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German Warships Repulsed in Attack on the Gulf of Riga BIG FRENCH AIR RAID ON SAARBRUCKEN | GERMANS OCCUPY WARSAW SUBURBS

FIRST PHASE OF WARSAW DRIVE ENDS AT PRAGA

Gap of Only Thirty Miles Open to Permit Russian Force to Escape.

POUNDRING AT FORTS

Berlin Reports Steady Hammering at Kovno, Lomza and Novo Georgievsk.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—While the Austro-German armies made fresh progress today in their campaign against the Russians, the conflict on the western front took on new impetus when Sir John French, commander of the British expeditionary force, reported a fierce artillery engagement, in which British and French forces captured trenches at Hooge along a front of 1200 yards.

The occupation of Praga, reported by Berlin, brings to a dramatic climax the first phase of the drive at the Polish capital, and the region of eastern Poland, of which Warsaw is the dominating centre. Praga is essentially a part of the capital, with great railway station on the roads running to Petrograd and Moscow. Few details have been received of Grand Duke Nicholas' final stand at Praga, but the indications are that the withdrawal of the Russians before the British and French forces was a tactical necessity.

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GERMAN FLEET REPULSED IN ATTACK ON RIGA GULF

PETROGRAD, Aug. 9, via London, Aug. 10.—The following official communication was issued tonight:

"A German fleet of nine battleships and 12 cruisers with a large number of torpedo boat destroyers persistently attacked the entrance to the Gulf of Riga, Sunday, but everywhere was repulsed.

"A cruiser and two torpedo boat destroyers were damaged.

An official explanation of the attack of the German fleet on Riga as given out tonight, follows:

Hoped to Aid Army.

"The Gulf of Riga would allow the Germans to give powerful aid to their army now occupying the western coast of the gulf. With the object of penetrating the gulf, the fleet appeared Sunday off Dirben Channel, which is the only practicable way for large ships to enter. The enemy made three attacks with the object of breaking the mine barrier protected by our fleet.

"Our seaplanes and warships co-operated to repel the enemy. The Germans did not succeed in passing our defenses. Three of his ships were damaged by mines near Dirben. None of our ships was lost."

BRITISH, AFTER REGAINING TRENCHES, FORCED FOE FROM OTHER POSITIONS

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

PARIS, Aug. 9.—An aerial raid on Saarbrücken, northeast of Metz, was successfully carried out by a French aerial squadron this morning, the war office at Paris announced tonight. The following is the official report:

"This morning an air squadron, consisting of 32 bombarding aeroplanes, conveyed by some scout speed planes, sallied forth to bombard the station and factories of Saarbrücken (northeast of Metz). The atmospheric conditions were not favorable, the valleys being concealed under fog and the sky cloudy.

"Notwithstanding the difficulties attending the proper steering of the aircraft, 28 aeroplanes reached their goal and dropped 154 shells of various calibre. The speed planes meanwhile were keeping away the German aviators, who were attempting to cut off the squadron from its base.

"Many fires were observed in the territory shelled."

French Aerial Fleet Raids Saarbrücken

Hundred and Sixty-four Shells Dropped With Great Effect, Many Fires Being Started—Aeroplanes Escape Pursuers.

Conditions Ideal for Wheat Crop

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Aug. 9.—"The whole west is rejoicing in an abundance of heat and sunshine and conditions today are everywhere perfectly ideal," says a report regarding the western crops from the immigration branch, Winnipeg, which Hon. Martin Burrell acting minister of the interior, has just received.

"The temperature throughout the prairie provinces for the last six days," continues the report, "averaged 80 to 90 in the shade. No frosts are reported at nights from anywhere in the west. Wheat which is a most abundant crop, is ripening quickly. Oats and other later sown grains are also maturing satisfactorily.

"Harvesting will be general in the west from the 20th to the 25th of this month. Great feeling of optimism and confidence in all parts of the prairie provinces, more particularly in those drought stricken districts of last year."

GRAIN RIPENING FAST

Harvesting Will Be General Within the Next Two Weeks.

WEST STARTS TO CUT WHEAT

Manitoba and Saskatchewan Report Operations Are Under Way.

LAURIE TO ADDRESS RECRUITING MEETINGS

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Aug. 9.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier will address a recruiting meeting at Sherbrooke on Thursday, and after that he will go to Murray Bay for a ten days' holiday. His next engagement is a recruiting meeting at Napanee on Sept. 2.

EXPORT OF GRAIN IS BIG PROBLEM

Premier Borden and Sir Geo. Foster Seeking a Solution.

GRAIN CARRYING FLEET

It is probable that the British Government will make some arrangement with the Canadian Government to divert a number of the ships doing special duty for the admiralty to the work of moving the Canadian grain across the ocean and if this is done, the crop will reach the market at the earliest moment. If it is stored in the elevators, provision will have to be made whereby the banks will make an advance on it on margin, and while this would be to the advantage of the Canadian farmer, it would not get him the benefit of the higher price that is likely to be obtained by whoever gets on the market first. It will be some time yet, however, before the government will be in a position to make any announcement as to the result of the negotiations now going on between the government and the ship owners.

THE APPROACHING FUR SEASON

The W. and D. Dineen Company are now running their factory full time, all the employees having returned from their holidays. Ladies and men will find this the most satisfactory season to have fur garments made to order or alterations carried out on last year's furs before the busy time comes along. The Dineen Company are showing samples of all the new furs that will predominate this season, printed among them being Red Fox, Cross Fox, Silver Fox, etc. The tendency is decidedly towards natural furs, and the market for these has a distinctly upward aspect. Buyers, most kinds of furs now will prove profitable.

CHAUFFEUR NOT BLAMED FOR MUSKOKA TRAGEDY

Coroner's Jury Finds Also That Bridge Was Kept in Reasonably Safe Condition—More Stringent Speed Regulations and License Requirements Recommended.

HON. LOUIS CODERRE NOW MENTIONED FOR BENCH

Secretary of State, Weary of Politics, May Succeed Late Justice Gervais.

DOMINION WILL HELP BUILDING OF TERMINUS

Government Agrees to Bear Cost of Eastern Wing of New Union Station.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN EXPECTED BACK SOON

He May Be in Canada About First of September.

ATTEMPT TO COMMIT MURDER AND SUICIDE

Demented Chatham Man Released on Suspended Sentence.

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CHATHAM, Ont., Aug. 9.—George Winters, the Bothwell sawmill proprietor, who on July 15 tried to poison his three small daughters by strychnine and then commit suicide, was today released on suspended sentence by Judge Bell after relatives had given assurance that they would care for the man. The recent death of Winters' wife, coupled with business difficulties, is thought to have affected his mind.

HUNDRED THOUSAND WITNESS TATTOO IN RIVERDALE PARK

Greatest Spectacle Since Beginning of War When Toronto's Military Bands Inspire Immense Multitude and the Valley Resounds With Strains of Martial Music.

Riverdale Park was the scene last night of the vastest and most spectacular patriotic military demonstration which has been held in Canada since the outbreak of war.

Ten times ten thousand people lined the natural amphitheatre formed by hills which slope from Broadview avenue to the Don. The landscape on every side seemed to be shut off from view by the apparently impenetrable throng of men, women and children. Looking upward from the platform in the bottom of the valley the great hill slopes presented a never-to-be-forgotten panorama of humanity. Even the crest of the hill—a thousand yards away—was outlined with thousands of faces.

The great concourse of people watched the manoeuvres below and listened to the music. Tidal waves of applause swept the valley time after time as the fireworks depicted a national hero or the bands played a war tune.

A space of several hundred feet square was reserved for the tattoo, in which all the military bands of the city participated, being led in their playing by Bandmaster Lieut. Waldron of the 10th Royal Grenadiers, senior bandmaster of Toronto, and by Lieut. Slatter of the 48th Highlanders' Band, who was associate leader of the tattoo. Boy Scouts were in attendance on each band, to act as torchbearers.

The tattoo itself was quite imposing and inspiring. At 8 o'clock the Q. O. R. Bugle Band sounded "First Post." A combined march with all the bugles and bands taking part, was then given. This was followed by separate marching by each band, and then by a massed band concert. "The Maple Leaf," "Rude Britannia," "O Canada," "The Buffs," "Tipperary," "Boys of the Old Brigade," "Soldiers of the King," were the patriotic tunes rendered. Then "Onward Christian Soldiers," "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past," and "Abide With Me," were given. In all these the people joined by singing. The effect of the singing

Eighty Thousand Men Already Sent Abroad

Sixty-seven Thousand Canadians in England and France, and Sixty-five Thousand in Training—More Units for Reinforcements.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Aug. 9.—Over 80,000 men have now been sent from Canada for service at the front. There have been about 13,000 casualties so that there are still 67,000 fighting men in England and France. This makes two army divisions with their reinforcements. There are nearly 65,000 men in training at the present time at the various camps in Canada and there is a proposal under consideration by the military authorities to create four Canadian army divisions, two to be at the front and two to continue in training in England, and to act as reinforcements for the two in the fighting line.

The present method of sending reinforcements from Canada has been found disadvantageous, chiefly owing to the breaking up of units. It is felt more desirable to send reinforcements as complete units and this will be easier of accomplishment when the reserve troops are in England.

Rev. J. R. Anderson, chaplain of the Home Guards.

The bands taking part in the tattoo were the Q. O. R. Grenadiers, 48th Highlanders, 36th Peel, 12th Yorks, G.B.F.C., 10th Regt., the bugle band of the Q. O. R., and the 48th Highlanders' pipe band.

The demonstration arrangements were made by Major E. K. Barker, Lieut. Waldron, Lieut. Slatter and Park Commissioner Chambers.

The immense crowd kept remarkably good order, except when the police at the beginning of the tattoo allowed the people to move in closer at one side of the open square. At this time three women and one girl fainted and were carried to the Q. O. R. recruiting tent on one side of the crowd.

Sixty policemen were on hand to handle the throng.

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