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Most Determined Resistance Was Expected and Many Casualties Looked For—Assault, Though Made by Moonlight, Carried Through Perfectly, Objective Being Gained in Less Than an Hour

By Special Wire to the Courier. British Front in France, July 14, 10 p.m., via London, July 15.—At the end of a long day's unbroken struggle the indications are that the British are holding their gains of the morning, when along a front of about four miles they attacked the German second line, capturing several important positions.

Not Many Casualties. The infantry which went into action shortly before dawn anticipated a most determined resistance and expected to pay high toll in casualties. Their experiences during many nights' trench raids had served as excellent preparation for their daring moonlight assault where co-ordination was necessary for success. An unexpectedly small number of wounded came into the clearing stations during the morning hours. Many were borne by German prisoners who acted as litter bearers.

Attack Not Expected. These prisoners said that no attack had been expected and that the assault before daylight came as a complete surprise. The British rushed the shambles in the trenches where the Germans had previously regained part possession. Through the tangle and over fallen tree trunks they swept in the face of persistent sniping and machine gun fire under conditions where it was considered amazing how they could disperse as friends from foe.

Enemy Stuck It Out. The Germans building barricades and digging for shelter among rocks refused to yield confident that coming counter attacks would effect a rescue. Among them were wounded.

Italians Now Considered as Enemies by Germany

All Hun Banks Have Been Notified That Payment of Money to Italians in Germany Must Be Stopped.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Rome, July 14, 11.50 p.m.—The Berlin Bankers' Association, according to the Stefani News Agency, has circularized all banks in Germany instructing them that henceforth, by request of the Imperial Foreign Office, Italians are to be treated as subjects of a belligerent state, in other words, that payments to Italians in Germany are to be stopped.

The German Foreign Office has officially informed the Italian Government through the Swiss government that payment of workmen's pensions to Italians has been suspended.

The attitude of Germany towards Italian subjects in Germany and Belgium is causing much resentment here.

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AMERICA NOT INJURED BY NEW TREATY

No Policy Inaugurated to Hurt United States, Says Russian Minister.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Petrograd, via London, July 15.—A statement given out last night by Sergius Sazonoff, minister of foreign affairs, regarding the new Russo-Japanese agreement, says:

"The convention just signed is the natural development of previous conventions concluded between Russia and Japan in 1907 and 1910. The former of these conventions expressly mentions the engagement of the contracting parties to respect the principle of equal opportunity for trade and industry in China, and to uphold and defend this principle."

"This engagement remains in full force after the conclusion of the convention of 1916, which has purely a political and conservative aim, safeguarding and defending Russian and Japanese territorial rights and special interests in China against foreign aggression."

"The new convention does not inaugurate any policy injurious to American rights and interests any more than the conventions of 1907 and 1910. These two agreements have proved perfectly in accordance with the friendly relations always entertained between the United States and Russia."

ARTILLERY DUEL AT FLEURY

German Attack on Trench Northeast of Avocourt Repulsed.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, July 15.—A violent artillery duel continues in the Fleury sector, the war office announced today. A German attack on a trench northeast of Avocourt, repulsed, and German attempts to undertake attacks in the Apremont sector.

The statements follow: "On the left bank of the Meuse a German attack with hand grenades against one of our trenches northeast of Avocourt was repulsed."

"On the right bank of the river, the artillery fighting was sustained and intense in the sector of Fleury. We dispersed with infantry fire several reconnoitering parties of the enemy in Chapreuil wood."

"In the forest of Apremont several attempts of the Germans to make attacks were broken up by our capture of fire."

DESERTERS STRUCK BY TRAIN. Montreal, July 15.—Private William J. O'Flaherty and Pte. Alexander Thompson, of Montreal, deserted from the 148th Battalion, at Valcartier Camp, while making their way into Boston, Mass., yesterday on the top of a train, were struck by a bridge near Somerville, Mass. O'Flaherty was killed instantly and Thompson received minor injuries.

RETURNING SOLDIERS FINALLY CONVINCED WAR NEARING END

German Resistance to the Allies in France is Weakening, They Say, and War Will be Over by End of September

By Special Wire to the Courier. Quebec, July 15.—A batch of 130 invalided soldiers from England and Quebec about one o'clock this morning, having come over from Halifax on a special I.C.R. train, a number of Montrealers and Ontarians.

Interesting and optimistic news were brought by the invalided men, particularly striking is the conviction of everyone that the end of the hostilities is not far distant.

Sergeant Richard Boulanger, of the 22nd, is among the men returning. He is coming to take a commission in the 178th battalion. He is a Montrealeur and has spent nine months in the trenches.

He was at Ypres and St. Eloi and he particularly mentions what he saw at the Ypres salient. Boulanger was at the side of Captain Beaubien of the 22nd when the latter was killed. He says a shower of shrapnel fell all about them and that he, Boulanger, managed to escape serious injury. He says that of the original 22nd, there remains about 150 men.

Sergeant Ledcor, son of the assistant superintendent of the Montreal waterworks also arrived today. He was in charge of French section of the 5th engineering company, 2nd division. That corps formed by the late Mr. Janin, numbered some forty men. There only remains fourteen or fifteen at present. Ledcor was nine days and five days at the front and is now returning to take a commission in a new Canadian unit.

Most of the invalided are in accord that the German resistance in France is weakening and that everybody, not by mere hearsay, but by deductions, is convinced that the war will be over before the end of September.

IRELAND AND MESOPOTAMIA ISSUES NOW

Government Will Lose No Time in Settling Irish Affairs.

By Special Wire to the Courier. New York, July 15.—The London correspondent of the Tribune cables as follows:

According to information gained today, the internal political situation is likely to be exceedingly interesting in the next fortnight, the Irish settlement and the Mesopotamia situation furnishing two questions of immediate interest to all Britons.

Lord Lansdowne's reply to Redmond has not improved the already tenuous Irish situation. With the help of David Lloyd George and Bonar Law, Premier Asquith has been able to negotiate difficult political hurdles in the last year, but the best opinion is that he is up against a stiff proposition in the latest barter which the "Irish" group have advanced or with malice, as Redmond contended in his statement.

In any case, it is believed that the government will lose no time in trying to pour oil on Ireland's troubled waters.

The opposition is forming into an organization showing the most strength since the coalition took the reins. The "Irish" group headed by Sir Edward Carson, whose health is now fully restored, with Walter Guinness as active organizer, and the Liberal followers of Winston Churchill and Sir Herbert Asquith are coming together on a common ground.

This opposition is commanding the attention of the government in both the Irish and Mesopotamia questions. The latter has awakened greater public anger and apprehension than anything else in the war. The known fact that the relief force was once sent in two hours march of Kut added to the uncontradicted medical scandals, some of which occurred just recently, have stirred the whole country to its depths and determined it insist on a ruthless investigation of the entire business. The non-publication of dispatches has added to the fuel of popular agitation, which, unless dispelled by a satisfactory explanation, is likely seriously to affect the personnel of the present administration.

LIQUIDATION OF "WAR BRIDES" Many Rumors in New York of Cancellation of Foreign Orders.

By Special Wire to the Courier. New York, July 15.—Weekly financial review: Almost continuous liquidation of "war brides" aided and abetted by a formidable short interest, attended the week's operations in stocks, reversals in some of these issues forcing their quoted values to lowest levels of the year. The decline was accompanied by further circumstantial rumors of cancellations of foreign orders, it being noteworthy in this connection that few of the new contracts came into the coming year.

In other instances, such as United States Alcohol Company, whose stock registered extreme loss of over 30 points with only slight recovery more specific and definite causes were assigned such as international differences growing out of questions of policy. The break in the motor stocks seemed almost inevitable after the recent abortive effort to effect a merger of several of the larger companies.

Rails and other representative stocks were but little affected by the setback in specialties, maintenance of excellent earnings, with prospects of indefinite continuance, proving a strong factor. Leading industrial chief among which was United States, also resisted pressure. Independent Steel and Iron companies show important copper producing concerns are increasing throughout regardless of the depressed state of the foreign metal market.

Domestic monetary conditions assumed greater importance on the temporary rise in call loans to six per cent, induced largely by the further impairment of local bank reserves, which promise speedy correction. The increase in the British bank rate to six per cent, an announcement of the terms of the new French loan of \$10,000,000 by our bankers were the outstanding features of the international situation. Changes in the European war fallowed by direct reaction in this market, aside from slight weakness in remittances to the Teutonic countries.

SOME MOTOR TRIP. Mr. George L. Goodwin, general secretary of the Y.M.C.A., who has resigned his position to take up other Y. M. C. A. duties in Washington, leaves Monday morning, early, with his family. He is motoring by easy stages to Nova Scotia, by way of Maine and the White Mountains, and thence will go to Washington by the same conveyance, camping out every night en route. He expects to arrive in Washington about August 26th. He is assured of a delightful trip.

COLLIER'S CREW RESCUED. By Special Wire to the Courier. Washington, July 15.—Rescue of the naval collier Hector's crew and marines aboard was reported to the navy department early today by the Charleston navy yard.

The despatch said the collier was abandoned shortly after midnight 7 miles northeast of Cape Romaine and that the vessel had broken in two. The officers and crew of eighty one and the sixty marines are safe on board the lighthouse tender Cypress and the tug Wilmington.

SILK AND CLOTH SUITS. A little group of the season's smartest silk and cloth suits will be placed on sale to-night from 7 to 9.30. Crompton's.

Censorship Set Up in Spain

Press Despatches Blue-Pencilled on Account of Strikes.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Madrid, July 15.—The government has established a military censorship of all despatches.

Marital law was declared throughout Spain on Thursday as a result of the railway strike which seriously affected operation of lines of the northern system. A Madrid despatch on the night of July 13, said that a general strike had been announced for July 16.

THIRD LINE REACHED, AND ALL CONTINUES WELL IN FRANCE

More Than 2000 Prisoners Taken, Announces the British Official Report Dated at Noon To-day

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MEN HOME OVER WEEK-END SATISFIED WITH CAMP BORDEN

Say That While Dust is Bothersome, Camp is Well Appointed, and Will Make an Excellent Training Ground—125th Has Fine Record

By Special Wire to the Courier. Camp Borden, July 15.—The 125th chaplain, who works indefatigably to see that the soldiers are looked after. He is always on hand and cheerful when wanted.

"Nothing," was the unanimous reply. Every man spoken to was emphatic in his opinion that the camp was satisfactory, and when it gets working properly, will be unequalled anywhere.

"The shower baths are unexcelled," said one sergeant this morning, "and the sewer system is a good deal better than Brantford's. One cannot find a speck of paper lying about anywhere in the camp, so well is it kept."

The 125th Band. The 125th battalion band mounted guard one day, and Gen. Legie, nearby, after the playing had ceased and said: "I suppose you picked up those bandmen of your from all over Canada."

"No sir," was the reply. "I got them all in Brantford."

"Well, I never would have believed it," said the General. "It's years since I've heard such good music."

Dust is a Problem. The dust at the camp is a problem all admit. It is most penetrating and black. At the end of a day everybody looks like a negro. But the sprinkler system is alleviating this nuisance, and everything possible is being done to get things in working order. All the men pay high tribute to

Bantams Also Satisfied. After a week and a half of life at Camp Borden several locally recruited members of the Bantam battalion express themselves as being thoroughly satisfied and contented with affairs there. A number of the fellows are in the city on leave for the week-end, and report that everything is in good condition at camp. The food leaves little to be desired, and the treatment meted out to them is of the best. The heat and the sand, of course, natural defects, which cannot be abolished except by nature; the last two or three days have, however, been considerably cooler, and more satisfactory to all.

215th Officers Gave Present. First Meeting of Officers' Mess of Brant County's Latest Unit. The first mess of the officers of the 215th Battalion was held yesterday evening in the Y. M. C. A., with a full attendance of members, and with Mr. G. L. Goodwin as the guest of honor. The mess was in charge of the mess committee, comprising the following: Capt. the Rev. S. E. McKegney (president), Capt. Muter, (secretary), Lt. Cottrill (treasurer), Lt. Tywhitt and Lt. Hall. A presentation was made to Mr. Goodwin, who has been active in recruiting throughout the county, brief addresses being given by Capt. Andrews, chairman of the mess, and Capt. McKegney. The band of the 215th played very pleasingly during the meal, contributing to the success of the event. In future, the mess will be held every Friday evening.

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Duties.—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed on the river. In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price \$2.00 per acre.

Duties.—Six months residence in each of three years after earning homestead patent; also 50 acres extra cultivation. Pre-emption patent may be obtained as soon as homestead patent, on certain conditions. A settler who has exhausted his homestead right may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$2.00 per acre. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate 50 acres and erect a house worth \$200.

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