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Enemy Armies In Danger of Capture Or Destruction by Blotting Russians

Austrians In Flight; Russians Pressing On After Them

Retreat Along Whole Front From Sereth River to the Dniester

Czar's Troops Catch up With Flanks and Cut Deeply in--Possibly Another Sedan--French Win Trenches on the Meuse

New York, Aug. 15.—The London correspondent of the Tribune cables as follows: Von Bothmer is continuing his flight over the whole front, from the Sereth River to the Dniester. The armies of Generals Sakharoff, Letchinsky and Cherbatshoff are drawing closer to the retreating Austrians every hour. Already they have struck at the Austrian flanks along the railroad to Potutory and apparently have cut deeply into the enemy's forces. Today the Russian swept forward across the Ziota Lips at several points, making it perilous position for the Austrians to hold, and pressed southwest from the Sereth district, and northwest from the Stankalac region. Halitz is now within range of the heavy Russian guns, and the southern part of the southern gateway to Lemberg is expected within a few hours. Military critics here are already discussing the possibility of another Sedan. It is firmly believed that neither Von Bothmer nor Planzer can escape from the Russians with their armies intact, and some observers favor the capture or destruction of the main part of both forces. Reports from unofficial sources say that Von Bothmer has already lost half of his army of 150,000 by the swift flank advances of the Russians immediately after the Stripa line was abandoned. The Russians have now straightened out their lines in front of Halitz, and are closing in on the city rapidly. It was the fall of Halitz to Brusiloff's army at the beginning of the war that enabled Russia to sweep forward and capture Lemberg and observers here look for the same sequence of events.

French Win More Trenches

Paris, Aug. 15.—French troops captured German trenches on a front about 800 yards long, and 100 yards deep, north of the Chapel of Sainte Fize, at the intersection of Fleury and Vaux roads on the right bank of the Meuse, in the Verdun sector, last night, says the war office statement today.

Official Russian Report

St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—The rapid Russian advance in Galicia continues. Russian troops are crossing to the western banks of the Zlota Lips, and the Bystritsa-Saletvina, and are advancing along the Upper Stripa. This the war office announced today.

Italians Win Again

Rome, Aug. 15.—On the Carso Plateau and to the east of Gorizia, along the Isonzo front, the Austrians have suffered further reverses at the hands of the Italians, today's official statement says. Austrian entrenchments in both these regions were captured.

What They Think About the Further Duration of the War of Nations

New York, Aug. 15.—A London cable to the World, dated yesterday, says: Despite the prominence given in Belgium as well as in neutral countries to the economic problems after the war and the rapid growth of plans by commercial and banking institutions preparing to meet such problems, Lloyd's brokers are not reducing quotations on the ending of the war in the near future. Ninety per cent (9 to 10) was quoted today on the possibility of its ending by December 31, which was held to be a prohibitive rate, and the possibility of its ending by May or June of next year, was quoted at 40 per cent. (4 1/2 to 10). Information reaching American business concerns here, from representatives in Holland, Scandinavia and other neutral countries, indicates the growing belief that marked consideration of economic matters foreshadows the approaching end of the war, although a majority of the prognostications of the actual date still lean toward the spring of next year. Termination by this November, however, is not a rare speculation. In the meantime, however, neutral business interests are losing no time in perfecting arrangements for the problems after the war.

British Retake Trenches

London, Aug. 15.—Nearly all of the remaining trenches northwest of Pozieres, on the Somme front, in which the Germans gained a footing on Sunday, have been re-taken. The War Office announces this today.

GOOD REASONS FOR HOLDING UP OF THE MAILS

Many Reasons to Traffic in Contraband

SOME INSTANCES GIVEN

Explanatory Statement to United States Precedes More Comprehensive Reply to American Representations, Coming From Great Britain and France

Washington, Aug. 15.—An explanatory statement of how Great Britain's examination of mails is being conducted was presented yesterday to Secretary of State Lansing by the British ambassador. It is preparatory to a more comprehensive reply to American representations now being prepared jointly by the London and Paris foreign offices. Figures given in the statement show that the average time for examination of intercepted mail is from one to three days. The minimum delay to mail between the United States and Holland is given at two days, and the maximum at seven. Danish mails have been delayed from seven to ten days, when it has been necessary to remove them from a ship; otherwise only four days. "It is admitted," says the statement, "that of this entire neutral correspondence in which enemy interests were in no way concerned, was subjected to a (Continued on page 2, seventh column.)"

WORKING ON METHOD FOR PREVENTION OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS

New York, Aug. 15.—Family physicians were advised today by Dr. Abraham Zingher of Willard-Parker Hospital, to try the use of "normal" blood serum obtained from parents, as a method of rendering their children immune to infantile paralysis. Many cases of this disease have been treated in Willard-Parker Hospital during the present epidemic. The theory on which Dr. Zingher and his assistants are working is that the blood of the normal adult contains the anti-bodies which neutralize the virus of poliomyelitis, or infantile paralysis. So, physicians believe the presence of these anti-bodies is due to the fact that the parents have had the disease in an unrecognized form. It is said that if the blood serum treatment may prove as effective in preventing infantile paralysis as vaccination is in preventing typhoid. "The treatment is entirely harmless and the experiment is worth trying," said Dr. Zingher.

INDICT DR. ATWOOD FOR MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE

Boston, Aug. 15.—Dr. Eldridge D. Atwood, osteopath, who shot and fatally wounded Dr. Wilfred E. Harris, president of the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy, is accused of murder in the first degree in an indictment returned here.

HE GAVE UP ALL

A mysterious individual was discovered in the home of Mrs. Slatter last night in Pond street. He was found in the bath tub, washing. He proved this morning to be Tony Rose. The evidence of the detectives was taken and Tony was remanded until the woman can appear to give her version of the story. William Perry was fined \$8 or two months in jail for acting disorderly in the vicinity of Erin street. Two witnesses were called.

THE RAILROAD CRISIS

Washington, Aug. 15.—After the committee of railroad managers had another conference with President Wilson early today, it became known that a proposal was under consideration by which the railroads would accept the proposal of its application to the interstate commerce commission at some body formed for the purpose.

Canadians Going Into Big Fight

Dominion Troops Taken From Ypres Salient and Transferred to the Somme

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 15.—Canadian troops have been withdrawn from the Ypres salient, after occupying the position for upwards of a year. The salient has not been abandoned, but other British troops have been assigned to its defence of it, while the Canadians have been sent to the Somme district, to assist in the general defence there. Canada has now four divisions at the front, the fourth division, which for several months has been undergoing training in England, has now gone over to France. These arrangements were conveyed in a cable this morning, to the militia department from the minister of militia. It is fully anticipated that the Canadians will now take place with British and Australian troops in the big British offensive in the Somme district. The fourth division is commanded by General David Watson of Quebec.

"I DIDN'T DO IT," SAYS THE KAISER

Disclaims Responsibility For Starting of the War

SAYS HE ACTED IN GOOD FAITH

London, Aug. 15.—(Toronto Mail and Empire cable)—A statement by the German Emperor on the responsibility for the European war is published in the Daily Mail. It is contained in a despatch from Bern, which gives an "impartial neutral" account of an audience with the Kaiser in Berlin. The Kaiser is quoted as saying: "I suppose the British theory that I am responsible for this war, even a civilized man in Europe must have a share in the responsibility for this war, and the higher his position the larger his responsibility. I admit that, and yet I claim that I acted throughout in good faith and strove hard for peace, even though war was inevitable."

Strove Hard For Peace, Adds German Ruler, and Says Next Generation Will Be More Just in Apportioning Blame

"I do not deny the man who has the responsibility for this war upon his conscience. Let at least, not that man, I think history will clear me of that charge, although I do not suppose history will hold me faultless. "This is a grave, even a civilized man in Europe must have a share in the responsibility for this war, and the higher his position the larger his responsibility. I admit that, and yet I claim that I acted throughout in good faith and strove hard for peace, even though war was inevitable. "Why do you neutrals always talk about German militarism and never about Russian despotism or the French craving for revenge or English treachery? I think the next generation will strike a more just balance in apportioning the blame."

POLICE COURT

Benjamin Fish was arraigned in the police court this morning on charges of drunkenness and beating his little fifteen-year-old daughter with a chair. The evidence of Mrs. Fish and her daughter was taken. Policeman Fitzpatrick said that the man came into the guard room last night looking for a policeman to make an arrest for him. As he then showed signs of liquor he was ejected. This morning the defendant showed to the court that his coat was torn and hand badly cut. He said that his daughter and wife did it with an axe. He was remanded.

DIED IN LOS ANGELES

The death of William John McPhail occurred in Los Angeles on Sunday, August 6. His wife was formerly Miss Lillian Murray of St. John, daughter of Mrs. Catherine Murray of Harding street. He was a civil engineer and was a native of Toronto.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—Fair weather has prevailed over the dominion, except in the maritime provinces, where a few light scattered showers have occurred. Fine and Warmer. Maritime—Moderate west and south-west winds. Fine and warmer today and on Wednesday. New England forecasts—Generally fair tonight and Wednesday, except showers Wednesday in Connecticut; light westerly winds.

ITALIAN DREADNOUGHT AFIRE, BLOWS UP AND SINKS; 300 DROWNED

Fire Spread to One Magazine Before it Could be Flooded—Believed Battleship Can be Re-floated

Paris, Aug. 15.—The Italian dreadnought Leonardo Da Vinci caught fire and blew up in the harbor of Taranto, Italy, and 300 of her crew were drowned, says a Turin despatch to the Petit Journal. The date of the disaster is given only as a day in August. The fire, says the despatch, was discovered in the dreadnought's kitchen and spread rapidly. The captain ordered the magazines flooded and tried to beach the battleship, but one magazine exploded before this could be done. The vessel turned over on her side and a large number of the crew was thrown into the sea. It is believed that the battleship can be righted and refloated.

DEATH KNELL OF AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

Downfall of Empire Looked For, Says Milan Writer

CONTROL FROM BERLIN

Milan, Aug. 15.—(By Amice Beaumont in the Toronto Mail and Empire)—A meeting between the German Imperial Chancellor, Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German foreign minister, Dr. Von Jagow, and Baron Burtan, the Austrian foreign minister, in Vienna, will renew rumors of the impending nomination of Count Andrássy as Austrian foreign minister, in evidence that a crisis of almost transcendent political importance is preparing in the Austrian capital. Count Andrássy represents the party of absolute surrender to Austria to Germany. He idolizes Vienna and Berlin frequently, figuratively speaking, to kneel at the feet of the Kaiser.

AMERICAN LAKE AT JORDAN SANITARIUM HAS BEEN COMPLETED

Another Fine Gift From Mrs. Jordan—Cost \$30,000 to \$40,000

The large concrete dam across the Pollet River at The Glades is nearing completion, and the fine artificial lake at the Jordan Memorial Sanitarium will be a reality some time this week. As an experiment the lake was flooded for a day. The erection of the dam, and roadway at its apex, costing \$30,000 and \$40,000, forms another magnificent gift from Mrs. J. C. Jordan, widow of J. C. Jordan, of the Jordan Memorial Sanitarium. The lake is several hundreds of feet in length and while it is not so broad as the ordinary public bridge, its width is sufficient for the passage of a team or automobile. The driveway is heavily railed at either side with concrete posts and heavy metal rods and presents a handsome and substantial appearance. The creation of this lake was a happy thought on the part of Mrs. Jordan and adds materially to the natural beauty of the sanitarium environment. The water of the lake is only a few rods from the Jordan mansion and the patients' pavilions, and affords excellent facilities for boating and bathing in summer and driving and skating in winter. The Pollet River bottom is largely of hard gravel and rock, the stream being largely by cold springs and the water is pure clear and cold. It is understood that now since the river is bridged at the sanitarium, steps will be taken to provide a shorter and easier roadway to the International railway at River Glade station.

MACLEAN-GODSOPE

The wedding of Miss Ida M. Godsope, daughter of the late T. Amos and Maria E. Godsope of this city, and Alexander MacLean of Norway, Maine, was solemnized in the First Presbyterian church in Lynn, Mass., on August 5. Mr. and Mrs. MacLean will make their summer home in Norway, Maine, and their winter home in Hawks Park, Florida.

MOONLIGHT EXCURSION

A large number of people enjoyed a moonlight excursion to Crystal Beach last evening. As weather conditions were ideal, the sail was greatly enjoyed by all. The steamer Majestic left in daylight about 8:30 o'clock, and returned about 11:30. Dancing was enjoyed on the boat, both going up and coming down the river.

Wilson to Bid For Votes On Ground That he Has Kept United States Out of War

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 15.—The issues upon which President Wilson will base his fight for re-election were outlined by Secretary of War Baker to members of the democratic county central committee at a convention here last night. He specifically told them those were the arguments they could advance in behalf of the president. Keeping the United States out of the war, he said, is to be the principal claim of President Wilson for re-election. "The fact we are at peace," said Baker, "is to be the greatest argument of all to President Wilson." The other issues are composed for most part of the democratic legislative accomplishments. As outlined by Baker they are: The Federal reserve bank to the rural credits bill, amendment to the ship registry act, the Underwood tariff bill, preparedness policy, and the child labor bill, now pending in congress.

HON. CHAS. DALTON HONORED BY POPE

Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Aug. 15.—By brief dated June 15, Hon. Charles Dalton, member of the provincial government, has been made Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great by the Pope. This is the first time the honor has come to the maritime provinces. The reason given for conferring the honor is the charity shown by Sir Charles Dalton in his generous benefactions towards education. He has given \$10,000 to St. Dunstan's College; also for his gift of the Dalton Sanitarium to the province.

GLORIOUS DAY THIS FOR TORRYBURN PICNIC

St. Peter's and Holy Trinity annual Sunday school picnic is being held today at Torryburn and thousands of people are in attendance. This morning at 8:30 o'clock the children of the Sunday schools assembled and, led by the City Cornet band, marched to the Union station, where they boarded a train for the picnic grounds. The children in their picnic attire and carrying flags of the allies presented a pretty appearance as they marched to the station. Trains left at 10 o'clock, 12:30 o'clock and 2:30 o'clock, and all were filled to capacity. The last train took the largest crowd to the picnic grounds. At 7:30 o'clock this morning a special took members of the committee and a box car filled with refreshments to the grounds, and when the children arrived on the scene everything was in readiness for them.

TOWN PLANNING

A meeting of the town planning committee was held in City Hall at noon today. Those present were: Mayor Hayes, Commissioners Wigmore and Fisher, W. F. Burditt, A. H. Wetmore and Engineer Murdock. Plans were looked over with a view of making street lines in 1st and 2nd streets running through the Millidge property, which runs parallel with Rockland road. It was announced that Thomas Adams, town planning advisor of the Dominion commission of conservation, is expected in the city next month to spend a week assisting the local committee.



Private Peter Gallagher of 65 Sheriff street, who has died of wounds in the great war.