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## FRENCH WANT JAPS TO FIGHT ON LAND

Newspapers Agitate Question of Sending Nippon's Men to Russia.

Paris, Aug. 23.—The Figaro takes up the subject of Japanese participation in the war, explaining the moment has now arrived for Japan to take further steps. The writer describes Japan as having hitherto argued that as an essentially Asiatic power it was her duty to reserve all her force for her future mission in Asia. He says, however, that this situation has now changed by China's entry in the war, and therefore soldiers and artillery should be sent to Russia's aid, all the more so now that new Russia has forsworn all ideas of expansion or conquest.

## GRAIN-CUTTING BEGINS AROUND EDMONTON

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 22.—Cutting is general throughout the Edmonton district on coarse grains, and few farmers are into their wheat fields. By this time next week all wheat will be ripe and ready for the binder. Good yields are expected from barley, wheat and oats.

There has been some rain at night for the past week, but not sufficient to stop the binders. Labor seems fairly plentiful, and the supply is being augmented largely by city folks taking their vacations.

## NOTHING NOTABLE ON FRENCH FRONT

German Drachen Destroyed by Fire of Allied Artillery.

Paris, Aug. 23.—The official statement tonight reads: "Calm prevailed along the whole front. There was reciprocal artillery activity on both sides of the Meuse in the region east of Altkirch our artillery caught under its fire a German drachen, which was brought down in flames."

Belgian communication: On the night of August 21-22 the enemy fired in the region of Neufchâteau several thousand asphyxiating projectiles of all calibres. August 22 was relatively calm. In the night of August 22-23 one of our patrols penetrated an enemy trench near Dixmude, but returned before superior forces. There was slight artillery activity today, owing to the unfavorable weather.

"Eastern theatre, August 22.—In the region north of Vetenik two Bulgarian detachments were repulsed with appreciable losses. At the Cerna Bend our fire caused an outbreak of flames in three enemy batteries."

## NOTHING NEW IN MACROBBIE CASE

Coroner's Inquest Into Death of Hamilton Doctor Adjourned for a Week.

### EVIDENCE CONFLICTS

Position of Body Evidently Changed Before Coroner Reached Scene.

Hamilton, Friday, Aug. 24.—Contradictory evidence of Herbert Assestine, the nightwatchman who was the first to find the body, and Harry Bell, a salesman for the Crescent Oil Co., called immediately to the scene of the tragedy by Assestine, the fact that the position of the body was changed between the time Assestine found it and the time the latter found it, and the introduction of two new figures into the mystery, namely Edward Dorman of the Royal Oak Hotel, and William Mines, a well-known citizen, furnished the thrills at the opening inquest last night into the death of Dr. Douglas G. MacRobbie, whose almost lifeless body was found on the premises of the Crescent Oil Company Sunday night last.

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## WAR SUMMARY

### THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

THE Canadians added another brilliant success to the chain which they are forging about Lens, when they captured yesterday a large mound of mine debris known as the Green Crassier. This position lies on the southern edge of Lens and it formed a strong obstacle to their progress from the south, partly because the ground about it is half-flooded and partly because the Germans had joined it to their system of fortified cellars and many tunnels. Its gain greatly strengthens the British line and correspondingly weakens the German position in Lens. The enemy has showed, however, no intention of fighting qualities and in leadership to the Canadians and, unless unforeseen developments occur, the Canadians will soon capture Lens and make a distinct place for themselves in the history of the war.

The British have won further ground in their operations to secure the rest of the high ground of Flanders and therewith the dominating position in Belgium. Their chief advance yesterday was northeast of Langemark. The tangled condition of the ground makes the progress slow, but it is none the less sure. The political object of the allies in this advance is primarily to win back the Belgian coal fields, an achievement of the first magnitude. The British aviators and Dover flotilla are aiding in this offensive by their harassment of the enemy in Zebrugge. The Germans are uncertain whether the British will land an army on the Belgian coast or not and this constant doubt serves as a distraction to their higher command.

The French, having cleaned up the captured positions in the region of Verdun, are enjoying a rest, for the enemy, after the failure of his first counter-attacks, has cut his losses by making his assaults few and far between. The French, however, will certainly make an early attempt to recapture the region of Metz. The French success is dealing another severe shock to German expectations.

The strategy of this war is primarily affected by geology. Thus the Canadians are winning back the French coal fields, the British are preparing to win back the Belgian coal fields, and the French are proceeding to win back their iron mines in the region of Verdun. Official documents, secured by the allies, show that one of the primary aims of the Germans in going to war was to annex the French and Belgian coal and iron mines, so as to control three-quarters of the metallurgical output of Europe. The enemy, however, has now discovered some rich coal veins in Silesia and he is proceeding to exploit them, so that his losses in the west will in part be replaced. The French, however, will certainly make an early attempt to capture the Lorraine iron fields, in the region of Metz. The loss of these would probably decide the war.

The Italians, proceeding with their offensive on the Isonzo front, have thrust both wings of their attacking army forward, beaten off furious Austrian counter-attacks, and have taken 3000 additional prisoners, bringing their total for the offensive up to 16,000. The Austrians are making a desperate resistance, but their opponents are steadily advancing towards their goals. The battle has now proceeded for five days. The Italians are evidently aiming at important successes in the belief that they have fine prospects of dealing the enemy a fatal blow.

Altho the Russians have retired from some advanced positions on their extreme northern flank, the Germans so far have not gained any important success, for the withdrawals appear to have come about from the decision to get away from the preliminary German drive. The truth about the Russian situation is that the enemy has dismally failed until the present time, to exploit the temporary disorganization in the Russian army and he has also made a complete fiasco of his offensive against the Rumanians. Only result has been the changing of hands by positions, now to one side and now to the other. In his exasperation and eagerness to gain some advantage over Russia, the enemy is now beginning his attempt on the extreme northern front, with what force is unknown.

At meetings in Moscow preliminary to the gathering of a Russian national conference, various speakers, including the military minister, denounced Petrograd and the Russian provisional government, especially for tampering with the discipline of the army. Many prominent Russians want the capital removed from Petrograd to rest of Russia united against the Petrograd domination. The Germans, it is reported, are intriguing to keep the Socialists in control, while the Russian Conservatives present a strong front against the present government. Premier Kerensky, however, appears to have the respect of everybody, although many blame him for his associations with the Socialists.

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was going and how she could get in touch with him if necessary. Mrs. MacRobbie replied, "No."

Assestine Canada Bell. A wife of excitement swept thru the court when Assestine was called to the witness box.

Two or three times Coroner McNichol had to warn him to be frank in answering the questions of the crown attorney, as he persisted in apparently misunderstanding the questions hurled at him.

He stated that on Sunday morning he and a friend had hired a car to take their families into the country. "Who went?" said the crown attorney.

"My friend and his wife, a number of children, my wife and myself," he replied.

"Must have been a freight car," retorted the crown attorney. "To tell the truth, it was a beer car," replied Assestine, amid laughter.

According to Assestine they went away in the car all day and returned about 7.30. At 9.30 he saw a motor car opposite the Crescent Oil Co. and called immediately to the scene of the tragedy by Assestine, the fact that the position of the body was changed between the time Assestine found it and the time the latter found it, and the introduction of two new figures into the mystery, namely Edward Dorman of the Royal Oak Hotel, and William Mines, a well-known citizen, furnished the thrills at the opening inquest last night into the death of Dr. Douglas G. MacRobbie, whose almost lifeless body was found on the premises of the Crescent Oil Company Sunday night last.

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office immediately, as there had been an accident.

"Did you tell the newspapers that it was 10.30 when you found the body?" was the question.

"Well, I have talked to more of them than I want to," was the reply, as he glared at the busy scribbles.

Assestine asserted that he had not thought to wake up his employer to find out what had happened and that he had only told Bell there had been an accident.

Salesman's Movements. When Bell arrived he went upstairs with one of the strange men, then telephoned for Dr. Lange and went after him with an auto. "That's all I know," said the witness, with a sigh of relief that could be heard through the court.

"It's not half of what you know," retorted the crown attorney.

To the question if there was any change in the position of the body after Bell had arrived, and who woke the three men, Assestine gave the usual reply of "don't know."

Asked where he was during the time Bell went for the doctor, the witness was outside, inside, and over the fence to "don't know."

"And back and forwards," added the crown attorney, questioning as to whether he had put his hands on the body, Assestine stated that he could not remember the usual reply of "don't know."

Bell's Evidence Noteworthy. Bell's evidence was noteworthy from the fact that the position of the body as described by him differed from Assestine's evidence. He also introduced two new characters into the mystery in the persons of Dorman and Mines, whom he arrived upon the scene.

He stated that he received the call from Assestine about 11.40 and that, with the exception of asking Dorman who was hurt, did not inquire as to any particulars.

"What was the position of the body?" said the crown attorney.

"On the right side and in the right hand there was a half-smoked cigarette. Arms were out on the floor and the head about three inches from the iron bars," he replied.

The crown attorney requested that he repeat the statement that the body was about two inches from their bars, which the witness did.

"Did you touch the body?" was the question.

Body Turned Over. "Yes, the right wrist, and when I caught it he gave a groan and turned on his side," he stated.

Bell stated that he had left Dorman, Mines and Assestine in charge of the body, while he left in the car to bring back Dr. Lange. He stated that he had tied around the building and MacAuliffe, and it was impossible.

"Was there any change in the position of the body when you returned?" questioned the crown attorney.

"No," he said.

Bell told that on Sunday morning he had motored to the office with Smith and that shortly after their arrival MacAuliffe and Dr. MacRobbie had arrived. He was unable, however, to tell what the time of the day was, or the day or what their conversation was.

"Were they in the habit of going there on Sundays and playing cards, or even drinking?" said the crown attorney.

"No," replied Bell.

Indian Woman Heard Call. Important evidence was given by Mrs. Powis, an Indian woman, residing at 118 North Caroline street, who stated that on the night of the tragedy she had distinctly heard four calls for help.

"The building," she said, "was lighted that night, so I thought they were working. About 11 o'clock I had to get up, as a baby was crying. The first and second calls were close together, the third about a minute later, and the fourth, which seemed muffled, a few minutes later."

When asked from what directions the calls came, she stated that they appeared to be from the Crescent Oil Company's premises.

W. Bell, Asst. M. J. O'Reilly both questioned Mrs. Powis as to the probability of the being made by Italians, but she again asserted that they seemed to proceed from the oil building.

When asked by The World after the inquest if he would retain any of the witnesses, Detective Sayers said "No."

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GERMANS HOPE FOR MORE DEMOCRACY

Berlin Press Sees Pledge of Collaborating With Reichstag.

Berlin, via London, Aug. 23.—The Liberal press points out that a significant feature of Tuesday's session of the main committee of the reichstag Chancellor Michaelis' statement that the government would not take final action on the papal peace note without consulting and advising with the committee. This is being received as a pledge that the government henceforth intends to collaborate with the reichstag factions in dealing with the chief problems of the nation's foreign policy.

The suggestion that a smaller sub-committee of the main committee be organized for the purpose of acting as a confidential agent between the government and parliament is meeting with approval. It also is said to have the sanction of the chancellor.

Active champions of parliamentary reforms are inclined to look on the progress thus far recorded as giving promise of still greater headway.

The ultra-conservative and papal note with plain speaking. The Deutsche Zeitung says:

"We are permitted to behold the three great international powers—Rome, Social Democracy and Judaism—working in complete union to bring to shame the German victory for which hundreds of thousands have bled and died. The National Liberals are lending effective aid. It would seem that Chancellor Michaelis does not yet understand how to manage the reichstag."



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## SULPHUR EMBARGO HITS PAPER MILLS

Washington Will Permit Limited Exports Under License.

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 wood pulp mills furnishing supplies for about three-fourths of the newspaper paper used in the United States will be seriously affected. Sulphur is classified with explosives in the list of commodities for which export licenses are required. No shipments will be licensed, officially said today, until Canada has presented complete estimates of the requirements of Dominion newspaper makers and of the needs of explosives factories.

The impression was given by officials today that while there is every desire that the newspaper industry suffer no embarrassment, war needs will be given first consideration; and it was suggested that sulphur may be permitted to go to Canada in limited quantities for the export of the industry of licenses is resumed.

## OTTAWA INTERESTED.

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 Sons, Ltd., 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 other sources of sulphur supply are Japan and Sicily, both out of the question owing to shipping conditions. In official circles here nothing is known of the Washington sulphur embargo. The view is that there will be some loophole to provide for export by special license to fill acute needs of the pulp manufacturers. It is believed the order is only designed to control and conserve the sulphur supply of the United States.

That Canada will not be wholly cut off is the more probable from the fact that American publishers depend so largely on this country for their newsprint.

## RUMANIA ASSURED OF AID BY KING

His Majesty Praises Work of Troops Under Ferdinand's Command.

London, Aug. 23.—King George has now ratified and trusted in the valor of the Rumanian and Russian troops under the leadership of your majesty to bring the enemy's efforts to nothing. "British forces in the west, in co-operation with their gallant French comrades, are striking hard at the common enemy, and will continue by all means in their power to render all possible assistance to your majesty's forces, their allies."

The British people are closely following the course of the great battle now raging, and trust in the valor of the Rumanian and Russian troops under the leadership of your majesty to bring the enemy's efforts to nothing.

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## FINLAND SITUATION WAXES SERIOUS

Continued Difficulty in Forming Cabinet Makes Matters Worse.

Petrograd, Aug. 23.—The situation in Finland is serious as a result of the continued difficulty of forming a cabinet and of the persistence of the socialists in their plan to renew sessions of the dissolved landtag on August 29. According to the evening newspapers, Premier Kerensky instructed Gov. Stakhovitch to prevent at all costs a reopening of the landtag. If necessary, he was to surround the building and compel the members to disperse. Gov. Stakhovitch has conferred with the commander of the Baltic fleet.

The socialists have finally refused the help of the Finnish professor, Ingman, to form a government, in Shalmo, near Helsinki, serious disorders have been caused by unemployed workmen supported by soldiers. Citizen guards from Helsinki sent to quell the revolt were fired on and driven into the railroad station, where they were besieged, captured and threatened with summary execution.

Petrograd morning newspapers sharply attacked the Finnish socialists, declaring that if Finland, by convoking the landtag, violates its own constitution, Russia can consider the constitution non-existent and act accordingly.

FOE APPLIES PRESSURE TO COERCE HOLLAND

Germany Cuts Off Steel—Wants Use of Ships.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Germany is increasing her economic pressure on Holland, and now refuses to let steel go into the Netherlands for shipbuilding purposes until the Dutch agree to devote the ships to German use for a period of five years after the war.

German pressure on all the European neutrals, latest advice says, is increasing, but it is being manifested mainly on Holland, Denmark and Switzerland, altho it is understood that Norway is feeling it more and more.

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