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## RUSSIAN VICTORY IN GALICIA

Petrograd Claims the Capture  
of Three Thousand Men  
Thirty Cannon and Thirty-  
Four Machine Guns.

Petrograd, Aug. 30.—Successful Russian counter attacks on a wide front in the Stripsa river district in eastern Galicia are reported in a Russian official statement given out here tonight. The Russians claim to have captured 3000 prisoners, 30 cannon and 34 machine guns.

London, Aug. 31.—The Russians thus far have prevented the Germans and Austrians from carrying out to effect their efforts to force back the extreme wings of the armies of Grand Duke Nicholas. At the northern extremity of the front in that portion of the field, Marshal von Hindenburg's army commanded by General von Buelow is still fighting for the bridgehead south of Friedland, while the Austro-German forces under General Bothmer, who broke through the Russian lines on either side of Brzezany, Galicia, have been checked.

In the western theatre of war the French continue artillery attacks on German lines and concentration points, without as yet any evidence of a general offensive.

The Italians are more active and tonight report the capture of another strong Austrian position southeast of Trent and some Austrian trenches on the Carso on the road to Trieste.

According to Italian accounts, Italian progress, while naturally slow on account of the nature of the country to be traversed, is continuous. It is understood that the Balkan negotiations are moving more quickly. The Bulgarian minister had a long conference today with Sir Edward Grey, British Minister of Foreign Affairs, after which the ambassadors of the Entente Powers and the Serbian minister called on the Foreign Minister.

## COURTENAY MAN DROWNED IN NORTH

Francis Pike, a miner from Courtenay, was drowned in Johnson Strait about a mile west of the mouth of Salmon river, on August 20. Samuel West, his companion in the canoe, which sank under them in a gale, was saved, and has forwarded to the provincial police a graphic statement of the tragedy.

Pike persuaded West to grubstake a prospecting expedition to stake out a claim of which Pike knew the location. They had been away about a month in West's Peterboro canoe when their supply of provisions ran out, and on Friday, August 20, at about 1:30, they started for the shore with their equipment in their canoe. There was a freshening wind from the northwest with a strong tide rip against them. They were but a short distance from shore when the canoe sank beneath them. It turned over and then came up, and the two men hung onto the top, but the tide swept them away from shore. Pike could not swim, but West, when they were about 200 yards from shore, decided to swim back for assistance. It took him over an hour to make the distance. He ran to where Joseph Hall and H. G. Cobb were putting up a shack, to get their boat and assistance. It was too rough for Hall, but Cobb began to row with West. Cobb, too, became alarmed after they had put off and West had to take him back to shore. West then rowed and tried to attract the attention of the steamship Chelohsin which was passing, but failed. The wash from the vessel however, added to the wind, loosened Pike's grip and he sank. West conjured that he may have been insensible by this time as the water was very cold.

In Johnson Strait the water is deep and the tide very swift, and there is no likelihood of the body being recovered. Pike is survived by a widow and little daughter at Courtenay, V. I.

## BRITISH SHIPPING LOSS.

London, Aug. 31.—Lloyd's quarterly report for the period ending August 12 gives the loss to British shipping from submarines and other hostile craft and from mines as 58 steamships, with an aggregate gross tonnage of 180,713, and 9 sailing vessels.

## HAS HOUR ARRIVED FOR THE BIG DRIVE?

London, Aug. 31.—The greatest importance was attached to by political leaders this afternoon to a hurriedly called conference at Premier Asquith's office. The meeting was both unexpected and mysterious. The Minister of Munitions, Lloyd George was in conference with representatives of the Welsh coal miners when he was summoned to Downing street at noon and a few minutes after Premier Asquith had arrived from the country. At intervals of less than ten minutes Lord Kitchener, Sir Edward Grey, Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, Lord Lansdowne, Sir Edward Carson and other cabinet ministers arrived.

The War Office just now is as silent as a desert sphinx, but London hears that something is about to happen on the western front. The question most asked here is: "When is the big blow coming off?"

The average Londoner is waiting in highly interested expectancy. He believes he will not have to wait long. All reasons behind his deductions cannot be stated here, but it is

sufficient to note that soldiers are becoming more scarce in London. Killed Scots, beheaded British and Canadian, beheaded Australian and New Zealand and turbaned Indian is fast disappearing from the gaze of civilian London, hundreds of thousands of them. Daily for the past month they have been moving off somewhere. It is known here that the British front in France has been lengthened, exactly how much the public does not know.

Despite the latest alleged German peace feelers, however, it is stated on the best of authority that the peace scheme so far as England is concerned has undergone no change. A few Socialist leaders favor the ending of hostilities but neither in official circles nor in the great mass of the public is there any inclination to accept any peace at this time honorable or otherwise.

England is determined that the strength of her armies shall be felt by the enemy and that the Germans must be driven out of France and Belgium.

## BRITISH SUBMARINES THROW TURKS INTO A PANIC

London, Aug. 31.—An Athens despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says that a British submarine has blown up a portion of the bridge between Stambul and Galata.

It is not apparent whether this is an echo of the similar report of several weeks ago, which, as was expected, brought forth the usual denial from Constantinople.

The Galata bridge was the chief of two bridges spanning the Golden Horn and connecting Galata with Stambul. The bridge, built of steel was completed by a German company

in 1912 and replaced an old wooden structure by which connection was maintained between these two important quarters of the capital. It was constructed in such a way that certain sections could be opened in order to allow vessels to pass into the inner and naval ports of the city. The bridge was one of the most frequented places in all Constantinople. Along its sides ran a series of landing stages from which sailed local steamers for Scutari, for islands in the Sea of Marmora and

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## THREE WERE KILLED

Pinoles, Cal., Aug. 31.—Three men were killed today when a train of an engine and three cars, carrying 7,000 pounds of dynamite, ran off the track between the plant and the magazine of the E. I. Dupont de Nemours Powder Company and exploded the dynamite.

The dead: Harold Bennett, engineer; Bert Talbot, fireman; unidentified laborer.

## SHOOTING ACCIDENT IN THE MOUNTAINS

Prof. J. Hayden of Bellingham was accidentally killed on Sunday morning last, 13 miles north of the head of Harrison Lake, practically at the summit of the Cascade Range. Only a meager report of the tragedy has reached the provincial police at Vancouver.

Provincial Constable C. G. Barber of Mission, telephoned early yesterday morning to Chief Smith the facts which were brought to him by one of Prof. Hayden's companions, who took from Sunday morning until yesterday morning to bring the news. It appears that Prof. Hayden, with two companions from Bellingham, had been inspecting certain mining claims near the summit of the Cascades and on their return Sunday morning, the professor, being in a hurry, tried to pass the other men on a narrow trail while passing Mr. Hollinger (whose initials are reported to be F. C.); the latter's gun was accidentally discharged. Prof. Hayden was shot in the right side and died instantly. One of his companions remained with the body while the other hurried at full speed to the nearest provincial constable's office. Constable Barber and Coroner Elliott merely waited to notify Chief Smith and then set out on the difficult trail to bring the remains in. Having the advantage of a launch on Harrison Lake, they should reach the scene of the accident Wednesday morning.

## A TURKISH STATEMENT.

Berlin, Aug. 31.—The British employed 100,000 men in their attacks on Turkish positions on the Gallipoli Peninsula last Saturday and Sunday according to a despatch from Constantinople.

## LOCAL MAN IS ON COMMISSION

Dr. McLean Fraser of the  
Departure Bay Biological  
Station Will Investigate Life  
Habits of Sea Lion.

The menace to the salmon-fishing industry which the presence of sea lions in the North Pacific waters constitutes, and the means which can be adopted to get rid of them, will be considered by a royal commission appointed by the federal government which will start work at once.

The members of the commission are Dr. C. F. Newcombe, Victoria, chairman; Dr. C. McLean Fraser, of the biological station, Nanaimo; Professor A. T. Cameron, of the department of physiology, University of Manitoba; W. Hamar Greenwood, Vancouver, secretary.

There is a bounty of two dollars each on sea lions paid by the federal government, and this year so far \$3750 has been paid. Most of them were caught off the north end of Vancouver island, in Queen Charlotte Sound and on the Sea Otter group of islands. The canners of Rivers Inlet spent \$2400 last year in attempts to lessen the destruction by these animals.

Drs. Newcombe and Fraser will go north in a day or two to make an investigation.

## HILLIER TO HOLD FIRST BIG SHOW

The first annual show of the Cameron, Nanose and Newcastle Agricultural Association will be held at Hillier's Crossing next Friday, Sept. 3rd. The Association, as its name implies, covers a wide territory and its organization is a sure sign of the development of agriculture in the district. The prospects for a successful show are very good. The very dry weather of the last few weeks has interfered a little with certain classes of entries, but on the whole the entries are very gratifying, every district in the Association being well represented. The judges are Mr. W. T. McDonald, live stock; Mr. H. Reid, poultry; H. Thornber, fruit and vegetables; and Mr. T. A. F. Wancko, dairy produce. All that is necessary to ensure the success of the show is the continuance of present good weather.

## BIGGER DEMAND FOR LUMBER EXPECTED

Victoria, Aug. 31.—Reports to the Hon. the Minister of Lands from the Nelson district show that sawmill operators are of opinion that owing to the low stock on hand by many prairie yards there will be a good demand this fall for lumber. Eight mills, employing 250 men, are in operation, while half-a-dozen other mills have recently closed down after short runs. One interesting order from the States, namely white pine for match stock is being partly supplied from the timber killed in the 1910 fire. Seven pole companies are shipping and yarding poles, and heavy shipments are being made to the States, although at a low price. Until the advent of the prevailing hot weather, the season has been exceptionally good for land clearing and slash burning operations, much road slash in particular having been cleaned up.

During the month of August there were recorded with the government agent at Nanaimo 34 births, 5 deaths and 10 marriages.



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naught Barracks.

## RUSSIAN RETREAT ASSURES ULTIMATE SLAV VICTORY

Petrograd, Aug. 31.—The evacuation of Poland was decided upon by Russia in 1910, according to the Russian military organ, in a discussion of the general staff's before-the-war plans for the defence of the western frontier.

"Before the war," says the journal "Russia anticipated that in the event of war, Germany and Austria, because of their rapid means of mobilization and immense technical resources, would turn their attention first of all against Russia. To frustrate this plan it was decided in 1910 that the Russian territory jutting into Germany and the fortified places west of Brest Litovsk should not be organized for a state of war. The region further east was chosen for the concentration of the Russian forces.

"It would have been dangerous to attribute too great an importance to and to have held the Narew and Vistula, with their fortified towns. It is better to take advantage of the depth of our theatre of war to draw the

German armies far from their base and to force them to exhaust themselves. To this end it was necessary, to sacrifice the Polish salient. Three months have elapsed since the Russian army started to put this plan into execution. Constant marching, fighting and privations weaken the enemy. There already are evidences that the moral force of the German army is weakening in its attack, and prisoners confirm the reports that this weakening is not only moral, but physical.

"This war will be decided by the armies in battle, and it is of no importance where this battle takes place. Thus our retreat assures us victory, for our armies only now are beginning to develop, while an abundance of munitions of war awaits us in the near future, thanks to the mobilization of the national industries and to the orders placed abroad whereas for the moment the enemy is in a favorable position in this regard.

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## BALKANS BELIEVE TEUTONS DARE NOT INVADE SERBIA

London, Aug. 31.—The Daily Chronicle's diplomatic correspondent

says: "It would be only fulfilling the malicious intentions of the central powers to accept the present military demonstration on the frontiers of Serbia and Roumania and its face value. Its purpose in the most favorable circumstances must be more political than military. The expense of the suggested German plan to break through Serbia and Bulgaria to Constantinople, even if it proved successful, which is decidedly improbable, would be out of all proportions to the military value of the achievement. Any fresh attack on Serbia will certainly recreate the Balkan League, and such a contingency bringing into action against the Teutonic powers over 1,250,000 men—

German diplomacy cannot possibly contemplate.

"It seems most likely," as a reliable authority remarked yesterday, that the latest military move on the part of Austria and Germany is intended doubly as a sinister support of the political projects their agents are assiduously advancing in Sofia and as a further menace to Roumania. Meanwhile, the last named state I learn from a well-informed source is steadfastly rejecting alternately coercive and conciliatory advances made by Germany concerning the transport of munitions to Turkey. The Roumanian army, which would certainly co-operate with the other Balkan States in resisting the German invasion of Serbia and Bulgaria numbers nearly 600,000 men and may be relied upon to render a vigorous account of itself."

## SOUTH WALES COAL STRIKE IS ENDED

London, Aug. 31.—Official announcement was made today that the dispute which threatened another extensive strike in the Welsh coalfields had been settled.

The agreement provides that the award made by Rt. Hon. Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, after the previous strike shall stand. The mine-owners, however, undertake to concede a supplemental agreement which will give to the engineers and other surface workers not included in Mr. Runciman's award the same bonus as granted to the miners.

The British Columbia Liberal executive meeting in Vancouver some time this month will consider the prohibition question. By the time the meeting is held word of the stand taken by the Liberal associations throughout the province will have been received.

## ARABIC'S SLAYER MET ITS FATE

Liverpool, Aug. 31.—The German submarine responsible for the sinking of the White Star liner Arabic was sunk the following day by a British patrol boat, it became known here today.

The International News Service correspondent here learned that the submarine continued its raiding on the day it sank the Arabic. It attacked the Houlder liner Nicotian, and it was while holding up the Nicotian that the British patrol ship suddenly appeared and sank the diver.

The members of the crew were all drowned.

## BIG GUNS BOOM AT QUENNEVERES

French Artillery Continues  
Bombardment of German  
Positions—Violent Cannon-  
ade Takes Place in Lorraine  
and Vosges.

Paris, Aug. 31.—The war office reported this afternoon: "Our artillery followed up last night but without notable incident, its continued and efficacious actions against the trenches, the shelters and the quarters of the enemy."

Paris, Aug. 31.—The war office made public the following statement last night:

"Artillery actions have taken place in Artois and in the region of Quenneveres, where our fire has shattered some of the enemy's trenches and hit some German encampments. "In the Argonne our batteries have stopped several attempts at bombardments by the enemy."

"A rather violent cannonade has taken place in Lorraine, toward Moncel, Pezanges and Chasseles, and also in the Vosges, in the region of Robodeau, Lamouille and Linge."

Amsterdam, Aug. 31.—A telegram received here from Maasbode says that allied aviators last Saturday destroyed a large building at Ghent, Belgium, used by the Germans for housing aircraft.

Paris, Aug. 31.—France is preparing for next winter's campaign. An official note issued here today describes a visit to the front by Alexander Millerand, minister of war. M. Millerand discussed measures necessary for the winter campaign with the commanders at various points especially in the Vosges and Alsace.

Fourteen cases were dealt with in the City Police Court during the past month.

## B.C. ELECTRIC MEN MAY STRIKE

Vancouver, Aug. 31.—By an overwhelming majority, the employees of the B. C. E. R., in the vote that was taken on Monday, decided in favor of a strike, in other words, that they would not accept the majority award of the board of conciliation which recently investigated the wage question and the working conditions, which were in dispute.

This means that the men, unless, at the eleventh hour some compromise is made, will quit work in a very short time.

According to a statement that was handed out by the men's representatives today, the majority award of the conciliation board had been laid before the employees of the Vancouver, Victoria, and New Westminster divisions on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week, so that they had had abundant time to study it carefully before Monday's vote was taken.

Immediately the result of the vote was known, the counting, taking place this morning in the Labor Temple, the men's representatives waited on the management of the company and placed the matter before them, and Mr. Kidd, the general manager, was asked if the company was willing to make some alterations or suggestions which the committee could take back to the men for further consideration in order to bring about an amicable settlement.

To this, according to the men's statement, Mr. Kidd very positively stated that the company would not consider that question.

The men have been keeping the headquarters of their association in Detroit in close touch with the situation and its developments.

## DIED AT VERNON.

Vernon, Aug. 31.—Sergeant G. H. Leslie of the 62nd Battalion, formerly master tailor in the 29th Battalion, today dropped dead as he was returning to his tent going through the early morning physical drill termed "physical jerks" by the soldiers.

Leslie has a son in the firing line in France. He was to have gone over seas with the next draft which the battalion will send to the front, with drafts from other battalions. A court of enquiry will investigate the cause of the man's death.

A. Miller of the Canadian Army Medical Corps, while playing football died recently.

## REPORTS HEAVY FIGHTING

London, Aug. 31.—Constantinople again reports heavy fighting at the Dardanelles, but the Entente Allies are silent in regard to their military operations there.