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RUSSIANS AT THE GATES OF STANISLAU

BRITISH ADVANCE ANOTHER NOTCH AND FRENCH HOLD GAINS ON SOMME AND AT VERDUN

Austrians Have Abandoned Positions on Isonzo and Carso Fronts

ITALIAN CAVALRY DRIVE THE AUSTRIANS FROM NEARLY ALL DEFENSIVE POSITIONS OF ISONZO

Only the Beginning of a New Campaign Which Will Have Important Results---Gorizia, Long Fought For, Almost in Italy's Hands

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Bulletin, London, Aug. 9.—3.15 p.m.—The Austrians, pursued by Italian cavalry have abandoned nearly all their principal positions on the Isonzo and Carso fronts, following the taking of the Gorizia bridgehead by the Italians, according to a wireless despatch from Rome this afternoon.

Only the Beginning

Rome, Aug. 9, via Paris.—The successes won by the Italians on the Isonzo front are regarded in Rome as marking merely the beginning of the campaign. Although the news is received with great satisfaction, it has been long expected and no surprise is expresed, nor have their been any unusual public demonstrations. The attack was to have been inaugurated earlier in the summer, but was delayed by the Austrian offensibe.

"At last our waiting, planning and steadfast faith are bearing fruit," says the Giornale y'Italia.

Austria's Equipment Poor.

London, Aug. 9.—(New York Times cable)—A dispatch to The London Times from Italian headquarters says:

"The Austrian prisoners whom I have seen, were made up of satlwart youths and men over 40. There seemed to be none between. They were in the worst possible condition, with nothing resembling a uniform—a veritable beggar's brigade and they quite bore out the statements of an escaped Russian with whom I spoke on Sunday morning, about the extremely bad equipment and food of the Austrial troops on the sonzo.

"Very few of these men had more than 100 cartridges in their belts, which goes to show how unprepared the Austrians were for an attack upon them."

At Mercy of Codorna

ondon, Aug. 9.—The city of Gorlitz, the powerful key position of the Austrians on the Isonzo front, tonight is at the mercy of Gen. Cadorna's advncing army.

The Goritz bridgehead has fallen. After a terrific battle, which has been continuous since Friday, and in which the Austrians have lost 10,000 men in phisoners alone, the river stronghold was stormed by the Italians this afternoon The Austrains fell back across the Isonzo.

Surrendering By Thousands

Prisoners are still surrendering by the thousands as a result of the Italian operations, says a Central News despatch from Rome. Over 10,000 prisoners have been captured in two days, the despatch adds.

„The conviction is general at Rome," the Havas correspondent there writes, "that we are at the beginning of a vast offensive, the results of which are certain, although they may be slow."

Final Link in Great Push.

The Italian offensive on the Isonzo launched on Aug. 4 in a tremendous thunder of guns, is the first link in the general allied "push" on all fronts. It has resulted in the complete capture of Monte Sabotino and Monte San Michele, the lofty peaks which look down upon Gorizia. The city, which stands in a valley, among towering mountains, is now controlled from all sides and impossible of defence.

The bridgehead was the last defence of the Austrians. Vienna last night admits that it has been evacuated. At this powerful position the Austrians have held out for more than a year, against the most powerful blows the Italians could strike.

Drive on Triest

The loss of Goritz will lmark the first step an in Italian march on Triest, the great Austrian port which rests on the Adriatic, twenty-two miles to the south-east. The Isonzo was the most powerful line of defence possible for the Austrians. This line carried, the Italians will find the complete recapture of the Irredentist provinces a much easier task.

The speedy developments in the Italian situation have caused the greatest surprise in London. Little information had been allowed to trickle through from the front since the beginning of the offensive.

Even with the greatest power it had been expected that the reduction of the Isonzo line would be a work of weeks. Some of the lofty heights, which had been converted into fortresses, presented almost insuperable obstacles to General Cadorna's men.

The Italian offensive was launched to coincide with the tremendous blows of the Russians on Austria's eastern front, which prevent her from withdrawing men for the defence of her southern borders.

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Russians Nearing Stanislau

Petrograd, Aug. 9, via London, 3.50 p.m. — Announcement was made today by the war office that the Russians have occupied Tysmienitza in Galicia on the River Vorone.

On August 7, General Letchitzky's army took 7,400 prisoners, including 3,500 Germans and 63 machine guns.

Tysmienitza is about eight miles east of the important town of Stanislau, which is on the railroad between Lemberg and Kolomea. It is over this ground that the Russians achieved their recent important victory, announcement of which was made yesterday, breaking through the Austrian lines on a front of 15 miles.

BRITISH MAKE MORE GAINS

Advanced North of Pozieres and Bombed the Enemy's Trenches.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Aug. 9.—A further advance by the British on the Somme front north of Pozieres was announced to-day by the war office.

The official statement follows:

"In the vicinity of Guillemont there has been no change since yesterday. North of Pozieres we made a further advance by bombing along the enemy's trenches, capturinfi 25 prisoners.

"In the Ypres salient, between Bellewaarde Lake and the Yser canal the enemy bombarded our trenches heavily last night from 10 p.m. to 12 midnight and discharged gas on a broad front. The gas had little effect. Some partial attacks were made by the enemy who was not able to enter our lines."

DRAMATIC DEATH OF ITALIAN LEADER

Led His Men in Attack and Cut a Passage with Hatchet Through Wire.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, Aug 9—The dramatic death of the commander of the Italian troops that stormed the Austrian second line trenches on Mointe San Michele is described in a despatch to the Petit Parisien from its correspondent on the Italian front. The despatch says:

"The enmy offered their most intense resistance at the second line trenches on Monte San Michele. Our men dashed forward at a run to find one trench still protected by wire entanglements. The commander of the attacking battalion said:

"'Boys, we've got to pass.' Taking a hatchet he cut a passage through the wire calmly and deliberately. Just as he completed his task he fell into the arms of the soldiers, shot through the heart. But the breach had been made and the Italians swarmed through into the Austrian lines."

It will be to your advantage, Mrs. Buyer, to shop early to-morrow (Dollar Day.) The good things go fast.

The plant of the Collingwood Packing Company, the largest of its kind in the province, was totally destroyed by fire.

FRENCH REPULSED ATTACKS OF ENEMY, NORTH OF HEM WOOD

French Made Gain in the Village of Fleury, but Lost Slightly at Thiaumont —Joffre's Pressure Steady and Relentless

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, Aug. 9.—Noon—The Germans made violent attacks last night on the positions taken by the French north of Hem Wood, on the Somme front, during the last two days. The official French statement of to-day says these attacks were frustrated. The fighting continues.

On the Verdun front heavy fighting continued during the night for possession of Thiaumont Work. The Germans gained a further footing. The French hold the outskirts of the work. In the village of Fleury the Frenc hmade some progress.

In the region of Chaulnes the Germans penetrated the French lines between Lihons and the Chaulnes railroad, but were expelled at the point of the bayonet.

A French aviator set forth at 8.30 o'clock last night in a voyage in which he covered 350 kilometres (217 miles), returning at 11.55 o'clock. He crossed the Vosges mountains and the Black forest of Germany.

General Joffre's methodical offensive continues relentlessly its slow pressure in both theatres of the Western front.

On the right bank of the Meuse, General Neville has extended his offensive to the Vaux-Chapitre-le-Chenois region, where he has gained a local success. In the Fleury-Thiamont zone he is more than holding his own. In the latter district the Germans are concentrating all their effort and exceptionally strenuous fighting continued there throughout the night and day. The Germans succeeded in once more getting a footing in the Thiamont works, but all their efforts to capture the French trenches on the commanding positions to the north-west and south proved in vain. In consequence their position became untenable and a well directed counter-attack forced them back, leaving the French again in possession of the work.

North of the Somme, from the river to where the French line joins the British, General Joffre, acting in close relation with General Haig has made systematic progress. In the last three days the French have won trench after trench along a line four miles in length and have now pushed forward their whole line for a distance of half a mile.

Have Driven Turks Back Fifteen Miles East of Katia

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, July 9.—12.45 p.m—Pressing the advantage won by the defeat of the Turks who attacked the British forces near the Suez Canal, the British have driven back the Turks to a line fifteen miles eas tof Katia. The following official statement with regard to these operations was issued here to-day:

"Telegraphing at 8.45 o'clock last evening, the commander-in-chief in Egypt reports that our pursuit of the enemy in the Katia district continues. North and west the Turkish rear guard have been pressed back, while south the imperial camel corps, by a dashing attack, drove them from their entrenchments. We captured more prisoners, and the enemy rearguard has now retired to about a line running north and south through Birelobd, fifteen miles east of Katia."

RESIGNATION OF MR. GARDINER AFTER THIRTEEN YEARS SERVICE

Intended to Resign Two Years Ago, But the Desire to Complete Work Commenced in the Institution Led Him to Continue His Services

Mr. Herbert F. Gardiner, Principal of Ontario School for the Blind, has resigned his position to devote the closing years of his life to literary and other congenial pursuits.

Mr. Gardiner in severing his connection with the School for the Blind, states, in a letter to the Minister of Education; "Sir,—After 13 years service, I have the honor to submit my resignation as Principal of the Ontario School for the Blind, to take effect—if you can conveniently select and appoint my successor by that date—at the end of August.

With forty-seven years of constant application to literary and educational work to my credit, I feel entitled to more leisure and less worry, during the portion of my life that may be left to me, than I could hope to enjoy in this occupation; and I prefer to retire while health and strength enable me to say that I have never neglected any duty, nor avoided any labour, that could promote the welfare of the juvenile or the adult blind—that I have always been on hand, and always on time. Work for the blind has been to me a labor of love, I am pleased with and proud of the improvements that have been made to the buildings and appliances of the school during my term of office —with special satisfaction I refer to the point-print textbooks and music which are to a large extent the result of the work of my own head and hands. In severing my official relations with the school, I shall not cease to be interested in its prosperity, and I shall always be delighted to hear of the success of its pupils. I am pleased to testify to the uniform courtesy shown me by yourself and the members of your official staff in our frequent consultations on matters relating to the management of the school; and I have to thank you for the kind interest you have always taken in the blind, and for the liberal support you have given from year to year to measures which I have recommended for the amelioration of their condition."

Mr. Gardiner has issued an address to the pupils and ex-pupils of the school, of which for so many years he has been the head, in which he wishes them a kindly farewell and impresses upon them the necessity and the value of the training given in the school.

The address is as follows:

To the pupils and ex-pupils of the Ontario School for the Blind, and their parents: Dear friends,—Having completed thirteen years' service as Principal of the Ontario School for the Blind, I have decided to tender my resignation to the Minister of Education, to take effect during this summer vacation, thus leaving time for my successor to get ready for duty at the beginning of the next session in September. In consideration of our friendly relations throughout the past years, I have thought it well to prevent any possible misapprehension by assuring you that my retirement is entirely voluntary, and has not been suggest-

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NO FURTHER LOSSES.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

North Bay, Ont., Aug. 9.—Commissioner Lee of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, states that no further casualites from the forest fires have been reported to him since the list which appeared in the press at the end of last week. There are no doubt a few yet to be accounted for and Dr. Young's statement that the list would not exceed 200 is evidently about correct.

Mrs. Ferguson and Miss Brigg, of Guelph, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Farr, Brighton Row.

TEN CENT BREAD FAVORED BY BAKERS

Resolution passed by Association in Convention; Larger Loaf Advocated.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Salt Lake City, Aug. 9.—The National Association of Master Bakers in session here, is on record to-day in favor of the ten-cent loaf of bread

A resolution favoring the increase in the size of the loaf was unanimously adopted last night

President Jay Burns, in a speech declared the ten-cent loaf to be an economic necessity. A resolution was also adopted, favoring a nation-wide campaign of publicity to educate the public about the baking intry.

Zeppelins Again Raid England

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Aug. 9.—German airships raided the east coast of England and the southeast coast of Scotland early to-day, according to an official statement issued by the war office. Three women and a child were killed and 14 persons injured. The text of the statement follows:

"A hostile airship crossed the east coast of England at an early hour this morning. Another airship is reported to have visited the southeast of Scotland. The raiders did not penetrate far inland, but dropped a number of bombs in various localities near the coast.

"At several places the airships were engaged by anti-air craft guns, and driven off from their objectives. Reports received up to the present show that three women and one child were killed and 14 persons injured. No damage of military importance is reported."

Drank Camels' Blood to Quench Their Thirst

Terrible Hardships Endured by Turkish Troops in Their Advance Across the Desert to Suez.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Aug. 9.—The Turkish army which was routed by the British at Romani, east of the Suez Canal, suffered terrible hardships in their march across the desert, according to a Reuter's Cairo despatch quoting stories of Turkish prisoners. The despatch says that batches of prisoners continue to arrive in Cairo.

Lack of water was one of the principal causes of the suffering of the Turkish troops. In some cases they suffered so frightfully from thirst that they killed their animals and drank the blood.

The prisoners say the Turkish losses were exceedingly heavy as they attacked in mass formation in ignorance of the strong defences of the British. The devastating machine gun fire with which the assault was met was the first indication the privates had of the task that confronted them. According to one of the troopers, a Turkish detachment which surrendered first killed their German officers.

Four Steamers For Costa Rica

By Special Wire to the Courier.

San Salvador, Aug. 9.—The organization in Costa Rica of the Central American steamship company has aroused much interest here. The new company it is understood will put four steamers of about 2,000 tons each in the service. They will ply between the Pacific coast, Panama, New Orleans and New York.

The formation of this new service has been prompted by the delay caused recently in the transport of freight from the various central American ports. At many ports the piers are piled high with coffee, sugar and other products awaiting exportation.

MacNeil Elected League President

Gaelic Society Puts Sinn Feiner, and a Prisoner, at its Head.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Aug. 9—Prof. John MacNeill, president of the Sinn Fein volunteers, who is serving a life sentence for his participation in the recent uprising in Dublin, was yesterday elected president of the Gaelic League, says an Exchange Telegraph Company despatch from Dublin. Prof. MacNeill succeeds Dr. Douglas Hyde, who has been president of the league since its formation in 1893.

Dollar Day To-Morrow---Shop Early and if Possible Carry Your Parcels