

ITALIAN DRIVE WINS MORE GROUND---16,000 PRISONERS

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NEW GAIN FOR BRITISH TO SOUTHWEST OF LENS

**FRENCH CARRY FORTIFIED WORK
NIGHT BATTLE ON MEUSE;
PRISONERS 7,639, 24 CANNON**

Further Resistance of Germans Reduced by Storming of Defence--Last Night--Petain's Poilus Again Out-fighting the Enemy.

Paris, Aug. 23.—The number of prisoners taken by the French in their offensive operation on the Verdun front has been increased to 7,639, the war office reports. The French last night captured a fortified German position north of Mortmont farm. The announcement follows:

The German artillery was very active north of Verdun, especially in the sector between Braye-en-Laonnois and Hurlbache. Several enemy attacks in the region of Laifaux Mill, Ailles and Cerny were repulsed.

On the left bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) our artillery, which had the upper hand since the beginning of the night, on the right bank of the river a detail operation enabled us to reduce a point of resistance of the enemy north of Mortmont farm. We took seventeen prisoners.

The number of prisoners taken since August 20 reached 7,639, including 153 officers and 600 wounded. The captured material included 21 cannon of all calibres and more than 200 machine guns, in addition to nine cannon which were destroyed.

There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front.

Paris, Aug. 23.—The French objectives north of Verdun have all been attained. If the offensive were continued French artillery preparation would be necessary.

The German counter-attacks yesterday against dominant positions, such as Dead Man Hill and Hill 344, proved to be costly failures, leaving the French masters of the points they held before the beginning of the great battle of Verdun last year, with the exception of Hill 304, which as yet is in the enemy's hands.

Rain Theory Disproved.

Those who believed the theory that cannon fire brings on rain, always after the offensive, have been disappointed in support of their contention, as they have frequently been hampered by downpours after a day or two of fighting. In the present case, however, the argument has failed. Although the firing of the Verdun front has never been equalled, there has been no rain since Friday.

A projectile fired by a French battery, which was silencing enemy batteries struck a depot of asphyxiating gas. It built up a trench of gas. German prisoners say: "No troops could have got through your barrages."

**PETAIN'S BIG BAG
SINCE AUGUST 20**

Prisoners	7,639
Officers	153
Cannon	24
Machine Guns	200

**EMBARGO PLACED
ON SULPHUR TO
CANADA BY U. S.**

Washington, Aug. 23.—An embargo has been placed on exports of sulphur to Canada, in order that the supply for war needs of the United States may not be unduly depleted. Canadian woodpulp mills furnishing supplies for about three-fourths of the newspaper paper used in the United States will be seriously affected.

Sensation at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—Announcement of the United States embargo on sulphur exports to Canada caused a sensation in newspaper circles here today. Officials of the big Booth and C. E. Smith paper mills predicted that every paper mill in Canada would be forced to close within a few months, probably by the end of the year. It is stated that the only sulphur source in Canada is in Japan and Sicily, both out of the question owing to shipping conditions.

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**DUAL MONARCHY MAY
ANSWER POPE TODAY;
POPE EXPLAINS CLAUSE**

Copenhagen, Aug. 23.—The Neue Presse learns in well-informed sources that Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, will answer the pope's peace note in the next few days, perhaps today. The paper declares the note has created a favorable impression in leading circles in Austria-Hungary.

POPE EXPLAINS PHRASE.

Rome, Wednesday, Aug. 23.—The British and Belgian ministers accredited to the Vatican were received separately by Pope Benedict today and inquired as to the meaning of the reference to the free-dom of the seas in the pope's peace proposal. The pontiff replied he intended to give to this condition the same meaning as that of President Wilson in his message, while leaving ample liberty to the belligerents to agree in future discussion as to details.

Germany today acknowledged receipt of the peace note, promising to examine it with an impartial interest and care and to give an answer before reaching an agreement with her allies.

**HAS TIME ARRIVED
FOR JAPAN'S ACTIVE
ENTRANCE INTO WAR**

Paris Figaro Believes Tokio Should Send Army To Europe.

Paris, Aug. 23.—The Figaro takes up the subject of Japanese participation in the war, asking if the moment has not arrived for Japan to take further steps. The writer describes Japan as hitherto having argued that as an essentially Asiatic power it was her duty to reserve all her forces for her future mission in Asia. He says, however, that Japan's foreign policy has now changed by China entering the war and that Japan therefore should send soldiers and artillery to Russia and aid the more so now that new Russia has forewarned all idea of expansion or conquest.

**CONFLICT EXPECTED
BETWEEN FACTIONS
AT RUSS MEETING
ON NATIONAL CRISIS**

Open Clash May Follow If the Contending Elements Fail To Agree.

Petrograd, Aug. 23.—As the day approaches for the opening of the annual national council at Moscow, the newspapers are full of speculation concerning expected dramatic announcements of events. Judging from present indications, the congress is likely to take the form of a struggle of the cabinet backed by the Socialist Left against the Bourgeoisie, consisting of Constitutional Democrats, discredited Moscow businessmen, and dismissed generals, who all agree in severely criticizing the radical changes.

This view is taken by the Petrograd and Moscow press, which declares that if no agreement is reached between the contending groups open conflict must ensue. First steps already have been taken toward vigorous and aggressive action by the malcontents.

**WARSHIPS OF BRITISH
BOMBARD U-BOAT BASE**

Amsterdam, Aug. 23.—British warships last evening bombarded the German submarine base at the Belgian port of Zeebrugge, according to the frontier correspondent of the Telegram.

**ARCHITECT WHO
WAS SUSPENDED
NOW ASKS \$6,000**

Nutter Claims Much Larger Sum Than Agreed in Contract.

MAY GO TO THE COURTS

Former Official Files Claim, Including Charge for Some Old Plans.

A. E. Nutter, formerly associate architect for the technical school, who was suspended following charges of irregularity, has sent a bill to the board of education, asking approximately \$6,000 for his services in connection with the school. As the total fees agreed upon amount to \$4,800, and Mr. Nutter's full share \$2,400, it is probable that some exception will be taken to it. The account will be presented to the advisory committee of the board for its consideration.

Was To Receive Half.

When the plans were accepted, the architects engaged on the job were Watt & Blackwell, and A. E. Nutter. The fees were to be 4 per cent of the contract.

Every Phase Considered.

Every possible representation, in addition to the petition containing over 4,000 signatures, was made and considered by the minister of justice, who some time before he gave his opinion that the case was out of his jurisdiction.

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**EXTRA VOTE OFFER
COMMENCING TODAY
LASTS UNTIL CLOSE**

In Nine Days \$16,000 Contest Will Be Finished—Opportunity Afforded Candidates to Roll Up Big Totals in Race for Valuable Prizes.

The final note is being sounded in the Advertiser contest. The time is growing short. It is now only a matter of nine days and the big race will be finished. Do not put off till tomorrow the gathering in of your promised subscriptions as something may happen and you may miss just the votes that would record you as winner when the judges make their final decision. The race is yours, and you must hustle every minute.

Starting today, the 50,000 extra vote offer goes into effect, and will continue until the close of the contest. This means that for each and every \$15 worth of news you subscribe for, whether for three months or six months or a year, a bonus of 15,000 extra votes will be given in connection with the contest. The contest department will offer a bonus of 15,000 extra votes for each \$25 subscription, and a bonus of 10,000 extra votes for each \$15 subscription. So that where a candidate turns in an odd number of new subscriptions, he will receive a bonus for each subscription of the required number of votes or not.

The 25,000 extra vote offer for each \$15 subscription and every \$15 subscription will also be continued until the close of the contest.

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IS OPINION OF FRENCH**

As It Stands Would Play Into Hands of Germans.

Huns Should Pay for Wreckage Done to Industries of France.

Paris, Aug. 23.—France probably will not answer the pope's peace note individually, since it has no representative at the Vatican, but Great Britain doubtless will reply on the note therefore, as it is claimed that Mr. Nutter, the regular architect for a tract price, which was \$120,000. Of this, Mr. Nutter was to receive half, or two per cent. The payments were to be one per cent when the plans were accepted, one per cent when the foundations were put in, one per cent when the roof was taken over from the contractors, and one per cent when the job was completed.

Two payments were made to Mr. Nutter, and he got \$1,200. He was relieved from his services shortly before the roof was on, but if he were allowed that amount, he would be getting \$600 additional, making his fee \$1,800. It is a question whether or not he could collect the fees for the completion of the building. This in any event would bring his fees to \$2,400.

Mr. Nutter's bill, as mentioned above, is about \$6,000. The exact figures are not available, but that is near enough. He has charges for various kinds of work, including the design of the building, the preliminary work done by him. When the new school was mooted two years ago, he drew tentative plans for an addition to the Alexandra School. He drew sketches for other work. He also submitted plans and sketches of a building proposed on the present site. He charged the regular architect's fee for this work.

Mr. Nutter makes no complaint about his treatment, merely presenting the bill to the board of education. That the matter will go to the courts is not due to Mr. Nutter.

The board, so far as can be learned, is not in the mood to pay the bill. It is claimed that the board is exorbitant, but the courts will probably have to decide what is due, and what is not due to Mr. Nutter.

**KAISER AND REICHSTAG
MAY COLLABORATE WHEN
FOREIGN MATTERS ARISE**

Berlin, via London, Aug. 23.—The Liberal press points out as a significant feature of Tuesday's session of the Reichstag Michaelis's statement that the Government would not take final action on the peace note without consulting and advising with the committee.

This is being received as a pledge that the Government henceforth intends to cooperate with the committee in dealing with the chief problems of the nation's foreign policy, and that it would continue to work in harmony with the committee in the direction of achieving peace of reconciliation and mutual understanding.

Disorders Caused by Unemployed Workmen Supported by Soldiers.

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**SUBMARINE BASES
ARE AGAIN BOMBED**

British Swoop On Military Works of Germans in Belgium.

London, Aug. 23.—The important submarine base of Zeebrugge and other military works in Belgium were attacked yesterday by British airmen, the admiralty announces.

A bombing raid was made by naval aircraft Wednesday morning on the Zeebrugge mole, shipping and batteries. The results of the attack were obtained. The Ghislaes air base was also bombed. There were explosions near the western shore and a fire was started. All the machines returned.

MATTHEW MARIS DEAD.

London, Aug. 23.—Matthew Maris, painter, died in London yesterday in poverty. He was born in 1852.

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**MINISTER OF JUSTICE UNABLE
TO RELEASE MISS THOMPSON**

Hon. J. C. Doherty Announces He Has No Jurisdiction and Decision Rests With Trial Judge—Says She Will Die Before Answering.

After carefully considering the petition and representations on behalf of Miss Margaret Thompson, who has been in jail now over two months because of her refusal to obey a court order, the minister of justice, Hon. J. C. Doherty, has given judgment to the effect that he does not consider it within his jurisdiction to deal with the case. With this announcement, for the present at least, all hope of Miss Thompson's release vanishes.

Those who have interested themselves in her behalf since she was sent to jail have now under consideration the question of resorting to a civil action in order to secure Miss Thompson her freedom, but no such action will be undertaken until the best legal authority, after viewing the case in every phase, advises that such a course be adopted.

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**FATHER LAURENDEAU
HARSHLY TREATED
AT HIS NEW PARISH**

Clothing Pitched Out of Presbytery and Guard Bars His Entrance.

Windsor, Ont., Aug. 23.—Rev. Father Laurendeau, formerly of St. Theresa, Que., was barred from the presbytery and denied possession of the church by his successor to Rev. Father Beaudin, whose funeral took place in Assumption, Que. The parishioners claim he is not acceptable to them, as they claim he sided with Bishop Fallon in the suspension of several French priests a few years ago, and is opposed to teaching French in the schools here. His suitcase and clothing were pitched out of the presbytery when he returned from the funeral. A guard has been placed on duty for the night to see that he does not enter the church here. The parishioners say the guard will remain indefinitely until Bishop Fallon yields and appoints a pastor to suit them.

Asked about the foregoing dispatch, His Lordship Bishop Fallon replied: "I have not a word to say, not a word." "I am not a priest," he said, "and I am not a member of the clergy." "You are a priest," said the reporter. "I am a priest," said the bishop, "but I am not a member of the clergy." "You are a priest," said the reporter. "I am a priest," said the bishop, "but I am not a member of the clergy."

**RUSSIANS RETIRE ON
NORTH LINE UNDER
HEAVIEST PRESSURE**

Intense Fire of the Germans Causes Withdrawal of Muscovite Forces.

Petrograd, Aug. 23.—The Russian forces on the northern end of the Russian front, where the Germans have begun an offensive, yesterday retired under pressure from the region of Rostov and Kommen, to the Lake Shloym and Frankendorf region. The official statement issued today by the Russian war department, announcing this withdrawal, says that the German artillery conducted an intense fire in this sector.

**FIVE FRENCH VESSELS
OVER 1,600 TONS SUNK
BY U-BOATS IN WEEK**

Paris, Aug. 23.—In the week ended August 19, five French steamships of 1,600 tons or more, were sunk by U-boats or submarines, according to the weekly official report.

On the other hand, 1,600 tons were sunk. No fishing ships were destroyed. Three attacks by submarines failed.

**UNION GOVT. MAY BE ANNOUNCED
WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS**

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—Political indications point more strongly toward success of the union negotiations, and the western delegation which met the premier here a few days ago will confer in Winnipeg with the Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan political leaders and a decision by the end of the week is foreshadowed. It is understood that the

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POLISH LEGIONARIES QUIT.

Copenhagen, Aug. 23.—The officers and men of the 1st Regiment of the Polish Legion have resigned in a body. The commander has published an order accepting the resignations and sending the regiment to Galicia to be disbanded. Austrian subjects in the regiment will be placed at the disposition of the Austrian military authorities.

**CADORNA'S TROOPS GAINING
ON BOTH WINGS, CASUALTIES
OF ENEMY PLACED AT 30,000**

Italians Continue To Have Better of Furious Fighting On the Isonzo Front, Making Gains On the Northern and Southern Wings, Taking Vast Number of Prisoners.

Rome, Aug. 23.—Furious fighting continues on the Isonzo front. The war office announces further gains for the Italians on both the northern and southern wings. Prisoners taken now number more than 16,000.

AUSTRIAN LOSSES 30,000.

Udine, Italy, Aug. 23.—Enemy losses during the first two days in the new Italian advance are calculated at 30,000 in killed, wounded and prisoners.

COUNTER-ATTACKS REPULSED.

Rome, Aug. 23.—Austrian counter-attacks of redoubled intensity are being beaten back by the Italians. Following is the official announcement:

"On the fourth day of the battle on the Julian front we again made considerable progress on the northern wing of the line, and obtained new successes on the southern wing. The enemy is reacting strongly against our pressure and redoubled his counter-offensive."

"Our troops are repulsing his counter-attacks from the positions captured, and are gallantly proceeding toward realization of their objectives."

**AUSTRIANS REPORTED PREPARING
FOR THE EVACUATION OF TRIESTE**

New York, Aug. 23.—The New York World has the following special cable dispatch from London:

"Telegraphing from Milan a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says information has been received there that the Austrians for weeks have been preparing to evacuate Trieste. All the state archives and the most valuable objects of art in museums, libraries and churches have been removed and sent mostly to Vienna."

**ALLIES CAPTURE OF GERMANS
SINCE AUGUST FIRST, 32,500**

London, Aug. 23.—"In the past three days the Entente Allies on the western front have taken 25,000 prisoners, and since July 31 they have taken 32,500 prisoners," said Major General Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of the war intelligence office in his weekly talk today with the Associated Press.

"I am confident," he added, "that before the end of August we will have topped the figure of 40,000, which the Germans claim to have taken in a month on the Russian front, although their total undoubtedly is composed by at least half of mere stragglers from the mutineers and disorganized Russian units."

**GERMANS BOMBED
TWO HOSPITALS
BEHIND VERDUN**

Killed 10 Wounded Men, 20 Nurses and Injured Scores of Others.

THE RED CROSS IGNORED

Enemy Fliers Give Characteristic Exhibition of Hun Beastliness.

On the French front, Aug. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—The incendiary bombs which were dropped by German aviators on two hospitals behind Verdun on Sunday evening killed 10 wounded men, one woman nurse and 14 military nurses and medical attendants. Injuries on patients suffering from wounds received in battle, many of whom rushed naked into nearby fields in an attempt to find shelter from the bombs which were being rained down.

Fired at Shellier.

Meanwhile the German aviators circled about in the air for half an hour, firing their machine guns at hospital orderlies, who were endeavoring to extinguish the flames. The burning hospital was situated in a field, and the flames were seen from the battlefield, and had gone to bed when the bombs were dropped from a height of but 300 yards. The Red Cross signs were painted prominently on the roofs, and the Germans knew the hospital, which had been in existence for more than a year.

Prisoners returned.

The correspondent, after inspecting the hospital, visited a camp at which German prisoners are assembled. It contained considerably more than 6,000 officers and men. The correspondent was permitted to interrogate a large number of the prisoners, many of whom exhibited a marked aversion to the war. They all declared themselves most contented at being out of the war. On the way other smaller camps containing hundreds of prisoners, were passed.

WALTHOUR IMPROVING.

Paris, Aug. 23.—The condition of "Bobby" Walthour, the American bicycle racer, whose skull was fractured by a fall in a race last Sunday, has improved slightly. He has recovered consciousness.

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