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PROBS—MOSTLY FAIR

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INTEREST CENTRES IN BALKANS; SUBMARINE BOMBARDS TWO ENGLISH COAST TOWNS

BAVARIANS DRIVE WEDGE IN THE RUSSIAN FRONT

Berlin Claims Prince Leopold's Army Has Crossed Bug River 50 Miles Northwest of Brest-Litovsk.

Allies' Artillery Hammers Enemy's Position on Navron Plateau, Inflicting Heavy Loss—German Factory Near Meunster Shelled and Gas Tanks at St. Marie-Au-Mines Blown Up

London, Aug. 16.—The left wing of the Bavarian army under Prince Leopold has fought its way across the Bug river near Drohiczn, which lies to the east of Sokolow and is some fifty miles northwest of Brest-Litovsk according to the official Berlin report. This move forms a slight wedge in the Russian front, which had been virtually straight since the Warsaw salient was abandoned.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen also is reported to be pushing back the Russians along the Bug, where the Germans are advancing along the eastern bank of that river. Farther west Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is credited with a successful attack on the advanced defenses of Kovno, as well as a successful attempt to break the Russian lines between the Narew and the Bug, after the Norzaw river had been crossed by the Germans.

These formed the most critical military movements of the day, but they attract less attention here than the diplomatic negotiations in the Balkans, where the crisis has not been reached. The most significant phase of today's news concerning the Near Eastern situation was contained in a brief despatch from Athens, stating that former Premier Venizelos had won a decisive victory over the government in the organization of the Greek chamber of deputies.

The withdrawal of the Bulgarian delegates from Constantinople caused much speculation here, the consensus of opinion being that Turkey is so confident of her present position that she does not feel under any compulsion to make concessions to Bulgaria's desires.

The usual grenade and mine fighting is reported on the western line and there has been some activity along minor fronts in the Caucasus, where the Russians claim that they have successfully repulsed Turkish attacks. At Livington, on the Rhodesian border in South Africa, a British force which had been besieged by a German detachment is reported to have finally driven off the besiegers.

A German submarine boat has shelled three towns on the Cumberland coast of England. Several fires were started by shells from the under-water boat and the railroad was damaged, but there were no casualties, it is said, as a result of the attack.

Except in their financial columns the newspapers pay little attention to the decline in sterling exchange. The government has given no hint of any plans it may be considering to relieve the situation, which the leading financial authorities here regard as decidedly serious.

Violent Artillery Fighting in the West.

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"Our batteries inflicted on the enemy heavy losses in the region of Quennevillers and silenced his fire on the Neuvion plateau. Our cannon seriously damaged the German fortified work to the north of Godat (between Berry-Au-Bac and Loivre).

"The enemy having again shelled St. Die we opened fire on the gas works at St. Marie-Au-Mines and blew up the gas tanks.

"We also shelled a German factory to the east of Meunster."

Russian Report.

Petrograd, via London, Aug. 16.—The following official communication was issued tonight:

"In the Besik district, (Courland), the night of August 15, our troops again drove the Germans back toward the river. The enemy's counter-attacks were repulsed.

"In the Jacobstadt and Drinsk districts there has been no essential change in the situation.

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"The bombardment of Kovno continues without cessation, the Germans obstinately attacking the fortifications in the western sector.

"Between the Narew and the Bug, on the 14th and 15th, there was furious fighting. A series of German attacks were repulsed with great loss to the enemy.

"On the left bank of the Bug there have been no important engagements.

"In the other sectors on our front there have been local artillery fighting but no important engagements."

Paris, Aug. 16.—A delayed despatch to the Havas News Agency, filed at Bucharest on Saturday, says that Austrian and German attempts to points along the Roumanian frontier are paying three times the normal prices for wheat, corn, hay, flax, peas and beans exported from that country. This is a result of heavy taxes placed upon Roumanian agricultural producers on Saturday following the action of the government on the previous day in removing the prohibition against sending certain food supplies out of the country.

The export tax amounts from \$80 to \$200 on carloads.

On Austro-Italian Front.

Brescia, Italy, Aug. 16, via Paris.—The Italian advance east of Condino (thirty miles southwest of Trent) towards Riva, at the head of Lake Garda, is being continued, notwithstanding stormy weather and terrific hail storms. Reports say that the trenches captured by the Italians are full of water, in which bodies are floating.

Serbia Does Not Anticipate New Attack by Teutonic Forces.

Rome, Aug. 16.—Telegrams from Nish give the impression that the Serbian government does not look for a serious movement against that country by Austria and Germany in the near future. These advices say that Serbian officials consider the reported concentration of Austrians and Germans at Orsova, Hungary, as being merely for political effect. By this move, according to the Serbian view, the Teutonic Allies hope to impress Roumania, Bulgaria and Greece and encourage Turkey to redoubled efforts at the Dardanelles.

GREEK CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES IN SESSION

Berlin Prints "Yarn" that Venizelos Does Not Consider Time Ripe for Greece to Join Allies.

Athens, Aug. 16.—The Greek Chamber of Deputies assembled today. M. Zavitzans, an adherent of former Premier Venizelos, was elected president.

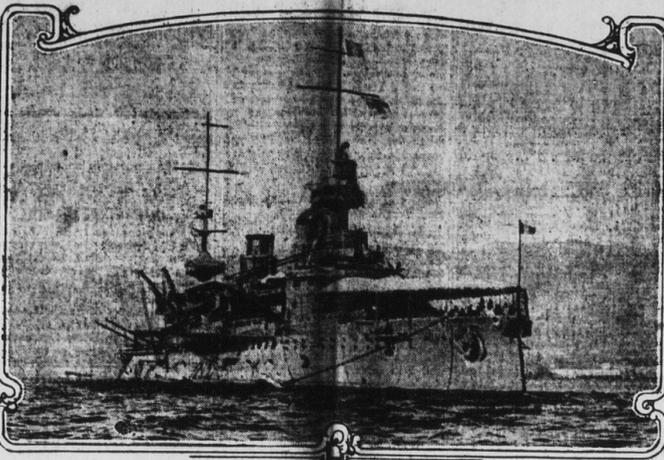
The majority of the Venizelos party, as a result of its victory in the recent general election, was indicated by the vote. M. Zavitzans received 132 votes, as compared with 93 for the candidate of the government.

Berlin, Aug. 16, via London, Aug. 17.—The Athens correspondent of the Tageblatt, who frequently has telegraphed the following statement of the attitude of former Premier Venizelos, as expressed with a political friend:

"M. Venizelos believes now, as before, that Greek interests lie on the side of the Entente Allies, but that the time is not ripe for Greece to join the Quadruple Alliance actively. Greece should therefore, preserve her neutrality for the present."

The correspondent adds that the question now is whether King Constantine regards these views as a pro-basis for entrusting the future of Greece to M. Venizelos as premier.

BIG FRENCH SEA FIGHTER SHELLS DARDANELLES FORTS



THE FRENCH BATTLESHIP ST. LOUIS.

The general offensive attack at the Dardanelles by the Anglo-French commanders is taken to mean stronger efforts to force the straits and send relief to Russia through the Black Sea. The French battle ship St. Louis did valiant work in the attack and is reported to have put out of action five out of six guns in the Asiatic batteries.

Seaports on West Coast Of England Shelled, But Damage Only Slight

London, Aug. 16.—Parton, Harrington and Whitehaven, in Cumberland, Eng., on the Irish Sea, were bombarded today by a German submarine, a British official statement tonight announced. Some fires were caused, but the damage was slight, and there were no casualties, the statement adds.

The text of the statement follows: "A German submarine fired several shells at Parton, Harrington and Whitehaven between 4.30 a.m. and 5.20 a.m. today, but no material damage was caused.

"A few shells hit the railway embankment north of Parton but train service was only slightly delayed.

"Fires were caused at Whitehaven and at Harrington which were soon extinguished.

"No casualties were reported."

Whitehaven which lies near the entrance of Solway Firth, has a population of about 20,000. The town has numerous factories for the manufacture of cordage, sail cloth and other commodities, together with iron and brass foundries and shipyards. Harrington is a small town, five miles north of Whitehaven, its population being about 4,000. Parton is another small seaport town, a mile and a half from Whitehaven.

DENIES USE OF U. S. CAVALRY POISONOUS GAS FIRED ON BY MEXICANS BY FRENCH

National Defence Bonds Bearing Interest at 5 p. c. on Sale at Post Offices in France Soon.

Paris, Aug. 16.—The Ministry of War this evening issued a note saying that the published statements that the French troops are using poisonous gas are untrue.

The government, upon the suggestion of Minister of Finance Ribot, will soon issue a decree placing on sale at post offices national defence bonds of denominations of twenty francs and five francs, bearing interest at five per cent.

These bonds may be exchanged, when the holders desire, for those of larger amounts.

Patrol Shot at From Mexican Side of Rio Grande but No Casualties.

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 16.—A detachment of United States cavalry patrol was fired on last night from the Mexican side of the Rio Grande near Mercedes, about 30 miles up the Rio Grande from here. The firing occurred at Progresso. The cavalry returned the fire and the shooting from the Mexican side stopped.

There were no casualties among the United States troops.

SAYS 15,000 OF CANADIAN TROOPS NOW IN ENGLAND GOING TO DARDANELLES

Vancouver, Aug. 16.—Hon. T. Chase Casgrain announced at a Canadian Club banquet in Vancouver today that he had been officially advised by the Minister of Militia that fifteen thousand of the Canadian soldiers now in Britain will be sent to the Dardanelles.

FIVE V.C.'S WON BY GALLANTRY IN DARDANELLES

Pages of History Will be Brightened by Story of the Landing on Gallipoli.

THE REPORT OF VICE ADMIRAL DE ROBECK.

One Officer Twice Entered Turkish Gun Position Alone and Destroyed 4-inch Gun Each Time.

London, Aug. 15. (Delayed by censor).—A record of the deeds of gallantry performed by officers and crews of British ships in the Dardanelles during the bombardment of the forts subsequent to the landing of troops is given in a report by Vice-Admiral John M. De Robeck, commander of the Allied fleet in the Dardanelles, which is published in the Official Gazette tonight.

Admiral De Robeck tells of the work of the Mediterranean fleet, devoting the greater part of his report to the officers and men whose work was particularly noteworthy. As a result of the report five Victoria Crosses and numerous other decorations have been awarded.

With the exception of one, which is given Commander Eric Gascoigne Robinson for twice going alone into a Turkish gun position and each time destroying a four-inch gun, the Victoria Crosses go to officers and men who displayed conspicuous acts of bravery in connection with the running ashore of the steamer River Clyde, from which troops were landed.

Five men who won the decoration for this work are: Commander Edward Unwin, who, seeing that the lighters on which the men were to reach the shore from the River Clyde were not properly placed, waded into water, waist deep, under a heavy fire, and worked until he got the lighters into proper position, and Midshipman G. L. Drewry and W. A. Malleson and Seaman W. C. Williams and George MacKenzie, who assisted Commander Unwin.

Awards also have been made to officers and men who rescued the whole of the crew of the battleship Irresistible, when she struck a mine and sank; to the officers and crew of the cruiser Infexible who, under the greatest difficulty, kept the vessel afloat after she was damaged by a mine; to the commanders and men of mine-sweepers who undertook a most dangerous duty, and to the many other men who performed deeds of gallantry, which under ordinary circumstances would have been considered worthy of the Victoria Cross.

PREMIER BORDEN'S MESSAGE TO CANADIANS ON FIRING LINE

Ottawa, Aug. 16.—The text of Sir Robert Borden's message of appreciation of the work of the Canadian troops at the front, addressed to General Alderson after the Premier's recent visit to the firing line, has been received here.

"The fine spirit of the Canadian division and their officers for the great test in which they are engaged," said Sir Robert, "very deeply impressed me. It was a great privilege to have the opportunity of seeing them and of conveying to them from the people of Canada a message of pride and appreciation. As I said on more than one occasion in addressing the officers and men, they can hardly realize how intensely all Canada has been thrilled by the tidings of their achievements. The President of the French Republic, as well as General Joffre and Sir John French, spoke of the troops under your command in terms of the highest praise. I bid you Godspeed in the great task in which you are engaged."



SIR R. L. BORDEN

FRENCH PRIZE COURT GIVES ITS DECISION IN FAMOUS DACIA CASE

Finds Transfer of American-Hamburg Liner to American Registry "Tainted With Fraud" and Orders Steamer Seized as Prize of War.

Paris, Aug. 16.—The decision of the prize court in the case of the former Hamburg-American Line freight steamer Dacia, which was granted American registry early in January, but was seized by a French cruiser in February against the rights of belligerents, and ordered the steamer seized as a prize. The decision covers twenty pages. It says that the transfer of registry was not made to save the ship from risk of capture in accordance with the laws of war, but that, on the contrary, the ship under her new flag was making a voyage for which she had been loaded while still under an enemy flag. Therefore the court finds the transfer "tainted with fraud, and orders the rights of belligerents" against the steamer seized as a prize. The American-owned cotton cargo of the Dacia has been partially paid for by the French government through the French Ambassador at Washington.

GERMANY MUST SECURE MORE TERRITORY BEFORE CONCLUDING PEACE

National Liberal Party in Reichstag Adopts Resolution Calling for Extension of Frontiers as Result of War as Condition of Peace.

Berlin, Aug. 16, via London, Aug. 17.—Resolutions calling for the extension of German frontiers as the result of the war were adopted by the executive committee of the National Liberal Party, which met yesterday at the Reichstag. The resolutions made the following declaration:

"The outcome of the present war can only be a peace which, by expanding our frontiers east, west and overseas, will protect us militarily, politically and economically against new attacks, and compensate us for the enormous sacrifices which the German nation already has made and is determined to continue to a victorious conclusion."

Complete confidence in Ernest Bassermann, leader of the National Liberal party, was expressed in the resolutions, which were adopted with only two dissenting votes.

RESUME FIGHTING IN MEXICO

Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 16.—Severe fighting between Carranza and Villa forces four miles outside Nogales, Sonora, is reported in progress. The international boundary line has been closed to passage by both Mexicans and United States authorities.

TUG RAMMED BY BARGE AND SUNK; TWO OF CREW LOST

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Aug. 16.—The tug Lackawanna, owned by the Reading Railway, was rammed and sunk south of the Handkerchief Shoals last night by the barge Nantux in tow of the tug Triton. Clarence Tingle of Bayonne, N. J., the mate, and Nicholas Mikey, an Austrian cook on the tug, were drowned. Eleven survivors, including the chief engineer who was greatly exhausted, after being in the water for hours, were brought here by the tug Scranton today.