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Allied Gains Are Such As to Leave Germans Seriously Threatened

Associated Press Correspondent Describes New British Attack as Surpassing That of July 1st—Germans on the Somme Sector Seem Unable to Bring up Reinforcements and the Manner in Which Germans Freely Surrender in Fighting at Close Quarters is Emphasized by Allied Observers—British Gains Include Whole of Trones Wood and Leave Germans Seriously Threatened

LONDON, July 15.—Appropriately on the day of the French national fête whenever a Londoner in his buttonhole the tricolor ribbon in honor of his ally came the stirring news of the successful British attack on the German second line which opened before dawn and resulted in the carrying of a number of new positions. The Associated Press correspondent at the front describes the attack as surpassing that of July 1st as a great, spectacular and thrilling display of artillery power. A characteristic of the fighting through the Battle of the Somme was that the Germans appeared to be unable to bring up sufficient reserves to make successful counter-attacks. The second point which is emphasized by observers on the Allied side is that at fighting at close quarters the Germans have surrendered freely. Despatches from Sir Douglas Haig and from press correspondents show fighting has again been of the heaviest character. At one point the Germans by numerous counter-attacks succeeded in driving the British out of Bazentin-le-Petit. They were immediately driven out again by a British infantry attack and village remained firmly in British possession. The day's fighting resulted in a steady increase in British gains, leaving them in possession of the enemy's second position from Bazentin le Petit to Longueval, both inclusive, and the whole of Trones Wood. Prisoners now taken include 2 colonels and other superior officers. According to press correspondents fighting continuing hotly. Late to-day bitter fighting was proceeding in the afternoon in the Woods beyond Longueval and on high points of a ridge occupied by the British during the day. The British suffered comparatively small losses in day's fighting. The positions gained to-day leave the Germans seriously threatened at Posieres on the main road from Albert to Bapaume, while the possession of territory south of Longueval brings the British

Financial Conference

LONDON, July 14.—The Financial Conference between representatives of Britain, France, Russia and Italy, was held this morning at the Treasury Office.

SITUATION OF GERMAN ARMY IS CRITICAL

London Papers Points Out That the Comparative Ease With Which German Second Lines Were Taken is an Indication That the Heaviest Task Has Been Accomplished

LONDON, July 15.—The new British advance on the western front provides them for exultant comment in the morning papers. "Situation of German army is very critical," declares the Telegraph. The Daily News says: "The comparative ease with which the second lines have been forced lends countenance to the belief that they were not as strong as the first line, undoubtedly were. It may be that the worst and heaviest task was achieved with the carrying of the first lines, which the Germans are said to have held to as unshakable."

Intense Bombardment Along Belgian Front

PARIS, July 15.—Bombardments along the Belgian front has reached the point of greatest intensity, according to an official statement issued by the French War Office to-day.

NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT IS COVERED WITH GLORY.

(Special to The Mail and Advocate.)

QUEBEC, July 15.—Covered with glory our boys are lauded as the greatest heroes in the big drive. An item in the Canadian press to-day says:

"A General addressing our boys says, 'NEWFOUNDLANDERS I SALUTE YOU INDIVIDUALLY; YOU HAVE DONE BETTER THAN THE BEST.'"

British correspondents says that the Newfoundlanders bravery and daring will live forever.

Our casualties are reported at twenty-six. We are the heroes of the big drive.

DENIES GERMAN STATEMENT RE FOOD SUPPLIES

Foreign Office Issues Statement in Connection With Feeding Populations of Territories Captured by Germans—Will Hold Germany Accountable For Coming Harvest in Accordance With Their Professions

LONDON, July 15.—The Foreign Office has issued the following statement in regard to feeding the populations of territories which have been occupied by Germany. In the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung on July 5 the German Government publishes what purports to be an answer to the British Foreign Office statement concerning the victualling of Poland. The article says it is a conscious falsehood to say that in northern France only a small part of the harvest was left over for the French inhabitants and that the American Relief Committee knows to the contrary. In view of this assertion the Government must answer the question whether it or not true that the allowance made available by themselves for the French inhabitants of last year's harvest was 100 grammes flour per capita daily, or whether this did not mean that only 90,000 tons grain produced over the whole year whereas the normal amount produced in these provinces was about 700,000 tons. It may be doubted whether Germany will care to answer this question, but whether it does or not, we take note of this German statement and expect the coming harvest will really be reserved wholly for the French population in accordance with German professions.

ANOTHER BIG DRIVE MAY BE ATTEMPTED

Bombardment German Position: Belgian Front Has Reached Great Intensity—May Mean Another Big Forward Movement—May be Attempted on Extreme Western End of Battle Line

LONDON, July 15.—On the French position of the Somme front no action of importance was recorded but in the French official statement for Friday it was announced that the bombardment of the German position on the Belgian front had reached a point of greatest intensity. This announcement received additional significance as for more than a week the Belgians have reported the persistent and destructive bombardment directed against the German fortifications. These announcements were similar to those made by the British preceding the opening of their great offensive and may possibly indicate that another big forward movement by the Allies may be attempted at the extreme western end of the battle line.

GREEK KING HAS NARROW ESCAPE IN FOREST FIRE

Constantine Loses Summer Palace in Tatoi Wood Which Was Wiped Out by Fire—King Narrowly Escaped While Several Officers Were Caught in Flames and Perished

PARIS, July 14.—A wireless despatch from Athens to-day describes the destruction of the summer palace of King Constantine, and the burning of the forest of Tatoi, in which the king escaped in an automobile from a dangerous position, where he was fighting the foresters endeavoring to extinguish the fire, which had started in the woods. The motor in which the king approached the burning district was surrounded by flames. He leaped on foot through the danger zone, reached another automobile and got away safely. Many persons were caught by the flames and perished. Among them were several army officers. The forest, which was the largest in Greece, was entirely burned over. The total loss from the flames exceeds 40,000,000 francs.

SENDS NOTE TO ALL NEUTRAL GOVERNMENTS

British Foreign Office Explains Reason Which Permit an Abandonment of Declaration of London—Conditions Resulting from Present War Are Such as to Warrant Their Action

LONDON, July 15.—British Foreign Office has addressed a note to the neutral Governments to-day explaining the reasons which prompt the abandonment of declaration of London. The declaration is abrogated by an Order in Council published on July 8 similar decree was issued in Paris the same day. The present British note explains the Allies adopted the declaration of London at the beginning of war because in their anxiety to conform to international law they believed the declaration provided a suitable digest of principles and a compendium working of the rules. These rules, it then became clear that an attempt made in times of peace by the declaration of London to determine the principles of law in their application failed to produce satisfactory results. The Allied Governments, therefore were forced to recognize the situation thus created, and therefore declare they must confine themselves simply to applying the historic and admitted rules of law and nations.

AGITATION FOR SUB WARFARE IS AGAIN RENEWED

German People Think Modification of Attacks Was Contingent Upon Modification of British Blockade—Advocates of "Unrestricted Torpedo" Increasing—Newspapers Keep up Agitation With Unceasing Vigour

BERLIN, July 15, via London, July 15.—The campaign in favor of the resumption of a full-fledged submarine war on commerce goes energetically forward. It was expected that with the adjournment of the Reichstag and the dispersal of politicians to their homes for the summer this agitation by the Navy League, publicists, Conservatives and part of the National Liberals would pass the climax and gradually lose its intensity. On the contrary, reports from all sections of the country indicate that the agitation is continuing with undiminished vigor both above and below the surface. Not a day passes without articles in various newspapers to remind the people that according to the German note the modification of German submarine methods merely was temporary and contingent upon a modification of the British blockade.

LONDON, July 15.—For the first time since the summer German submarines have appeared in a land sea, according to a Stockholm despatch.

Only Action Reported Now on Verdun Front Are Assaults by French

Pope's Appeal Will Depend on Results of Allied Big Drive

NEW YORK, July 14.—A news agency despatch from Rome to-day says that Pope Benedict, it is reported in church circles here, is preparing the issue of a second appeal for peace on the occasion of the second anniversary of the beginning of the war, now only two weeks away. Issuance of the appeal depends upon the success of the Allies in their present offensive. If the Anglo-French forces, for example, have made a wide breach in the German lines, steadily pushing back the enemy as the anniversary draws near, His Holiness will regard the time as inopportune and will have little or nothing to say regarding peace.

British Success is Marked by Straightening Their Line in Conformity With the French—German Second Lines Less Strongly Fortified Than Their First Defences—A Significant Point in To-day's News is the Report That the French Only Are Active Round Verdun—German Official Reports of Fighting Here Make no Claim of Any German Offensive Action

LONDON, July 14.—British success is marked by the straightening of their line in conformity with the French who had hitherto advanced with much greater speed than their Allies. Unofficial statements say the German second line was much less strongly fortified than their first defences.

BRITISH STORM AND CAPTURE BIG HUN POSITIONS

Entire Village of Ovillers is in Hands of British Who Are Consolidating their Gains—German Counter Attacks Are Repulsed—Fierce Fighting Took Place in Trones Wood

LONDON, July 14.—A subsequent despatch from Reuter's correspondent says:—Later reports tend to confirm the first accounts of the success of the British attack this morning. The German second line was carried with small loss. The correspondent says the Germans surrendered freely. He reports that a regimental commander, his staff, three artillery officers, about 150 infantry officers and men, were brought into one camp by nine o'clock this morning. In addition to the villages already reported captured, the correspondent says, Bazentin le Petit has been taken by storm. Fighting is also proceeding against Ovillers, and virtually the entire village is in the hands of the British. Several German counter-attacks against the positions just won, were repulsed by the British, who are now consolidating their gains. British troops are in high spirits over their successes.

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Another point of significance in day's official war reports is, that the only action reported on the Verdun front were assaults made by the French. These assaults were noted in a German official report which made no claims to any German offensive actions.

Teutonic Offensive N.E. Korel Has Failed

PETROGRAD, July 15.—The Teutonic offensive near Stobychwa, north-east of Kovel, in an attempt to drive the Russians from the left bank of the Stokhod River has failed, according to a statement given out to-night by the War Office. Intensity in the fighting west of the Stripa has lessened.

Wood. Through the central part of the wood the Germans had dug elephant traps. The British advancing to the attack in last Saturday's fighting were suddenly precipitated through the foliage into deep pits. Both sides resorted to night to surprise attacks. There is heavy fighting for the possession of the forest."

LONDON, July 14.—Reuter's correspondent on the British front telegraphs that the British forces have captured Bazentin le Petit and most of the village of Ovillers.

(Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor and His Grace the Archbishop.)

The Annual Garden Party at Mount Cashel WILL TAKE PLACE ON Wednesday, July 26th.

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IRISH LEADER AGAIN REPLIES TO LANSDOWNE

Says he is Loath to Believe Lansdowne's Statement Represents Deliberate Decision of Cabinet—If it Does it Will Meet With Strong Opposition From Irish Party

LONDON, July 15.—John Redmond, Leader of the Irish Nationalists, to-day again took up his charge against the Marquis of Lansdowne in another statement in which he demands the prompt production of the new Irish Bill in order to settle all disputed points between himself and Lord Lansdowne. The Irish leader says with regard to the declaration of Lord Lansdowne that his speech is a policy of naked coercion in Ireland. "I am loath believe it represents the deliberate decision of the Cabinet," says Redmond, "but I repeat that such a policy can meet with nothing but repudiation, condemnation and opposition on the part of the Irish party."

LONDON, July 15.—British offensive was resumed to-day. The War Office announced that at one point the Germans were forced back to their third line positions. More than 2000 prisoners were taken.

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