

War News.

Messages Received
Previous to 9 A. M.

HALICZ CAPTURED.

LONDON, July 10. Halicz, the strategic key to Lemberg, the capital of Galicia, has been captured by the Russians says a despatch from Reuter's Petrograd correspondent.

RUSSIAN PROGRESS.

PETROGRAD, July 10. Russian official:—General Korniloff's operations in Galicia along a front of 20 miles have broken the Austro-German front between Halicz and the Carpathians and already Russian cavalry have pressed forward for a distance of 16 miles to the west of the Dniester. As a result of the Russian forward movement Halicz has been hemmed in from the south and southwest and the Russians are now menacing Halicz Bridgehead. From July 2 to 8 inclusive, General Korniloff took 14,000 prisoners and 55 guns of which 12 were heavy field pieces. We also have taken seven field guns and many trench mortars, etc.

RUSSIANS PRESSING ON.

NEW YORK, July 10. The Russian army has broken through the Austro-German line in the Halicz-Stanislaw sector, one of the most important on the eastern front, and the Russian advance continues. The Austro-German forces have already withdrawn beyond Lomnica river, about 10 miles west of Jesopol, which was occupied on Sunday by the Russians, under General Korniloff. The Russians have taken four villages and increased the capture of prisoners by more than 1,000. Seven more field guns, and other materials are in the Russians' hands. West of Stanislaw, towards Kalash and Dolina the Russians penetrated the Teutonic lines to a depth of nearly seven miles and between Stanislaw and Halicz they have widened the wedge. In their retirement, apparently made hastily, and during which a large number of guns and military stores were captured by the Russians, the Austro-Germans failed to make a stand at Lukovitz and Larva. It is probable they may entrench on the east bank of the Lomnica. The stand west of Lomnica, however, hardly will prevent the forced evacuation of Halicz, the strategic key to Lemberg, as the Russians are within less than eight miles of Halicz on three sides, and only one avenue of retreat towards Lemberg is left open, that between the Dniester and Lipa rivers. The evacuation of Halicz would make a retreat from Brzezany, Zlochhoff and Brody by the Austro-Germans almost necessary. Meanwhile Russian artillery is hammering enemy lines south of Brzezany and north of the Pripiet marshes and near Riga, Dvinsk and Smorgon.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, July 10. The official from the British headquarters in France to-night reads: Last night we entered enemy trenches at Neuport and inflicted casualties on the garrison. Southeast of Havrincourt, east of Monchy le Preux, and southeast of Arras, hostile raiding parties were driven off. Enemy artillery was active all day against our positions and towards evening the fire of his artillery reached a pitch of great intensity. Our artillery replied vigorously. Bad weather prevented aerial operations by either side yesterday.

HOLLWEG AND PEACE.

BERNE, July 10. According to a Berlin paper, Chancellor Von Bethmann, Hollweg said to the members of the Reichstag: "I repeat that the formula of peace without annexation is unacceptable to us. We cannot declare our terms. We must fight and conquer." The Chancellor made a strong attack on Matthias Erzberger, leader of the Catholic Centre Party, who assailed the peace committee last week, and advocated peace without annexations or indemnities. Hollweg said Erzberger's attitude was unpatriotic. According to a summary of the Chancellor's speech before the main committee, published in the Lokal Anzeiger, he said: "We must continue the war with our whole energies. I do not deny that we have great difficulties to overcome, but so have our enemies. We shall see whether their difficulties are the greatest. I am sure we can win if we hold out. Nothing was further from my intention than to cling to my post, but now it is a question of protecting the Fatherland from injury, and for this reason I consider it necessary to retain my post."

TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.00 A.M.

GENERAL MAUDE MAKES A REPORT.

LONDON, To-day. Via Reuters Ottawa Agency.—A despatch issued by Sir Stanley Maude, Commander-in-Chief of the Mesopotamian Expedition, for the seven months until the 31st of March last shows that that period was equally divided in preparation and in operations which led to the fall of Baghdad. He described how the advance was successfully carried out in face of the most difficult conditions through the tenacious spirit and gallantry of the British and Indian troops brilliantly seconded by the Navy. The Mesopotamian Commission's recent disclosures attract attention to and create special interest in General Maude's references to the present water transport and hospital arrangements. He stated that the newly formed inland water transport directorate is so well organized that an eight day end-to-end chain of river craft passed up and down the river thereby assuring maintenance of the troops at the front. Sir Stanley Maude further says: "Our well equipped hospitals were more than adequate to meet all calls and throughout the evacuation of the wounded was carried out on model lines. The arrangements for the comfort and rapid transfer of patients from the field to the hospitals reflect great credit on those concerned. General Maude thankfully acknowledges the prompt response made to his demands from England, India and Egypt."

HALIFAX SCHOONER SUNK.

NANTUCKET, Mass., July 10. The British schooner Unique, coal laden from New York for Halifax, struck the submerged wreckage of the schooner Alice M. Lawrence, off Tuckeruck Shoal, Nantucket Sound, to-day and went to bottom. The crew were taken off by coast guardsmen.

BRITISH RECRUITING WEEK.

NEW YORK, July 10. Through arrangements made by the Mayor's Committee on National Defence with the State and War Departments at Washington, the week of July 16 to 22 inclusive will be known as British recruiting week in New York City. The recruiting committee of the Mayor will co-operate with Major General White and others of the British recruiting mission in their programme.

CROWN COUNCIL MEETS.

LONDON, July 10. The Crown Council called by Emperor William was held at Berlin yesterday, according to an Exchange Telegraph Co. despatch from Amsterdam to-day, but no announcement as to what took place at the gathering has been made. The German public is very uneasy regarding the absence of news as to the decisions of the Council, says the despatch. Only in times of greatest stress are such meetings held. Other advices from the same source say that the meeting of the Crown Council lasted three hours, being one of the longest on record since July, 1914, when Emperor William signed the mobilization order that preceded the declaration of war. Ministers of both the Empire and Kingdom were in attendance, together with a number of the Emperor's Military and Naval Cabinet. It is believed, says the despatch, that one of the results of the Council will be the introduction of a franchise bill for Prussia granting universal direct suffrage and secret ballot.

BERLIN SAYS NOTHING TO REPORT.

BERLIN, July 10. There are no events of special importance to report, says the supplementary official from the German headquarters this evening.

Two Meatless Days.

WEEKLY FOR SYDNEY LADIES OF I. O. D. E. By an unanimous vote the Sydney Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire has decided to act upon the resolution passed at the recent national convention of the order in Victoria, B.C., and observe Wednesday and Friday of each week as "meatless days." The further section of the resolution calling for abstention from the use of veal and young lamb was also approved by the local ladies.

The whole question of conservation of food was discussed by the Sydney Chapter. It was decided to assist in any way possible to conserve the country's food supply and to reduce the present excessive cost of living, and to do everything possible to save money that it may be turned to saving war needs.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF HALICZ.

LONDON, To-day. Halicz, 63 miles southeast of Lemberg on the Dniester River, is an important railroad junction and the most important key to the Galician Capital. It is 18 miles north of Stanislaw and about 8 miles north of Jesopol.

France Puts Ban on Liquor.

Paris, June 25.—M. Malvy, Minister of the Interior, as the result of a Cabinet meeting, had addressed to the prefects of all the departments in France instructions to forbid the sale at retail of spirituous liquors testing over 18 degrees of alcohol in cafes and saloons, except during the hours when the principal meals are served. Adult males can procure liquors during these hours, but women and minors under 18 years will be unable to get them at any hour. Bottled goods may be sold only in two-litre quantities. M. Malvy seeking thus to exclude those desiring to purchase small bottles.

Ants That Sew.

A writer in "The Visitor" tells of a party of German naturalists recently returned from Ceylon, who have reported the existence of a species of ant that has been observed in the act of sewing two leaves together for the purpose of forming a nest. This report confirms the observations of the English naturalist, Belliey, made in 1890. They saw a row of the insects pulling the edges of leaves together, then others trimming and fitting the edges, and finally the completion of the work by still other ants, which fastened the edges with a silky thread yielded by larvae of the same species, which the workers carried in their mandibles. It is said that the sewing ants pass the thread-giving larvae like shuttles through holes in the edges of the leaves.



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New York, June 14.—The campaign of recruiting will be stimulated further late in the summer by the arrival of Harry Lauder and his thirty pipers. Lauder is coming primarily to make another tour, a farewell this time under the direction of William Morris, but he will devote all his leisure time to the recruiting movement.

It will be remembered that in England at the outbreak of the war the Scotch comedian was notably successful in his personal campaign. Accompanied by his pipers and rendering songs having patriotism for their theme, he was a big factor in filling the ranks of the army. He will pursue the same plan here.

Our Baseball Column.

PLAGIARISED AND OTHERWISE.



LAST NIGHT'S GAME.

The large number of fans who attended last night's ball game and who expected a good fast game, were not disappointed when they saw the Red Lions go down to defeat at the hands of the B.I.S. by 7 runs to 3. Two Irish errors in the first inning let in a pair of runs for the Lions, but after this they were held close for which the B.I.S. might thank their now famous battery—Carew and Brazie—who ably sustained their reputation. Only 3 safe hits were made off Carew. The ineptitude of McAskill rather upset the plans of the Lions who were counting on his work on the mound to stand them in good stead. Cooney, though suffering from injuries received in practice, went in the box and did marvellous work in the circumstances, though the Irish managed to get 17 hits off him. Quick's grab of Brazie's very high fly was heartily applauded. Ellis also got in good work when with the sacks sown in the fourth he safely netted two fly fouls. French's holding down first for the Macmen also evoked great admiration. Sergt Pat Brien "came back" in great shape after his three years on the battlefields of Gallipoli and the Somme. Duggan replaced

AVERAGES.

B. I. S.	AB.	R.	H.	E.
French, 1b.	4	1	0	0
Brazie, s.	4	0	0	1
Williams, rf.	4	2	0	0
Canning, lf.	4	1	1	0
McGrath, ss.	4	2	1	0
Brien, 2b.	4	3	2	1
Grace, cf.	4	4	2	0
Carew, p.	3	2	1	0
Lytle, 3b.	3	2	0	0
	34	17	7	2

ZED LIONS.

AB.	R.	H.	E.	
Ellis, 3b.	3	0	1	0
Quick, lf.	3	1	1	0
Cooney, p.	3	1	1	1
Heath, 2b.	3	2	0	0
Hiltz, 1b.	3	0	0	1
Mullings, ss.	3	0	0	0
Power, c.	3	0	0	0
Gowans, rf.	2	0	0	0
Jenkins, cf.	2	0	0	0
	24	3	3	2

NEXT GAME.

To-morrow night the B. I. S. and Wanderers will clash in the fifth game of the series, and an exciting contest may be expected, as Mr. Hartnett is fully determined to stop the McGrath crew in their steady jaunt for the rag.

compared by his pipers and rendering songs having patriotism for their theme, he was a big factor in filling the ranks of the army. He will pursue the same plan here.

A cable message from Lauder stated that he would leave London shortly for France, devoting himself to entertaining the men in the trenches and the wounded in the hospitals. The comedian's son was killed in action and Lauder feels the bereavement keenly.

There will be a Dance in the Smithville Ballroom after the Garden Party to-day. Come and hear the latest waltz.—July 10, 21

Ashore and Re-loaded

A schooner, owned by Giovannetti, of Channel, bound from Sydney to Topsail with a cargo of coal, ran upon a rock while trying to dock at the latter place a few days ago. A hole was punched in the bottom of the hull and the vessel began to leak freely, necessitating the pumps being kept going constantly. Meanwhile twenty tons of coal were taken out to lighten her and this morning she was towed off into deep water by the little steamer Mary. The schooner still has eighty tons of coal aboard and, we understand, an effort will be made to tow her to Harbour Grace to dock for repairs.

Crops Eaten Bare by Caterpillars

A SEVEN MILES "FRONT." A devastating plague of caterpillars is reported from the Peak district of Derbyshire.

Since Sunday millions of green-bronze caterpillars, locally known as "leatherheads," exceedingly tough and active, have been advancing from Kinder Scout on a seven-mile front in the direction of Castleton and Chapel-en-le-Frith. Yesterday they had reached

within a mile and a half of the latter town.

The local district council has appealed to the Board of Agriculture for assistance. If no expert is sent to-day a further meeting will be held to-night when the local Volunteers will probably be directed to take such rough and ready steps as tarring the roads and lining the fields in order to stay the plague.

A representative of The Daily Mail yesterday found fields which a week ago were full of summer grass eaten bare and brown. There is very little arable land in the district, but what few fields of oats there are were also eaten up. As the pests clear one field they swarm in tens of thousands over the wall to the next and continue their devastation. The district is thoroughly alarmed, and unless some speedy means is found to cope with the pest it is predicted that damage to crops over a very wide area will result.

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