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More Gains By The British

Despite Enemy Reinforcements Take Greater Part of Pozieres Village—Hammer-Blows of Germans Ineffective—French Continue Success

London, July 25.—The British troops have captured the greater part of the village of Pozieres, says the British official statement issued this afternoon. The Germans brought up reinforcements of infantry and guns, but the counter-attacks everywhere were repulsed by the British.

Paris, July 25.—On the south bank of the river Somme last evening, French troops captured a block of houses south of Estrees and drove the Germans out of trenches north of Vermandovillers. The French official statement, issued this afternoon, contains this news.

Between the Oise and the Aisne, several German patrols were dispersed near Tracy-Le-Val. On the left bank of the Meuse, in the Verdun region, there was grenade fighting at Hill 304.

On the right bank of the Meuse, a violent cannonading was in progress at Feury and La Loupe. A German attack on the French positions at Baschwiller, in Alsace, is reported to have failed.

Sub-Lieut. Nungesser, of the French aviation corps, brought down his third aeroplane. The text of the French official statement was: "South of the Somme yesterday we captured, in a small attack south of Estrees, a group of powerfully fortified houses. Our troops chased the Germans from some trenches north of Vermandovillers and occupied them."

Between the Oise and the Aisne we dispersed with grenades several reconnoitering parties which attempted to reach our lines in the sector of Tracy-Le-Val. On the left bank of the Meuse an enemy attack with hand grenades against Hill 304 failed under machine gun fire. On the right bank there was violent bombardment in the region between Feury and La Loupe.

In East Galicia, approach of Russian detachments was frustrated by our artillery. North of the Dniester, Austro-Hungarian troops carried on successful nocturnal surprise attacks.

OVERCOME BY POISONOUS GAS IN TUNNEL, 24 MEN DEAD

Rescuers Themselves Trapped and Give up Lives Trying to Save Others in Cleveland Disaster

Cleveland, Ohio, July 25.—Twenty-four are dead, the police say, as the result of a waterworks tunnel explosion last night. Twenty-one bodies are thought to be in the tunnel and three men rescued by relief parties have died in the hospitals.

An explosion of gas occurred about 100 feet from the crib in the new tunnel under Lake Erie, which will connect with a big filtration plant recently erected on the west side. Ten men were caught in the shaft. Eight men who were in the crib at the time and heard the explosion rushed down to investigate. They found the air lock jammed, but William Dolan, lock tender, cut his way through from the inside with an axe and admitted the rescuers.

They plunged into the tunnel, but themselves were overcome. Dolan managed to drag two of them out and reach the elevator in the crib shaft. All three were rescued from the gas, but managed to give the alarm. Buckets were sent up and the telephone was used to bring aid. Life savers and the fire tug crew rushed to the crib and organized the remaining workers at the crib into a rescue party in an effort to reach the imprisoned men, but no headway could be made on account of the gas.

Finally Van Dusen arrived and with ten picked men started into the tunnel. They got through the air lock and rescued some of the men. Van Dusen and his party were overcome by the gas and the rescue was abandoned.

A third party was organized in an effort to reach some of the Van Dusen party lying inside. By smashing the glass, Clancy and others, although partly overcome by the poisonous gas, managed to drag out three men. When they got them to the surface the men were apparently dead, but strenuous efforts made to revive them were rewarded. Efforts will be made today to reach the rest of the men in the tunnel, most of whom, it is believed, are dead. A general rescue party will be sent in tonight.

Cleveland, July 25.—Twenty-two men are dead and half a dozen others are dying as the result of the explosion.

ASQUITH HINTS AT GENERAL ELECTIONS ON IRISH QUESTION

"Will Ask Country, If Necessary, if Government's Proposals Are Not Fair"—Newspapers Regard Situation as Serious

New York, July 25.—An Associated Press cable from London says: "Apparently the status of Ireland has gone steadily from bad to worse ever since the Sinn Fein rising on Easter Sunday, for at present the country is in the hands of a temporary and make-shift government composed of a commission of judges assisted by Major General Sir John Maxwell, commander of the British forces in Ireland, who still is maintaining military control over most of the ordinary police functions."

There is no victory in the place of Baron Wombstone, former Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and, since Premier Asquith's announcement that the Dublin rebellion had been an utter failure, none is likely to be appointed. The office of Augustine Birrell, ex-chief secretary for Ireland, remains unfilled. Great Britain finds itself at one of the most critical stages of the war, again distracted by wranglings over the old problem and with no light ahead.

London, July 25.—A significant remark was made in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon by Premier Asquith at the conclusion of a debate on a motion for adjournment made by John Redmond, the Nationalist leader, following an announcement by the premier that the government had no intention of introducing any home rule for Ireland bill with regard to which there was no substantial agreement among all parties in a special session of the Nationalists not to throw away the opportunity for bringing home rule into immediate operation.

The premier's attitude, says the New York Times, is understood to be that if Mr. Lloyd George resigns he should consider himself obliged to resign also. "Another excellent performance was that of Sir Edward Carson. He dismissed the idea of cooperation as impossible, more impossible than ever after the blood of Dublin Fusiliers and the men of Ulster had mingled in the battlefields. He dismissed as immaterial the dispute about the words 'provisional' and 'permanent'."

The prime minister pointed out that under the government proposals, home rule would be brought into immediate operation. "Are you going to throw away the opportunity?" was his blunt question to the Nationalist party. The agreement was always subject to ratification by the cabinet. He contended that as it stood, it was a fair give and take arrangement.

Mr. Asquith closed his very eloquent and powerful speech by entreating the Nationalists to reconsider their decision and not to allow this opportunity to pass by.

Frederickton July 25.—The report of the police commission on charges preferred against Chief John H. McCollum was made public today. In reference to a charge that the chief was a frequenter of the house of one George Delong, the commission finds that he was sent there in discharge of his duty.

As to the charge that the chief had entered into an agreement with a certain hotel keeper not to enforce the second part of the Canada Temperance act against him the commission finds that there was no evidence to sustain the charge. In conclusion, the report says: "As to the other charges the members of the commission deemed it sufficient to say that in their opinion the evidence given in support thereof and the admissions made in regard thereto under oath fully justified the conclusion to dispense with two members of the force, and for the resignation of the chief of police."

IMPORTANT VICTORY FOR THE ITALIANS

Capture Monte Cimone From the Austrians—Russians Draw Near to Erzincan

Rome, July 25.—Italian troops have captured Monte Cimone from the Austrians, says the official Italian statement issued today.

Petrograd, July 25.—Some Russian detachments already have reached positions about ten miles from the Turkish fortified town of Erzincan, in Armenia, says the Russian official statement given out here today.

Correspondents explain the panic of the local authorities, who cannot supply the refugees, by saying that dozens of Cossacks are sufficient to frighten and put to flight 100,000 women and children.

"These refugees," continues the correspondent, "have greatly embarrassed the local authorities, who cannot supply them with accommodations. Moreover, they block the road, hampering military transport and holding up supplies. The refugees are entirely without food. The cattle which they drove with them, also have had nothing to eat, owing to the sparse vegetation in the mountains."

EQUALLED ONLY BY THE FLIGHT OF THE SERBIANS

Panic in Bukovina as Cossacks Appear

Refugees Without Food—Bodies of Those Who Die of Exhaustion Are to Be Seen Everywhere

London, July 25.—A despatch to the Morning Post from Budapest, dated July 15, says: "Some Cossack detachments succeeded in crossing into Hungary yesterday, creating a panic throughout the frontier towns and villages, and causing thousands of refugees to swarm into the plains. The Russians penetrated about thirty miles, and then rapidly withdrew, fighting continuously with detachments of grenadiers."

"Newspaper men who have seen the exodus in the Bukovina region say that only the Serbian flight into Montenegro and Albania can be compared with it. Everywhere are to be seen bodies of persons who died from exhaustion and, often, beside them, the carcasses of horses."

Charlottetown, P.E.I., July 25.—The schooner "Ulva" from Miramichi to New York with a cargo of laths, which was driven ashore at Cape Tormentine reef in a heavy gale will be a total loss. She is owned by M. Bradshaw of Summerside and valued at \$4,000.

DARK PICTURE OF TREATMENT BY THE GERMANS

Barbarous Way Interned Civilians Are Dealt With

Poor Light, Inadequate Heating, Overcrowded, Not Even Given Soap—Sixty Four Men in One Stable Loft

London, July 25.—A dark picture of the treatment of British prisoners at the Ruhleben camp in Germany, where civilians are interned, is given in a report by Dr. Alfonso E. Taylor, attaché of the American Embassy in Berlin. The report reached Viscount Grey, the British foreign secretary, from Jas. Grew, American ambassador to Germany, through Walter Hines Page, the ambassador to Great Britain.

"The barracks at Ruhleben," says Dr. Taylor, "are overcrowded. It is intolerable that people of education should be herded six together in a horse-stall in some loft. The bunk beds touch one another, the light for reading is bad, and reading is a necessity if these poor prisoners are to be detained during another winter. In the hay lofts above the centre and four and a half feet high at the sides, where sixty-four men live."

"The light from the little window," says Dr. Taylor, "is so faint that the prisoners' eyes will be seriously injured if their sight is not permanently lost. And this semi-darkness will undoubtedly cause depression and mental trouble of the men, who often have to answer the roll call in the heavy rains outside. Many things, like soap, which are usually given prisoners, even in jail, Dr. Taylor says, are not given prisoners at Ruhleben."

Dr. Taylor says that the camp officials are aware of what can be done to better the conditions of the prisoners, but that they have not the authority to make the needed improvements.

Halifax, N. S. July 25.—Archdeacon Armitage announces that the new Canadian prayer book was published in London on Saturday by the Cambridge University Press.

Synopsis—Rain has fallen heavily in the maritime provinces and showers and thunderstorms have occurred in most localities from Alberta to Manitoba. The excessive heat continues in Ontario and Quebec.

DR. HARRIS IS AT POINT OF DEATH

Hospital, July 25.—The condition of Dr. Alfred E. Harris, a Canadian ophthalmologist, who was shot on last Tuesday by Dr. Eldridge D. Atwood, a fellow practitioner, was reported early this morning to be extremely critical.

Atwood was charged with first degree murder. The police announced that in the event of Dr. Harris' death, the charge against Atwood would be changed from assault to first degree murder.

Italian Cuts Toronto Second Hand Man Severely With Razor

Toronto, July 25.—Abraham Greenberg, a second hand store keeper of 149 York street, was slashed from below his left ear to the corner of his eye yesterday afternoon by a razor-wielding Italian who was unable to agree with him as to the price paid for a suit of clothes.

THE SCHOONER ULVA IS A TOTAL LOSS

Ashore at Cape Tormentine Reef With Cargo For New York

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WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service

TODAY'S BALL GAMES

National League—Chicago at Boston, cloudy, 8:15 p. m.; Cincinnati at New York, cloudy, 8:40 p. m.; St. Louis at Philadelphia, 8:40 p. m.; Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 8:30 p. m.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION WITH GERMANY CUT OFF

New York, July 25.—The Western Union Telegraph Company announced today that wireless communication with Germany by way of Sayville, N.Y., and Tuckerton, N.J., had been suspended until further notice.