

# ITALIAN GUNS HAMMERING ROVERETO FORTS

## HUNGER LOSES ITS PANGS WHEN MAIL FROM HOME ARRIVES

Hours of Hunger and Thirst Forgotten by Soldier Boys on the Firing Line When Postman Reaches Them—Friends at Home Cannot Realize How Eagerly Men Devour Every Word of Home Gossip.

(Special Staff Correspondent)

France, July 20. "Funny thing about the men in the trenches; they'd sooner get a letter from home than a square meal after days of starvation."

It was a Canadian soldier speaking. He had a bag badly cut up by scraps of shell casing, but he was amazingly cheerful. The British soldier is amazing; so cheerful he is as cheerful as a cricket, except when mentally affected. And the wounded Canadian is even more amazing than the British.

"At Ypres we lived on bully beef for five days, and little enough of that. We were short of water, too, only could take a mouthful after our sumptuous meal, and wet our burning tongues once between meals. Generally they fed us pretty well, but at Ypres, after we were practically cut off, they couldn't get the grub up to us. The Germans were everywhere, and they were pouring shells into the communication trenches as thick as black flies. Sections coming up with supplies were unable to reach us. A dozen of ours were killed in the night, intending to bring back ammunition and grub; but mostly they never came back."

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## PRESIDENT OF PRIZE COURT WITHHOLDS HIS DECISION

Hearing in Meat Cargo brought to a close yesterday.

London, Aug. 3.—Sir Samuel Evans, president of the British Prize Court, reserved judgment in the meat cargo cases when the hearing closed today with the conclusion of the summing up of the case for the crown by Sir Frederick C. Smith, the solicitor-general.

The case affects the disposal of the cargo of the Norwegian steamship Alfred Nobel, and the Swedish steamer Fridland, consisting of farm produce, meat from the great American packing house, and lard, which have been detained by the British government.

Sir Frederick Smith claimed that the entire cargoes should be condemned on the ground that they had been intended for Germany; that the claimants had failed to prove their innocent destination, and he alleged fraud on the part of the American packers.

The Solicitor-General pointed out that it was only by accident that the Crown was enabled to obtain a gleam of light through the interception of telegrams which had found their way into the hands of the British censors, because the messages were obliged to traverse the cables passing through this country.

There had been a vast system of communication, he said, which had not come within the reach of the censors and he asserted that the claimants had persistently refused to produce any documents.

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## ENEMY ROUTED IN BRILLIANT BAYONET CHARGE BY ITALIANS

Fix Bayonets and Charge, is answer Regiment of Bersaglieri give Kaiserjaegers who called on them to surrender—Austrians driven from positions with heavy losses.

Udine, Italy, Aug. 3.—Italian officers arriving here from the front say that the Austrian attempts to retake the positions occupied by the Italians on Carpo plateau reached their climax when the Austro-Hungarian command launched against Mount Selsbui one of four Kaiserjaeger regiments which had just arrived from Vienna.

The Kaiserjaegers met a regiment of Bersaglieri and shouted to them to surrender. The next moment, the officers say, 4,000 fixed bayonets flashed in a desperate hand-to-hand struggle and when finally the Bersaglieri occupied the Austrian positions, the field where the Kaiserjaegers had stood resembled a scene of immense carnage. Few of the Austrians had escaped.

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## NO IMMEDIATE DANGER OF FAMINE IN MEXICO CITY

Supplies enough for all needs of population for a month, Gen. Gonzales says.

Mexico City, Aug. 3.—General Pablo Gonzales, commander of the Carranza forces, told the Associated Press today that with his army had come sufficient food supplies to plentifully furnish all the needs of the population of the federal capital for at least one month. These supplies, he said, included 7,000 sacks of flour, 100 cars of corn and large quantities of sugar, coffee, butter and beans. A commission will commence the distribution of the food stuffs tomorrow.

Gen. Gonzales said that communication both by rail and telegraph has been established and that food will soon begin to arrive from various sections of the republic. He asserted that order everywhere in the federal district had been restored and that business once more was assuming its normal way.

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Ottawa, Aug. 3.—The Dominion Justice Department is at a loss to understand a Seattle despatch this morning to the effect that several hundred farmers of German birth who were expelled from Canada or fled from this country to escape internment, are now at Seattle and that 1,000 of them plan to establish a farm colony on the other side of the border.

"We have expelled no German farmers unless perhaps an occasional one with a jail record who would be classed as an 'undesirable citizen,'" was the statement made at the Justice Department this morning. "Quite possibly some have fled to escape internment, but not many. As a matter of fact very few German farmers have been interned at all. Some have been warned and then sent back to their farms and most of them are too busy with the harvest to raise much trouble. On the whole the German farmer of the west has been well behaved."

That a thousand Germans were expelled or fled to escape internment is therefore a statement which seems to have been manufactured from whole cloth.

Hot weather brings a host of annoying skin troubles so quickly disposed of by Poslam that a box ready at hand is a necessity for summer skin comfort. Its overmint will clear inflamed skin, undue redness and many eruptions.

For sunburn there is nothing better. Used for mosquito bites, takes out the sting and soothes. Stops itching and drives away soreness.

Eczema, acne, tetter, psoriasis, and all forms of itch are rapidly mastered by this efficient remedy for every skin ailment.

Use Poslam Soap daily for Toilet and Bath, particularly if skin is tender and other soaps irritate.

For samples, send 4c. stamps to Emergency Laboratories, 32 West 25th St., New York City. Sold by all druggists.

The trouble with most thin folks who wish to gain weight is that they insist on draining their stomach or stuffing it with greasy foods, pushing on useless "flesh creams," or following some foolish physical culture stunt, while the real cause of thinness goes untouched. You cannot get fat until your digestive tract assimilates the food you eat.

Thanks to a remarkable new scientific discovery, it is now possible to combine into simple form the very elements needed by the digestive organs to help them convert food into rich, fat-laden blood. This masterstroke of modern chemistry is called Sargol and has been termed the greatest of flesh-builders. Sargol aims through its re-energetic, re-constructive powers to coax the stomach and intestines to literally soak up the fattening elements of your food and pass them into the blood, where they are carried to every starved, broken-down cell and tissue of your body. You can readily picture the result when this amazing transformation has taken place and you notice how your neck, shoulders and bust disappear and you take on from ten to twenty pounds of solid, healthy flesh. Sargol is absolutely harmless, inexpensive, efficient. Your druggist has it and will refund your money if you are not satisfied, as per the guarantee found in every package.

Caution—While Sargol has given excellent results in overcoming nervous dyspepsia and general stomach troubles it should not be taken by those who do not wish to gain ten pounds or more.

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Seamen and Stokers with previous experience of the sea are wanted for the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteers. Applicants should apply personally, or by letter, to the Recruiting Officer, H. M. C. Dockyard, Halifax, giving particulars of their sea-going experience, and enclosing a Doctor's certificate as to their fitness for service. Their travelling expenses to and from their homes will be refunded if they are found unsuitable.

Rates of pay—  
Ordinary Seaman ..... 80c. a day.  
Able Seaman ..... 85c. a day.  
Efficiency Allowance ..... 15c. a day.  
Stokers ..... \$1.10 a day.

Also, Separation Allowance to wife or dependents of \$12.50 a month on Shore Service, and \$20.00 a month while in a sea-going ship.

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