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PROBS—MOSTLY FAIR

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GERMANS ATTACKING KOVNO AND OSSOWETZ WHICH BLOCK ROAD TO THE VILNA-PETROGRAD RAILWAY

HEAVY FIGHTING IN VOSGES FOLLOWS GERMAN ATTACK ON TRENCHES OF ALLIES

Enemy Repulsed, but Made Some Minor Gains in Argonne—German Batteries Which Fired on Allied Hydroplanes off Nieuport Silenced by French and British Artillery.

Paris, Aug. 8.—Fighting of extreme violence has developed in the Vosges Mountains in consequence of a German attack. The official statement from the French War Office says this attack has been repulsed, but concedes that minor advantages have been gained by the Germans in the Argonne.

Soissons Again BombarDED.

The following official communication was issued tonight: "On the western part of the front some artillery actions are reported in Belgium, near Steenstraete and Hel Sas, in Artois, on the line of San Terre and in the valley of the Aisne, where Soissons was again bombarded. "In the Argonne only bomb and grenade fighting between the men in the opposing trenches has been reported. "In the Woivre the artillery showed marked activity, especially in the region of Filirey and in the forest of Le Pretre.

"In the Vosges the Germans in the evening again attacked our positions at Linze and were completely beaten back."

Two Attacks on Hill 213 Repulsed.

The following official statement was issued by the French War Office last night: "Some artillery fighting has taken

place in Artois, around Souchez and Roclicourt, and also between the Oise and the Aisne, on the plateau of Neuvion. "In the Argonne the Germans twice repeated attacks around Hill No. 213. They were repulsed. The explosion of two mines enabled them to gain a foothold in one of our trenches. They were immediately expelled by a counter-attack. "In the Forest of Apremont the bombardment has been continued with the same intensity, as on previous days. "In the Vosges the enemy several times shelled our positions at Linze and Schratzmannelle. Towards 2 p. m. they made an attack on the pass of Schratzmannelle, on the road from Henneck, which was stopped by our sweeping fire. At the end of the afternoon a new German attack was repulsed by means of a bayonet charge and grenades."

Fired on Allied Hydroplanes Off Nieuport. Paris, Aug. 8.—A note made public by the War Office tonight says: "The Germans endeavored today to destroy off Nieuport by means of heavy shells, two Allied hydroplanes. Our artillery promptly silenced the German batteries. Of the two planes one came back unaided, while the other was towed into shore undamaged."

WANT EMBARGO ON CANADIAN CATTLE REMOVED

Delegation of Scotsmen Arrive in London to Take Question Up with Lord Selborne and Premier Borden.

London, Aug. 8. (Gazette Cable)—A group of Scotsmen, headed by Ballie Watson, of Glasgow, have arrived in London to try to persuade the government to remove the embargo on the importation of Canadian cattle, and will meet tomorrow, and on Tuesday will send delegations to see Lord Selborne, president of the Board of Agriculture, and Sir Robert Borden. Ballie Watson expressed the opinion to the Montreal Gazette correspondent that Canadian cattle growers would find it advantageous to be untrammelled in regard to the British market, while Britain would also benefit greatly. He contends that the embargo was placed on unjustly, as the supposed disease was not genuine pleuro-pneumonia. Ballie Watson suggests that the Canadian government should intimate its willingness to see the embargo removed, in which case he thinks that the government would legislate. Sir George Perley appears to sympathize with the deputation's object, but thinks it is their affair, rather than Canada's, to convince the Imperial government.

DUAL MONARCHY SENDS SYMPATHY FOR MARINE DISASTER AT CHICAGO

New York, Aug. 7.—Austria-Hungary has expressed her "sympathy" for the United States "on the occasion of the staggering disaster" of the steamer *Eastland* at Chicago, with the loss of more than 900 lives, according to a statement issued today at the Austro-Hungarian consulate general here.

N. S. VESSEL FOUNDERS, CREW ALL SAVED

The David Wallace, Plaster Laden, from Wentworth, N. S., for New York in Tow of Tug.

Portland, Maine, Aug. 8.—The barge *David Wallace*, plaster laden, from Wentworth, N. S., for New York, in tow of tug *Gypsum King*, foundered off Matinicus at noon Saturday. All hands were saved.

JUDGE GERVAIS DIES IN MONTREAL

Member of Commons from 1904 to 1911 Representing St. James Division, Montreal

Montreal, Aug. 8.—Hon. Honore A. Gervais, Justice of the Court of Appeal, died from apoplexy at 10.30 tonight at his residence in Westmount. He was 52 years of age. He represented St. James division, Montreal, in the House of Commons as a Liberal, 1904 to 1911, and in August of the latter year he was appointed a judge.

TORONTO HEBREWS PLEDGE THEMSELVES TO HELP JEWS IN POLAND

Toronto, Aug. 8.—At Massey Hall this afternoon over 2,000 delegates from fifty-three Jewish organizations in the city pledged themselves to make a per capita grant per week to help the poverty stricken Jews in or within the direct influence of the war zone.

PREMIER'S VISIT TO ENGLAND IS BEING EXTENDED

Sir Robert Borden Goes to Bristol Today—Canadians Find it Difficult to Secure Permission to Visit the Front.

London, Aug. 7.—Sir Robert Borden, accompanied by Mr. R. B. Bennett, M. P., and Sir George Perley will journey to Bristol Monday morning, where he will receive the freedom of the western city at noon. After luncheon with the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, the Premier will visit the wounded Canadians in the local hospitals, returning to London in the evening. The cabinet for the certificate will not be ready for Monday, and will be forwarded to Sir Robert later. The Premier will be the 21st honorary Freeman of the city.

On the invitation of Sir George Perley and Mrs. MacLaren Brown, the Premier called at the Westminster Palace Hotel today and inspected the Canadian War Contingent Association, work, and expressed gratification with the adequate arrangements made for the distribution of the efforts to the troops at the front and in camp. Sir Robert Borden also visited the Victoria League Club for overseas forces which was recently opened. Later in the day the Premier left to spend the weekend as the guest of Lady Northcote at Eastwell Park, near Ashford, where Canadian wounded soldiers will be visited.

The Premier's visit is being prolonged beyond the original intention, and the date of his return has not yet been fixed. Notwithstanding Canada's active participation in the war, the military authorities are extremely reluctant to grant facilities for landing Canadians to visit the front. Although an English member of parliament in multi can secure permission, difficulty is being experienced by a minister of a provincial government who was asked Canadian journalists are suffering similar disadvantages, as so far, they have not been included in any official press tours arranged by the government. This matter has been taken up by the Premier with the War Office.

DROWNED WHILE FISHING.

Peterboro, Ont., Aug. 8.—Victor J. Anderson, a Swede, aged 26, and Leslie Hill, aged 12, son of Thomas Hill, Rochester, N. Y., were drowned at Fish Rock, at the head of Stony Lake yesterday while fishing.

DAMAGE CAUSED BY CLOUDBURST THAT KILLED TWENTY-SEVEN



SCENE IN THE ERIE FLOOD WHICH KILLED TWENTY-SEVEN—CAR THROWN AGAINST HOUSE IN TORRENT.

This scene is typical of many such scenes witnessed at Erie, Pa., following the cloudburst which killed a number of persons and wrecked a number of buildings. After recovering from her catastrophe Erie counted twenty-seven deaths. Hundreds of dwellings were swept away by the flood which raced through the heart of the city, hundreds of stores were flooded and more than fifty manufacturing plants were damaged. Figures compiled show that the total damage in the city and county would amount to between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000. Two millions, it was declared, would not replace the crops destroyed in Erie county.

CASUALTIES AMONG BRITISH OFFICERS SINCE THE WAR BEGAN 13,655

London, July 30. (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Officers casualties from July 19 to July 30 show that the British army lost 115 killed, 236 wounded and 74 missing, a total of 385. This brings the aggregate officer loss since the beginning of the war to 15,856, of whom 4,176 are recorded dead, 8,305 wounded and 1,375 missing. During the 400 days covered by the lists regiments operating in the Dardanelles have again been the greatest sufferers.

SIX MEXICANS DIE IN FIGHT WITH RANGERS

Fierce Battle Waged at Nrias, Texas, Between Mexican Outlaws and Texas Rangers—Three Americans Wounded.

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 8.—Mexican outlaws and Texas Rangers and county officers were engaged in two battles tonight near Nrias, Texas, sixty miles north of Brownsville, according to reports received here. Nrias has sent out a call for help.

Corpus Christi, Texas, Aug. 8.—Six Mexicans have been killed and three Americans wounded in fighting on the Nrias ranch between a party of thirty Mexican outlaws and fourteen rangers. It was reported in a brief message received here late tonight from Nrias. It was said the fighting continues.

TWO CHAMPIONSHIPS SMASHED AT 'FRISCO

San Francisco, Aug. 8.—Athletes of the Olympic Club, San Francisco, won premier honors in the senior A. A. U. track and field meet at the Panama Pacific Exposition Saturday. They scored thirty points, six more than the Irish American Athletic Club, New York. Two world's records were bettered and three equalled. None of these will be allowed, however, because of the aid afforded by the breezes.

ENEMY TAKES SEROCK AND HAS CROSSED THE VISTULA RIVER NEAR POLISH CAPITAL

THREE MORE VICTIMS OF SUBMARINES

A British and Swedish Steamer and an Ocean Trawler Sunk—Crews Rescued.

Bulletin, London, Aug. 8, 9.32 p. m.—Lloyds announces that the British steamer *Glenravel*, of Belfast, the Swedish steamer *Malmind*, and the trawler *Ocean Queen* have been sunk. The crews of all three vessels have been landed.

FIND RUBBISH INSTEAD OF AMMUNITION

Thousands of Cases for Russian Army Filled with Rubbish—Believed Work of German Agents in Munitions Factories.

London, Aug. 9.—"Thousands of cases of ammunition of every kind, when opened at the front, were found to contain rubbish," says the Daily Mail, in an account of the conditions under which the Russian army has been fighting. "This situation is popularly ascribed to the work of German agents in Russian munitions factories."

Petrograd is full of wounded, the Daily Mail asserts, and the Russian casualties are unofficially estimated at 3,500,000 up to the middle of July in killed, wounded and prisoners. The paper says, however, that this estimate seems guesswork, as the military authorities themselves do not know the real totals. Notwithstanding the tremendous losses, the Russian people are cheerful and confident, for they believe Germany's financial collapse is near.

SAYS WARSAW WELCOMED GERMANS AS LIBERATORS

Inhabitants Joyful When Teutons Marched Into Capital, According to German Paper's Correspondent.

Berlin, Aug. 7, via London.—The German troops were welcomed to undamaged Warsaw as liberators, according to the report forwarded to Berlin by Kurt Aram, a special correspondent of the *Lokal Anzeiger*. Telegraphing under date of August 5th, Aram places emphasis on the statement that the city was not evacuated without a conflict. The forts were protected by barbed wire trenches, pitfalls and mines against infantry attacks. The city is not mentioned as having been damaged. The inhabitants of the Polish capital, the correspondent says, filled the streets and welcomed the marching troops with every sign of real enthusiasm and rejoicing. The Polish peasants who long ago had been restrained in the city, began leaving in the early morning for their farms, driving the livestock and conveying their household effects, and they greeted the Germans with tears.

The Warsaw correspondent of the Berliner *Tagblatt* confirms the report that the German troops met with a joyous reception. The streets, he says, were filled with Poles, Jews, Germans and Russians, who waved their hats joyfully to the German soldiers. Many of the inhabitants even were standing in the vicinity of the Castle, although an infantry battle with the Russians was proceeding on the east side of the building.

AUTO RACE ENDS FATALLY

One Killed and Three Probably Fatally Hurt in 300 Mile Race on New Speedway at Des Moines, Ia.

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 8.—One killed and three injured, two probably fatally, marked the initial 300 mile automobile Derby on the new mile speedway here Saturday afternoon. Ralph De Palma was the winner; Ralph Mulford second, and Eddie O'Donnell third. The time was 3.28 1/2.

Joe Cooper was killed on the thirty-eight lap of the race, when his car literally sailed over the outer edge of the bowl as he was nearing the grandstand and fell outside, with Cooper and his mechanic, Louis Piel, pinned underneath the wreckage. The second accident came near the close of the race when, in the 238th lap, Billy Chandler's car crashed against the inside rail, almost opposite the point where Cooper had met his death. Chandler has less than even chance for recovery, according to the physicians. In both cases tire blow-outs were ascribed as the cause.

WELLS OUTFIGHTS SCHAEFFER.

New York, Aug. 8.—Matt Wells, of England, outfighth Willie Schaeffer, of New York, in a fast ten round bout here Saturday. Wells weighed 139 pounds and Schaeffer 134.

Military Critics, However, Believe Grand Duke, in Possession of Railways, Will be Able to Evade Traps Set for His Warsaw Army.

Berlin, Aug. 8.—Further progress of the Austro-German forces which are attempting to cut off the retreat of the Russians was announced today by the War Office. The statement says that Serock, at the mouth of the Bug, north of Warsaw, has been occupied; forts near Novo Georgievsk have been captured; the Germans have occupied the east bank of the Vistula, near Warsaw, and to the south the Russians are being driven back by Field Marshal Von Mackensen.

London, Aug. 8.—The Germans continue to make progress in all directions in their efforts to cut off the retreat of the Russian army from the Polish salient. They have commenced an attack on the fortresses of Kovno and Ossowetz, which are among the obstacles they must overcome in order to reach the railway running from Warsaw through Vilna, and Drinsk to Petrograd. They have taken the minor fortress of Serock, at the junction of the Narew and the Bug, and have crossed the Vistula in the vicinity of Warsaw. Further south General Wrych is advancing eastward, but Field Marshal Mackensen is being stubbornly resisted and apparently making, at present, very slow progress.

On the whole the dramatic scheme mapped out by the Germans as a grand sequel to the capture of Warsaw—the destruction of the Russian army—is unfolding itself slowly, as must be the case from its very magnitude. With the three main railways, besides those built since the war, it is believed in military circles here that the Grand Duke Nicholas will be able to extricate his Warsaw army. The events in the east, however, will continue to rivet the attention of the world on them for some time to come.

Minor Success of Enemy in Argonne

The Germans have gained minor successes in the Argonne forest, where the army of the Crown Prince has been trying for some weeks to find a weak spot in the French defenses, but their effort to recover lost trenches on the Linsekopf, in the Vosges, is declared to have cost them dearly.

There has been some rather heavy fighting in the Caucasus between the Russians and the Turks, but the official reports from the opposing camps is so contradictory that it is impossible to say in whose favor it is going. There is much interest in the diplomatic negotiations in the Balkan capitals, the reports from which indicate that Serbia, at least, is willing to cede Macedonia to Bulgaria, but that the Greek government is now opposing any suggestion that she should return Kavala, the seaport in the Vitevo of Saloniki, to Bulgaria. It is thought, however, that this opposition may be changed when M. Venizelos returns to power, which is expected when the Greek parliament re-assembles early in September.

M. Venizelos offered Kavala to Bulgaria when he was premier, simply in return for her continued neutrality while Greece went to the assistance of the Allies against the Turks, but King Constantine put his foot down on the whole policy and the political crisis which resulted in the resignation of the Venizelos cabinet followed.

The Petrograd Bourse Gazette publishes a statement to the effect that Russia has made peace proposals to Russia, but that they were rejected. There is no confirmation of this statement.

Russian Report.

Petrograd, Aug. 8.—Attacks upon the fortresses of Kovno and Ossowetz by the German forces have been begun, according to an official statement issued tonight at the Russian War Office. The works of Soan, part of the Ossowetz fortress were stormed Friday under cover of a gas attack, but the Germans were dislodged in the counter-attacks.

The text of the announcement follows: "Between the Dvina and the Niemen rivers the fighting continued Friday without any essential change of front. "Near Kovno the enemy attacked the positions of the first line of the fortress on the left of the Niemen. Our heavy batteries are bombarding them vigorously."

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