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FRENCH CAPTURE ANOTHER FORMIDABLE TURKISH POSITION

LONDON, July 3, 1.55 a.m.—A British submarine in the Sea of Marmora, on June 26, sank the Turkish transport No. 42, which was full of troops, according to the Athens correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

GERMAN SQUADRON BADLY BATTERED IN BATTLE IN BALTIC SEA Attempted German Advance in Argonne and Vosges Checked

TEUTON ATTACK FAILS TO MAKE ANY PROGRESS

French Defeat German Offensive in Argonne and Vosges.

LINES FIRMLY HELD

Artillery Duels From Ypres to Argonne—German Grenadiers Beaten Off.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, July 2.—The Argonne forest region and the Vosges front remain the chief objectives of German attacks, the enemy apparently persisting in his determination to proceed to the investment of Verdun and to the expulsion of the French from Alsace in neither of these fields of operations has the enemy achieved the slightest permanent success, the plucky little French soldiers being more than a match for Prussian Guards, Bavarians, or German grenadiers.

The French official statement tonight reports that the Germans after a violent bombardment attempted a new and general attack on the roads between Benarville and Blaneuil, but were defeated after a stubborn fight in some places with the bayonet, the French retaining all their positions.

Intense artillery preparation failed to give the Germans any advantage in attacks on Hillengrist in the Vosges, near Metzlar. They were repulsed in their first two attacks, gained a footing in the French works, but were driven out everywhere by a counter-attack. The Germans are still firing a great number of shells on this position and are expected to make another attack on it soon.

Artillery Duels on Yser. Heavy artillery duels on the entire front from the Yser to the Argonne took place today. The artillery fire was especially heavy at Quenneviers. This artillery work had been continued throughout the night and it may be a preparation for another German offensive.

In the Argonne, a German night attack with asphyxiating gas and large hand bombs was defeated. A German assault of Le Pretre was repulsed in the night, also repulsed by French infantry.

The German Grenadiers mentioned in the despatches made their attack on the French positions on the road between Ablain and Angers. Their offensive was a complete failure.

CUDDY WILLING TO BECOME FIRE CHIEF

CALGARY, July 2.—Chief of Police Cuddy stated that if the City Council of Toronto approves his appointment as fire chief, he will accept the position.

Big German Warships Were Badly Crippled Cruiser Reported Sunk

Battleship of Dreadnought Class and Another Warship Battered in Baltic—Mine Layer Driven Ashore and 21 Men Killed.

COPENHAGEN, July 2.—(Via London, July 2, 2.15 a.m.)—The German battleship Wittelsbach, which is damaged, and a battleship of the Kaiser (dreadnought) class, with many shots under the waterline, from the battle in the Baltic, have returned to Kiel.

The Politiken's Petrograd correspondent states that it is reported that not only was a German torpedo boat sunk at Windau, but a cruiser of the Magdeburg type was also lost.

Big Force at Riga. In preparation for an advance north, supported by a German fleet, the Politiken's Petrograd correspondent states that eight German army corps were concentrated at Riga, and in the Shavli region. The attack on Windau, the correspondent believes, was an evidence that this was the object of the German military and naval authorities.

Mine Layer Driven Ashore. LONDON, July 2, 11.11 p.m.—A naval action occurred this morning off the east coast of the island of Gotland, says the Stockholm correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Co.

The German mine layer, Albatross, was chased by four Russian cruisers and ran ashore to escape capture. Twenty-five of the mine layer's crew were killed, and twenty-seven were wounded.

Four Cruisers Engaged. The Copenhagen correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Co. states that a message had been received from Gotland telling of a naval battle off the east coast of that island. According to the message, gunfire was heard last night, and at 6.30 o'clock this morning a naval action was observed from Ljungan harbor and later warships steamed north.

At 10 o'clock four cruisers were seen closely engaged near land. Let a German torpedo boat with many wounded arrived at Kathammersvik, on the east coast of Gotland.

An official statement issued by the Russian war office on July 1 told of an attempt by German warships to bombard the port of Windau, Courland, and land troops. This attempt was repulsed. Windau is a Russian port across the Baltic from Gotland island.

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REQUIRE CANDIDATES FOR ROYAL NAVAL AIR SERVICE High Physical and Educational Standard is Obligatory.

By A. S. T. Reporter. OTTAWA, July 2.—Candidates are required from Canada for a limited number of vacancies in the Royal Naval Air Service for the period of the war.

NO NEW DISTILLERIES TO BE ERECTED IN AUSTRIA ZURICH, Switzerland, via London, July 2.—Preparatory to making the production of spirits a state monopoly, an Austrian ministerial decree prohibits the erection of new distilleries and raises the tax on spirits from ten to fourteen cents a litre.

NO FINAL STAND AGAINST ENEMY BY RUSSIANS YET

Only Rearguard Actions Being Fought in Poland and Galicia.

TWO TOWNS OCCUPIED

Success of Allies at Dardanelles Has Cheering Effect on London.

LONDON, July 2.—The sudden recurrence of heavy artillery fire by the Germans at many points in France is a marked feature of the fighting on the western front, but in the meantime the Austro-German advance into Galicia and in Poland is unchecked, and the Teutons have shown no disposition to diminish the intensity of their eastern offensive.

The Polish towns of Zamosc and Jozefow have been captured, and progress in other sectors in the east is claimed by Berlin. For weeks it has been the same story in this theatre of war—an Austro-German rush, a Russian retreat, and the end is not in sight.

There has been during the week no official news whatever from the British front in Flanders, but Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton, commanding the allied land forces at the Dardanelles, in his second official despatch of the week, records the repulse of vicious counter-attacks by the Turks, who were bent on recovering the lost ground south of the fortified hill of Achil Baba, and the strong position at Krithia, which the British are attempting to envelop.

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TURKISH REDOUBT CAPTURED WITH SIX LINES OF TRENCHES BY ALLIES AT DARDANELLES

Register 250,000 Men Now! Now is the time for Canada to make one more supreme effort on behalf of the empire, and we are confident that Canadian people will do it.

Our proposal is for the government to start a campaign of registration of 250,000 Canadians willing to join the colors for service on the battlefields of Europe.

We do not believe there would be any trouble in getting this registration closed up in a very few days if gone about in the same energetic way that marked our previous efforts, and that marks similar movements now under way in England.

It has taken some time to find our feet in connection with this war, and of our relation to the empire and of our duty to the mother country and to ourselves; but everything we have taken up so far in the way of recruiting, of Red Cross service, of the patriotic fund for the wounded, and the maintenance of the dependants of the men who have gone to the front, of raising assistance for the people of Belgium, has met with splendid and immediate response.

BRITISH OFFICERS SLAIN BY NATIVES Two Fanatical Mohammedan Soldiers Ran Amuck at Jhansi.

SHOTS WERE DEADLY Assassins Were Pursued and Killed After Taking Four Lives.

LONDON, July 2.—The killing of a major, a captain, a lieutenant and a bombardier, and the wounding of a captain and a sergeant, all officers of the 8th Indian Cavalry, by two fanatical Mohammedans, who were subsequently shot to death, was announced tonight by the British Official Press Bureau.

"A lamentable tragedy occurred in the 8th Cavalry of the Indian army stationed at Jhansi (in the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, British India). Two Mohammedan soldiers ran amuck in the lines, shooting and killing Major M. H. Gale, and cutting down Lieut. Courtenay, who since has died of his wounds.

"Pursued and Killed. The murderers ran towards the officers' mess, and on the way met and wounded Capt. Hudson. Turning towards the artillery barracks they fired at a sergeant and a bombardier, wounding slightly the former and killing the latter.

"The murderers were pursued and shot down by a party of men of the regiment, led by two British officers, but not before they had fired at and killed another officer, Capt. Cooper.

"The two men are reported to have been of a morose and fanatical disposition. They kept aloof from their comrades. The act was an isolated one in which no one but the two murderers were involved."

OFF WITH THE OLD, ON WITH THE NEW. A large party of out-of-town excursionists were walking up Yonge street yesterday. They were taking in all the sights with the vacant stare of the bored-to-death sightseer until they came to a window full of ladies' and gents' Panama Hats.

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BRITONS AROUSED BY GRAVITY OF WAR

Public Now Turn Aside From Ordinary Business to Grimmer One.

ECONOMY ADVISED Failure to Inaugurate Offensive in West Responsible for Change.

LONDON, July 2.—There are manifold indications thruout the United Kingdom that the people only now, after nearly a year, fully sense the seriousness of the war.

Lord Curzon Says Allies Will Be Superior in Men and Material.

WORKERS ENROLLED Present Situation One of Grave Anxiety, Country in Peril.

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This was not a game, he said, for a critical or censorious attitude, but the time to pass the bill, which would enable the organization of a rapid supply of munitions, and to go ahead, make up the leeway and put matters straight.

After a few remarks had been made by Baron Weardale, who criticized the remissness of the late government and placed the responsibility for it upon Premier Asquith, the munitions bill was passed in all its stages.

GEN. PORFIRIO DIAZ IS DEAD IN PARIS

He Was Deposed as President of Mexico Four Years Ago. PARIS, July 2, 7.40 p.m.—Gen. Porfirio Diaz, former president of Mexico, died at 7 o'clock this morning.

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General Diaz had been in failing health since reaching Europe in 1911 after his resignation from the presidency of Mexico, following the successful Madero revolution.

Washington Startled by An Explosion in Capitol

Senate Wing Was Materially Damaged Near Midnight and Investigation Followed—Bomb Plot is Suspected.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—An explosion occurred in the senate wing of the capitol shortly before midnight tonight, doing considerable damage. The explosion took place in the reception room on the second floor of the building next to the office of the sergeant-at-arms. The doors of the room were blown out and the ceiling fell in places.

The doors of the capitol were closed immediately after the explosion, and no one was permitted to enter while the investigation was under way. While the origin of the explosion has not been explained, some reports in circulation said it might have been caused by a bomb.

MUNITIONS STATUTE PASSED BY LORDS

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