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HAIG PUSHES HIS LINE CLOSE TO GUILLEMONT WILSON SUMMONS RAILWAY PRESIDENTS TO AVERT STRIKE RUSSIANS ADD 7,000 MORE PRISONERS TO RECENT CAPTURES

Seven Thousand Huns Added to Russia's Bag; Vast Material Captured

In the Most Recent Operations Gen. Bezobrazoff Rounded Up Many Prisoners and Rich Prizes in Guns—Desperate Counter-Attacks Check Slavs, But Are Unable to Break Line.

[Canadian Press.]

Petrograd, Aug. 17.—(Via London.)—The Russian advance is still being held up in the face of counter-attacks. These assaults, the war office reported today, have repulsed.

"Artillery and rifle duels are proceeding along the front," the statement says. "The enemy at some places resumed his counter-attacks. These were frustrated by our fire."

"A zepplin dropped bombs on the region of Kemmern, directly west of Riga."

"Supplementary reports show that Gen. Bezobrazoff in the most recent operations captured 198 officers, 7,308 men, 22 light field pieces, 17 heavy guns, 70 machine guns, 23 bomb throwers and more than 14,000 shells. These are in addition to those reported yesterday."

CADORNA BUSY CLEARING ROAD TOWARD TRIEST

Fierce Fighting For Heavy Guns Which Bar the Advance.

OFFENSIVE SLOWS DOWN

Italians Must Capture Fortified Mountain Positions Before Progressing.

[Canadian Press.]

Rome, Aug. 16.—Via Paris, Aug. 17.—The Italian army is being held back on the lower Somme until the line on the upper Isonzo can be straightened by the capture of the mountains of San Gabriele, San Mario and other positions lying between Tolmino and Gorizia.

While the capture of these mountains is regarded as imminent, there probably will be no advance upon Trieste until they have been taken.

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REPORT SAYS KAIN WILL BE RELEASED AND GO TO FRONT

[Canadian Press.]

Quebec, Aug. 17.—Pte. Kain, an American citizen enlisted here for overseas service and who had been sentenced to fourteen years in the penitentiary for the murder of last Nov. 1914, is said to have obtained leave to enlist and leave the penitentiary for the front. His mother and sister came today from St. Louis, Missouri, to see him.

Pte. Kain was a member of the 32nd Battalion, the trouble occurring while the battalion was quartered at Quebec.

GERMAN STEAMER WEBER SUNK BY A SUBMARINE

[Canadian Press.]

London, Aug. 17.—2:55 p.m.—The sinking of the German steamship Weber of Hamburg, 1,028 tons gross, by a submarine a fortnight ago, is reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. The crew was saved.

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[Canadian Press.]

Washington, D. C., Aug. 17.—Ambassador Page, home from London for a brief stay, discussed pending negotiations between the United States and Great Britain with Secretary Lansing today and later arrangements were made for him to see President Wilson.

The blacklist, restraints on commerce and interference with mails are the principal subjects of controversy between the two governments.

London Will Send Car of Clothing to Northern Sufferers

Good Response to Local Appeal Reported by Workers in Charge.

"We are getting in a nice lot of things and may be able to ship a carload from London," is the statement made today by Mrs. A. T. Edwards, convenor of the relief committee of the Women's Canadian Club, who is looking after the packing and forwarding of clothing for the fire sufferers in New Ontario.

Parcels intended to be sent should be left in the basement of Wesley Hall in the room of which the use was granted for Serbian relief headquarters. These parcels should be distinctly marked "New Ontario."

All kinds of children's and women's clothing is especially asked, as well as quilts, etc. Several members of the Women's Canadian Club have been engaged on the making up of infant clothing for the babies of the fire-swept district, a number of these wee tots having come into the world in the midst of the great holocaust.

RING IS CLOSING AROUND THE FOE IN EAST AFRICA

Difficult Hill Country Has Been Cleared of Germans.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Aug. 17.—The ring around the forces defending German East Africa is being drawn closer. An official statement received today from Gen. Smuts, commander of the British forces in German East Africa, reports that the British have cleared the difficult, hilly country captured several important positions, being separated from the Central Railway by only 25 miles of open country.

ASQUITH ANNOUNCES EARLY CLOSE OF THE COMMONS

[Canadian Press.]

London, Aug. 17.—4:48 p.m.—Premier Asquith announced today that Parliament would adjourn on Tuesday or Wednesday next, until October 19, to decide on the future.

13,000 MINERS OUT Strike to Compel Fellow-Employees to Join Union.

[Canadian Press.]

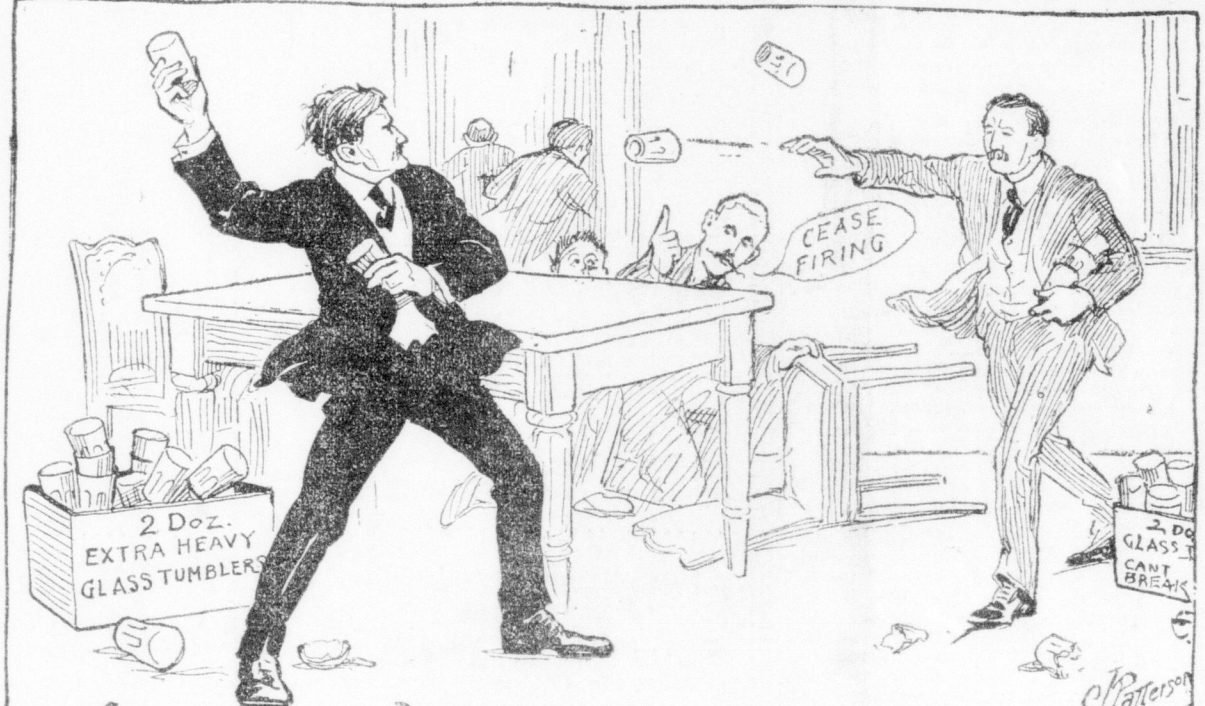
Shamokin, Pa., Aug. 17.—About 13,000 members of the United Mine Workers' organization, engaged principally at collieries operated by the Susquehanna Coal Company and the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company between here and Mt. Carmel, went on strike today to compel all employees to become members of the union. It is estimated that at least 500 miners are not affiliated with the organization. A sub-committee of each of the affected collieries will endeavor by next Saturday to induce the unorganized men to join the union. The committee will then confer with the general committee to decide on the future conduct.

BANK CLERK DROWNED

[Canadian Press.]

Quebec, Aug. 17.—M. Letendre of Rimouski, a junior clerk at the Montreal Bank here, was drowned yesterday evening while bathing in the St. Lawrence at Lauzon. The body was recovered shortly afterwards.

If the Crockery Stores Are Busy This Week You'll Understand Why—By Patterson



With a fresh supply of ammunition, the next meeting of the City Council should be quite lively

WILSON CALLS PRESIDENTS TO DISCUSS CLASH

Requests Heads of U. S. Railways To Meet Him At Once.

HOPES TO AVERT STRIKE

Postpones Conference With Managers Scheduled For Today.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Aug. 17.—The railroad presidents of the country have accepted President Wilson's invitation to come to Washington to confer with him on the railroad strike situation. A number will leave this city for the national capital at 4 o'clock this afternoon and another delegation will leave from Chicago.

May Use Pressure.

In case President Wilson finds that any of the railroad presidents cannot speak absolutely for their roads he may invite to the White House the financiers who control them. Officials said today that the president wants to deal with the "ultimate authorities" on both sides in order that negotiations may be conducted here.

Among the managers, it was pointed out that the presidents have been constantly advised of the negotiations with President Wilson and the feeling prevailed that the attitude of the railroad heads was now the same as the managers' committee, although no one could forecast what effect a personal conference with the president would have. The railroad presidents are expected to make a strong plea for preservation of the principle of arbitration and will express their fear that if the present difficulty cannot be settled without it, there is little hope of its being successful in the future.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, D. C., Aug. 17.—President Wilson today invited the presidents of the principal railroads of the country to come to Washington immediately to confer with him on the threatened strike. Pending their arrival he does not plan to see the committee of managers.

MR. JUSTICE DUFF REFUSES PAYMENT FOR KYTE INQUIRY

Says He Cannot Legally Accept Remuneration—\$5,000 for Meredith.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Aug. 17.—An appropriation of five thousand dollars has been made by the Government to pay Sir William Meredith for his services on the inquiry into the Kyte charges. Mr. Justice Duff has had no provision made for his services. He takes the position that under the supreme court act he cannot accept remuneration for such services.

GREEK ATTACHE TAKEN ON THE WAY TO BERLIN

[Canadian Press.]

London, Aug. 17.—An Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that an attaché of the Greek legation to Germany was arrested by Italians while on his way to Berlin, and diplomatic papers were confiscated. The Greek minister at Rome, the dispatch says, has been instructed to take up the matter with the Italian Government.

BAGGED A BIG SUB

[Canadian Press.]

New York, N. Y., Aug. 17.—Passengers on the Cunarder Albatross, which arrived here today from London, told of being held in port at Deal while destroyers were active outside, and later of seeing a damaged British destroyer enter, followed by a British cruiser, against whose foredeck was lashed a shell-torn German submarine. The destroyers, the passengers said, evidently had suffered from shelling. The submarine appeared to be one of the largest class and evidently had been completely disabled and rendered unseaworthy. None of the passengers learned the particulars of the action or the fate of the submarine crew.

FURIOUS BIG GUN COMBAT RAGING IN SOMME SECTOR; ALLIES HOLDING ALL GAINS

Germans Made No Attempt at Counter-Attacks During the Night—British and French Organizing Positions Won Wednesday.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Aug. 17.—A violent artillery duel is in progress north of Maurepas, in the Somme region, says the war office statement today. There were no infantry attacks during the night.

The announcement follows:

"On the Somme front the enemy made no attempt at a counter-attack during the night."

CANADA TO ENLIST MEN FOR THE NAVY UNTIL END OF WAR

Volunteers Will Be Sought on Both Coasts and Great Lakes.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Aug. 17.—Canada in enlisting men for service in the British navy. The plan is to enlist the men in the Canadian Naval Service with the understanding that they serve on ships of the Imperial navy. The enlistment is for the period of the war, and although the men will be on admiralty craft they will be paid by Canada at the Canadian Naval Reserve rates, which are considerably higher than the British rates. No commissioned officers are to be taken. This is a departure in policy as it is the first time that the navy has confined recruiting to land forces, and not to interfere with the navy by seeking men for naval service. Now it is proposed to actively seek naval volunteers among sailors and fishermen of the Atlantic, Pacific and Great Lakes of Canada.

CIRCUS IN TROUBLE AT RAILWAY CITY

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, Aug. 17.—Coop and Lent's circus is stranded in this city. They were booked for two performances at Chatham, but will not be able to do so this morning when the circus superintendent was discharged, the men working under him refused to load unless he was reinstated. Now it is stated the railways are holding up the show for lack of money due them.

AIRMAN BOMB BATTERY

[Canadian Press.]

Beih, Aug. 17.—(Via Sayville Wireless.)—Another raid by Austrian aircraft on positions behind the Italian line in the Isonzo region is announced in an Austro-Hungarian admiralty statement today as follows:

"An Austro-Hungarian naval aeroplane squadron on the night of August 14-15, most successfully bombed a hostile battery at the mouth of the Isonzo, and military establishments at Ronchi and Sels. Full hits were obtained and fires were observed to break out. All the aeroplanes returned undamaged despite the most violent shelling."

BRITISH MADE ANOTHER ADVANCE ON SOMME FRONT DURING NIGHT; DRAWING CLOSER TO GUILLEMONT

GERMAN DIPLOMAT ADMITS TO BLUNDER; CAN'T CRUSH ENEMY

Says Kaiser Expected To Win In Three Months.

NO PEACE DICTATION

Declares People Want Peace—Crown Prince Very Unpopular.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Aug. 17.—The Berlin correspondent of the London Daily News ascribes to an "official neutral" the narration of a conversation he had with a prominent official of the German foreign office.

The neutral asked how the official class, those behind the scenes, regarded the situation. The official replied carefully:

"The situation is not brilliant, but certainly not bad. We cannot be beaten, and the chances of winning are still favorable. We obviously have had some disillusionments. We thought we could crush Europe in three months, and we came very near doing it."

"There have been miscalculations—diplomatic miscalculations. There have been military errors also, but the situation today is not unsatisfactory. It is a sheer physical impossibility to beat us. Mind you, I do not say we are going to dictate peace in Paris or even going to dictate peace at all, but I do say no one shall dictate peace to us."

The "neutral" who was in Berlin in July said that while confidence in the Kaiser remains absolutely unabated and amounts almost to a cult, on the other hand the unpopularity of the crown prince has lately reached remarkable proportions. The working classes, particularly are bitter against him, and firmly believe the failure to take Verdun was due to his blunders. They blame his egoism for the untimely sacrifice of more than 200,000 German soldiers.

People Desire Peace.

Among the same working classes the desire for peace is widespread, but there is no indication of any revolutionary tendency which might compel the governing classes to make peace. The communist and professional classes share these peace sentiments. Allied threats of an economic war are described as a bluff.

BULGARIANS REPORT HEAVY FIGHTING ON THE GREEK BORDER

Claim to Have Repulsed Attacks by the Allied Forces.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Aug. 17.—Indications of important activity in the Balkans are increasing. The Entente forces on the Macedonian front are not only freely employing their artillery, but are frequently sending their infantry to the attack.

WIFE KILLS HUSBAND IN MT. CLEMENS STREET

[Canadian Press.]

Mount Clemens, Mich., Aug. 17.—Roy Pettit, 35, was shot and killed by his wife on a downtown street today. Dozens of persons saw the tragedy. Pettit, who was a night clerk at a local hotel, was stopped on the street by his wife, who fired five bullets into his head. After she was arrested Mrs. Pettit declared she killed her husband "because he sought the company of other too much."

SALT TESTIFIES HE AND HORWOOD ALTERED RECORDS

Erased Original Figures of Caisson Contract.

TELLS OF HOOK'S OFFER

Asked to Have Bad Memory and Split Five Thousand.

[Canadian Press.]

Winnipeg, Aug. 17.—Upon opening this morning, the 24th day of the trial of the ex-cabinet ministers, the jury and the witness, William Salt, were excluded while counsel agreed at length the evidence of Salt, Salt is the twenty-fifth witness for the crown.

The defence sought to have excluded the evidence of Salt and other witnesses dealing with alleged interior work on the Parliament buildings, claiming that there had been no evidence from Horwood which connected accused with any conspiracy to put in fraudulent work. Crown counsel replied that they would offer evidence which they believed would supply this connecting link.

His lordship ruled that he would not anticipate that the crown would not bring in evidence connecting accused with interior work. He said he would watch the evidence closely, and this time might come when he would call upon the crown to show the connection. Subject to that indication of what his future course would be the evidence might go in.

Crown Wins Point.

Shortly before 11 o'clock the argument was concluded, his lordship ruling that disputed evidence might go in.

Haig's Forces Pushed Forward to the West and Southwest of the Village Following Up Friday Afternoon's Allied Success.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Aug. 17, 3:19 p.m.—The British have made another advance on the Somme front. Official announcement was made today that the line has been pushed forward west and southwest of Guillemont.

NO COUNTER-ATTACK

London, Aug. 17.—After scoring important gains along a front of nearly three miles in the Somme region both north and south of the river, the French are busily consolidating the newly won ground, making preparations for the expected German counter-attack. No such attack developed last night, but the Paris bulletin today reports intense artillery activity north of Maurepas, where the French yesterday, in conjunction with the British, effected their most telling advance, capturing more than three-quarters of a mile of trenches.

GERMAN HOLD WEAKENS.

The new allied advance north of the Somme weakens the hold of the Germans on Guillemont and Maurepas, which latter place the French already partially hold. The objective of the operation is the important railway centre of Peronne, nearly opposite which, south of the river, the French yesterday also scored a gain in the region of Belloy-en-Santerre. The official statement issued in London today reports the pushing forward of the British line west and southwest of Guillemont.

The text follows:

"As a result of fighting undertaken yesterday evening in conjunction with a French advance on Maurepas, we have pushed forward our line both west and southwest of Guillemont. West of Guillemont we captured some 200 yards of a hostile trench about 200 yards in advance of our previous line. East of Mouquet farm our machine gun fire nipped in the bud a German attack."

"West of Ypres we exploded a mine and occupied the crater with only slight opposition. Both we and the enemy blew up small mines south of Loos, causing us neither casualties nor damage."

Berlin, Aug. 17.—Via London, 4:50 p.m.—French and British troops made heavy attacks on the Somme front yesterday, but were beaten back by the Germans, says the official announcement of today. South of the river the French were able to obtain a foothold in first line German trenches.

TRENCHES OF GERMANS BATTERED TO PIECES BY ALLIED ARTILLERY

New York, Aug. 17.—The Tribune correspondent at Paris sends the following under yesterday's date:

"I returned today from a visit to the French front in the Somme offensive, and that part of the front extending south toward Soissons from the actual scene of present operations. It is probable that this southern sector will be the next part of the German line to fall before the methodically advancing French forces."

A Gigantic Organization.

In this visit I saw all the details of the gigantic organization that goes to make up a modern victorious offensive. I crossed the ground captured in the first days of the great attack, and crept slowly forward into the very centre of the bombardment, which the huge organization in the rear feeds unceasingly night and day.

If you will lay out a parallelogram twenty miles deep by fifty miles long, and put at its northern end a bulging arc with a chord twelve miles long, and a curve of twenty-six miles, you will have approximately the ground severed by the fighting line, and the services of the rear that feed the fighting lines.

Like Huge Fan.

All roads from the parallelogram lead into the arc. They approach the chord of the arc as sticks of a fan, lead down to the handle, and crossing Continued on Page 3, Column 7.

THE WEATHER

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 86; lowest, 75.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 66; lowest, 52.

TOMORROW—DECIDEDLY WARM.

Forecast.

Light to moderate winds, fine and decidedly warm today and on Friday.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	84	48	Cloudy
Calgary	84	48	Cloudy
Winnipeg	86	64	Clear
Port Arthur	74	50	Cloudy
Parry Sound	82	50	Clear
Port Stanley	78	55	Clear
Buffalo	80	63	Clear
Toronto	85	58	Clear
Kingston	89	58	Fair
Ottawa	84	68	Clear
Montreal	84	64	Fair
Quebec	82	50	Clear
Father Point	82	50	Cloudy

Weather Notes.

Scattered showers have occurred in the western provinces, while from the great lakes eastward the weather has been fine and quite warm.