.

Weather Notes.
Showers are occurring locally in the West; otherwise the weather in Canada is fine.

CZECHO-SLOVAKS HAVE CAPTURED AN IMPORTANT TOWN

Irkutsk, on the Trans-Siberian Railway Taken by Joint Army.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Capture of Irkutsk, the important Lake Baikal port of the trans-Siberian Railroad, by the Czechoslovaks, aided by the Siberian people's army, on July 7 is announced in a belated dispatch from American Consul Harris at Irkutsk, dated July 22, and received today at the state department.

SUB SINKS OLD FRENCH CRUISER

War Vessel Was Being Used To Protect Atlantic Traffic.

Paris, Aug. 17.—The old French cruiser, Dupetit Thouars, has been sunk by a German submarine. It is officially announced today. Thirteen of the crew are missing. American destroyers rescued the remainder.

"One of our old cruisers, the Dupetit Thouars, which was participating with the American navy in the protection of navigation of the Atlantic Ocean, has been sunk by a German submarine. American destroyers rescued the crew, of which thirteen are missing."

GERMANS OPPOSE INTERVENTION IN AID OF BOLSHIEVIK

Berlin Newspapers Strongly Opposed to Proposed Plans.

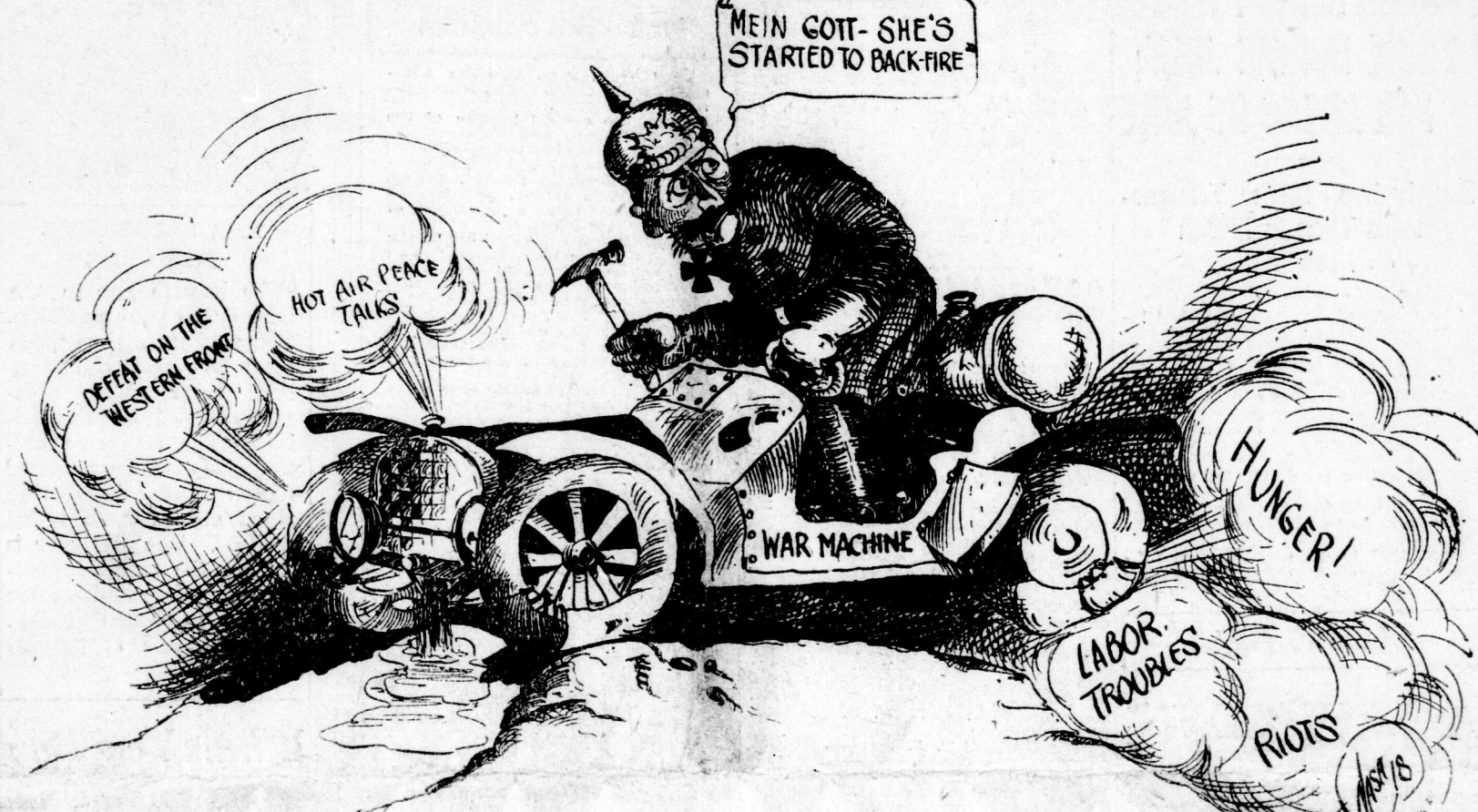
Stockholm, Aug. 18.—German intervention in Russia to assist the Bolsheviki Government is strongly opposed by the German press of Berlin, which is in close touch with Chancellor von Hertling.

Berlin newspapers of all shades of opinion, including the Tagesblatt and the Vorwaerts, express themselves as opposing intervention in favor of the Bolsheviki.

PRINCE ARTHUR TO VISIT AT MONTREAL

Montreal, Aug. 17.—Word was received here that Prince Arthur of Connaught would pay a brief visit to Montreal informally. His royal highness will arrive here on Wednesday evening from Ottawa, and will stay over Thursday. The only function held to mark his visit will be a dinner at a private house on Dorchester street on Wednesday evening, with golf to follow on Thursday. The prince will stay at the Ritz-Carlton.

"WILHELM'S 1914 MODEL NEEDS OVERHAULING"



OVER 3,000,000 IN U. S. ARMY

Nearly Half of This Number Overseas Or On the Way.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 17.—Gen. March, at his conference today with the Senate military committee, told the senators that the American army now under arms numbers slightly more than 3,000,000 men, with 1,450,000 men in France or on the way, and approximately 1,550,000 in cantonments at home.

Senators also were informed that the Russian situation is very bad because of the general complexity of affairs there. They were given to understand that there was not much chance of establishing a real offensive on the eastern front because of the great number of men that would be required.

KAISER SANCTIONS PRINCE'S EXPULSION

Washington, D. C., Aug. 17.—The German emperor has given his sanction to the decision of the Prussian House of Lords in voting to expel Prince Lichnowsky, the German ambassador to England at the outbreak of the war, who in a series of memoranda has declared that the war cannot be laid at the doors of Great Britain, France or Russia, but was the direct outgrowth of carefully-laid plans of the German military-ruling class, according to a dispatch received here today. The former ambassador, by a decision, loses his seat in the Prussian House. He is now reported to be living in Switzerland.

ARRANGE FOR TRANSFER OF MOSCOW BANKS

Stockholm, Aug. 17.—The Finnish News Bureau at Helsinki says it has received a report from Petrograd that measures have been taken for the speedy transference of the state bank and other state departments from Moscow. Private freight and passenger traffic on the railways has been suspended.

ATTEMPTED TO KILL URUGUAY'S PRESIDENT

Montevideo, Uruguay, Aug. 17.—An attempt was made to assassinate President Viera of Uruguay on Tuesday afternoon during rioting growing out of the recent general strike. The president, it says, was standing on a balcony when fired at, and the bullet missed him by a narrow margin.

CANADIANS OPERATING TANKS OVERWHELMED HUN FORCES

Soldiers From the Dominion Swept Through German Lines, Breaking Down All Opposites.

[By J. F. B. Livesey, Canadian Press Correspondent.]
With the Canadian Forces, Aug. 16.—All tanks of the Canadian force freely admit the great part played in the victory by the imperial tanks operating under the command of the Canadian forces. The tanks are an imperial force, exactly as the Royal Flying Corps, and in both are many Canadian enlisted men. In this battle the tanks went ahead of our infantry, clearing the way, leading out roads through entanglements, overwhelming the enemy trench system, breaking up machine gun nests and even coming to grips with concealed enemy batteries. Here, too, are the humors of war that alone make it endurable. One tank was starting on Thursday at the limit of its objective.

RUSSIA DENIES THAT DIPLOMATS ARE DETAINED

Government Claims It Is Awaiting a Reply From Germany.

London, Aug. 17.—Statements that Entente diplomatic and consular agents have not received authorization to leave Russia are denied in a Russian wireless message received here. The Russian Government, it is added, is awaiting a reply from Germany to the request that safe conduct be given agents wishing to leave Russia by way of Petrograd and Stockholm.

ARCHDUKE KARL STEPHEN TO BE POLAND'S KING

The Hague, Aug. 17.—Germany has approved the suggestion made by Austria that an Austrian archduke be made king of Poland, the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin says. It understands Archduke Karl Stephen, it says, probably will be named.

KAZAN REPORTED SURROUNDED BY SOVIET FORCES

Bolshevik Troops Claim Important Successes in the Volga Region.

Amsterdam, Aug. 17.—Kazan, an important city in the Volga region, has been surrounded and is being bombarded by Soviet troops, according to a telegram from Moscow received by way of Berlin. The telegram states that a number of English and French have been placed under arrest at Volozha. Civilians between the ages of 18 and 40 are being mobilized by the Soviets for the construction of trenches.

U. S. AVIATOR KILLED IN UNEVEN COMBAT WITH HUN MACHINES

Paris, Aug. 17.—Sergeant William McKerness of Wallingford, Conn., attached to the Lafayette escadrille, was killed in a fight with eight enemy airplanes on Thursday, according to the Paris edition of the Chicago Tribune. The sergeant was flying with a French pilot and their machine was accompanied by two French airplanes. Eight German machines appeared and the French airplanes boldly attacked them. They kept up the unequal fight until the machine in which McKerness was flying crashed to the ground in flames. The bodies of McKerness and the French pilot were picked up within the French lines.

GERMANS SEIZE RUSSIAN PORT OF KRONSTADT

Former Great Fortress Reported To Be in Hands of the Huns.

[By J. F. B. Livesey, Canadian Press Correspondent.]
"Why the devil don't you go on! You are badly needed ahead!" cried an excited staff officer as he galloped up. "No petrol and no paper, sir," was the reply.

"What on earth do you need paper for?" queried the officer.
"We have run right through our map, and a gallant and resourceful lot they are. Most of them fought with us at Vimy, and they are our tried comrades."

"We will go anywhere with the Canadians. Such a show as you put on has never been seen in this war," said one of them.

GERMANY'S GREATEST FLYERS ARE MISSING

Thirteen of Kaiser's Aviators Unaccounted For Since July 1.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Thirteen of Germany's leading aviators have been listed as missing in action since July 1, according to an official dispatch from France, received here today. The aviators who have been thus listed, and the number of Allied machines which they were credited with bringing down are:

Leo Wenhardt, 53; Menshikov, 33; Donagars and Tucker, 33 each; Bulik, 31; Wuesthoff, 25; von Turckoch, 27; Kirostainer, 27; Puettner, 25; Winisch, Fredericks and Pippardt, 21 each, and Richardt, 20.

The German high command, while sparing of planes, the dispatch says, has been prodigal in the exposure of pilots.

GERMANS SELLING MANY BEAUTIFUL FRENCH CHATEAUX

Geneva, Switzerland, Aug. 17.—Under forced conditions and at nominal prices the Germans are selling many beautiful French chateaux and homes in Alsace. Prince William of Hohenzollern has just bought the chateau of Baron de Bussiere near Mulhausen.

The German crown prince already has bought two places at ridiculously low prices, and is said to be negotiating for another.

ALLIED PRESSURE FORCING GERMANS BACK TO THE NEW HINDENBURG LINE

Foch's Forces Continue Their Steady Progress In Picardy—Enemy Is Preparing To Evacuate Lassigny-Noyon-Roye Salient.

Paris, Aug. 17.—The Germans are preparing to evacuate the Roye-Lassigny-Noyon salient, says the Echo de Paris. It is indicated, the paper adds, that German pioneers and laborers are at work behind the German front lines on a new Hindenburg line.

The German position in Roye is serious. Not only are the Allies a mile and one-quarter west of the town, but the roads leading out of it toward Peronne, Nesle and Noyon are under the fire of Allied guns.

FRENCH REACH OUTSKIRTS OF LOGES WOOD SOUTH OF ROYE

Paris, Aug. 17.—In the region south of Roye, French troops have made further progress in the Loges Wood, and have reached the outskirts of the wood on the east, says the official statement from the war office today. There was heavy artillery fighting west of Roye during the night.

Northwest of Ribecourt the French have repulsed two strong German attacks. The enemy efforts were directed against the Monolithe and Carnoy farms. A German raid northwest of Rheims failed. The statement reads:

"In the region west of Roye there was heavy artillery activity during the night."

"South of the Avre, French troops continued to make progress in the Bois-des-Loges, and reached the eastern outskirts of the wood."

"Between the Matz and the Oise we repulsed two heavy enemy attacks against Monolithe and Carnoy farms and maintained our positions."

"Northwest of Rheims an enemy raid near La Neuville was without results."

BRITISH TROOPS GAINED FURTHER GROUND NEAR VIEUX BERQUIN

London, Aug. 17.—British troops have gained further ground in the neighborhood of Vieux Berquin, at the apex of the Lys salient, says the official statement from Field Marshal Haig today. In Picardy, British troops have made additional progress, says Field Marshal Haig in his official statement today. The British lines have been pushed eastward north of the Amiens-Roye road and north of the Ancre.

The text of the statement reads:
"The pressure of our troops north of the Roye road and north of the Ancre continued, and progress has been made by us in both sectors."

"In the neighborhood of Vieux Berquin our patrols had sharp fighting yesterday, and further encounters took place during last night. Our troops made progress in this sector and in the neighborhood of Merris and have taken prisoners."

"The hostile artillery has shown considerable activity about Mount Rouge and Scherpenberg and in the vicinity of Zillebeke Lake."

CANADIANS AND FRENCH ADVANCE ON 3 MILE FRONT WEST OF ROYE

PARIS, Aug. 16.—French and Canadian troops have made progress against the Germans over a front of more than three miles between Goyencourt and Laucourt, west of Roye, according to the French official communication, issued this evening.

The Loges Wood, five miles south of Roye, also has been penetrated deeply by the French.

SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS BY BRITISH

LONDON, Aug. 16.—The British Thursday evening repulsed a strong German counter-attack at Damery, and today, in co-operation with the French, made substantial progress in the direction of Fresnoy-les-Roye and Francart, according to the report of Field Marshal Haig's headquarters in France, issued tonight.

South of Albert, the British have advanced their line slightly in the region northeast of Morlancourt, according to the early official statement today.

Further to the north further progress has been made by the British, who have pushed their patrols eastward on the three-mile front between Neaucourt-sur-Ancre and Puisieux-au-Mont.