

# GEN. HAIG MAY HAVE STARTED BIG BATTLE ON WEST TODAY

## London Feels the Concussion From Heavy Drumfire

**Military Authorities Confident That the British Troops Are Ready For the Greatest Drive of the Year and That the Initial Stroke Will Come Today--The Terrific Struggle That is Going On in the Chemins-des-Dames Region**

(By special cable and leased wire to The Daily Gleaner.)

London, July 27.—A great battle may be impending today in the sector of the western front.

Parts of London today reported having felt the concussion of drumfire somewhere to the east that at times seemed to approach the intensity of that which preceded Field Marshal Haig's drive against Messines.

**Germans Have Been Very Nervous for Days, Fearing a Grand Offensive by General Haig**

The despatches of the last few days have indicated a fear on the part of the Germans that the British might be preparing an offensive. The Nieuport sector near the Belgian coast was reported deluged with a hail of shells of all calibres from the German guns. To these the British made a steady, methodical return.

**The Crown Prince Continues Prodigious Effort To Oust French Forces from Chemins-des-Dames**

Grand Headquarters of the French Army in France, July 27.—(by the Associated Press)—The Germans in a persistent effort to recapture at least some part of the Chemins-des-Dames, transferred their attention today to the region of Hurtebise, on which they launched a strong attack, supported by heavy artillery concentrations. The infantry assaulted again and again, but despite the heavy masses thrown into the action they were unable to secure any advantage other than an entrance into a small section of advanced posts on French trenches to the south of Ailles.

**Some of the Prussian Regiments Lost Half of Their Effectives in Recent Fighting With French**

The German storming battalions were caught by an intense barrage fire as they left their trenches and their ranks were rapidly destroyed.

Details of the attack on the Californie and Casemates plateau, in which the Germans suffered the most complete defeat in the first half of the week, show that some of the Prussian regiments lost fifty per cent. of their effectives. They employed more than 100 batteries during the bombardment.

**Fresh Demonstrations at Petrograd Put Down With a Stern Hand by the Authorities in Charge**

London, July 27.—Fresh and violent fighting occurred in the streets of Petrograd in the last two days, according to a despatch from Petrograd to the Copenhagen Tidende transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph Company yesterday. The extreme Socialists organized a great demonstration, the despatch adds, but the government troops interfered and the riot was completely suppressed after lively fighting. No details were received.

**Russian Generals Ordered by the War Office To Recapture Important Position at Tarnopol**

Petrograd, July 27.—The extreme left of the country's position in the front and rear impels Premier Kerensky to take the exceptional decision without waiting for the constituent assembly to convene, July 31, at Moscow, the extraordinary national council.

All members of the Duma, prominent men from chief centres of the Empire, representatives of the Zemstvos, municipalities, labor unions and universities will participate therein.

The council will hold two sessions at which the government will be asked to make an exhaustive report on the condition of the country, answer questions and ask opinions of authoritative persons on how best to save the Fatherland from ruin.

Explaining the scheme today, Premier Kerensky declared that attempts to move the revolution backwards were impossible. Conspiracies to restore monarchical government will be suppressed in the most determined and merciless way.

As an indication of the new policy and the firm measures to be taken, the Kronstadt received an ultimatum to hand over three of the chief Bolsheviks.

## Germany Using the Scandinavian Countries To Obtain Passage For Her Agents and Spies to The United States to Carry on Nefarious Work

**Fraudulent Scandinavian Passports Are Being Used Freely**

**HARD TO CHECK THE BUSINESS**

**Many Merchants In Scandinavia In Employment of the Huns**

Copenhagen, July 27.—Information two measures than are now in force for supervision of Scandinavian liners plying to the United States must be put into effect if the passage of numbers of German agents and couriers and the transmission of intelligence by German spies in America are to be checked. It is said authoritatively that German pass forgers are equipping German agents in Scandinavia with fraudulent Scandinavian passports. These are copied from genuine originals in the same fashion as American passports have been counterfeited photographically by the notorious pass bureau of the admiralty.

New names and descriptions are substituted occasionally, but sometimes the only change is to attach a new photograph of the ostensible holder. Every liner now sailing to the United States carries 200 or 300 passengers, principally of Scandinavian nationalities. There is little to prevent the intelligence department of the German admiralty, now under the clever leadership of Captain Karl Boy-Ed, former naval attaché at Washington, from planting any desired number of agents, equipped apparently with genuine Scandinavian passports, among the passengers. There is reason to believe this being done. Various attempts to recruit neutrals for courier and information missions to the United States have been reported more or less definitely. The Scandinavian police also could tell a tale of unmasked merchants who are employed in the German secret service. They are working against the interest of their own country and of neutral states.

## LIGHTNING KILLS THREE SOLDIERS

**Were in Guard Tent of Missouri National Guard, Which Was Set on Fire.**

St. Louis, Mo., July 27.—Three members of the first regiment Missouri National Guard were killed and a dozen others were injured when some of them, seriously, by a bolt of lightning during a storm which swept Camp Maxwell early today. The dead are H. S. Davis, sergeant; Dwight L. Trump, private; and Charles B. Carroll, private. The injured were revived by means of pulmotors and are thought to be practically out of danger, although severely burned.

The soldiers were asleep in the guard tent at the main entrance to the camp when the storm broke out. The tent collapsed and the injured and dead were carried to the hospital tent, where efforts were made to revive them. Many other tents about the camp were set on fire by lightning, but the occupants escaped serious injury.

**LATE WAR NEWS.**  
For other late war news see page 5.

## Alien Enemies Barred From New York Excursion Boats

**American Authorities Are Not Going to Take the Risk of Allowing German Spies Obtaining Information as to the Sailing of Troops if They Can Prevent It.**

(Special by The Daily Gleaner's leased wire.)

New York, July 27.—Beginning today German subjects are barred from excursion boats plying in New York waters. The new order is aimed at spies, who while apparently on an excursion, would be able to secure valuable information regarding the sailing of troops and activities in local navy yards.

## The Allied Powers Unanimous that The War Must Be Continued Until the Principles They Are Fighting for Won

PARIS, July 27.—The Allied Powers yesterday concluded their conference, after announcing a decision to continue the war until the object for which they are fighting is attained. Their declaration, which was made unanimously before separating, reads:

"The Allied Powers, more closely united than ever for the defence of the people's rights, particularly in the Balkan Peninsula, are resolved not to lay down arms until they have attained the end which in their eyes dominates all others, to render impossible a return of the criminal aggression such as that for which the Central Empires must bear the responsibility.

There was unanimous agreement on all decisions reached during the meeting. The ministers of departments affected will meet in London to draw up the executive measures.

## German Public Implored to Hand Over Gold and Jewels For Use of the Government

**Newspapers Upholding the Government Denounce the Hoarding of Gold by the People, Amounting They Declare to Hundreds of Millions in Value.**

Amsterdam, July 27.—The daily recurring public notices printed in conspicuous type in German newspapers, entreating citizens to aid the fatherland by giving it their gold evidently is insufficient of productive results. The Weser Zeitung, of Bremen, publishes a renewed appeal, complaining especially that the well-to-do public still fails to realize the situation and that all gold must be handed in.

The newspapers cite examples of members of the German Imperial and Royal princely houses sacrificing their gold and jewelry, and says competent authorities calculate that three to four hundred million gold coins are being obstinately hoarded in Germany, while the value of gold ornaments is estimated at a billion marks. The Weser Zeitung says the public often asks whether gold cannot be loaned instead of given to the German Imperial bank. The answer is no, because the law demands gold as a cover for paper money, and that it must be in bars or coin. The public is again urged to yield jewels of all kinds, which realize good prices abroad, and is most useful for credit purposes there.

## CAVALRY FOUGHT LIKE REAL HEROES

**The Cossacks and the Artillerymen the Redeeming Feature of Russian Disaster.**

Petrograd, July 27.—Accounts of the battles in Galicia, which have reached here, say the cavalrymen fought like heroes. Cossacks, co-operating with Russian and British motor cars, defended the Sereth line as long as the last hope remained. It is reported that artillerymen on their knees implored the infantry to save their guns, but that the infantry did not heed them.

The 5th Cyclist Battalion fought most bravely. It kept off three German regiments with its machine guns and carbines, and made several bayonet charges afoot. In one attack the men rode their bicycles. Some sections of the battalion lost 80 per cent. of their officers.

A member of the Duma, who has returned from the Dvinsk front, states that after Russian shock battalions had captured every important position it was discovered in several instances that signalling to the Germans was going on from the Russian rear. Belgian artillerymen and mechanical experts in Petrograd, many of whom were wounded on the Yser or at Ypres, are forming a "Battalion of Death" to give an example of military valor on the Russian front.

## BIG STRIKE ENDED.

Rio de Janeiro, July 27.—The strike of fifty thousand workmen, which has been in progress for several days in protest against the steadily increasing cost of living and the refusal of employers to raise wages, is virtually ended. A complete understanding between the employers and the workmen is expected shortly.

## COLORED MAN SENT TO SCAFFOLD

**Lawrence Sparks Hanged at Halifax This Morning for Murder Charles Dixon.**

Halifax, N. S., July 27.—Lawrence Sparks, colored, was hanged in the county jail this morning. He walked to the scaffold without fear. Death was instantaneous.

Sparks shot and killed Charles Dixon, another colored man, on March 12. He was to have been hanged June 25, but a stay of execution was granted. An application to the Minister of Justice for a new trial was refused.

## OFFICERS PARDONED.

Copenhagen, July 27.—A semi-official despatch from Vienna to German papers says an imperial order has been issued permitting reserve officers who were cashiered for participating in the political demonstration in Vienna, Prague and Mease to regain their commissions.

## The Women of Russia Again Show Their Martial Quality

**Many Women Have Offered Their Services to the Government, and Have Been Accepted, to Train for Duty on the Warships of the Republic.**

London, July 27.—A despatch to the London Daily Mail from Petrograd says that Russian women have offered to train themselves as crews for battleships and the Minister of the Navy has accepted their offer.

## PEACE PROPAGANDISTS IN GREAT BRITAIN DENOUNCED ON ALL SIDES AS TRAITORS

**London Papers Want the Meeting Which It is Proposed to Hold in Memorial Hall on Saturday Suppressed and Measures Taken to Stop Agitation.**

**THE ORGANIZATION PLACED ON THE SAME LINES AS THAT STARTED IN RUSSIA BY SPY LENINE**

The Labor Organizations Appealed To and the Hope Expressed that They Will Have Nothing to Do With the New Organization or Its Campaign.

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Petrograd, July 27.—Nicholai Lenine, anti-war agitator and suspected German spy, was again at large today, following a pitched battle at Torne (Finland), between government agents and anarchists.

Madame Kolontay, one of Lenine's most ardent supporters, and also suspected of being in the pay of the German government, was arrested there, with a dozen other agitators.

The fight occurred at a country palace in the Finnish city, which the anarchists had seized and occupied. WM. G. SHEPHERD.

**The Campaign Organized in Britain by the Workers and Soldiers' Council is Denounced**

(By special cable and leased wire to The Daily Gleaner.)

London, July 27.—The British press has launched a vigorous campaign against the newly organized workers' and soldiers' council, which is modelled upon the Russian council of similar name. A meeting arranged for Saturday in Memorial Hall is arousing bitter condemnation. The Express declares such peace gatherings should not be allowed. The paper sets forth the general attitude of the press which is that the so-called council is nothing but a band of peace propagandists under the guise of a labor organization. The members of such a council are compared freely to the Leninists in Russia and British workers are warned against being misled by such insidious methods.

**Organized Labor Appealed to Against the Pernicious Teachings of the New Organization**

Several members of parliament are making public appeals to organized labor to awaken to the character of the plotters and repudiate their efforts. Warnings issued broadcast say that the same doctrines Lenine has been preaching in Petrograd will be heard in Memorial Hall Saturday.

**All Chance of Victory Imperilled and The Vitality of the Nation Sapped at Source**

Stephen Walsh, M. P., writing in the Daily Express says: "I see nothing but certain disaster and irretrievable check to take chances of victory in this conflict, with the complete sapping of all vitality in organized labor, if such a scheme as the workmen's and soldiers' council persists. I sincerely hope trade unionism as a whole will set its face against this movement."

The Express editorially says: "It is highly important that the nation should know the nature of this plot, that honest workmen may be warned against having the slightest association with it."

## DETROIT MEETING WAS A FAILURE

Detroit, Mich., July 27.—Directors at Detroit Driving Club, which staged the Grand Circuit meeting here, are pessimistic over the outlook for a Grand Circuit meeting here next year. The elimination of the closing day programme, which was to have been raced today, indicates the attitude. The reason officially given was a scarcity of horses for the closing day's races.

The Detroit meeting, which is usually considered one of the most attractive in the big circuit to trainers and owners of light harness horses, opened to a record first day crowd, with a Bells programme, upon orders of Police Commissioner Cousens. All attempts to secure a modification of the rule were vain.

## SERIOUS FIGHTING IN CHINA AGAIN

Shanghai, July 27.—A correspondent of the North China Daily News reports that serious fighting has broken out again at Chang Tu, capital of the province of Sze Chuen, where Kwai Chow and Hi Yun troops have resumed the quarrel for mastery of the province. The city is in flames and the people flying in panic.

## BOY KILLED AT FRONT.

Montreal, July 27.—Private Augusto Doris, aged 14, said to be the youngest soldier in the Canadian army, is reported killed. He belonged to a French-Canadian battalion.

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A camp has been recently built on Killington Peak in the town of Sherburne, Vt. It is constructed of galvanized iron in order to be fire and porcupine proof.