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Russian Advance Continues Steadily

Progressing on River Sereth and Have Entered Town of Monsterzyska... Activity on the Western Front Also Reported Today

Petrograd, via London, Aug. 11.—The Russians are advancing on the Sereth River, in Galicia, the war office announced today. They have also entered the town of Monsterzyska, northwest of Stanislaw.

Took Some Prisoners

Paris, Aug. 11.—On the left bank of the Meuse the French took some prisoners in a raid on German trenches east of the 204. On the right bank of the Meuse there was skirmishing with grenades about the Thiaumont Works.

Heavy Bombardment

Paris, Aug. 11.—The French have opened a heavy bombardment of German positions north of the Somme, according to an official statement by the war office today.

The statement follows: North of the Somme our artillery directed a destructive fire against the defenses of the enemy. In the course of our operations we took prisoners and captured two machine guns in the small wood northeast of Hordcourt.

On the left bank of the Meuse (v.d. front) we made a surprise attack on a German trench east of Hill 804 and brought back prisoners. On the right bank of the river there was the usual artillery engagement as well as skirmishing with grenades. Northwest of Thiaumont work. On the remainder of the front intermittent artillery fighting occurred.

On the night of Aug. 9-10 French aerial squadrons bombarded the railway station and barracks at Vouziers and the stations at Basancourt.

A Spanish Version

Berlin, Aug. 11.—(Via London).—On the night of August 7, enemy airplanes dropped several bombs on Rotterdam, according to an official statement issued here today.

A dwelling house was hit and several persons were wounded. No military damage was done.

The official French statement of Wednesday afternoon said a French aviator, flying 217 miles between 8:30 p.m. and 11:45 p.m., dropped 800 pounds of explosives on the powder factory at Rotterdam, causing two extensive fires and several explosions.

It was the announcement made last night that Dr. William D. McNally, coroner, in a chemical test, discovered the contents of the stomach of Mrs. Davis, who was found unconscious at the time of her husband's death, had discovered poison of the kind believed to have killed Davis.

The chemist said he would make more tests today for other poisons and that he would analyze several bottles of medicine found in the Davis' apartment.

Mrs. Davis, after she regained consciousness, was quoted as saying that a chemical, which her husband used as a chemist, which her husband had been taken in mistake for salts which she and her husband intended to take for illness.

Mrs. Davis is still ill today.

Wm. Donnelly was charged with escaping from lawful custody on August 9. Dunn took up sale of West Indies to United States. The senate of the rigidly opposed to the sale.

Senate committee planning net profit internal revenue tax on all manufacturers selling goods in foreign markets as substitute for munitions tax in the pending revenue bill.

National league—Cincinnati at Philadelphia, cloudy, 8:30 p.m.; St. Louis at New York, cloudy (2), first 1 p.m.; Chicago at Brooklyn, cloudy (2), first 1:30 p.m.; Pittsburgh at Boston (2), cloudy, first 12 noon.

American league—Cleveland at St. Louis, cloudy (2), first 1 p.m.; Detroit at Chicago, cloudy, 3 p.m.; no other games scheduled.

International league—Rochester at Newark, today's game will be played Sunday. Montreal at Providence, clear, 8:30 p.m.; Toronto at Richmond, cloudy, two games, 2:30 and 4:30 p.m.; Buffalo at Baltimore, today's game was played June 24.

LAST ALL IN ONTARIO FIRE Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jennings of East St. John have received word from their son, Wallace, who is at present with a construction company in Ontario, being employed in the vicinity which was visited by the recent big fire. He says he was fortunate in avoiding the flames, as he had just escaped with what he had on.

He was out of the time and, when he returned, the four rooms that he occupied with some other young men were nothing but ashes. It is not known whether or not he lost his surveying instruments, but he was stripped of everything else he owned. His friends in the city and vicinity, however, will be pleased to hear that he escaped. No word could be either received or sent as all the wires leading to or from the places visited by the fire were out of commission and his people were very anxious, until word came by letter telling that he is safe.

KING'S FUTURE IN THE BALANCE

Trouble in Greece is Just Beginning BIG ISSUE BEFORE THE PEOPLE

If Venizelos Wins in Coming Elections King's Power Will Be Curtailed and Greece May Enter War

Athens, July 30.—(Correspondence)—"The trouble in Greece is just beginning," is the opinion of a neutral diplomat here.

"King Constantine cannot logically accept the result of the coming election calmly, for they seem almost certain to mean the return of Venizelos to power and Venizelos is determined at any cost to make it impossible for a Greek sovereign ever again to assume the throne.

"Still worse, from the King's point of view, is that Venizelos, returning to power, is expected to bring Greece into the European war on the side of the allies. They say that Venizelos and his followers are already placing orders for the necessary munitions and armament for the Greek army in that event.

Another deep-seated measure concerns Poland, that is, all three of the Poles. The negotiations over the Polish question between Germany and Austria-Hungary have been had many months, lately have been resumed in Berlin and are nearing conclusion.

The well-informed military critic of the Nieuwe Rotterdam, Schiedamschen writes:—The Central Powers already have given evidence that they do not fear to take through whatever under extraordinary circumstances and any such measures will be taken to effect.

These under-estimation are of a combined political and military character and are quite apart from calling in Turkish aid.

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SHAKE-UP COMING IN GOVERNMENT

Maloney in Got Out—Murray in Public Works and B. F. Smith to Enter as Minister of Agriculture is Rumor

(Special to Times)—Frederick N. B., Aug. 11.—It is reported here on reliable authority that Hon. P. G. Maloney will resign at once as minister of public works and will be succeeded by Hon. J. A. Murray, and that B. Frank Smith, M.P.P. for Carleton, will be taken into the government with the portfolio of agriculture.

The traffic committee recommended that business men make a study of the changes in No. 17 new freight classification, so that in case it is considered detrimental to their business, they may have ample opportunity of filing their objections. This committee reported that the Board of Railway Commissioners has ordered the C.P.R. to install an automatic bell at the crossing between Westfield and Hillandale.

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Position of Central Powers is Desperate

Rotterdam, Aug. 11.—(Toronto Globe Cable by Leonard Spray)—The present position of the Central Powers on the eastern front is desperate and it is within the range of possibility that desperate measures may be resorted to.

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BOARD OF TRADE COUNCIL MEETS

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WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis—Pressure is highest over Saskatchewan and the northwest states attended by very cool weather, while a shallow depression covers Lake Superior causing showers and local thunderstorms over the Great Lakes. Light local frosts have occurred during the night from Alberta to Manitoba.

Generally Fair Maritime—Moderate northeast to southwest winds, generally fair, not much change in temperature. Some local showers on Saturday.

Tunnelled Mountains To Capture Gorizia

Italians Landed Artillery Beyond Austrian Lines and Took Them From Rear

Only Two Forts Uncaptured and They are Isolated—A Post Mortem Tribute From Kitchener—Austrians Fought Every Foot of the Way—Italian Success Important Factor in the War

London, Aug. 11.—(Toronto Globe Cable)—A despatch from Rome to the Daily Telegraph says: The Italian offensive continues. Two forts alone of the eastern defence of Gorizia remain in possession of the Austrians, namely, Monte Santo and San Gabriele, but they are isolated beyond possibility of recovery, reinforcements and provisions being cut off.

The fact that the Italians had tunnelled through mountains, so that they debouched their artillery beyond the Austrian lines, the Austrians thus being caught between two fires, was the determining factor in their success.

The Italian advance in the Pleso, Tolmino and Montefalco sectors continues and there is renewed activity in the Trentino.

The number of prisoners is steadily increasing. The number so far officially given is much less than the real total. It will take several days to make an inventory of the booty. The Austrians were unable to save the contents of the Goetz depot, which were among the most important in the empire.

An estimate of the Austrian losses in the Gorizia engagement is furnished by the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Milan who writes:—These losses were enormous. Not many of the defending army had time to retreat. A Swiss correspondent on the Austrian side says:—

"I saw on Podgora, on Sabotino and on Monte Santo lines upon lines of Austrian corpses, exposed as if for a review of the dead.

"The work of the Italian artillery was systematic. Every inch of the Austrian trenches and secret lanes was mapped out and each battery had its work assigned. The Italian infantry accomplished the remainder by a series of brilliant assaults. They approached the Austrians from one quarter through subterranean galleries to within forty yards and in another flanked and swam the Isonzo in the face of a hail of shells and rifle fire.

"At a third point the engineers threw bridges across the stream to hurry reinforcements. Detachments of the Casale and Pavia brigades received orders to cross. Into the river troops plunged, wading waist deep, holding their rifles high, while others carried hand grenades high in the air. All crossed within half an hour and entered the town."

ADDS GLOWING CHAPTER TO WAR HISTORY. London, Aug. 11.—(New York Times cable)—A Daily Chronicle despatch from Milan says: "The army that succeeded in battering down the defenses of the Isonzo will be justly able to boast itself the first army in the world."

This judgment attributed to the late Lord Kitchener during his visit to the Italian front, is cited with proud satisfaction in the Italian press today.

Accounts of the battle still filtering through are necessarily of a fragmentary character, but suffice to reveal what a glowing chapter will be contributed to the history of the great war when the story of the fall of Gorizia can be fully told.

Fighting Severe yet. Rome, Aug. 10.—(Via Paris, Aug. 11)—The latest reports show that the lower Isonzo action is drawing to a close in its first stages, with the number of Austrian prisoners still growing. The number of men killed or wounded in the battle is large. Neither side has yet been able to make an accurate estimate of the casualties, though the total for both sides will probably reach 90,000.

From evidence arriving here, the belief prevails that the victory of the Italians was not due to the demoralization of the Austrians, as the fighting was the severest yet seen on this front. The Austrians contested every foot of the ground about Gorizia, even after the loss of the strategic points of Monte Sabotino and Monte San Michele.

While the success of the Italians undoubtedly was due largely to the new heavy artillery, which matched at last, after a year of waiting for their manufacture, the heavy 800-millimetre Austrian guns, yet the hand-to-hand fighting was appalling in ferocity—bayonets, knives, bombs, cavalry swords, pistols and arms of every description being used.

Personal details of heroism were plentiful, especially in connection with the use by the Italians of a new method of destroying barbed wire entanglements, involving the almost certain death of the soldiers who plant the bomb for this purpose.

The victory of the Italians is considered all the more creditable, since the Austrians on the Lower Isonzo front had long prepared for an attack on a large scale, having successfully resisted many previous ones on small sectors.

15,000 Prisoners. Rome, Aug. 11 (via Paris)—The number of prisoners taken by the Italians since the fall of Gorizia now exceeds 15,000, according to the correspondent of the Tribune on the Isonzo front. Italian cavalry and cyclists are clearing the valley of the retreating Austrians and, according to the correspondent, the battles continue in favor of the Italians on both wings.

Importance Evident. Rome, Aug. 10.—(Via Paris, Aug. 11)—The importance of the Italian successes around Gorizia is becoming more evident hourly. The battle is continuing behind the city over a front about twelve miles long. The Austrians have retreated along the railroad in the direction of Dornberg, eight miles southeast of Gorizia and over the national highway to Schio Pass, six miles to the east, and are now attempting to reform their front on a line extending from Vipacco to Tarsova.

Meanwhile the Austrians are attempting to take the offensive at Monte Nero (near various other parts of the Italian front, but thus far have been unable to divert the Italians from their operations behind Gorizia.

HAS ENLISTED. William Donnelly, who was before the court this morning for escaping from lawful custody, took a step in advance to the right this afternoon by enlisting. He was allowed to go to Moncton and will join the 145th Battalion.

REV. A. P. HODGES IS IN THE RANKS. The No. 8 Field Ambulance Corps had this morning of adding to its muster roll the name of Rev. Arthur Parker Hodges, pastor of the Coburg street Christian church.

Rev. Mr. Hodges walked into the army and offered his services as a private and, after passing the medical examinations, he was accepted and was equipped in the King's uniform.

Much credit is due Mr. Hodges and his many friends in this city and elsewhere undoubtedly will be pleased to hear of the step taken by him.

BY-LAW VIOLATIONS. Today in the police court there were a number of citizens before the magistrate for by-law violations. In nearly all the cases satisfactory explanations were given and the court allowed them to go.

R. W. Tilton was reported for exceeding the speed limit in rounding the corner of Douglas avenue and Main street last Saturday night. Policeman Hogg said he was going at the rate of about eight or nine miles an hour.

W. E. A. Lawton was reported for the same offence. Policeman Hogg made the report. Mr. Lawton had some suggestions which he freely handed out to the policeman, and said he was ready to take an oath that he never exceeded the speed limit, not only on this occasion, but on any other. Both these cases stand until next Wednesday.

Wm. Steeper, reported for not having the front number plate on his car, was allowed to go, as he now has it on and only had it off to repair it.

Murray Northrup was before the court for driving on the wrong side of King street. He said the demonstrator of the car was operating it at the time and thus he was let out.

Louis Fader, who was reported for not having a sign in front of his house according to the requirement of the city by-law, was allowed to go in view of his complying with the city regulation immediately.

F. L. O'Regan was reported for exceeding the speed limit around the corner of Mill and Main streets. Mr. O'Regan intimated that his car was not out to his memory, on that occasion. The case rests until Wednesday.

FROM OHIO TO IRLAND. Sandusky, Ohio, Aug. 11.—The William F. Edwards, one of the largest wooden freight steamers on the Great Lakes, is ready to clear from here for Montreal with a cargo of coal.

Unloading from that port, she will take a cargo of lumber to Ireland. The vessel has recently been fitted up with a new bow and sides for ocean travel.



The veteran Russian General Kestel... who commanded the Russian divisions which recently captured twenty thousand Ger... in Galicia.