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TURKS AND GERMANS BREAK OFF RELATIONS

Seizure of Cruiser Hamidieh by Kaiser's Officers, as Compensation for Loss of Breslau, Proves Intolerable to Constantinople—Excitement Grows Against Central Powers in Ottoman Capital—Bad Feeling Towards Bulgaria Also Led to the Rupture.

London, July 29.—"The relations between Germany and Turkey have been severed, according to direct information from Constantinople."

This announcement is made by the Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The excitement against Germany, the advices further say, has been growing, particularly after last week's events. The Germans recently demanded the cruiser Hamidieh, the only large ship then in possession of Turkey, as compensation for the Breslau, the former German cruiser, which was destroyed in the Dardanelles while under the Turkish flag. Despite Turkey's protest, the Hamidieh departed for Sebastopol with the German flag flying.

DISPUTE WITH BULGARIA

For a long time there have been rumors that Turkey was opposed to the share of Rumania that Bulgaria was to receive and that Turkey also was looking with jealous eyes toward the Black Sea littoral, the Caucasus and the Balkans.

Announcement was made in the reichstag in June that differences had arisen between Bulgaria and Turkey over the division of lands taken from Rumania under the peace agreement with the central powers. The announcement was made by Dr. von Kuehlmann, then German foreign secretary, who said that the provisional arrangement, which it was desired should continue for as short a time as possible, must find its rational solution in the union of Dobruja with Bulgaria in accordance with the desires of the Bulgarian people.

Announcement was made some time ago that Germany and Turkey were in a hot dispute over the disposition of Russia's Black Sea fleet. Talat Pasha, the Turkish grand vizier, replying to deputations from the Turkish Navy League, which pointed out that Turkey had an incontestable claim to the fleet, said the negotiations were proceeding between Germany and Russia for the handing over of the fleet to Germany, but that the Turkish Government had taken energetic action with a view to acquiring it.

ROYAL COMMISSION POSSIBLE SOLUTION

Cabinet Again in Session, Considering Strike of Western Letter Carriers.

Ottawa, July 29.—The situation in western Canada arising out of the strike of letter carriers was under review by the cabinet council this afternoon, but there was no definite announcement when the sitting was concluded as to what the government proposes to do should the postmen insist on remaining out. There is still a possibility, it is believed here, that a way may be found out of the difficulty by the appointment of a royal commission to deal with any matters still in dispute between the government and its employees after the conference between the sub-committee of the cabinet and the representatives of the men on Aug. 6.

"We are positive," said a minister of the crown this afternoon, "that we could get together if the western men would agree to resume work and be represented at the conference." Further consideration will be given to the matter tomorrow by the cabinet. Today's meeting was attended by all the ministers in the capital. They fully realize the difficult character of the problem confronting the government, but insist that it would be unwise to admit the principle of exercise of control over the salaries of civil servants by a body not responsible to parliament which would be involved in the appointment of a board of conciliation.

GOOD ALLIED PROGRESS ON SIDES OF SALIENT

Washington, July 29.—Official despatches to the war department, Secretary Baker said today, showed that the allies made substantial progress on both sides of the Soissons-Rheims salient Sunday.

A BREAK IN CLOUDS; ALLIED SUN IS HIGH

Lord Curzon Declares German Prestige Has Suffered From Failure of Blow.

London, July 29.—The benches of Gray's Inn dined the ministers responsible for the fighting services at Gray's Inn hall tonight. The guests included Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the United States navy, and Vice-Admiral William S. Sims, U.S.N., Sir Frederick E. Smith, the attorney-general, president.

ALLIED FOOD CONTROL BODY IS ESTABLISHED

London, July 29.—The conference in London on the food controllers of the United Kingdom, France, Italy and the United States, is continuing its labors. Meetings are being held every day and it is believed they will have ended their discussions by the end of the week.

AIMS OF BRITAIN TOWARD RUSSIA

Political and Economic Restoration Sought, With German Expulsion.

London, Tuesday Morning, July 30.—The British Government has defined its aims regarding Russia, in a reply to the provisional government of Siberia, according to The Daily Mail's correspondent at Vladivostok. The statement follows:

"The aim of his majesty's government is to secure the political and economic restoration of Russia without internal interference of any kind and to bring about the expulsion of enemy forces from Russian soil. His majesty's government categorically declares that it has no intention of infringing on the slightest degree on the territorial integrity of Russia."

WAR VETERANS OPEN GREAT CONVENTION

Two Hundred Delegates, Representing Whole Membership, Are Present.

MUCH TO BE DISCUSSED One of Questions is Whether Association Shall Enter Political Field.

The question of the status of the war veteran who reached no farther than the shores of Britain or of Canada was the chief topic of discussion at yesterday afternoon's session of the G.W.V.A. Dominion convention which was held at the technical school, Harbour street. This question will be further discussed this morning when the convention opens up at half-past nine. Another matter which was taken up yesterday and which has not yet been decided was the status of J. J. Shanahan, first vice-president of the association, who was charged with having joined a counter-association to combat the war effort.

The general secretary's report for the year was criticized as inadequately representing the work of the Dominion executive relative to important questions such as pensions and the alien problem. In reply he stated that he had only recently taken up the work, and that the late secretary, N. F. R. Knight, who had left for the United States, had left no documents touching upon the work of the Dominion executive. In these circumstances he had been unable to make as comprehensive a report as he had desired. It was unanimously decided to accept his report and to have him make out a more definite statement of the executive's operations later.

Against Political Action. The addresses of the premier, of the president of the Great War Veterans Association, Lieut.-Col. W. E. Purney, and of Mayor Church were among the features of the day's proceedings. It was stated by many of the members that as the minister of education was engaged in contesting a riding in the province he could scarcely be allowed to address the convention.

There are more than 200 delegates at the convention representing 25,000 members of the association from one end of the Dominion to the other.

FURTHER WEDGES DRIVEN BY ALLIES INTO ENEMY FRONT

French and American Troops Have Advanced Line on Ourcq.

RETREAT IS ORDERLY

Far Inside Salient, Villages in Flames Would Indicate a Further Retirement.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Germans have powerfully strengthened their battle line running across the Soissons-Rheims salient with additional fresh reserves and have stubbornly disputed further passage northward to the entente allied troops, the enemy front has been compelled to bend back appreciably on all sides of the salient, except at the anchor points resting immediately on Soissons and Rheims.

South of Soissons further wedges have been driven eastward into the enemy front down the Ourcq River; and along the Ourcq French and American troops have crossed the stream at various points and advanced their line west to the northward, while southward of Rheims the allies have debouched from the wooded sectors and gained the plains, notwithstanding the violence of the enemy's counter-maneuvres. At some points in checking the forward movement, but nowhere were they able to bring it to a standstill.

The retirement of the Germans still remains orderly, but everywhere the allied troops are pressing them hard. Particularly bitter fighting has taken place around Fere-en-Tardenois and at Sergy, both of which towns are now in the hands of the French and Americans.

The battle line shifted back and forth as Sergy changed hands four times but the Germans finally drove the French out and retained the village, inflicting heavy casualties.

The fighting in Fere-Tardenois also was of a sanguinary character, the opposing forces fighting in close for the possession of the town, but with the Germans being gradually driven back under the machine gun and rifle fire of the French and British troops.

Immediately south of Soissons on the west side of the salient the Germans strove heroically to hold back their enemies in order to prevent the further flanking of Soissons and the possible cutting off of their forces of their men fighting along the Ourcq south of Oulchy-le-Chateau. J. J. Shanahan, first vice-president of the association, who was charged with having joined a counter-association to combat the war effort, was appointed to investigate the charges preferred against Mr. Shanahan which were considered by the resolutions committee, and among these is one moved by W. Carmichael of the Riverbank branch, to the effect that the association consider the advisability of re-entering the political field, and that whenever occasion warranted the association place a returned soldier in the field. This resolution may come up for discussion at any moment. It will prove a contentious subject, two strongly opposed factions taking issue in this matter.

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MANY VILLAGES TAKEN NORTH OF RIVER OURCQ

Nipped in the Bud

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front, July 29.—The tremendous stores of German ammunition found by the Franco-American troops in the forests of Fere and Ris leads officers to believe that the allied offensive nipped in the bud German plans for a momentous drive upon Soissons.

The forests and the surrounding country north of the Marne were virtually one great arsenal for German ammunition of all kinds, big gun shells being particularly numerous. At places on the edges of the woods there were large shells stacked like cordwood over large areas. Thousands of these shells were intended for the German 210-millimetre gun, only a few of which have been captured. The Americans assume that the Germans withdrew many of these guns and that others intended for the great drive had not yet arrived when the allied offensive began. All thru the forests the Americans came upon ammunition depots, at some places more than an acre or so being covered with shells of all calibres. Some of the smaller shells were found in the open fields. Along the roads everywhere, and even in the open places, the shells were camouflaged with limbs of trees.

WOMAN IS KILLED; ANOTHER INJURED

Were Talking on Sidewalk When Struck by Motor Truck.

ON ST. CLAIR AVENUE

Machine Swerved From Road at Fast Rate, Jumping Curb.

Mrs. Bursey, 1209 St. Clair avenue, was almost instantly killed, and Mrs. Morris, 22 Ashburnham road, was seriously injured, when a motor truck jumped the curb and running on to the sidewalk pinned the women against a brick wall situated just west of Dufferin street, on St. Clair avenue, at 10:30 last night.

Without waiting to ascertain the injuries caused, the driver of the truck and his two companions ran away, and their identity was not known up to an early hour this morning. The police, who immediately took charge of the case, are endeavoring to effect an arrest from the description given by eye-witnesses.

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"We were sitting upstairs," said one of the occupants of Mr. Fairthorn's home, "when we heard the crash. We did not see the accident, but went down immediately to investigate."

THREATENED STRIKE OF RAILWAY SHOPMEN

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE TO COME AFTER WAR

London, July 29.—Replying to Lees Smith in the house of commons, Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, said that he did not in the leastwise admit that the policy of imperial preference was fatal to a league of nations.

Scottish Troops Advance at Buzancy—

French Capture Grand Rozoy, Cugny, and Butte Chalmont, Making Dent in German Lines Above Fere-en-Tardenois—Allies Approach Hills Dominating Fismes, Where Germans Have Large Concentration of Stores.

Paris, July 29.—The allied forces continued to gain ground at almost all points on the Soissons-Rheims salient today, but the principal progress, according to the war office announcement tonight, was on the left flank and around Fere-en-Tardenois. Numerous villages fell into the hands of the allies.

"The day was marked by very violent engagements along the whole front north of the Marne. The enemy, whose resistance was powerfully increased, disputed ground with us foot by foot and attempted to force us back by numerous counter-attacks. Our troops repulsed all assaults and made new progress."

"On the outskirts of the Village of Buzancy Scottish troops captured the park and chateau and maintained their positions despite the repeated efforts of the Germans."

"East of Plessier Huleu and Oulchy-le-Chateau we advanced beyond the Chateau Thierry road and captured Grand Rozoy and Cugny; we occupied 200, which in the distance overlook Fismes, where the Germans have large concentrations of stores."

Further to the east the allied troops have crossed the Ourcq at several places, and taken Corbeny Farm, southwest of Saponay.

The enemy artillery is replying only feebly to the allied attacks.

BRITISH ADVANCE IN MORLANCOURT ZONE

Fresh Germans Thrown In

London, July 29.—British troops last night carried out a successful operation in the Morlancourt sector, the war office announces tonight. The British took all their objectives and the German counter-attacks were beaten off with loss to the enemy. The text of the communication follows:

"In the successful minor operations carried out by us last night in the Morlancourt sector we captured 143 prisoners and 36 machine guns. All our objectives were taken and three counter-attacks were beaten off with loss to the enemy."

Great Fields of Spring Wheat.

The barley harvest is beginning this week, and next week ought to see the ripper fields of spring wheat of Ontario going down before thousands of binders. Of all the fields in Ontario there is probably nothing like a series on the farm of Mr. R. J. Fleming, on the Kingston road between Pickering and Whitby, in the aggregate over 200 acres.

They had been sown last fall to fall wheat; most was winter killed; Mr. Fleming in April turned in his implements, worked it all over again and sowed Marquis (spring) wheat in its place; the result is the greatest showing ever seen on one farm in Ontario; all the indications yesterday were of 200 acres of a probable yield of at least 40 bushels to the acre. The wheat stands up as close as it could be packed, much above the average height, and every head loaded with the plumpest and heaviest kind of kernels. It is the judgment of the neighbors, and of the experts who have gone to see the fields, that never was such a display seen on a similar acreage and prospective yield in one spot in Ontario.

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