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HAIG BEATS OFF FURIOUS ASSAULTS--PUSHES AHEAD

BRITISH CATCH UP WITH REAR GUARD OF RETREATING TURKS

FRENCH BLOCK GERMANS AT VERDUN--RUSSIANS PROGRESSING

French Get More Ground Along the Somme Front; Block Enemy at Fleury

Joffre's Soldiers Last Night Progressed East of Hill 139 and Stopped German Attacks at Monacu Farm—Crown Prince This Morning Launched Another Heavy Attack on a Front Extending From Fleury to Thiaumont, Making Slight Gain at Latter Place.

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Aug. 8.—Noon—French troops made an advance last night east of Hill 139, on the Somme front. Two attempts of the Germans to recapture trenches east of Monacu Farm were defeated.

The Germans early this morning launched a series of powerful attacks on French positions, from the village of Fleury to a point north of Thiaumont work. They obtained a footing in Thiaumont work, where fighting is still in progress. The attacks on Fleury were checked.

The French attack north of the Somme was made by infantry operations on the right of the British, in the course of an attack made by the British on Guillemont. The French took 40 prisoners.

BRITISH ARE AT HEELS OF FLEEING FOE EAST OF SUEZ

Have Caught Up With Rear Guard of the Turks.

MUCH WAR BUTTY SECURED

Large Quantities of Material Are Taken From the Battlefield.

(Canadian Press.) London, Aug. 8.—British troops pursuing the Turkish forces defeated last week at Romani have caught up with the Turkish rear-guard six miles east of Katia, about 20 miles to the east of the Suez Canal, says an official statement regarding the campaign in Egypt, issued today. Quantities of war material are being gathered by the British from the Romani battlefield, adds the statement, which follows: "Close to Rearguard."

"The commander-in-chief in Egypt reports at 10:50 p.m. that his mounted troops are in contact with the Turkish rear-guard in a position six miles east of Katia, which he entrenched some days ago at the beginning of his advance. "The work of clearing the battlefield is proceeding, and a quantity of rifles and other war material has been brought in. Up to the time of this report, 200 of the enemy's dead have been buried in the area over which the counter-attack passed on August 4.

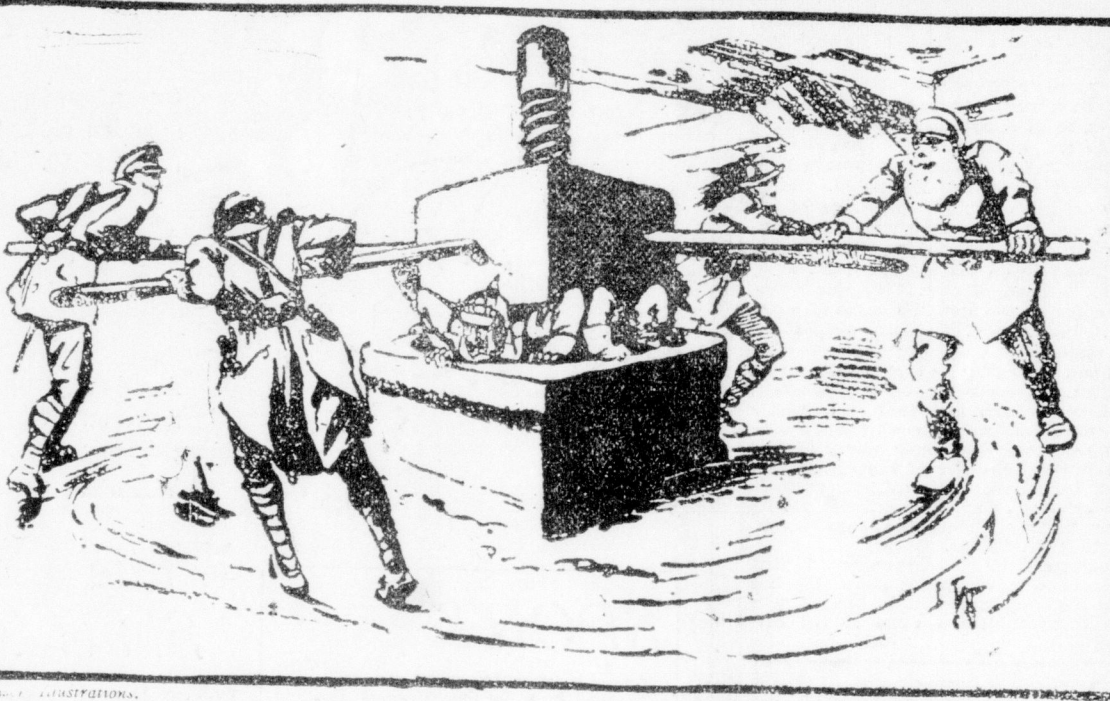
THE TURK ACCOUNT.

(Canadian Press.) London, Aug. 8.—The operations with which the Turkish forces advancing towards the Suez Canal began their attack on the British at Romani last week are described in an official statement by the Turkish army headquarters, under date of August 5, received here as follows: "Egyptian front: On August 3 our advanced troops occupied the line of El Rahib-Katia-Ahutele and pushed forward their reconnaissance to Romani, eight kilometres north of Katia. East of the town of Suez an encounter took place between one of our advanced detachments and an enemy detachment. "El Rahib is one kilometre north of Katia, and Ahutele five kilometres southwest of Katia.

"It is stated the number of prisoners taken at Kut-El-Amara was 12,597, including 618 officers."

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 97; lowest, 68. The highest temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 82; lowest, 71.

FRANCE ON THE GENERAL ALLIED OFFENSIVE



Adapted from illustration. William: 'The Scoundrels! They Are All Working Together Now!'—From 'La Victoire', Paris.

WHOLE TEUTONIC LINE THROWN BACK SOUTH OF THE DNEISTER 15 MILES; TOWN AND HEIGHTS CAPTURED

FOUR MEET DEATH WHEN CANOEING AT RESORT IN QUEBEC

Two Daughters of Member for Drummond County Are Amongst Victims.

(Canadian Press.) Quebec, Aug. 8.—While canoeing yesterday evening at St. Germain De Grantham, county of Drummond, four persons were drowned, among them the two sisters of Mr. Hector Laferte, M. L. A. for Drummond, and the daughters of Jos. Laferte, registrar of Drummond County. The dead are: Miss Simone Laferte, 15; Miss Marietta, 13; Miss Jeanne Morin, 34; and Mr. H. Trahan, a student at Nicolet College. The latter is no relative of Mr. Trahan, M. L. A.

MUNCEY RESERVATION GIRL DROWNED IN THE THAMES

Laura Dingman Got Beyond Her Depth Bathing at Moraviantown.

(Special to The Advertiser.) Bothwell, Aug. 8.—Laura Dingman, a 14-year-old girl from the Muncey reservation, was drowned in the Thames River yesterday evening at Moraviantown. The girl was visiting at her uncle's (John Tobias), and with a number of other girls went bathing. She got beyond her depth, and before help could arrive had disappeared. The body was recovered shortly after, but restorative methods applied by Dr. Graham of this place were futile.

A GLARING OUTRAGE

Mothers and Their Babies Left for Five Hours on L. and P. S. Railway, and Not One Effort Made to Bring Them to the City.

Upwards of three hundred Londoners, many of them women and children, were held for five hours on the London and Port Stanley line last night. One child was in convulsions as a result of the lack of water and air, and several women fainted. In all fairness, it cannot be claimed for the road that these conditions were unavoidable. It was plainly mismanagement of the worst kind. THESE CITIZENS WERE TREATED AS THOUGH THEY WERE SO MANY CATTLE IN BOX CARS.

It is not always possible to contend with the elements, but surely in five hours, with steam engines available, it is possible to prevent such glaring and dangerous and unpardonable delays.

Why did not Sir Adam Beck requisition the somewhat numerous fleet of hydro-motor cars he controls to bring in these mothers and babies? Why was not some action taken by Manager-Auditor-Treasurer Richards?

The best Mr. Richards could do was to tell anxious relatives that the cars would be in "sometime"—"sometime" was early in the morning.

Not one extra effort was made to bring these mothers and babies to the city. They were left on a siding while other cars proceeded as usual. Motormen refused to give them a lift, saying they could not lose time. It was an outrage. People are tired of "going today and getting back tomorrow."

BRITISH LINES PUSHED FORWARD; FOUR COUNTER-ATTACKS FUTILE; HAIG READY FOR NEW BIG DRIVE

Thanks from Haig

Major H. A. Stevenson today received a cablegram from Sir Douglas Haig, in acknowledgment of the major's message of congratulation on the anniversary of the beginning of the world war. It follows: "All ranks much appreciate your kind telegram. The British army in France gratefully realizes how much the Empire owes to Canada in the great struggle for existence, from which we are confident that we will emerge victorious. "SIR DOUGLAS HAIG."

All Monday Germans Made Desperate Attempts to Keep British From Advancing to the Albert Plateau, But Attacks Proved Fruitless, Haig's War Machine Grinding Slowly Ahead—At Isolated Points Enemy Reached British Lines But Were Soon Driven Out.

London, Aug. 8.—3:15 p.m.—The British pushed forward their lines at places east of Trones Wood, on the Somme front, last night, the war office announced today.

The statement follows: "The enemy, after his first fruitless attempts yesterday north and east of Pozieres, has not made any fresh infantry attacks, but is maintaining a heavy artillery bombardment on this front and on other portions of the battle area."

FORWARD AGAIN. "Last night our troops pushed forward in places east of Trones Wood, and fighting on the outskirts of Guillemont, near the station, is proceeding.

"In the eastern part of the Lepsic salient the enemy attempted a bomb attack on our lines, but were driven back without difficulty.

"In the Verdun battle, Petain's troops made further progress. The German lines and blew up some dugouts.

AN AIR BATTLE. "An enemy squadron of ten aeroplanes endeavored to cross our lines yesterday on a bombing expedition. They were cut off by one of our offensive patrols of four machines. The enemy's machines scattered, returning precipitately, pursued by our patrols. Two of the hostile aeroplanes had to make forced descents behind their own lines."

FOUR COUNTER-ATTACKS. (Canadian Press.) New York, Aug. 8.—The London correspondent of the Tribune, cabling last night says:

The Germans made four desperate efforts today to halt the British machine slowly grinding toward the Albert plateau. All four failed, and Haig's troops are now ready to resume the advance.

HAIG AND JOFFRE INVINCIBLE. Meanwhile Joffre was giving new proof of the strength that still lies with the French arms. Just north of the Somme, the French drove the enemy out of a line of trenches between Hem wood and the river. And in the Verdun battle, Petain's troops made further progress.

Thus while Haig's men are yielding none of their gains, and are strengthening their positions and gathering their force for a new blow, the French pressure is unrelenting. Today's fighting demonstrated that Joffre's armies, unweary by the constant battering they have withstood, are able to attack at two points and gain at both.

GERMAN ASSAULTS WERE FURIOUS. The fury of the German assaults today—they are described unofficially as the most brilliant of the whole offensive—indicates the anxiety with which the Teutons view the steady British advance. Haig's forces now menace Thiepval seriously, and are closing in from three sides.

With the capture of Hill 160, north of Pozieres, Martinpuich and Courcellette, were brought within range of the British fire. The destruction done in these villages—told of in reports from the front that reached London today—is proof of the importance of this height, on the ridge flanking the Albert plateau.

ASSAULTED UNTIL EXHAUSTED. In an effort to relieve this threat, the Kaiser's troops began their attacks north and northeast of Pozieres early this morning, and continued the battle until late in the afternoon when they were forced to pause from sheer exhaustion. In isolated places the Germans succeeded in entering the British lines, but were soon driven out. These counter-attacks have shown again that the Teutons are unable to bring up sufficient reserves to make such thrusts effective, and that the British, having taken possession of positions levelled by their own guns and providing little if any shelter, are able to hold them.

German Reserves Scanty. The blow which Haig is aiming at the remaining defences standing between his troops and the Albert plateau is made easier by the renewed French assaults. The enemy's German reserves cannot be withdrawn from Joffre's front for fear of another of the lancing strokes that are finding the way to Peronne.

Along a front of a mile and a half north of the Somme, the French attacked late this afternoon, and carried the entire line. Thus the wedge which is interposed between Comblès and Peronne is advancing. German counter-attacks against the French line, as against the British, were unavailing.

Crown Prince Falls. The Verdun line, with its appalling failures attended the crown prince's efforts to attack both the Thiaumont work and the Chapelle Wood. The French meanwhile are pushing forward both at Fleury and at Thiaumont, and the Germans are falling back slowly over the ground they won at so great a cost.

Sharp fighting continues in the village of Fleury, with the Poles still holding the whip hand. In vigorous hand-to-hand combat today the French captured more houses in the western part of the village.

Italian Aggressive. London was much interested today in the news that the Italians have resumed a vigorous offensive along the Isonzo front, where is advancing the Italian army. The Italian attack blocks the road to Trieste. With Brusiloff still pushing on, and the Allies on the western front mastering their strength for new attacks, a fresh drive by the Italians makes for another call on the depleted German reserves.

The ring of fire is now nearly forged. When the drive from Salonica begins, and it does not seem far off—the Teuton and the Turk will be under attack on all the fronts. Then will come the crisis which the German general staff has always dreaded.

TUG OVERDUE. New York, Aug. 8.—Wireless messages were flashed down the Atlantic coast today in an aerial search for the missing tug Charles W. Morse, which, having left New York on July 17 with 26 persons on board, is twelve days overdue at Porto Rico. Local shipping circles assume that the tug may have been blown from her course during a West Indian hurricane. She carried a crew of 23 men.

DECLARES ROBLIN WENT ON KNEES TO GET THE CONTRACT

"Whole Bunch of You Scared to Death," Says Horwood.

ELEVENTH DAY ON STAND

A Fiery Exchange Between Architect Witness and Defence Counsel.

(Canadian Press.) Winnipeg, Aug. 8.—A. J. Andrews expected this morning he would conclude during the day his cross-examination of Victor Horwood, in the trial of the ex-cabinet minister. This was the eleventh day Horwood has occupied the witness stand. He was questioned further at the opening of the morning session about letters he had marked "Destroyed" on alleged instructions from Montague and Caldwell, and he repeated he could give no explanation of his failure to destroy them. One letter marked for destruction Horwood asserted was perfectly fair and proper. It was from Montague to Horwood dated July 29, 1914, regarding steel contracts and declared the government would pay a fair price, and no more. Horwood said up to the session of the public accounts committee he thought all the caissons except eight had gone to bad rock, and that these eight were "belled."

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BERLIN REPORTS BREMEN SUNK BY ACCIDENT TO MACHINERY

(Canadian Press.) New York, Aug. 8.—A news agency dispatch from Bern, Switzerland, published here today, says: "The Berlin Tageblatt announces that the German submarine Bremen, which was to have arrived at an American port, has been sunk through an accident to her machinery, according to a dispatch received here this afternoon."

(Canadian Press.) Portland, Me., Aug. 8.—No further trace has been reported early today of two vessels, believed by the coast-guard lookout who sighted them to be submarines, which appeared off the Maine coast near Machias yesterday. The possibility that one of the vessels might have been the German merchant submarine Bremen, long ago reported to have left a German port for the United States, aroused much interest, and resulted in a close watch along the coast of Maine and Massachusetts throughout yesterday and last night.

BIG PRICE FOR DYESTUFFS. (Canadian Press.) Washington, D. C., Aug. 8.—Word has come to the department of commerce from a hosiery manufacturer in the Middle West that the Eastern Forwarding Company, American agents for the cargo of the German submarine Deutschland, had offered him dyestuffs at \$5 a pound, or about fifty times the price before the war. The manufacturer declined the offer.

INTENSE HEAT WAVE AIDS PLAGUE AT NEW YORK

Fifty-Three Deaths and 183 New Cases in Last 24 Hours.

(Canadian Press.) New York, Aug. 8.—The intense heat and humidity wave which has gripped New York is coincident with another big increase in the epidemic of infantile paralysis. Only once since this plague got its start six weeks ago were there more deaths and new cases than reported in today's health department bulletin. During the 24-hour period ending at 10 a.m., 82 children died of the disease in the greater city and 183 new cases were reported. Since the epidemic began on June 26, there have been 5,347 cases and 1,156 deaths.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—A LITTLE COOLER.

Forecast. Moderate north to west winds. Generally fair today and on Wednesday, and not quite so warm.

Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria	70	52	Clear
Calgary	80	58	Clear
Winnipeg	82	52	Fair
Edmonton	80	58	Clear
Port Arthur	74	55	Clear
Toronto	78	52	Cloudy
Kingston	78	52	Cloudy
Montreal	78	52	Cloudy
Ottawa	68	53	Cloudy
Quebec	68	52	Cloudy
Father Point	74	55	Cloudy

Weather Notes. Since yesterday morning showers and thunderstorms have occurred generally from Lake Superior to the Maritime Provinces, the rainfall in many localities being quite heavy. In the west the weather has been fine and quite warm.

RAILWAY STRIKE SITUATION GRAVE; THIS CITY WILL BE INVOLVED IF UNIONS QUIT

Thousands Will Be Thrown Out of Employment. Brotherhoods to Strike If Demands Again Refused.

CLEARING LOCAL YARDS CONFER WITH MANAGERS

Few Cars Left Here Billed to American Points as Result of Rush Orders. Companies Heads Given Until Tomorrow to Consider Vote Results.

(Canadian Press.) New York, Aug. 8.—A decision as to whether 400,000 employees of 235 railroad systems in the United States shall go on strike to enforce their demands for an eight-hour day and pay at the rate of time and a half for overtime, is expected to result from a conference of the roads with the four great railroad brotherhoods, which was resumed today. In a series of conferences held earlier in the summer the railroad managers rejected most of the demands of the brotherhoods, and proposed to arbitrate their differences in accordance with the Newland's act.

Men Vote to Strike. Since then the officials of the brotherhoods have taken a vote of the members of their organizations on the question whether a strike shall be declared if their demands again are refused. While the result of this vote has not been officially announced, it has been stated that the great majority of the men voted to strike, if necessary. The result of the vote will be announced to the railroad managers today.

A Grave Situation. It was reported that the managers would ask for a delay of several days to consider the proposals of the men, and that another meeting will be held later in the week when the final answer will be given.

The possibility of a strike is regarded by the business community as extremely grave, and much pressure has been brought to bear upon both the railroads and the men.

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