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RUSSIANS DRIVE AUSTRIANS BACK ACROSS BUG, NEAR KAMONKA

British Success in Asiatic Turkey Enemy Fled After Severe Losses Many Supposed Spies Gathered Into Dragnet By British Police Turks' Ammunition Runs Low Forcing of Dardanelles Is Near

BRITISH EXPLODE MINES SUCCESSFULLY IN GERMAN TRENCHES—FRENCH SUCCESS IN ALSACE

BRITISH POLICE HOLD TEN SPIES FOR TRIAL SOON

After Arrest, Four Made Full Confession of Mission to England.

ONE WOMAN CHARGED

German Arrested With Forged American Passport in Imitation of Good One.

LONDON, July 29, 8.02 p.m.—A British official statement dealing with the question of espionage was issued tonight, reading as follows: "In addition to the five persons whose conviction for espionage has already been announced, the authorities have arrested at various times recently, the following alleged German agents:

- (a) A Dutch subject. (b) A Dutch subject—recently tried by court-martial for attempting to communicate information regarding the fleet; findings and sentence not yet promulgated. (c) A German with a forged American passport. (d) A woman of German origin, married to a naturalized British subject of Prussian birth, from whom she is separated. (e) A Brazilian of German origin. (f) A native of Uruguay, of German origin. (g) A Peruvian of suspected German origin. (h) A Swede. (i) A German; claims to be a naturalized American. (j) A British subject.

Four Confess Fully. "Of the above, a, c, e, and i, since their arrest have made a full confession of the mission. They will all be charged with attempting to collect and communicate to the enemy information regarding the fleet and military forces with the intention of assisting the enemy or committing an act preparatory thereto. "The trials will be in camera. It is not desirable in the public interest to give further details, but it may be stated that as far as is known none of these persons had been in this country longer than three weeks at the time (Continued on Page 3, Column 4.)

CANADIAN PROMOTIONS GAZETTED IN LONDON

Lieut. Porteous of Fourteenth Montreal Battalion Made Temporary Captain.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, July 29.—The following Canadian promotions are gazetted to-night: 14th Montreal Battalion, Lieut. Porteous, to be temporary captain; A. C. Cleghorn, to be temporary lieutenant, Canadian Training Depot.

ISSUE ANOTHER CALL FOR MORE RECRUITS

St. Paul's Hall, opposite Yorkville avenue, will be the centre of a recruiting meeting on Saturday night. It will be held under the auspices of the 12th York Rangers. Archbishop McNeil will act as chairman, and the acting minister of militia, Senator Lougheed, will be among those who will deliver addresses. A musical entertainment has been arranged.

On Another Page.

The display a.d. of the W. & D. Dineen Co., Limited, 140 Yonge street, in this issue, containing a "mine of savings" for the men and young men of Toronto. Coming on the eve of the great midsummer holiday hundreds will avail themselves of this unprecedented chance of buying a really high-grade hat, made by the world's famous manufacturers, at the enormous price concessions quoted elsewhere. This is your last opportunity before the holiday, and you'll be unable to buy cheaper after it. Get along to Dineen's early today.

FRENCH CARRY HOUSES IN BAN-DE-SAPT REGION

German Attack on Barrenkopf Repulsed, Tho Delivered With Great Violence—Hun Battery Destroyed By French Gunners.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, July 29.—The capture of a new group of houses at Ban-de-Sapt, in the Vosges, and the defeat of a German attack at Barrenkopf, in the Vosges, were the features of tonight's official French report issued at Paris and received here. The assault delivered at Barrenkopf was extremely violent, but the French troops held on to all their gains. A French battery caught a German battery which assisted in the attack under its fire and destroyed it. St. Die and Thann, in the sector southwest of Lunnon, were shelled. Increased activity of artillery is reported in the sector of Souchez, around Arras and Solssois, and in the Argonne, at Marie Therese and before Fay-en-Way.

DARDANELLES OPEN SOON?

Special Cable to The Toronto World. ROME, July 29.—News has reached here that Turkey has only one month's stock of ammunition. Consequently the Italians believe the allies will take the Dardanelles in relatively short time if Bulgaria and Roumania act energetically against contraband.

Toronto's Street Railway Problem

Toronto has an unofficial commission planning a local traction system; its report is promised for October. It is made up of Works Commissioner Harris (for the city), Chief Engineer Gaby, of the Hydro-Electric (for the radials) and Chief Engineer Cousins (for the Harbor Commission)—three good men. They are said to have a big staff of assistants working at the details. They ought to be able to give us a model lay-out. They have the benefit of all the reports and suggestions of tubes, of surface lines, of the existing municipal lines, of proposals of entrances for radials, and they have available the great advances made elsewhere.

The World has no desire to anticipate the report of these experts, but we propose to discuss some of the general lines underlying the problem so as to prepare the public for the report and perhaps also assist the commission in reaching a conclusion.

First of all we wish to say that the new system to be a public system, owned by the city, and that therefore the public service is the only thing to be considered.

The next feature of the situation is that the commission can lay out plans on the idea that the existing franchise of the Toronto Railway is to be taken over forthwith or at the expiration of the franchise some six years hence. The commission will have to plan to suit both these conditions. Some people think, and we are of the opinion that the railway ought to be acquired immediately if a reasonable price can be had—and we believe it can. Immediate acquisition of the railway would, to begin with, give a single fare with universal transfer all over the city and also give the city forthwith and forever a free hand in every direction; it's worth something to get a free hand at the start in dealing with the problem. But there are others in the community who think the Toronto Railway should be wrecked if possible and put on the scrap heap, to use their phrase, even if this entails unnecessary inconvenience and double fares on a great many of our citizens. We cannot imagine the commission working on this line. Ultimately the city will have to pay a round sum to the owners of the Toronto Railway if it goes to a valuation at the close of the franchise, and we might just as well get it now as get it later if the price is a fair one. And we ought also to know now if the radials are to be public owned and if the existing ones are to be acquired forthwith or later.

Our third comment would turn on the subject of the main thoroughfares and of the one or more centres towards which the traffic must converge. As to the main thoroughfares, everyone must admit that Yonge Street is to be the greatest of all streets in Toronto, and it is rapidly taking on that shape now. And when the Bloor-Danforth viaduct is built it is equally certain that avenue will be the great east and west thoroughfare of Toronto, reaching eventually to Dundas street at the west and Kingston road at the east, and these constitute the main roads of this portion of the province. Or to put it in another way, Yonge street is the great centre road running north and south in the Province of Ontario, and Kingston road and Dundas street make the great road east and west (thru the province at the front, and these roads will have their civic centre at the corner of Bloor street and Yonge, and it is at this corner that the heart of the city will soon be.

As to other centres, they may be named as three—Union Station at the city front; the city hall; and the new Union Station at North Toronto; and these are all on a straight line north and south and ought to be served by a tube. (There ought to be a tube from the city hall northwesterly, just how far we are not at this moment prepared to say; and probably there ought to be a tube north-easterly, towards the Bloor street viaduct at the head of Parliament street.

The next thing of importance is the question of a railway passenger centre in Toronto; and while we may be committed at the moment to a very expensive passenger station at the Bay front, The World has no hesitation in saying that the railway passenger centre of Toronto is the C. P. crossing on upper Yonge street, where a tube now being built. This passenger station in North Toronto will be more convenient to the great bulk of people coming in and leaving the city and will shorten every journey east, west or north by fifteen minutes or more; and will also save the railway companies the present waste in distance and in time of going up and down the grade to the station at the water front.

Of almost equal or perhaps greater importance is the question of a radial street centre for Toronto and our belief also is that that radial centre ought to be near the up, town steam railway station and at the head of a tube leading down town.

This brings us to our last point for the present, and that is in regard to where the Harbor Commissioners come in; and they plan for a railway around the harbor front and having it connected up with the city traction system. If the Harbor Commission and this street railway commission now at work think that the radial system should converge in the Bay in front of the Union Station, we disagree with that idea and wish to put ourselves on record in that respect. We believe in there being a railway system in connection with the harbor, but we take no stock in the idea that people from outside coming by radial should be landed out in the bay rather than up-town, where they can be in close touch with the tube and all other lines of the city system and be distributed rapidly to any portion of the town.

DID CAR SKID? EXPERTS CLASH ON VITAL POINT

W. R. McRae, Toronto, Supports Statement Made by Motorman Boy.

SPEED WAS EXCESSIVE

Car Carried More Than Four Tons Weight Beyond Safety Limit.

By a Staff Reporter.

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, July 29.—Two important witnesses at today's sitting of the Queenston trolley wreck inquest were E. J. Dixon, the vice-president of the railway, W. R. McRae, master mechanic of the Toronto Street Railway, and H. R. Frost of Woodgreen Methodist Church. Mr. McRae declared his examination of the wrecked car resulted in his finding marks which showed that the car had skidded. This agrees with the motorman's statement that the car had skidded. Expert McRae, too, attributed the accident to the speed of the car.

H. R. Frost of Woodgreen Church, who had made special inquiries at the church's request, testified that he had names of 34 men, 62 women and 63 children and 14 infants, who were on the fatal car. Their total weight was 18,019 lbs., causing the excess weight on the car to be 8,550 lbs. In addition, the International R. R. had 15 more names, bringing the total excess to about nine tons and the people on the car to 194. N. F. Davidson, K.C., stated that on account of the statements made by F. (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)

LION JOINS FLEET AT DARDANELLES?

German Report Says Fast British Cruiser Accompanied Transcom.

IS AT LEMNOS ISLAND

Agamemnon Said to Be Lying Damaged in Mudros Harbor.

BERLIN, July 29, by wireless to Sayville, July 29.—Included in the news given out today by the Overseas News Agency is the following: "The correspondent at Athens of the Vossische Zeitung reports that the British superdreadnought Lion has arrived in the harbor of Mudros on Lemnos Island. The Aquitania and the Mauretania, being used as troop transports, also are in this harbor. "The Lion," the correspondent goes on to say, "received 'serious' injuries in a naval engagement last January off the Dogger Bank in the North Sea. She has been sent to join the Dardanelles fleet.

The British battleship Agamemnon, badly damaged also is lying in Mudros harbor.

The Lion formed part of the squadron of Admiral Sir David Beatty which intercepted a German squadron of fast cruisers in the North Sea and sent it flying home on January 24 last. The German cruiser Blucher was sunk and the Derfflinger, Germany's latest superdreadnought cruiser, and a sister ship, were so badly mauled as to make them unfit for service for several months. H.M.S. Tiger was disabled by a shot thru her feed pipe, but she was repaired in about a week. The Germans claimed that she was sunk.

The Germans has published many stories about disaster to the Agamemnon, at one time reporting her sunk; at another time reporting her aground in Kefalonia Bay, Ionian Island. The stories of the sinking of the Agamemnon industriously circulated by the Germans and their agents were emphatically denied by the British admiralty. Now the Germans report her in Mudros harbor.

ANOTHER SWEDISH SHIP VICTIM OF SUBMARINE

Fortuna Met Fate in North Sea But Crew Was Saved.

LONDON, July 29, 6.59 p.m.—The Swedish brig Fortuna was torpedoed and sunk in the North Sea today by a German submarine, according to a despatch from Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph Co. The crew was saved. The brig was 302 tons gross, burden and was built in 1873.

MINING CHIEF FEATURE OF BRITISH ACTIVITIES

Four Mines Exploded By Germans Without Doing Much Damage—Enemy's Parapets Destroyed and Aeroplane Brought Down Near Zillebeke.

LONDON, July 29.—(10.55 p.m.)—An official communication telling of the recent operations in France and Belgium was issued here tonight. "Mining operations have continued on both sides during the last few days, with intermittent artillery engagements, but there has been no infantry attack. The enemy exploded three mines in the neighborhood of St. Adol and one near Givenchy. Only one of them did any damage, and in that case the damage was only slight. "We exploded a mine on the 26th north of Zwartelen, which destroyed 20 yards of the enemy's parapets. "On the 24th, one of our aeroplanes shot down a German machine, which fell inside our line east of Zillebeke."

TURKS FLED IN DISORDER AFTER DEFEAT BY BRITISH

Sir John Nixon Reports Decisive Victory in Asiatic Turkey, Enemy Losing Twenty-Five Hundred Men and Large Store of Munitions.

LONDON, July 29.—An official communication made public here this evening says: "Gen. Sir John Nixon reports that as a result of an action July 24, near Nasiriyeh (Asiatic Turkey), the disorganized Turkish forces retreated northward more than 25 miles. "The enemy's casualties in killed, wounded or prisoners amounted approximately to 2500 men, the prisoners including 41 officers and 490 men, of whom some 200 were wounded. Our captures of arms and material include one 40-pounder gun, 12 field and two mountain guns, several machine guns, 1000 rounds of artillery and 300,000 rounds of small arm ammunition and explosives and bombs and other miscellaneous ordnance stores. "Our casualties numbered 54 men, as follows: "British officers killed, five; wounded, 20; other ranks, killed 47, wounded 143, and missing 30; Indian officers killed 3, wounded 7, other ranks killed 45, wounded 237, and missing 6. "The evacuation of the sick and wounded from Nasiriyeh has commenced."

GERMANS TREATING PRISONERS BETTER

Canadian Officers Tell American Visitor They Have No Complaint.

IMPROVEMENT SEEN

Conditions at Giessen Camp Reported to Be Particularly Good.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, July 29.—Ahe American ambassador's representative, reporting on a visit to prisoners in the camp at Hanover, Menden, says he found there Major Ritzen, Durham Light Infantry, and Lieut. Bath, 48th Canadian Highlanders. "I spoke to both officers outside the hearing of German officers. They said their treatment had been in every respect correct and generous, and they had no complaints to make. "It was most gratifying to see the improvement accomplished since my last visit. Six hundred officer prisoners are here, but only the two named above are British."

BECKER ASSERTED INNOCENCE TO END

On Eve of Execution, He Addressed Bitter Letter to Whitman.

RESIGNED TO DOOM

Enemies Accused of Casting Foul Aspersions on His Character.

Reiterated Innocence. In his letter to the former police lieutenant again reiterated his innocence of the crime for which he has been twice convicted. "To these charges and to all others, I answer," in part the letter read, "by repeating solemnly, on the brink of the world to which you are sending me before my time what was my constant answer while in the world; I am innocent as you of having murdered Herman Rosenthal, or having counselled, procured or aided his murder, or having any knowledge of that dreadful crime."

It is known that the treatment of prisoners in Germany varies considerably according to locality. The representative of the American ambassador appears to have been directed to German "show" camps for easily understood reasons.

AMERICAN SAILORS MAKE LANDING AT HAITIAN PORT

Encountered Slight Resistance, Which Was Overcome Without Casualties.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—American marines landed at Port au Prince last night encountered resistance, which was overcome without casualties among the sailors. The following message from Admiral Caperton was given out at the navy department late today: "Landing forces established in city. Slight resistance during early part of night as advance was being made. This resistance was easily overcome. No casualties among our force. Am proceeding to disarm Haitian soldiers and civilians today."

CAPT. ERIC ARMOUR ORDERED TO REPORT

Orders have been received by Capt. Eric Armour from military headquarters to report at the armories on Tuesday for active service. Capt. Armour has been active in recruiting centres for some time. He is well known in legal circles and is highly regarded by the profession.

RUSSIANS HOLD ENEMY FIRMLY FROM WARSAW

Austrians Thrown Back Across Bug River Near Kamionka.

CHECK ON MIDDLE BUG

Enormous Losses Also Inflicted on Germans on Narew Front.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, July 29.—Holding the enemy firmly between the Niemen and the Dvina, and on the Narew front, the Russians on Wednesday threw six Austrian regiments back across the Bug near Kamionka with the loss of 1500 men as prisoners in 24 hours' fighting, and with the loss besides of a great number of killed and wounded. The enemy's forces crossed the upper Bug on Tuesday and captured some of the Russian advanced trenches before they were encountered by the Russian reserves. The Austrian War Office tonight claimed that they had crossed the Bug here and captured a Russian position, but omitted all mention of the disastrous ending of the expedition. "Fee Punished on Narew. On the Narew front the Russian artillery inflicted enormous losses on the Germans who are attempting to fortify themselves on the left bank of the stream and in the Skwa district. Considerable forces of the enemy which attempted to advance between the Narew River and the Ose were also defeated. Fighting on both banks of the Narew is reported in the direction of Sorok-Poliska. "Enormous losses were inflicted on the Austrians and Germans in an engagement with Russian troops on the front between the Bug and Vjaprz Rivers, when they attacked positions between Maidene and Ostrowsky and east of the Volavitz-Kovalka region. Two Austrian attacks were also repulsed on the Bug River above Sotok. "On the left bank of the Vistula River German and Austrian advance guards were repulsed by Russian forces on the roads to Gora, Kalwaria and Grojec. "Calmezza prevails between the Vistula and the Vjaprz Rivers."

MAY EVACUATE WARSAW

LONDON, July 29, 9.40 p.m.—The probable evacuation of Warsaw and the whole Polish salient by the Russians is indicated in dispatches received from Petrograd today. This direction would come as a surprise to all outside the inner councils of the Russian general staff, as the splendid resistance which the Russians have been offering, apparently with considerable success to the German effort to encircle the city were believed to be evidence of Grand Duke Nicholas' intention to fight it out with Germany. "It is pointed out, however, by the Russian military critics, after consultation with 'competent' military authorities, that until the army is properly equipped to oppose the perfect Austro-German machine the sensible thing to do would be to avoid battle and withdraw until the armies are organized and equipped and in a condition to take an aggressive offensive and drive the enemy from Russian soil. "Politics Decided Advance. Politics, rather than strategy, decided the Russians to advance into East Prussia and Galicia, it is explained by the critics, and while in doing so they rendered great service to the western allies and inflicted terrible losses on both Austrians and Germans, they may now give up all, and more than they gained. "It is anticipated by the Petrograd papers that the whole country, if evacuated, will be denied of resources which might prove valuable to the Germans, as has been done in most of the territory heretofore given up. "Kaiser Wants Warsaw. The capture of Warsaw naturally would be made the occasion for great celebrations in Germany and it is reported that Emperor William has arranged to make a state entry into the city, accompanied by the empress. The empress had been on a visit to Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's headquarters at Allenstein, East Prussia, and left there yesterday with the Crown Princess Cecelia for Neidenburg, which is across the Polish border. "In the meantime fighting of the greatest intensity continues around the Polish triangle, and as Berlin claims no important success, except the repulse of Russian attacks, it is presumed that the Russians are holding off the Austro-Germans. "In the west there has been little happening beyond the holding of bombardments and sapping, mining and bombing operations."