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ALLIES FIRMLY OPPOSE TO STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE BARNES REPLACES HENDERSON AS MEMBER OF WAR CABINET British Airmen Heavily Engaged Desperate Battle on Rumanian Front

ROMANIANS IN ATTACKS GAIN OGNA HEIGHTS

Allies Launch Counter-Offensive Against Germans in Moldavia.

FOE TAKES PANTZIU Enemy Presses Back Defenders in Region of Fokshani.

London, Aug. 13.—Heavy fighting continues in southern Moldavia, with both sides on the offensive.

A Petrograd despatch via British Admiralty, per wireless, says: In repulsing a Teuton attack in the valley of the River Sionku, western Moldavia, the Russians yesterday captured more than 400 prisoners and four machine guns.

The communication says: "Western front—There have been further developments in the Battle Near Simot."

"Rumanian front—In the region northwest of Simot the enemy, after artillery preparation, began an attack on our positions. The battle is progressing with fluctuating results."

"In the Oena-Grozochi region, a stubborn battle raged through Sunday. Rumanian troops, supported by our units, drove back the enemy and dislodged him from a series of heights. The offensive is continuing. An enemy counter-attack in the valley of Sionku River was repulsed. We captured over 600 prisoners and four machine guns."

"In the direction of Fokshani, Sunday, the Rumanians continued their obstinate attacks. West of the

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Puttin' a Bar on th' Viadok!



John: It was rite an' fittin' that Mayor Church should poun' home th' las' rivet on th' Bloor viadok that him an' me did so much to get built in spite of th' plots of Billy to Guy Fox it when we wasn't lookin'.

John: He got buck fever at th' equals when he was butcherin' up his lads out to th' Humber an' didn't have a chance to work them off. Now Billy's goin' to butch up his lads an' start peddlin' out Donnan's th' instalment plan on 'Kount me bilidin' th' viadok like up to his rags."

John: Not afore Hun gets a chance to work out of his seventeen thousand lots out to th' Humber. Then contractors will get fresh finishin' th' job ahead of time. They ort to be kep' six months across th' Don, an' a bar put on th' viadok.

John: Don't rub it in, Preach. He kin mix more'n a day than yuh an' me shov' off in a month. An' all th' time he's a hollerin' for King Jorj an' Lord Jorj to kum an' help him out. Th' Preach: It's a god's mercy ye hae ye've unbri' w' ye, John. John: 'Auk bot yuh, Mister!

FOUR WEEKS' POLLING OF VOTES OF SOLDIERS

Indians, Minors and Women Engaged in Military Service Overseas to Have Franchise—Attack on Gen. Gwatkin Involves Hughes in Bitter Debate.

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, introduced and explained to the house today the government's bill respecting the soldiers' vote. This measure will supercede the legislation of 1915, and differs from it in many important particulars.

The basis of the suffrage was also widened so as to include Indians, minors and women engaged in the military service of Canada overseas. Nominations day in the coming election will precede polling by four weeks, and the soldier will be furnished with a ballot, containing not the names of candidates, but the words "Government," "Opposition" and "Independent."

The greater part of today's sitting was taken up with the government's bill establishing the offices of minister of military operations, parliamentary secretary for the militia department and parliamentary under-secretary for the department of external affairs. These offices were authorized by

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NATIONALISTS PREPARE FOR QUEBEC CAMPAIGN

Bourassa's Candidates Will, It is Said, Oppose Both Borden and Laurier, and Advocate Cessation of Canada's Participation in the War.

Montreal, Aug. 13.—The Montreal Daily Star says: "Information from different counties of the Montreal district, secured by Liberal headquarters here, is to the effect that the Liberal candidates will be opposed in most of the ridings by candidates who will call themselves 'Independents,' but who will be, in reality, Nationalists, and who will have the support of Henri Bourassa and his paper, Le Devoir. Like the Nationalists of 1911, these candidates would oppose both Borden and Laurier, and would advocate an immediate cessation of Canada's participation in the war, on the strength that this country has done its share and that any further continuation would be tantamount to bankruptcy. They would also bind themselves, if elected, to vote for the repeal of the conscription bill."

SEVENTEEN KILLED IN TROLLEY SMASH

Over Two Score Persons Injured in Collision at North Brantford.

North Brantford, Conn., Aug. 13.—Seventeen persons were killed and upwards of two score injured, some probably fatally, when two trolley cars on the shore line electric railway crashed head on at high speed a short distance from the local station late today. Both cars of heavy construction were running at high speed, it is said, and the force of the impact was such as to lock them together, a mass of twisted iron and steel and splintered wood. Many of those killed died instantly, and others within a short time after being taken from the wreckage.

Both cars were well filled with passengers. Most of the dead are women with a few men and some children among them. Few of them have been identified so far; the injuries being such as to make identification difficult in a large number of cases. As fast as the bodies were taken out of the wreck they were sent to Brantford morgue in automobiles and motor trucks which had been pressed in to service. The accident, which is considered one of the worst in the history of trolley accidents, occurred on a short stretch of straight track between two curves. After the accident Motor-man Negus is said to have admitted that he was drowsy and passed the turnout before he was aware of it.

FRENCH STILL GAIN SOUTH OF AILLES

Ally Records Repulse of Further German Attacks in That Region.

Paris, Aug. 13.—The war office communication issued this evening says: "The artillery duel was very violent today between Cerny and Craonne. The Germans again attempted to effect us from the trenches we captured to the south of Ailles. We repulsed all attacks and our troops succeeded in making perceptible progress to the east of that position. The City of Rheims today received 850 shells, most of which were incendiary. Four civilians were killed and two wounded. "Violent artillery fighting took place in Champagne at Mont Carnillet, on both banks of the Meuse and in the Parroy Forest. No infantry action took place."

"Army of the East, Aug. 12.—Patrol encounters have been reported in the Struma Valley. The canoeists has been rather spirited all along the front, especially in the Cerna bend. British aviators have bombed enemy hangars at Xanthi and French aviators have bombed the region between Malk and Ochrida Lakes."

LAST CALL FOR STRAW HATS. The summer season is drawing to a close, and Dineen's are accordingly making a special reduction in straw hats for men. All imported English straws and genuine Panamas reduced to one-half price. In this general reduction is included the exclusive makes for which Dineen's are the sole agents in Toronto. The foremost hat makers in America. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

LENS BECOMES MAIN AREA OF WAR ACTIVITY

Germans Betray Fear of Canadian Approach Thru Lines.

HEAVY BOMBARDMENT British Air Service Fights Great Many Successful Combats.

By R. T. Small, Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.

British front in France and Belgium, Aug. 13.—Lens was the centre of the main activity on the British front last night. The Germans continued to exhibit signs of apprehension in a heavy bombardment of the back approaches near Vimy and to the west and northwest of the city.

The Canadian lines have been gradually tightening about this important French mining centre, and the Canadians now hold strong positions in the western environs. This apparently has been disturbing to the Germans, who have placed a high value on the retention of Lens, because of its enviable position in the Pas de Calais coal fields.

There was another big day for the British air service. A large number of battles were fought over this front with the honors decidedly in favor of the British. At least six enemy planes were brought down, two of which fell within our lines and eight others were driven down out of control. Seven of our machines are missing."

In the course of last week's air fighting, one brilliant young Britisher accounted for his fortieth machine. The official statement from British headquarters in France, issued tonight, reads:

"The hostile artillery showed increased activity during the morning, southeast of the Arras-Cambrai road and in the Meusopot sector. "Our airplanes and balloons carried out a great deal of successful work yesterday in conjunction with our artillery. Many photographs were taken and enemy planes brought down, two of which fell within our lines and eight others were driven down out of control. Seven of our machines are missing."

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BRITAIN'S CABINET CRISIS BELIEVED SAFELY PASSED



A photograph, made on the French front line, showing King George and General Feisal shaking hands. The King had just conferred a decoration upon the French leader.

Barnes Replaces Henderson, and No Passports to Stockholm Will Be Granted, Lloyd George Declaring Allies Agree Such Conference Would Be Disastrous—Impassioned Defense by Henderson.

London, Aug. 13.—A day of great political excitement in London concluded tonight with the announcement that George Nicoll Barnes, minister of pensions, had been appointed to replace Arthur Henderson as Labor member of the war cabinet. The appointment, according to a semi-official statement, has the approval of all the other Labor members of the government.

Thus the crisis which seemed to threaten the existence of the government was at least temporarily solved, and, unless unexpected developments occur, there will be no appeal to the country.

The government announced to parliament today that the ministers had decided not to grant passports to delegates to the Stockholm International Socialist Congress, thereby falling in line with other allied governments in this respect. It is not doubted that this decision will be accepted by the major section of the country and by the newspapers.

Henderson's Defense. Mr. Henderson, in the house of commons today, made an impassioned defense of his position in the conflict that has arisen between himself and Prime Minister Lloyd George. He entered into great detail on the recent events, but still left much mystery regarding his relations with the premier since his return from Russia. Mr. Henderson's supporters continue to believe that the entire misunderstanding has arisen from the government having previously failed to take a clear stand on the Stockholm conference. They say that had the decision announced today been formulated a week ago the entire crisis would have been avoided.

Mr. Henderson impressed the house considerably by showing that the question of his visit to Paris was the subject of a special cabinet meeting. The debate in the house did nothing to reconcile the conflict of evidence between Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Henderson as to the latter's intentions. Delegates will be present from the seamen's international conference, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, France, Italy and probably Russia. It is said that the object of the conference is to consider crimes committed by commanders and crews of submarines and to pass a resolution on the conduct of J. Havelock Wilson, president of the international seamen's union, who, in a statement last Saturday, said the seamen and firemen's union was fully determined to stick to its guns and refuse to carry peace delegates abroad.

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SEAMEN'S CONFERENCE ON GERMAN BARBARITY

Sailors of Allied and Neutral Countries Meet in London to Consider Attitude Towards Huns for Piracy.

London, Aug. 13.—The attitude of allied and neutral seamen toward German seamen, because of the brutality and inhumanity shown by the Germans during the war, will be considered here at a meeting Friday of the seamen's international conference. Delegates will be present from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, France, Italy and probably Russia.

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RUSSIAN MORALE STEADILY IMPROVES

Fighting Efficiency of Army Remains Still Uncertain Quantity.

London, Aug. 14.—The morale of the Russian infantry has improved decidedly, says the correspondent of The Times, at Russian southwestern headquarters, who has completed a visit to various sectors. He says that the fighting efficiency of the Russian army is still an uncertain quantity. Nevertheless, he adds, thanks to the new ministers' acceptance of the policy of non-interference with the high command and application of punitive measures further improvement can be expected. The improvement of the situation in Petrograd is affording the army breathing time, which is being utilized by General Korniloff in systematically reorganizing the front and rear.

KERENSKY BELIEVES HIS END APPROACHES

He is Anxious to Liberate Russia in Brief Period Remaining.

London, Aug. 14.—Russian circles in Switzerland, a despatch to The Daily Express from Geneva, says, learn from Petrograd that Kerensky, in talking with personal friends recently concerning his health, said: "I have not long to live. Disease has numbered my days. I must hasten the work of liberating Russia and do the greatest good I can before I depart. Peace now would make us future vassals of the Kaiser, which would be worse than being vassals of the Russian emperor."

SOUP KITCHENS FOR HALF OF HAMBURG

Summer Vegetable Season Slightly Improves Death Rate in Town.

Copenhagen, Aug. 13.—More than 150,000 residents of Hamburg are now being fed in the municipal soup kitchens owing to the difficulty of obtaining food supplies for individual households. The number has fallen off somewhat now that fresh vegetables are obtainable, it having reached the maximum in April, May and June, when between 250,000 and 240,000 persons visited the kitchens daily for their meals. It is expected that the number will increase again considerably during the coming winter. The above figures do not take into consideration the school kitchens where a midday meal is supplied for pupils, nor the canteens maintained at many factories and in the shipyards.

ARTILLERY FIGHTING FIERCE IN FLANDERS

Amsterdam Reports Renewal of Heavy Gunfire North of Ypres.

Amsterdam, Aug. 13.—A frontier correspondent of The Telegram reports that terrific artillery fighting began yesterday evening in Belgium, between Ypres and the sea, and that it showed no signs of diminishing today.

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