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ALLIES REPEL HEAVY COUNTER-ATTACKS

CANADIANS WIN IN ALL-NIGHT COMBAT FOR HILL SEVENTY

Bavarian Divisions Cut To Pieces By Dominion's Soldiers Who Hold Coveted Height Against Heaviest Attacks During Night.

(BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.)
[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]

With the British Armies in the Field, Aug. 17.—Hill 70 ran red today with blood of Bavarian German divisions, sacrificed in repeated efforts to recapture this important dominating height from the sturdy Canadian troops. Along the entire new Lens battlefield, the most desperate fighting has been in progress for the past twelve hours.

The Canadians have repulsed all attacks. At the time this dispatch is filed they have retaken positions west of Cite St. Auguste, from which they were forced by sheer weight of numbers during the night.

Many Guns Captured.
Prisoners continue to arrive behind the British lines. The total will probably prove to be greater than first believed. In addition, the Germans left a considerable number of guns in the mud. It is impossible to give the number thus captured.

Over the flaming, bloody field, British aeroplanes have been accomplishing miracles. They are acting as dispatch riders between the advancing infantry and headquarters. Battle planes guard them as they fly through a shell-filled sky, carrying orders and reports from the front lines to commanding officers in the rear.

A Night of Death.
Last night was one of death. The Canadians fought valiantly, hanging on to every position with buldog tenacity. The Bavarians opened the counter-attack on the outskirts of Lens. They charged and counter-charged headlong against the Canadians in their mad endeavor to retake Hill 70. The attack was headed straight for the Canadian center. It never reached the line.

Prussian Guards Charge.
At 8:30 fresh German troops bolted out from their trenches. The Prussian Guards charged up the slope. Then came more, and still more German infantry and heavy guns. By sheer momentum they forced back the Canadian posts and the left of the line that was held Thursday morning. But they did not remain there long.

Canadians Came Back.
The Canadians came back. With vicious determination they pushed forward toward the positions they had been forced to relinquish. With bayonet and bomb they charged over the shell-torn ground. There was a sharp fight, and then the enemy began to give way. Slowly at first, then they went down the slope which they had just climbed at heavy cost. Their withdrawal became a confused retreat, and the Canadians were re-establishing their positions west of Cite St. Auguste and rectifying and consolidating the lines along the remainder of the entire front.

PAN-SOCIALISM IS FAILURE IN RUSSIA; NEW ELEMENTS WILL RULE AFTER AUG. 23

Socialists Likely to Drop Attempt to Govern Single-Handed.

(BY WILLIAM O. SHEPHERD.)
[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]

Moscow, Aug. 17.—Socialism has utterly failed in Russia. The Bolsheviks have recognized the fact, and the great conference here on August 23 will mark the end of pan-socialistic rule in Russia and the entrance of new elements of conservatism in commerce and finance. Socialists themselves, and Kerensky in one, realize that they were unsuccessful in their attempt to govern single-handed. In addition, the Socialists in the cities were involved in continual quarrel among themselves. This resulted in the July troubles and killings in Petrograd. In addition, there was too much of an attempt to govern by force, and the scenes without assuming responsibility by having a majority of Socialists in the Government.

Fears of a return to monarchy in Russia are nonsense, all agree here today. A republic is inevitable, although rumors of monarchical plots persist, and resulted in the removal of the Romanoffs to Siberia. With this state of affairs, Kerensky's recognition of the failure of Russian socialism is regarded as having firmly established his greatness.

Socialists themselves are disillusioned. I have heard a score of American Socialists say that to meet with success, socialism must be brought up to date and made more practical.

ONE ON SAMMY

New York, Aug. 17.—The Sun today prints the following as a special cable:
London, Aug. 16.—An American soldier, one of the contingent that paraded here yesterday, went into a saloon to get a glass of beer. It was served warm, as is the custom here, and, addressing the barmaid, he said: "Isn't that beer a little stale?" To which the barmaid replied: "Why shouldn't it be? It's been waiting for you for two years!"

AIR RAIDERS SHELL MANY HUN PLANTS IN BELGIUM

Tons of Explosives Dropped on German Military Objectives.

London, Aug. 17.—The admiralty announced the successful carrying out yesterday of a series of raids by aviators of the Royal Naval Air Service, who dropped many tons of bombs on military objectives in Belgium. The Ostend railway station and sidings and the Thourout railway junction were attacked. The airfield at Ghistel was bombed and several fires were observed. Attacks from the air were made on the airfields at Engel and Uytkeke. All the airplanes returned safely.

CANNON TURNED ON STRIKERS' BARRICADE IN SPAIN'S TUMULT

Four Houses Demolished in Street Battle—Several Jail Deliveries.

Paris, Aug. 17.—A dispatch from Madrid to the Associated Press says that news from that Spain is that everything is becoming normal. It was necessary to use cannon against the barricade made by strikers at Sabadell, near Barcelona, resulting in the demolition of four houses and the killing and wounding of several strikers. Two soldiers were killed and ten were wounded. All prisoners in the Madrid jail tried to escape. A struggle with soldiers occurred, wherein three strikers were killed and wounded on each side. It is said that the revolutionaries in Spain are plotting with prisoners for their escape, taking advantage of the disturbances.

Madrid has become more animated. Some vehicles and trams were circulating. A dispatch from the Havas Agency received here says the imprisoned strikers did not join in the prison mutiny. They are occupying separate quarters. The mutiny occurred at a moment when families were allowed to visit the jail.

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, 84; lowest, 56.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 66; lowest, 55.

TOMORROW—FINE AND COOL.

Forecast.
Saturday.—Moderate winds, fine, and comparatively cool.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Toronto. 70. 52. Fair.

Calgary. 53. 35. Cloudy.

Winnipeg. 50. 35. Clear.

Port Arthur. 58. 44. Cloudy.

Port Stanley. 59. 46. Clear.

Toronto. 50. 38. Cloudy.

Kingston. 52. 40. Fair.

Ottawa. 52. 40. Fair.

Montreal. 53. 41. Cloudy.

Quebec. 53. 41. Rain.

Weather Notes.
The shallow depression which was over the Great Lakes and Upper St. Lawrence Valley yesterday now extends from Quebec southward to the Middle Atlantic coast. Numerous showers and thunderstorms have occurred in Ontario and Quebec, followed by a change to clear, with the west the weather has continued fine and very warm.

PROHIBITION BILL IN B. C. HOUSE TODAY

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 17.—The bill bringing prohibition act into effect October 1st will be passed today. It was introduced by the premier yesterday, given the first and second readings, and the committee of the whole House reported progress upon it after voting down an amendment by R. J. Pooley, of Esquimalt, to delay the operation of the prohibition act until January 1st. Pooley offered his amendment owing to there being no compensation provided for in the bill for the liquor interests, who, he says, had large stocks on hand because they believed the overseas soldiers' votes had defeated prohibition. Pooley's was the only voice raised against the bill.

LEEDS' SCHEERING WORDS SHOWS ATTITUDE OF ENTENTE ON PEACE, WASHINGTON'S VIEW

Optimistic Speech of British Premier Interpreted as Indicating How Allied Nations Will Consider Any Discussion of Peace.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 17.—Premier Lloyd George's optimistic speech in Parliament yesterday was interpreted here as a preliminary indication of the attitude the Allied nations may be expected to adopt toward any discussion of peace on a basis which might permit Germany as a conqueror to dictate terms.

The speech came of the premier's speech while the state department was receiving by cable from the British foreign office the sign of the peace's message to the leaders of all belligerent nations, proposing a basis for peace negotiations and earnestly appealing for its consideration. In Entente diplomatic quarters among Government officials, Lloyd George's announcement of the government in food conditions, removing the danger of England being starved into submission, his assurance that losses through submarine attacks continued to decrease, his high declaration that there would be sufficient tonnage for 1918 and 1919 if necessary, were hailed joyfully, as sign of the British nation's safe position and firm attitude.

QUEBEC HARRIED BY GREAT STORM; HOUSES FLOODED

Worst Electric Disturbance in City's History Raged All Night.

Quebec, Aug. 17.—The worst electric and rain storm of years struck Quebec City and district yesterday evening between 11 and 12 o'clock, and in a short time of three hours, close to two inches of rain fell, breaking all previous records.

Hundreds of cellars are flooded today. Quebec is an extremely hilly city, and the houses that were flooded at the foot of the many inclines are innumerable. Certain dwellings were even flooded, and a case in particular is on record, that of the Walsh and Hieatt families, at Nos. 7 and 8, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000.

It is announced that all returned men are now divided into five classes. Those fit for general service, or likely to be fit in a short time; those fit for service abroad, but not for general service; those fit for service in Canada, but temporarily unfit, and the men waiting discharge or reclassification.

Under this time practically none in the first two classes have been returned to Canada. Those designated as temporarily unfit are those requiring medical treatment, while those fit for service in Canada are divided into three classes. Those detailed for special service companies, those for special companies in the C. A. M. C. and a third class for sedentary work—such as clerical positions.

Medical Standards.
Lieut.-Col. Thompson, M. P., medical superintendent of the M. H. C., explains that the medical standards for those detailed to special service companies shall be free from serious organic defects, be able to march five miles, see to shoot with glasses and hear well. Those detailed for special service companies in the C. A. M. C. must also be free from organic diseases, be able to march five miles and fit for service conditions in Canada.

RUSS DESTROYER LOST.
Petrograd, Aug. 17.—The Russian torpedo boat destroyer "Lutetia" was lost off the coast of the Baltic Sea, near the island of Angeln. The vessel was sunk by a German mine. The crew was rescued.

KORNILOFF SEES KERENSKY.
Petrograd, Aug. 16.—Lieut.-General Korniloff, the commander-in-chief, arrived in the West on the evening of the 16th, and had a conference with Premier Kerensky.

MISS ADA MUNRO, DISTRICT NO. 3, LEADING TODAY FOR THE ADVERTISER'S GRAND PRIZE



Here are eight more ambitious people who are adding new subscriptions to The Advertiser every day, and who are losing no time in thoroughly canvassing their territory. Reading from left to right, they are: Miss Ada Munro, District No. 3 (Miss Munro is leading all districts today for the grand prize); Sergeant Gilman, District No. 1; Miss Ulline Ross, District No. 7; A. J. Master, District No. 2; Miss Annie Burnham, District No. 3; Miss Irene Subscriptions to The Advertiser turned in by tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock, is causing no end of interest among the several hundreds of candidates. The special prize Maxwell Touring Car, given for the most subscription money on both old and new subscriptions, and the greatest number of new subscribers making a big bid for the special prize and is rallying to the assistance of favorite candidates. This Maxwell car will be the last special prize given in the contest and carries with it during this week the best extra vote offer that will be given. Candidates outside the city of London may work up to the last minute, then must return to the contest department.

HAIG AND PETAIN HOLD FIRMLY ALL GAINS OF THE GREAT DRIVE AGAINST FURIOUS ONSLAUGHTS

NINE HUNDRED HUNS TAKEN BY CANADIANS

(By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspondent of Canadian Press.)

Canadian Army Headquarters in France, Aug. 17.—The total number of prisoners captured by the Canadians in the action around Lens is now over 900.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT NOT WORRYING OVER STOCKHOLM MEETING

Snowden's Attack on Government Defeated—MacDonald Quizzes Over Kerensky's Wire.

London, Aug. 17.—Apparently the House of Commons as a whole has no overbearing interest in the Stockholm conference. There was only a small attendance of members during the debate last night, and the amendment moved by Philip Snowden to adjourn the House only until September 11, on the ground that the Government could not be trusted eight weeks out of sight of Parliament, was rejected by 74 votes to 18.

MACDONALD QUIZZES

London, Aug. 17.—In the House of Commons last night J. Ramsay MacDonald, ex-chairman of the Labor Party, questioned the Government with regard to the Daily Mail's Petrograd dispatch giving the correspondent's version of the Russian premier's attitude toward the Stockholm conference. He accused the premier with misquoting the London labor conference, which induced Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, to read the text of M. Kerensky's telegram, which the chancellor asserted was spontaneous, and not due to an inquiry from the British Government. The text of the telegram follows:

A Party Concern.
"You are hereby authorized to inform the foreign secretary that although the Russian Government does not deem it possible to prevent Russian delegates from taking part in the Stockholm conference, they regard the conference as a party concern, and its decisions in no way binding on the Government."

Lord Hugh Cecil, member for Greenwich, had previously intervened in the debate and accused the proposed delegation to the Stockholm conference of being unfit, either mentally or by training, to discuss problems that would arise. To go to Stockholm, Lord Hugh said, would be unwise and foolish.

BRITAIN COMMANDEERS SHIPS FOR NORWEGIANS BUILDING AT VANCOUVER

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 16.—Steel vessels now being built in Vancouver for J. E. Knudsen, representing large Norwegian shipbuilding interests close to the Norwegian Government, have been taken over by the British Government, according to notice received by the local construction firm. The Vancouver firm has a contract for something like eight boats. The new vessels are to be built in the yard of the firm, and are to be delivered in the fall, the others to follow every interval of three months. Originally contracts for five boats were let to the local firm by Knudsen.

Desperate Attempts of Germans Fail To Recapture Ground Lost Wednesday and Thursday In Flanders and Northern France—French Continue To Make Progress In Fighting at Steenbeke River.

Paris, Aug. 17.—The Germans last night attacked the new positions gained by the French on the Steenbeke River in Belgium. The war office announces that they were repulsed completely. Vigorous German assaults on the Aisne front also were beaten back.

London, Aug. 17.—The Germans made two counter-attacks last night against the new British positions near Loos. They gained temporary success at some points, the war office announces, but subsequently the British line was re-established.

The statement follows: "Early last night the enemy twice counter-attacked the new positions gained by us yesterday east of Loos, in the direction of Cite St. Auguste. At the second attempt he succeeded in pressing back our line slightly at some points, but later in the night our troops again attacked and re-established our positions. A further hostile counter-attack was completely repulsed. We secured a few prisoners. "The artillery has been active on both sides in the night east of Ypres."

FRITZ ADMITS IT.
Berlin, Aug. 17.—Via London.—German advanced posts along the Yser Canal, near Dreygrachten, in Belgium, were overrun yesterday by troops of the Entente Allies, says the German official statement issued today. The enemy also captured ground north and east of Bixschote.

ROMANIANS HIT HARD AT ENEMY ALONG FRONTIER

Germans Driven Back in Disorder at One Point—1,000 Prisoners.

London, Aug. 17.—On the Bukovina front, between the Dniester and Moldavia, enemy attacks were everywhere repulsed, except at a single point south of the Varna, where a portion of the trenches in the mountains were lost, says the official Rumanian statement under date of Tuesday, just received here.

"All enemy attacks," continues the statement, "on the Sianic and Danub valleys were repulsed. Our infantry and cavalry delivered counter-attacks on the enemy, which fled in disorder. We occupied several peaks and took more than 400 prisoners. Some machine guns were captured."

"This action was facilitated by the Russians in the north, who, after repulsing several attacks, took the offensive and drove back the enemy in conjunction with the Rumanians. The battle continues violently."

"South of the Maraschli the enemy attacked all day with fresh troops. There were violent hand-to-hand encounters and counter-attacks. A Russian regiment in a counter-attack took more than 400 prisoners. A Russian raid south of Brezany also resulted in the capture of prisoners and some machine guns."

"The battle continues with unparalleled stubbornness on both sides of the Sereth. An artillery bombardment of varying intensity occurred on the Danube."

WAR VETERANS TALK OF USING FORCE IF THE PARTIES TRIFLE

Are Opposed to War-Time Elections and Favor National Government.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 17.—At a general meeting of the Great War Veterans here last night, a resolution was adopted to oppose, with force if necessary, any attempt by either political party to trifle with questions of national importance. Veterans deplored the holding of an election during the war and advocated the formation of a national government and pledged their support to independent candidates on the conscription platform.

BEEFLESS, BACONLESS DAYS START TODAY

Ottawa, Aug. 16.—"Tomorrow, Friday, is the first day upon which beef and bacon may not be served in hotels and other public eating places, under the new regulations of the food controller," says a bulletin from the food controller's office. "From tomorrow onward managers of public eating places disregarding the regulations as published in the Canadian Gazette are breaking the law of the land as well as disregarding their patriotic duty."