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British Again Completely Repulse The German Troops In Flanders

Latest Official Statement Tells of Success—Canadians Accidentally Killed in England—Russians and Rumanians Fighting Vigorously in Moldavia and on Roumanian Front

London, Aug. 18—The German troops in Flanders were again completely repulsed by the British after sharp fighting, according to the British official statement issued early today.

CANADIANS KILLED

London, Aug. 18—Six Canadians were killed and twenty-three injured in the accidental explosion of a mine during a mimic war at the manoeuvres camp at Hampshire Thursday, according to the Daily Mail.

RUSSIANS AND ROUMANIANS

Petrograd, Aug. 17—British admiralty per wireless press—Austro-German attacks in Southwestern Moldavia, especially in the region of Fokshani, have been repulsed by the Russians and Roumanians. In the region of Ocna the Austro-Germans have made no gain says the official report issued today by the war office. The statement reads: "Western (Russian) front—Fusilades were more animated in the region of Jacobstadt and in the direction of Vilna.

"Roumanian front—In the direction of Ocna, since Thursday morning, the Austro-Germans have renewed their offensive. Their more energetic attacks were in the region of Slanic and in the neighborhood of the Factory at Stoklere and north and south of the last named point. The enemy succeeded in penetrating a portion of our trenches, but by counter attacks on the part of Roumanian reserves the position was restored. In the valley of the Suchitza, to the northeast of Soveia, the battle was waged during all of yesterday. At the end the Roumanians held their position after having beaten off a series of obstinate attacks.

"In the direction of Fokshani, during Wednesday night, the enemy undertook an offensive between Servestchi-Muntoheli and against Movilitza. Attacks between Servestchi and Muntcheli were repulsed. All attacks in the region of Movilitza were repulsed by the Roumanians. Certain of our units, exposed to strong artillery fire, retired slightly to the north, but Roumanian reserves moved forward, beat off several German attacks and restored the situation.

"Caucasus Front—There has been no change."

RAIDED ENEMY AIRDROMES

London, Aug. 17. (British official)—"We carried out last night a successful raid east of Vermelles. The enemy's support line was reached and many casualties were inflicted.

"There was great activity in the air yesterday although a strong west wind made fighting difficult. Our airplanes had greatly the better of the fighting and were able to carry out their task successfully in spite of the determined efforts on the part of the hostile aircraft to interfere with their work. Our activity commenced before dawn and continued uninterruptedly throughout the day.

"Hostile airdromes were cleared with machine gun fire from a height of a few score feet. A total of 9½ tons of bombs was dropped on the enemy's airdromes, railway stations and billets.

"Other machines directly assisted our infantry in their attacks harrassing the German infantry and gunners with machine gun fire. Our artillery fired directly upon concentrations of German troops. Fifteen hostile machines were brought down, eleven others were driven down out of control. One German observation balloon was also brought down aflame, eleven of our airplanes are missing."

Aid Raid Beaten Off

Paris, Aug. 18—An air raid alarm was sounded at three o'clock this morning. The sky was clear, and within a quarter of an hour the hum of defense airplanes could be heard as they circled over the city. At 4.05 bugles were sounded indicating the danger was over.

To Mark Long Service

London, Aug. 17—The Government purposes to give soldiers a distinctive mark for each six months of service. While the exact form of the mark has not been determined, it has been suggested that a sleeve chevron be used.

Bombs Aimed at Kaiser

Copenhagen, Aug. 17—Allied aviators recently dropped bombs on the bathing place of Homburg, while the German emperor was staying there, according to a traveler who has arrived here from Germany. The traveler, who was at Frankfort on the Main when it was attacked by French aeroplanes two weeks ago, says it was reported there that the same aviators had dropped the bombs on Homburg. One of the emperor's two headquarters is said to be in Homburg.

The traveler says that the first bomb dropped on Franfort, destroyed a number of houses.

The Berlin Report

Berlin, Aug. 17, Via London — The supplementary official statement issued by the German war office this evening, reads: "In Flanders and near Verdun only has there been artillery duels of varying intensity.

"At St. Quentin, houses in the immediate vicinity of the cathedral still are afire. The continual bombardment by the French is extending the seat of the fire.

"There is nothing special to report from the eastern front."

ELECTRIC STORM SWEEPS QUEBEC

Quebec, Aug. 18—Another electric storm swept over this city and district yesterday afternoon just as the people were recovering from the effect of Thursday night's terrific downpour. A barn at Ancienne Lorrete, ten miles from this city, was struck by lightning and destroyed, while the crops suffered badly.

In the Chaudiere valley the water, which had risen five feet this morning, remained at that level, and tonight the fears that there would be another inundation in the Beauce district were somewhat appeased.

ELEVEN DEATHS

Eleven deaths were reported to the Board of Health this week as follows: Phthisis, two; senility, suicide, drowned, diabetes, pneumonia, mycarditis, malnutrition, premature birth and Bright's disease, each one.

U. S. RESPONSE TO POPE'S PEACE NOTE

Wilson and Lansing Will Begin Important Series of Conferences Soon

Washington, Aug. 18—President Wilson and Secretary Lansing soon will begin a series of important conferences preliminary to the response to be made to Pope Benedict's peace message. Before the communication goes forward the views of the Entente governments on the subject will be ascertained. This necessarily will take some time owing to delays in transmitting messages by cable.

The Pontiff's peace note, the text of which reached the state department by cable from the London foreign office late Thursday, is now before the president. He will probably give it close study before taking up the subject with Secretary Lansing.

In official and diplomatic circles here Friday Premier Lloyd George's speech was regarded as voicing the views of the Allies as to any discussion of peace. His accounting of food supplies and the shipping situation as affected by the submarine warfare also was regarded as indication of Great Britain's safe position and strong attitude.

It was thought here that one of the objects of the premier's speech was to sound out public sentiment preliminary to the formal responses to be made to the Pope's note. It is likely that public men in other Allied countries will follow suit.

WILL MUZZLE SOAP BOX ORATORS IN NEW YORK

New York, Aug. 18.—More than 100 citizens of New York it was announced on Friday, had joined the newly-formed Vigilantes committee to wage a vigorous campaign against soap box orators whose utterances are considered improper. Organization of the committee was suggested following the arrest of Cleveland Moffett, the author, when he attempted to stop a street corner speaker whose remarks he considered to be unpatriotic. The American Defense Society, of which Moffett is a member, announced that it would conduct a vigorous campaign against all soap box orators. The mayor has been asked to stop the issuing of permits to hold meetings to speakers of this class and it was said that further action was contemplated.

EXTENSION OF LOBSTER SEASON IS A MISTAKE

Opinion of Fishers and Packers In P. E. I.

BAD FOR THE SPRING CATCH

Fact That Extension Was Granted on Eve of By-Elections Leads to Critical Comment

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Aug. 18—About half of the packers on the island are taking advantage of the extension of the lobster season for one month, August 11 to September 10.

As the regular season from Cape Traverse to West Cape closed only a short time ago, the packers in that section resumed operations with little inconvenience, but as the season for the rest of the packers closed the latter part of July, re-opening means that lines had to be re-run, and gear put away for the season had to be overhauled again.

While half of the factories are in operation only about forty per cent. of the traps are being fished. Bait is scarce but codfish heads are being used as a substitute for herring.

Enquiries of leading packers show that the consensus of opinion is that this extension is a mistake, to say the least. A prominent packer of Rustico (where no factories are re-opening), says that the fishermen are now engaged in catching cod, this being more profitable than lobstering. Moreover, the lobsters are now closer in shore and as the weather in the first of September is liable to be stormy, considerable damage to gear may occur.

A leading packer in Tignish says:—"The packers in this vicinity are setting about one-half of their spring fishing outfit, this being all they can find room for because the fish are in the shore in shallow water. All the older packers are taking advantage of the opening to the above extent. As the spring fishing produced less than fifty per cent. of an average catch this second season may not have as injurious a result as otherwise it would have, but in any case it is bound to injure the next spring's fishing. We do not anticipate a large pack. General opinion is that the fish will be caught up in a week. Fair catches are being landed but it will be very strange if these can be continued."

Another large packer in the west of the Island writes: "I cannot say what effect the opening of the season in the fall will have in the future industry. I know when I was in the lobster business about thirty years ago, when we had the long season for fishing lobsters, commencing in the spring and extending into the summer, that the lobsters apparently were fished out, and when the government's regulations shortened the season, it began to come back again. This would lead one to suppose that the strictest observance of the fishing season as it exists at the present time would have a tendency to build up their industry. There is one certainty and it is that, that the lobsters that are caught now during the next month are gone forever as far as breeding purposes is concerned in building up the future industry."

On the whole it is not expected that the catch this fall will materially depress the price, although it means a shorter catch next year.

The fact that the extension was granted just on the eve of two by-elections, on which the fate of the government depended is very suspicious to say the least.

LIQUOR DISTILLING TO CEASE SEPT. 8

Washington, Aug. 18.—Eleven o'clock on the night of Saturday, Sept. 8, is the time fixed by the food administration when all processes in the production in the United States of distilled spirits for beverage purposes must stop. The 30-day period allowed from the approval of the food control law expires at midnight, Sept. 9, but this date falls on Sunday and internal revenue laws prevent the operation of distilleries after 11 o'clock Saturday night.

THREE FOR DRUNKENNESS

Magistrate Ritchie held an early session of the police court this morning. There were three prisoners and all were charged with drunkenness. Two of these were arrested in the Marsh road yesterday afternoon, following their removal from the Moosepath track during the races. The magistrate remanded the three offenders. It is said at headquarters that there will be no court until Tuesday, owing to the fact that the magistrate is going to spend the weekend out of town.

BREAKS ARM THIRD TIME

Margaret Napier, a little tot, daughter of Frank P. Napier, 132 Broad street, while playing with other children on Tuesday afternoon, fell, fracturing her right arm at the wrist. What makes the accident most distressing at the present time is the fact that the child has had the misfortune to break the arm at the same place under similar circumstances, on two other occasions within a period of three years.

YOU CAN'T HIDE BEHIND THAT.
—N. Y. World.

LIEUT. MURDOCH, SON OF ENGINEER, DIES OF WOUNDS

Popular Young Man, Formerly of Post Office Staff, Gives His Life—Bade Mother "Good-by" in Last Letter

That Lieut. Douglas Roy Murdoch, son of William Murdoch, city engineer, died of wounds on August 15, was the sad word that Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch received this morning from Ottawa.

Lieut. Murdoch went over in command of a draft of lieutenants which left St. John last fall. After his arrival in England he was attached to the 24th battalion and, later, to an engineering corps and finally into a well known New Brunswick battalion. At the big battle of Vimy Ridge he came through with only a sprained ankle.

He was about thirty years old and, prior to going overseas, was in the employ of the post office. He was a young man of sterling qualities and was highly thought of by those who knew him. His death will be learned with the deepest regret. Both Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch

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WAR VOLUNTEERS TOTAL 190,347

Authorized Strength of U. S. Regular Army Exceeded by 7,000; Enlistments Average More Than 1,000 a Day

Washington, Aug. 18.—War volunteers for the regular army have reached a total of 190,347 men, bringing the roll to 7,000 in excess of the authorized war strength.

Since the total quota for the expanded army was filled several days ago recruits have continued to enlist at an average of more than 1,000 men a day.

They will be needed, and the recruiting service will not relax its efforts. There still are 25 states that have not supplied the number of men allotted to them in the distribution of the total quota, but some of the other states have furnished their quota several times over. California, with a quota of 4,754, has furnished 7,186 men; Nevada, with a quota of 162 men, has furnished 936; Wyoming, with a quota of 290, has furnished 649; Pennsylvania, with a quota of 15,380, has furnished 21,167; New York, with a quota of 18,226, has furnished 20,977; Illinois, with a quota of 11,276, has furnished 16,218.

FEAR FIVE SHIPS SUNK BY BOMBS

Three American Vessels Among Those Overdue at Pacific Port; Indications of Timed Explosives Found

A Pacific Port, Aug. 18.—Five ships, three American, one British and one Japanese, are overdue at this port, and have been virtually given up by their owners and agents. Mariners say they believe the vessels have been destroyed by time bombs placed in the cargoes by enemy agents. This theory was strengthened Friday, when a sailor employed near this port, told of having seen fragile bottles, containing acid, taken from cargo powder cases, where they had been placed in such a manner that the breaking of the bottle would have ignited the powder.

The overdue vessels are the American schooner Winslow, the American sailing ship R. C. Slade, the American schooner Betuga, the Japanese freighter Koto Hira, and the British freighter Wairuna.

FORD NOW FOR WAR

Says Every Man, Woman, and Child Must Help to End Militarism

BUSY ON AIRPLANE WORK

Is Making 200,000 Airplane Cylinders for the U. S. Government to be Delivered at the Rate of 1,000 a Day

Detroit, Aug. 18—In an interview given out here, the first one in many months, Henry Ford makes it clear that whatever views he may have once entertained with regard to war, he is now fully converted to the belief that the struggle must go on until German autocracy is crushed.

"We must prepare to go to the limit for the struggle," said Mr. Ford. "Without letting hatred creep into our hearts, every man, woman, and child should put all energy into crushing militarism. For once and all war is now discredited in the whole world, and the great thing to be reached is the destruction of war for the future.

"I cannot see that any great harm has come in waiting until now with our war preparations. Things have moved so fast in a mechanical way since this war began that many things that were new three years ago are out of date now. We are making 200,000 airplane cylinders of steel for the government, to be delivered at the rate of 1,000 a day. We have just developed a way of making a cylinder of solid steel cheaply. We are glad to help the government, and we would help even more if called on. We are glad to help in the fight to stamp out militarism; we feel we are doing that in producing the cylinders and would produce 5,000 or 10,000 a day if called upon.

"A great many of the men who work on these cylinders are of German birth, and they are just as keen for stamping out militarism as any of us. We all want the war stopped, and the way to stop it is to let the world know that this country is in it for all it is worth."

Mr. Ford has left the matter of price to be settled by the government after the cylinders are made, the government and Mr. Ford to figure the cost, and the government to pay a fair recompense, but without profit to the Ford company. "It costs very little more to produce steel now than it did before the war," he said.

Asked how the war would affect the work of his plant, Mr. Ford said:

"We will not ask exemptions for any of our men. We will save the places for those who are drafted. If we are in business when the war is over they will be taken back."

Then reverting to national questions, he said:—

"I do not believe that President Wilson will miss any opportunity to bring about a peace that will be honorable and have a fair chance of being permanent. Some good usually can be found coming out of the worst, and I believe this war will impress us with the fact that we are the most wasteful nation on the globe and that we shall follow lines that will make for economy and efficiency."

NEW HYDRANTS

New hydrants are being installed today at the corner of Queen and Prince William streets, the corner of Queen and Cantenbury streets, at the corner of Queen and Germain streets and at the corner of Germain and Duke streets. The work of repairing the old sewer in Cliff street with terra cotta pipe will be completed in about a week.

CAR STRUCK HOUSE.

The motor delivery of the St. John Creamery, while rounding the corner of Princess and Crown streets this morning, struck the corner house, causing considerable damage. It is said that the car was slightly damaged. The delivery was going from Princess street into Crown when the accident happened.

HOME TODAY

Detective Biddiscombe is expected home today from Halifax with the juvenile culprit who is charged with theft in this city.

TO AID GARDENERS

W. A. Linton has completed the installation of two water taps which will be used for gardening purposes in the Manawagonish road.

ONE OF MOST REMARKABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF WAR

Great Push to the North by British and French Is So Described—Canadians Capture Additional Sections of Strongly Defended Trenches

British Front in France and Belgian, Aug. 18—(By the A. P.)—Another phase of the battle of Flanders has ended and the allies are looking on one of the great achievements of the war. The attack against the Germans east of Ypres, which resulted in such sanguinary fighting has not, to be sure, accomplished the advance desired, but the great push to the north of here represents one of the remarkable accomplishments of the year.

The French yesterday were consolidating the positions won Thursday and the British were establishing themselves well beyond Langemarck, their forward positions being about half a mile to the east of that place.

"Fighting is still continuing at various points where the Germans are attempting to regain lost ground, but the position remains much the same as at the close of Thursday's heavy battle.

In the Lens theatre of operations the Canadians yesterday added still another strong section of the German defenses to the positions already wrested from the enemy. The Canadians attacked a strongly fortified trench system just a little northwest of Lens and after several hours of hand to hand fighting captured it. The assault was on a front of approximately 450 yards and the Germans made a determined resistance because of the importance of the positions which formed a part of the defenses of the city itself. The Canadians attacked with bombs and bayonets. For four or five hours the fighting surged back and forth, first one side and then the other gaining a hold. The Germans finally abandoned the fight.

The enemy territory beyond Langemarck already is showing the effects of the British artillery firing. The guns have been moved forward rapidly and are giving excellent support to the infantry in the advance positions. And beyond here the German defenses are not so strong. The concrete redoubts which dotted the region to the west of Langemarck are fewer. Instead, one can glimpse the green cultivated fields of invaded Belgium, a striking change of scene from the ground over which the British have just fought. Most of the German snipers who were concealed in shell holes and remained behind the British advance, have been accounted for and the redoubts which had held out have surrendered.

One redoubt which gave great trouble, that of Au Bon Cite, southwest of Langemarck, surrendered after being surrounded for many hours by bombers who waited for an opening of one of the steel trap doors to throw in high explosive bombs. The Germans saw the situation was hopeless and mustered courage to open the trap door far enough to call out that they surrendered. While less success was achieved by the British on their right wing, the story of the fierce battle here reflects fully as much credit on the troops which went into the attack and no more bitter fight has been recorded in recent days than occurred in a nearby wood. London troops fought their way into the wood and held on.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers in real estate have been recorded as follows:

St. John County

S. H. Ewing et al to Charles Russell, property in Simonds.

S. H. Ewing et al to E. P. Scully, property in Lancaster.

E. P. Scully to C. H. Belyea, property in Lancaster.

David Thompson to W. B. Dukeshire, property in Musquash.

Kings County

Richard Nicholson to C. L. Hughson, property in Norton.

F. E. Smith to Julia J. Fenwick, property in Hampton.

A. B. Smith, Extrs. of, to G. L. Kelly, property in Hampton.

Michael Tierney to John Tierney, property in Havelock.

John Tierney to M. J. Tierney, property in Havelock.

COAL PRICE HEARINGS

Chicago, Aug. 18.—Public hearings which are preliminary to plans for fixing the price of coal opened Friday before Judge O. N. Carter, who has been appointed director of coal for Illinois by Governor Lowden.

Mine owners, retailers, representatives of railroads and officials of the miners' union have prepared arrangements to be submitted at the hearing, which is expected to extend over several days.

THE COUNTRY MARKET

There was a very good supply of everything in the local country market this morning. Blueberries and raspberries were brought in by the farmers in fairly large quantities. The former were selling for fifteen cents a box, while raspberries were demanding eighteen cents. Other prices were: Beef, fifteen to thirty-five cents a pound; veal, twenty-two to twenty-eight; pork, twenty-eight to thirty-three; lamb scarce at twenty-eight to thirty-five; chicken, $1.25 to $3 a pair; fowl, thirty-eight cents a pound. Butter and eggs are reported scarce at forty-two to forty-five cents. New potatoes are plentiful and are selling for fifty cents a peck. There was the usual abundant supply of green goods.

O'Dowd Outfought Lewis

New York, Aug. 18—Mike O'Dowd, of St. Paul, outfought Ted Lewis, of England, the welterweight champion, in six rounds of a ten round bout here last night. O'Dowd weighed 156 pounds, and Lewis 144 3-4.

FIND MOTHER OF DESERTED BABE

Police Learn That Child Was Left in Street by Woman Who Left City on Bay Steamer

According to the police officials the woman who so heartlessly abandoned her three-months-old baby boy in South Market street yesterday is Mrs. Mary E. Titus of Westford, Digby county, N.S. This information was secured by the police and although it is known she has left the city every possible effort is being put forward to have the woman located and brought back. It is said that the charge of deserting her child will be laid against the woman.

The police acted quickly in the matter, after the babe was looked after by Police Matron Ross. It was found that Mrs. Titus left the city at noon on the John L. Cann for Yarmouth. The woman has been living at 606 Main street for almost two months. It is said at headquarters, that she and her husband quarreled in Nova Scotia, hence the separation. When the mother left the city yesterday she took her other child with her but heartlessly left her youngest child in the sweltering hot sun of the city streets. The babe was deserted about ten o'clock and it is due to the prompt action of the police matron after it was discovered that the child is alive today.

The chief of police had the go-cart identified yesterday and this led to the identification of the mother.

It is intimated that the woman is now on her way to rejoin her husband but this could not be verified, but in the face of a family reunion, no reason is known why the mother should so inhumanly abandon her three-months-old babe.

RETURNED EXILES URGE LOYALTY TO NEW RUSSIA

Petrograd, Aug. 18—Veterans of the Russian revolutionary movements, most of them leaders of the social democratic party, held a meeting Friday at the Michael theatre and were addressed by Madame Catherine Breshkovskaya and Prince Peter Kropetkin, who recently returned from exile, and by Mlle. Vera Zassuiich. The speakers called on the audience to defend the fatherland against the foreign tyrant, and were greeted with the greatest enthusiasm.

Sailors Meet To Consider German Submarine Crimes

London, Aug. 17—"To consider the crimes committed by Germany and seamen of German U boats," was the official description of the purpose of the gathering here today of representatives of seamen's organizations of several allied and neutral countries. France, Italy, the United States, Canada, Australia, Holland, Belgium and the Scandinavian countries were represented by masters, mates ,engineers, sailors, cooks and stewards.

J. Havelock Wilson, head of the British Seamen's Union, presided. In his speech Mr. Wilson said: "It is not worth while calling on the government to protect us, but the people of the world must do something for themselves. The war will not last forever. After the war the Germans again will have to come among the seamen of the civilized world. Then there will be great many accounts to settle.

"As seafaring men we should express in no uncertain language our opinion of German brutality. Suppose the seamen of the world made up their minds that after giving Germany fair warning they will, independently of all governments, show the Germans that the seafaring men of all nations will not permit themselves to be disgraced by working in a boat in which Germans sail? Not only will we punish German seamen, but German shipowners as well."

Mr. Wilson proposed that the seamen, after the war ,set up an international commission to try commanders and crews who have murdered inoffensive seamen.