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FRENCH REGAIN ALL CHEMIN-DES-DAMES POINTS

ARTILLERY OF BOTH SIDES POURS FORTH MASSES OF SHELLS

Sea Sector Scene of Great Gun Duel—British Troops Near Ypres Make Successful Raids, Capturing 114 Prisoners.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.
(Special to The Advertiser.)

With the British Armies in the Field, July 25.—German artillery poured great quantities of gas and high explosive shells on British positions in the sea sector last night. British batteries roared back a stout reply. The interchange continued until dawn. As this is cabled the fire has quieted down.

Early today airplanes were exceedingly active on both sides despite heavy thunderstorms and rain.

SUCCESSFUL RAIDS.

London, July 25.—British troops yesterday made successful raids east and northeast of Ypres, on the Belgian border, capturing 114 prisoners, including two officers, according to the official statement issued today by the British war office.

The text of the statement reads: "We captured 114 prisoners, including two officers, in successful raids made by us yesterday east and northeast of Ypres. The enemy's artillery showed considerable activity last night east of Monchy-le-Preaux and in the neighborhood of Lombartzyde."

BERLIN REPORT.

Berlin, July 25.—Continuation of exceptionally violent artillery fighting in Flanders is reported in today's official account of operations on the western front.

ALL RUSSIA JOINS IN SEARCHING OUT TRAITORS AND SPIES

The Nation Approves Every Measure of Stern Repression.

GREAT HUNT FOR LENINE

German Agent's Closest Associate Caught in Finnish Town.

BY WILLIAM O. SHEPHERD.

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Petrograd, July 25.—All Russia is united today to back up the government in its search for traitors and spies.

The nation apparently approves every measure of stern repression which Russia's Lloyd George, Premier Kerensky, is invoked to take. The whole nation is engaged in a gigantic hunt for the man behind the Russian Revolution, the man behind the Russian Revolution, the man behind the Russian Revolution.

LENINE MAY BE SHOT. New York, July 25.—Information that the Russian Provisional Government has decided to terminate the apparent pro-German activities of Nikolai Lenin, the Russian Socialist leader, by arresting him and many of his followers, has reached the Russian information bureau here. These activities indicate Lenin probably will be shot if he is convicted as a spy working in the interests of Germany, but that if not convicted he will be isolated for the duration of the war.

Most Dangerous. It is explained that the Provisional Government, anxious to avoid any accusation of interference with freedom of speech or of the press, has hesitated to arrest Lenin, but that in recent days his activities reached the point where the state determined to tolerate them any longer, regarding them as "more dangerous for Russia and her liberty than the German army without."

Lenine, whose right name is Vladimir Ilich Ulanoff, is described by the Russian information bureau as "a man with a record"—a record which before the revolution commanded respect throughout his country.

His book, "The Development of Capitalism in Russia," is regarded as one of his most valuable contributions to Russian economic literature, and his scientific problems won him high place in the estimation of Socialists and scientists alike.

ADVISE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. Petrograd, July 25.—Via London.—Russian commissioners who retained discipline in the 7th and 8th armies, making possible the recent Russian advance in Eastern Galicia, after witnessing the retreat of the Russians in the face of the Austro-German attack, have sent them a report to Premier Kerensky. They advise that "capital punishment should be meted out to those who refuse to fight for their fatherland and freedom."

JILTED BY LOVER, SHE DRINKS SOME POISON

Winnipeg, July 25.—Mary Schinkins, aged 35, was to have been married last evening. She was in her wedding costume when she learned that her lover had jilted her. In her chagrin she drank half a can of lyne and is not expected to recover.

LIEUT. FRAME BETTER (Special to The Advertiser.)

Stratford, July 25.—Lieut. R. S. Frame, previously reported seriously ill, is now reported as no longer in a serious condition.

YOUNG LONDON AVIATOR IS REPORTED MISSING

LIEUT. DOUGLAS WELD OF THE Royal Flying Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Weld of Ridout street south.

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Explosion Entombs About 80 Miners; Some Bodies Found

Accident at New Waterford—Rescue Parties Formed.

SAFETY MISSING. Montreal, July 25.—A fatal explosion at the offices of the Dominion Coal Company this afternoon resulted in the death of 80 miners, and the rescue of some bodies found.

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U. S. A. FOOD CONTROL GOES TO CONFERENCE IN HOUSE WITHOUT VOTE

Washington, D. C., July 25.—The administration food control bill was sent to conference in the House today without a vote.

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, 80; lowest, 68.

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TOMORROW—DECIDEDLY WARM.

Forecast.

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Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria. 72. 52. Clear.

Calgary. 80. 58. Clear.

Winnipeg. 84. 58. Rain.

Port Arthur. 82. 62. Rain.

Parry Sound. 88. 64. Clear.

Port Stanley. 82. 70. Clear.

Buffalo. 88. 66. Clear.

Toronto. 86. 66. Clear.

Kanagawa. 88. 62. Fair.

Ottawa. 88. 66. Fair.

Montreal. 80. 64. Clear.

Quebec. 70. 58. Fair.

Father Point. 82. 48. Fair.

Weather Notes.

Except for a few light showers in Manitoba and the eastern portion of the Maritime Provinces, the weather has been fair throughout the Dominion, with temperatures in Ontario and the West-ern Provinces of 80 to 90 degrees.

TELLS GERMANY SUBS' CAMPAIGN LOSES FRIENDS FOR THE NATION

Berlin Writer Admits That Its Effects Have Been Miscalculated.

TAKING MUCH TOO LONG

People Still Have Faith In It, If Given Enough Time.

NO GERMAN OFFENSIVE

Lack of Men Prevents Teutons From Trying for Big Advance.

Copenhagen, July 25.—A remarkably frank article by the Berlin correspondent of the National Tidenden, passed by the foreign office censorship, discusses the seamy side of the submarine campaign and the effect it has upon neutrals. It is generally recognized, he says, that the longer the campaign continues, the fewer friends Germany will have after the war.

Put Trust in Time. This consideration, and the thought of many billions which another six months of war would cost, are the two principal factors which contributed to bringing a majority of the Reichstag into line upon a bid for immediate peace. The correspondent says now it is generally admitted that the effect of the campaign has been miscalculated, not regarding the amount of tonnage destroyed, but as to the time required to make its effects felt in England. The German people are still convinced that it will succeed, ultimately, if given time, and they themselves are able to hold out.

No Big Offensive. Disregarding Gallian happenings as accidental, the correspondent says there can be no question of a big offensive, owing to a lack of men and material. Marshal von Hindenburg frankly admitted, but there is no doubt the front can hold out for a long time.

Two of the most striking impressions upon his return to Berlin—the disappearance of children, who have been sent to the country in thousands, and the appearance of a new type of Berliner, a man with a skin bag, a head in folds, who has supplanted the healthy, well-dressed German.

Less than fifteen pounds in weight, many more than thirty, but they are healthy and usually improved. Another feature is the disappearance of vegetables, owing to the drought. Green grocers display only lemons and onions.

Old Civil Servant in London Courts on Graft Charges

Naval Officer Also Concerned in Alleged Conspiracy.

London, July 25.—Wm. August Casson, a retired civil servant, was remanded in Bow street police court this afternoon charged with unlawfully and corruptly conspiring with Wing Commander John C. Porter, R. N., and Lyman H. Seeley, to contravene the provisions of the prevention of corruption act of 1906.

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—New York Evening Telegram

SOMEBODY BLUNDERED, AND AJAX BYLAW VOTE MUST BE DEFERRED UNTIL FALL

Ambiguous Clauses in Agreement Inserted Contrary to Company's Wish Cause the Necessity of Redrafting the Whole Document.

CITY SOLICITOR COMES IN FOR CRITICISM

Replies That He Gave Council What It Asked For—Controller Shaw Says City Is To Blame for the Careless Work.

The bylaw guaranteeing the bonds of the Ajax Rubber Company and the piebiscite on the establishment of a municipal coal yard will not be voted on next Monday, but will be submitted to the council at a later date. This was agreed to at an informal meeting of the council at noon today. The vote will probably be taken early in September. In the meantime, another agreement will be prepared for submission to the council.

The fault did not lie with the Ajax Company. It was clearly that of the council and its advisers, who permitted certain ambiguities to arise in the agreement. For instance, it was stated that the Ajax Company was incorporated under the Ontario companies act, when as a matter of fact the company has a Dominion charter, much broader in application.

The Crude Rubber Clause. There were ambiguities relative to the matter of plant equipment, and crude rubber was included as an item of equipment. This was clearly not intended by the company, and was never asked for. It would have given the directors power to use city money for the purchase of crude rubber, and this was impossible.

"We clearly stated to the city that our company had a Dominion charter," said George M. Miller, on behalf of the company. "We neither asked for nor wanted anything in about crude rubber. We had no intention of asking for that. It was included in the bylaw and agreement at the suggestion of the city council. We have acted in good faith, and are prepared to continue so."

Up to the Solicitor. "We are willing that you should make the agreement as binding as you want to. That is for yourselves and your solicitor to see to. If it is possible to take the objectionable clause out, we are perfectly willing. They certainly were not inserted at our dictation or request."

A. E. Silverwood, president of the board of trade, stated that the board, when asked to support the agreement, had gone over it and had found that there were certain ambiguities. The board could not support it with those ambiguities in it. A consultation took place with the representatives of the Ajax Company, and the latter expressed themselves as quite willing, in fact anxious to meet the wishes of the board of trade.

For Ironclad Agreement. "Let us start over, and make a new agreement," he suggested. "We have common ground. The Ajax Company has no clause giving them power to purchase crude rubber with our money. Continued on Page Three.

FRENCH WIPE OUT ALL GERMAN GAINS OF WEEK WITH BRILLIANT STROKE

TARNOPOL TAKEN BY THE TEUTONS, BERLIN DECLARES

Germans Also Take Stanislaw and Nadvorna, Says Statement.

RUSS ASSUME OFFENSIVE

Penetrate the Austro-German Lines, But Brought To a Standstill.

Berlin, July 25.—Today's official statement says Tarnopol has been captured and the Germans are nearing Buzace.

The statement also reports the capture of Stanislaw and Nadvorna. Heavy artillery fighting is in progress in Rumania on the front of Field Marshal von Mackensen.

Emperor William watched the Germans repulse a Russian attack from the plain of the Serch between Tarnopol and Trembowla. It is officially announced.

Russian troops, taking the offensive south of the Carpathians, penetrated the Austro-German lines. They were brought to a standstill, the war office reports, at the German protective position west of the point of attack.

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This morning came the test of the German reaction. It was directed against the positions recaptured by the French on the Craonne Plateau. Although the attack was entirely futile, the French retaining the ground and consolidating their position.

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Ground Won At Terrible Cost By Enemy On Chemin-Des-Dames Retaken In One Short Action—Hun Victory Deemed Necessary To Keep Down Austrian Peace Movement.

BY HENRY WOOD.
(Special to The Advertiser.)

With French Army in Field, July 25.—In one short stroke, French forces early today completely wiped out all Germany had gained by six days' prodigal sacrifices in blood and steel and powder along the Chemin-des-Dames.

The defence of this highway parallels in heroic brilliance the throwing back of the German waves at Verdun.

Since Thursday morning the crown prince's attacks had been continuous and furious. His troops suffered enormous casualties as the price of foot-by-foot gains. Then these same French troops, who had endured the continuous bombardment and attack, suddenly leaped forward and swept the Germans out of their costly gains.

The reason for the German attacks and the massacres of her troops apparently lies in the belief of the German staff that serious Austrian peace tendencies must be overcome, the Teutonic population must be cheered up by action on land in view of the submarine failure, and enthusiasm raised for fresh war loans by some stroke of the army. In addition, the observations on Chemin-des-Dames are dominant in this theatre of war, and as long as the French hold them the German lines are menaced.

GERMAN ASSAULT A FAILURE. Paris, July 25.—The German attack this morning on the Aisne front, at the Chemin-des-Dames, in an effort to capture the positions from which they could direct the new offensive, the war office announces that the attack was repulsed completely. The French are confident that the new offensive will be repulsed.

The statement follows: "After a short but violent bombardment, the Germans at 5 o'clock this morning attacked the positions recaptured by the French on the Craonne Plateau. This attack was repulsed completely. Our gains of yesterday were maintained and consolidated."

"Surprise attacks of the enemy north of the Chemin-des-Dames in the region of Mont Camille and in Alsace, north of Aspach-le-Haut, were broken up."

"On the left bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) there was great activity of the artillery, with no infantry engagements."

THE WAR SITUATION

Russia's shaken armies in Galicia are still in a retreat which bids fair not to end until they reach approximately the line occupied by them last year before Gen. Brusiloff began his offensive against the Austro-Germans.

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POPE DEPLORES WAR.

Rome, Tuesday, July 24.—Pope Benedict XV, in a message to the Italian people, in answer to greetings from him on the eve of his name-day. The pope spoke of the conditions brought about by the war, with its atrocities and destruction, and deplored the extension of the struggle.

CANADA'S SUPPLY OF COAL FROM UNITED STATES ONLY TO COVER HER "ACTUAL NEEDS"

American Authorities Insist That There Must Be Rigid Economy in the Use of Fuel—Controller Will Hold Meetings With Consumers.

Ottawa, July 25.—Canada's supply of coal from the United States this year will be confined to "actual needs." The American authorities who are co-operating with Food Controller Magrath, are insisting on this and there must be rigid economy. The controller has returned from a conference in New York, and will go to Toronto for a conference with the Canadian Manufacturers' Association on Friday. A series of meetings with coal consumers throughout the province will follow.

Material For Airplanes May Be Lacking.

San Francisco, July 25.—One-half the lumber mills in Oregon and Washington have been forced to close, due to strikes called by the Industrial Workers of the World, according to a statement today by A. A. Baxter, general manager of the Douglas Fir and Exploitation Export Company.

The mills are closing down rapidly," said Mr. Baxter. "It will not be long before all of them are closed, if the I. W. W. agitation lasts. Lumber for airplane construction will be cut off entirely unless some definite action is taken by the Government."

Views of Britain's Premier Echoed by German Criticism