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HUNS RUSH TROOPS STEM ALLIED ADVANCE

Flooding of Dnieper River Delays Operations on Russian Front to Advantage of Austro-Germans—Russians South of Kovl Has Forced Von Lingsingen to Retire and Face Strong Russian Attacks

LONDON, July 22.—Some idea of the huge forces now engaged in the battle of the Somme in northern France was given in an official statement from Berlin to-night which says that more than 200,000 French and British troops attacked the German lines north and south of the Somme on Thursday on a front of 27 miles. To-day news from the battle ground which has been contested bitterly since July 1st, shows no great change in positions of French, British and German forces. The British have pressed forward to the German third line in Fourceaux Wood, northwest of Sommeval. This wood is an important strategic point, the capture of which would bring the forces of General Haig to the highest point of the ridge commanding the German positions in the less hilly country beyond which is not so much broken up and not so wooded, and not too well defended. This probably explains the desperate attempts of the Germans to hold this wood where heavy fighting continues.

An associated Press Correspondent says the Germans are bringing masses of troops from Verdun and guns from other points in an endeavor to stem the Allied advance. Meanwhile indications are that the Allies are testing the strength of the German line at other points. A trench raid by the Austrian troops in the neighbourhood of Amontines attracts much interest in this connection. The flooding of the Dnieper River is delaying operations on a large portion of the Russian front to the advantage of the Austro-Germans, but the Russian war office was able to announce two successes to-day. Gen. Von Lingsingen, commanding the Austro-German forces south of Kovl, has been obliged to retire further and face strong attacks by forces under Gen. Sakharoff. The Russians have seized the crossings of the river Styr and compelled their opponents to retire from salient stry and Bipa river towards Berestech where battle is now going on. By this advance Gen. Sakharoff gives the greatest protection to the operations at the Russian General on the Volynia lines in the region of Brody. In the Caucasus the Russians have taken the town of Gumushkhan between Trizond and Eringan, which was the objective of the Russian army in this section of the front.

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Food Riots Break Out in Belgian

ROTTERDAM, July 21.—Food riots, which broke out in Belgium and Northern France, have been suppressed by the German military. The rioting was severe at Liege, Verrieres, Roubaix, Renaix, St. Nicholas, Lokeran and Termonde. Quelling the riots in populated centres has been followed by compulsory evacuating from the cities by the German authorities of large sections of the industrial population. These have been scattered homeless through the agricultural regions.



HUNS ACROSS THE SEA. Kultur in Constantinople.

London Opinion.

Says British Lost 2000 in Attack

Berlin Official Claims British Lost 2,000 Killed and 500 Prisoners in Attack North La Bassee

BERLIN, July 21.—An attack by British forces against the Germans at Fromelles, north of La Bassee on Wednesday, resulted in the loss by the attackers of more than 2,000 men killed and nearly 500 made prisoners, according to a statement given out by the war office to-day. The statement admits that the German line along a front of about three kilometers (2 miles), south of Hardecourt, was driven from its first trenches into its second trenches, 500 metres in the rear. Enemy forces, the statement says, penetrated into the German salient in the wood of Vermandovillers.

Germans Suffer Colossal Losses

Russians Under Gen. Kuropatkin Have Smashed German Lines With Artillery Fire Lasting Three Days.

NEW YORK, July 21.—A Rome despatch to the Journal says that the forces of Gen. Kuropatkin on the Dvina, north section of the German line, in Russia, having smashed the man line with artillery fire, lasting three days. According to despatches received here from Petrograd to-day the Germans have suffered what are described as 'colossal losses'. Gen. Kuropatkin, attacking the German defensive works with furious artillery fire for several days, succeeded in destroying the enemy's position to such an extent that Russians are now ready for infantry attacks. Field Marshal Hindenburg is directing in person the German defence.

AN INQUIRY IS DIRECTED TO BRITISH GOVT

Representatives of American Firms Blacklisted Have Formed an Organization to Fight Action of British Government—No Details Are Known as Yet—U. S. Government Hands Inquiry Through Ambassador Page

WASHINGTON, July 22.—An inquiry as why certain business concerns in the United States have been placed on the black list under Great Britain's Trading with enemy act, has been directed to the British Government by the State Department to-day through both the British Embassy here and Ambassador Page at London.

WAS A BUSY DAY FOR THE ROYAL FLYING CORPS

Eleven German Machines Were Shot Down—One Encounter Lasted Forty-five Minutes—Allied Losses For Day Were One Machine—Many Enemy Places of Military Importance Were Successfully Bombed

LONDON, July 22.—Taking advantage of the fine weather the Royal Flying Corps yesterday continued bombing operations against points of military importance with successful results. Hostile air craft was active until evening when a good deal of fighting took place, behind the German lines. One of our offensive patrols encountered 11 German machines, which were shot down, one bursting into flames.

Another encounter between four of our machines and six of the enemy lasted 45 minutes. One POKKER was shot down and another badly damaged. The remainder fled. During the other air combats eight German machines were forced to the ground. Our total loss during the day was one machine. It has now been established that the enemy's assaults on July 18 on Delville Wood area were over a front of 2000 yards and were made by 13 battalions drawn from four different divisions. The enemy's losses were correspondingly great.

New War Credit Of £450,000,000

LONDON, July 22.—Treasury department as issued "Supplementary estimate" for a vote of credit of £450,000,000 which Premier Asquith will ask the Commons to vote on Monday. The vote is the largest asked for by the Government since the beginning of the war and brings the total since the beginning of the war up to £7,832,000,000.

AN ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Recently received London papers refer to the engagement of Miss Owen Lloyd-George, daughter of Mr. Lloyd-George, Minister of War to Capt. T. Carey Evans, I.M.S., F.R.C.S., who is a brother of Mrs. Philip Knowling of this city.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

RECEIVED 7 P.M., JULY 21ST.

2nd Lieut. Herbert Joseph Power, 61 Brazil's Square. At 3rd. London General Hospital, Wandsworth; pyrexia.

450 Private John C. Edwards, Pennywell Road. Died of wounds, Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, July 21st.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary

OFFICIAL BRITISH

LONDON, July 21.—The British line north of Bazentin and Longueval has been pushed forward to Forreaux Wood, the War Office announced to-day. The British drove the Germans from the wood, but lost part of this position subsequently.

FRENCH

PARIS, July 21.—A strong German detachment, which advanced to the attack in the Chaules region, was repulsed with the bayonet between Soissons and Rheims. The French penetrated a German trench, clearing it of its defenders. On the Verdun front the artillery was active on both sides in the vicinity of Chattancourt and Fleury. French aeroplanes successfully bombed enemy positions at Longuyon and Brielles.

RUSSIAN.

PETROGRAD, July 21.—Russian troops advancing towards the northern Galician border, defeated the Austro-Hungarians in the region of the confluence of the Styr and Lipa rivers, with the capture of more than 1,600 prisoners, says an official statement issued to-day. The Austrians retired to the heights near the town of Berestechk.

On the British Front

LONDON, July 22.—The Germans in an attack on the British northern edge of Leipzig salient succeeded on Friday in occupying the British front trenches, but later were driven out, according to a British official communication issued at midnight. Elsewhere along the British front comparative calm prevailed.

Convent of Mercy Shorthand Pupils

SEMI-ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AWARDS.

Speed: 100 Words per Minute. Miss Louise Saunders, 1st place. Gold-Centre Medal and M.S.D.S.; Miss Annie Kane, M.S.D.S.; Miss L. Griffin, M.S.D.S.

Accuracy. Miss Ella Steele, awarded Silver Medal and M.S.D.S.; Miss Kitty Harris, awarded Silver Medal and M.S.D.S. (Certificates of Membership of S. D. Society were obtained by:—Misses Minnie J. Mare, Jennie James, Mary Cashin, Muriel Christian, Bernadette Sharpe, Gertrude Diamond, Nellie French, Carrie Lind, Mary McNamara, Ethel Power, Victoria Porter, Carrie Bursey, Mabel Grimes, Mollie Murphy, Marion Stone, Jean McFarlane, Dorothy White, Cynthia Morgan, Nellie Hunt, Mabel Young, Nellie Farrell.

Speed Diplomas. (Words per minute.) Misses Lizzie Griffin, 107; Amelia Noonan, 104; Louise Saunders, 100; Nellie Lawlor, 100; Isabella V. Delgado, 100; Alice J. Myler, 100; Agnes Kearsey, 100; Lizzie Dunphy, 100; Annie Kane, 100.

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HUN TROOPS WERE RUSHED FROM VERDUN

Among Prisoners Captured Yesterday Was Entire Company That Helped in Capture of Vaux Fort—One of the Prisoners Say They Were Rushed to Somme Front to Relieve Bavarian Lanstrum

PARIS, July 22.—From examination of yesterday's prisoners, whole battalions of Wurtembergers, Saxons, Prussians, Bavarians and Badeniers were jumbled in a pellmell that reveals much extraordinary confusion. One fact stands out and that is that there was an entire company of troops that had helped in the capture of Vaux fort. One of them declared his Regiment had been heavily withdrawn from Verdun on July 1st, and rushed head-long to the Somme first line to relieve the Bavarian lanstrum. These words, in a despatch from the Somme frontier, arrived here to-day, marked the failure of Germans' gigantic enterprise against "Her principal enemy."

Wealthy New Yorker Robbed in Montreal

Montreal, July 18.—Mrs. Thomas, wife of E. R. Thomas, a wealthy New York banker and owner of valuable horses, who is staying at the Carleton Hotel here, was robbed of a pair of pearl earrings valued at \$18,000 and about \$700 in cash yesterday afternoon while on her way from the hotel to a store on West St. Catherine street. She says she did not miss the earrings and cash, which were in a gold bag, until she was in the store and she could not give little or no information about the robbery to a firm of private detectives which have the case in hand. Mrs. Thomas is offering a reward of \$500 for the recovery of the valuables and money.

INSANE MAN CAUSES SENSATION.

Yesterday, a man named James Hollahan, of Hoylestown, who has once or twice been in the Lunatic Asylum, had a disagreement on Harvey & Co.'s premises, where he worked, with a fellow labourer. Seizing a sharp cooper's adze, he followed the other man and raising it over his head threatened to chop him in halves. He terrorized all the other laborers about, who feared to go to work owing to the man's threatening aspect. Mr. Jeremiah Sharp telephoned the police, the unfortunate man was taken to the Station and being examined by Dr. Scully, was sent to the Lunatic Asylum.

RIFLED THE "CHRONICLE" OFFICE.

Yesterday the police arrested three boys, each aged 13 years, for entering the "Chronicle" Office on Duckworth Street and rifling. They entered by breaking a window in the rear and made a thorough exploration of the whole premises. They stripped the cisterns there of their copper, tore off leaden pipes from the lavatories, smashed typewriters, etc., and did damage all round to the extent of \$32. They were before Court to-day and pleaded guilty. Two of them who had done time before for larceny were each given 30 days, and the third, whose first offence it was was fined \$5 or 14 days.

New Bank

The Bank of Nova Scotia has secured quarters in the building formerly occupied by Davis & Co. on Duckworth Street, opposite Haymarket Square and facing the Red Cross Wharf, and will establish a branch there as soon as the premises are ready for occupancy. This will be the Bank of Nova Scotia's sixteenth branch in the Colony.

The banker Gigantic which had been in collision off Cape Race with an unknown vessel last week has had the repairs given by Mr. John Taylor finished. She is now in fine trim and sails for the banks this evening.

FRENCH LAUNCH PANTHER DRIVE AGAINST HUNS

French Army Makes Another Panther Spring at Enemy—Work Was Accomplished in Much Shorter Time Than Was Thought It Would Take—German First Line Defences Fell En Masse

PARIS, July 22.—After ten days' preparation the French army, of the Somme, has made another panther spring. The action was in two parts north of the River. France's most famous division surpassed its records by accomplishing, in the brief period of between 5.25 and 9 o'clock yesterday morning to take what its own chief had calculated would take fully 18 hours of daylight. They progressed automatically, cleared Delville Wood and Longueval. Here the Germans were stubbornly disputing with the British the ground they won back in Tuesday's great counter-attack. Moreover, the French have now a firm footing on high ground north of Peronne where they can initiate an enveloping movement instead of costly frontal attack across almost impassible marshes. The second action south of Peronne, was on a greater scale but attained with equal success. The forty-eight hour artillery preparation was so effective that on the whole five mile front the German first line defences fell en masse.

The Horrors of War

LONDON, July 21.—A Reuter's despatch from Petrograd says that floods along the Dnieper have quickly reached a height of six or seven feet. A former town councillor of Vladimir Volski, who escaped, says the town is depopulated except for women and children and aged persons. All able-bodied persons, the report says, were compelled to work at defences, or were deported to Austria. The population is starving on cheapest black bread, sold at one rouble per pound. There is no meat. There is an epidemic of typhoid and other disease.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

The volunteers went through routine drill yesterday and had a swim in Quidi Vidi Lake. There are now 3,915 names on the roll with these enlistments. Harry Bartlett, Trinity. Frank Morris, Trinity. Geo. Bishop, Long Pond. Leo Dillon, St. John's.

"FLOWER DAY" A SUCCESS

The ladies whose activities in the city streets, in the selling of flowers yesterday, were noted with pleasure by our citizens, were rewarded for their work by securing a complete success. The patriotism and generosity of our citizens were again in evidence and few refused to buy the pretty bouquets which were so temptingly displayed in the buckets held by the fair sellers. The amount received up to last evening was \$1,150 and Mrs. C. McK. Harvey is thankful to those who kindly supplied the flowers, the ladies who sold them, the public for their patronage and the press for helping on the good work.

THE STEPHANO SAILS.

The Stephano left here at 3 p.m. to-day with a half cargo of fish oil, etc. Among the passengers were Hon. S. illey, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Carter, Mrs. H. Outerbridge, Mr. and Mrs. F. Blackhall, Mr. Gellison, wife and family, Mrs. J. R. Robertson, Miss Robertson, H. Crowe, Geo. Grimes, Mr. Meuzies, Lieut. Dart, R.N., in all 130 saloon passengers, including round trippers, and 20 in steerage.

DIED UNDER CHLOROFORM.

By the last trip of the "Prospero" a young lad aged 11 the son of the manager of the Bale Verté mine was taken to St. Anthony's Hospital to be operated on for aneurism. The boy was put under an anesthetic but died shortly after it was administered. The body was brought back by the ship as she came South.

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Killed by Lighting

MEXICO CITY, July 22.—Few persons were killed during a lightning and rainstorm in the suburbs of Mexico City yesterday.