

TURKS DEMORALIZED BY SWIFT RUSSIAN ASSAULT, OPERATIONS ON THE OTHER FRONTS ARE ENCOURAGING

ITALIAN OFFENSIVE FORCES BERLIN TO ADMIT ITS VIGOR

At Various Points in Dolomites New Positions Captured by Italy's Forces With Little Difficulty

German War Office Says "Italian Artillery is Displaying Increasing Ability Along Isonzo Front"—Gun Power Pre-dominance Coming to Austria's Opponent in South—Different Sectors Pounded Unceasingly by Italian Heavy Guns.

Rome, Aug. 24, via London, 5.20 p. m.—The Italians are pressing their offensive movements at various points in the Dolomites, along the far northern portion of the Austro-Italian front, and today report their occupation of new positions in the Fassa Alps.

"Small offensive operations by our troops," says the official statement, "gave us possession of some new positions in the rough, mountainous area of the Fassa Alps."

"At the head of the Fossenuova Valley we occupied height 2,534, south of Cima Di Cece."

Enemy Admits Pressure. Berlin, Aug. 24, by wireless to Sayville.—The Italian artillery is displaying increasing ability along the Isonzo front, according to the Austrian headquarters report of August 23. No important infantry engagements anywhere along the Austro-Italian front are reported in the announcement, which follows:

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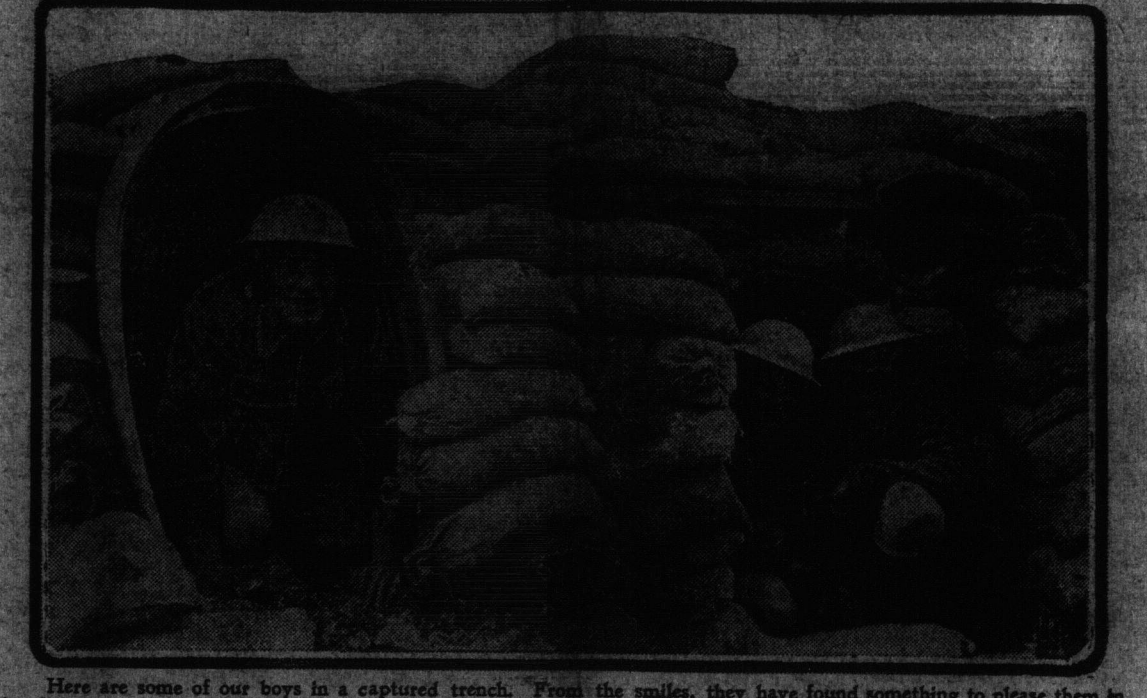
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BRITISH SOLDIERS IN HUN TRENCHES



Here are some of our boys in a captured trench. From the smiles, they have found something to please them in the dugouts. Note the steel shields over the doorways.

FRENCH TROOPS NOW MASTERS OF MAUREPAS

Occupation of Strongly Disputed Point Completed by Joffre's Men and Advance Made Even Beyond the Town

British Troops Push Their Lines Forward Capturing 400 Yards of German Trench and Taking Many Prisoners—Exchange of Captive Officers and Men Effected on Battle Line—Heavy Artillery Duel Continues—Activities Again Reported in Verdun Region.

Paris, Aug. 24.—The French troops today completed the occupation of Maurepas, and carried their line 200 metres (about 200 yards) beyond the town on a front of two kilometres (about one and a quarter miles), according to the ANOTHER BRITISH ADVANCE.

London, Aug. 24.—The British troops have advanced 300 yards south of Thiepval, capturing a German trench 400 yards in length and many prisoners, according to the official statement, issued by the war office tonight. The text of the statement follows:

"South of Thiepval this afternoon we made a further advance of 300 yards, capturing an enemy trench 400 yards in length. Many prisoners are being taken in this sector. Yesterday 62, including two officers, were passed back. These are in addition to 164 already reported. Today a further number was taken, the exact number not yet being ascertained."

"A hostile bombing attack against our new trenches north of Bazentin-Le-Petit was easily repulsed last night. There has been considerable hostile shelling this evening along our front, mainly in reply to our bombardment."

German Attack Fails. Paris, Aug. 24.—After an intense bombardment of the Soyecourt Woods, the Germans attacked, with grenades, the French positions south of the Somme last night, but without avail, says today's war office statement. Positions between Fleury and Thiepval, which had been taken by the French, were violently shelled by the German guns.

"On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun) front the enemy bombarded the positions we captured yesterday between Fleury and Thiepval. We took more than 280 prisoners, including five officers, during the course of this attack. There has been a somewhat lively artillery duel in the region of Chenoy. Everywhere else the night was relatively quiet."

Won Against Great Odds. "Aviation: On Aug. 23, on the Somme front, one of our air pilots was attacked by three enemy machines. He succeeded in escaping his adversaries, one of whom he brought down precipitately to earth near Atties, in the vicinity of Hem. Yesterday an Albatross was brought down by our men in the neighborhood of the British army yachts. Zaida, which was engaged in destroying petrol stores in the Gulf. According to a Turkish report four officers and nineteen men of the crew of the Zaida were taken prisoner. The fate of the remaining two officers and eight men is unknown, and it is assumed that they are lost."

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RUSSIANS REOCCUPY MUSH; ENTIRE TURKISH REGIMENT CAPTURED

Official Report Says 2,300 Prisoners Taken in Battle of Rachta in Southern Turkish Armenia

Czar's Gallant Troops Defeat Four Turkish Divisions; "Counting of Booty and Prisoners is Proceeding"—Berlin Admits Russians Press Hard in Endeavor to Advance Through Passes Into Hungary—Good News From the Caucasus Front.

Petrograd, Aug. 24, via London.—The Russian forces operating in Southern Turkish Armenia have reoccupied Mush, which was captured by the Turks on Aug. 3, says an official communication issued by the war department tonight. The statement says the Russians captured 2,300 prisoners in the battle at Rachta. The communication says:

"Western (Russian) front: The situation is unchanged. "Caucasus front: Our troops, pressing the enemy in the region to the west of Lake Van, entered Mush, where they took some prisoners. "Supplementary information received from army headquarters says that in the battle fought in the region of Rachta, where we surrounded portions of the fourth Turkish division, we took prisoner the whole of the eleventh Turkish regiment, consisting of its commander, 56 officers and 1,600 of the rank and file, as well as nearly all of the remnants of the tenth Turkish regiment, consisting of two staff officers, several other officers and 650 Askaris. We also captured, in this battle, three cannon and three machine guns."

FOUR DIVISIONS DEFEATED. Petrograd, Aug. 24.—Further advances by the Russians west of Lake Van, in Southern Turkish Armenia, are reported in the official statement, which follows:

"Our offensive west of Lake Van is developing. Northeast of the town of Mush we occupied the region of the village of Arifdovank. In the direction of Mossol our gallant troops defeated four Turkish divisions in the region of the village of Bachta. "Two regiments were surrounded and taken prisoners. One of these regiments surrendered in a body, with its commander and staff, cannon and machine guns were captured. The counting of the booty and the prisoners taken is proceeding."

Berlin Reports Quiet. Berlin, Aug. 24, via London.—The official announcement of today regarding operations on the eastern front is as follows:

"With the exception of minor successful engagements against Russian advanced troops, as a result of which prisoners and booty were brought in, there were no developments of importance."

Austrian Official Statement. Berlin, Aug. 24, by wireless to Sayville.—"In addition to successful minor engagements there were no incidents of importance on the eastern front. Large quantities of ammunition and supplies, including eight machine guns, were captured by the Bulgarians."

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It, that our brave son and brother has been taken away. But our kind Heavenly Father knows all and we must bear it all, until the day comes when we shall all be called home to be with God, which is far better.

"There were a few letters at the headquarters for George. The major told me to look after them, which I did. I have them now. I opened them and will have them sent to you in a few days; also any other articles found on his body if I can get them."

"I am to go up to the grave in a few days and to see the other fellows in the battery. The corporal was up and saw George's grave, also saw the cross for him, which was very nice. He said George was well liked in the battery and they all miss him so much."

"A CLEAN WIN OR NO WIN," SLOGAN OF OPPOSITION

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money and no rum. A clean fight, victory with honor, or no victory."

"The result in New Brunswick would not be altered one iota by the result in Carleton, but if the people here once realize that their reputation for public honor and public honesty is at stake they will show B. Frank Smith and his colleague, whoever he may be, that they cannot tamper with the voters of Carleton any more than they can with the voters of Westmorland," he continued.

Regards to the Standard. "And now," said Mr. Carter, "a word or two to the Standard newspaper, which for the time being is adopting a threatening attitude as to what it may do if I and other opposition critics persist in making charges against government members and their supporters."

"Mr. Chairman, it does not scare me one bit. Let the Standard say what it pleases; my action will be the same. They cannot deter me from fighting against the forces of graft and the men who are robbing the people. The Standard was started to a great extent with graft money—with \$14,000 provided out of the funds of the guarantee of New Brunswick to build the Northern New Brunswick and Seaboard Railway and the Gloucester Iron Mines proposition. Since then, many of its directors have been prominent as politicians and otherwise."

"A few days ago I had an opportunity to say a few words about five of these directors, Messrs. Jones, Baxter, Tennant, Nagle and Bell. I am prepared to repeat that statement in enlarged form with added particulars and with undoubted proof at any time and at any place. I want the Standard to understand this. I also want it to understand that in this campaign public men and their friends who have pillaged this province will be exposed when the occasion arises. Mr. Smith's patriotic potato graft will be exposed, and some other transactions of Mr. Smith's, with respect to transactions with the very department of which he is now the minister, will be exposed."

"The Standard in this morning's issue refers to my 'slandering misrepresentations.' No one knows any better than the Standard that there is a remedy for any one who thinks he is slandered. What I had to say about the Standard directors I can prove—so come on."

Mr. Carter then spoke of such men as the "political cancers of the government" and of the Standard's treatment with the knife they will run the party which they are misrepresenting."

"Why, in St. John," said Mr. Carter, "these promoting, political parasites are draining the life-blood of the conservative party, making it impossible for many upright honorable men to remain in it."

RUSSIANS AIM TO OUTFLANK KOVEL

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"Northwest of Huluch (north of Aras) and east of Le Plantin, the enemy attempted to raid our trenches. These raids were driven back with loss to the enemy, who only succeeded in reaching our line at one point from which he was quickly driven out again."

"Near Givency the enemy exploded a mine near one of our forward posts but caused us no casualties, and we made use of the crater as a defensive post. Further north we liberated gas successfully against the enemy's positions at two places."

Two Airmen Brought Down. Paris, Aug. 21.—There has been no infantry fighting on the French sector of the Somme front, according to the official statement, issued by the French war office tonight. On the remainder of the front there was the usual cannonading. The statement says:

"On the Somme front our batteries shelled German works north and south of the river. There was no infantry activity in the course of the day. An intermittent cannonade took place on the remainder of the front."

"Our aviators had numerous encounters with the enemy. Two enemy airmen were brought down inside his lines, one in the region of Denicourt and the other near Berry."

Berlin's Version. Berlin, Aug. 24, via London, 6.05 p. m.—The Bulgarian attack is proceeding

against the Serbian positions near Lake Ostrovo, on the Macedonian front. The Bulgarian war office report of today says the Bulgarians defeated Serbian counter-attacks. The announcement follows:

"On the heights west of Lake Ostrovo the Serbians are still offering resistance to the Bulgarian attack. Their counter-attacks against Demastzeri failed."

"All reports from the enemy's camp regarding Serbo-Franco-British successes, both here and on the Vardar and the Struma are pure inventions."

Belgian Steamer Wreck. Quebec, Aug. 24.—The Belgian transport steamer Indulnare, which grounded some days ago on the reefs off Magalen Islands, in the Gulf, is a total wreck. She broke to two last night.

Fighting at Verdun. Berlin, Aug. 24, via London.—French infantry made several attacks last night in the region of Thiaumont Wood, north-east of Verdun. These assaults, the war office reports, were unsuccessful.

Denmark Not to Sell West India Islands. Proposal for Disposal to United States Turned Down by Majority of 39 Votes.

London, Aug. 24, 6.28 p. m.—The Danish Landsting has rejected the proposal to sell the Danish West Indies to the United States, says a Reuter despatch from Copenhagen. The vote was taken in committee by the Landsting, the upper house of the Danish parliament. The treaty was rejected by 29 votes.

British Armed Yacht Probably Sunk by Huns. London, Aug. 24.—The admiralty announces that the German claim of having sunk a patrol boat in the neighborhood of the Gulf of Alexandrette doubtless refers to the British armed yacht Zaida, which was engaged in destroying petrol stores in the Gulf. According to a Turkish report four officers and nineteen men of the crew of the Zaida were taken prisoner. The fate of the remaining two officers and eight men is unknown, and it is assumed that they are lost.

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INDICATIONS OF NAVAL BATTLE. Amsterdam, Aug. 24, via London, 4.30 p. m.—Advices received here today from the Dutch Island of Ameland, in the North Sea, state that continual and heavy gunfire, from the north, has been audible all through the morning.

ACTIVITY IN CARLETON CO. Strong Feeling Against the Government's Candidate HIS RUNNING MATE

F. C. Squires Stated for the Task—Many Former Supporters of Smith Anxious to Vote to Condemn Patriotic Potato Transaction—Believed Money Will Not Count.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Woodstock, N. B., Aug. 24.—Both government and opposition forces are preparing for the big election September 21. The friends of B. F. Smith have been on the anxious hunt for a good running mate for him. The task was not easy and is not ended though the friends of F. C. Squires, and Squires himself, stated today that he is the man. There is no doubt of Squires' willingness to be a candidate. He was chosen once in 1912 by the then Premier Fleming, and was regularly nominated in party convention. Later the buck among certain party men was so vigorous that it was decided Squires had better finish his education instead of going into politics. Since then Squires has been teaching school in Florenceville and Woodstock, but has abandoned that for the pursuit of law to which profession he intends soon to be admitted.

Government Supporters in Revolt. The opposition is not wasting any time. From all parts of the county the government supporters are in revolt. The idea has gone abroad that Carleton county is to be used to pull a discredited and corrupt government out of a serious position and the people don't like it. The fair name of Carleton county has been dragged in the dust too much of late by Flemming and Teed and the man most interested in the outrageous patriotic and Belgian potato transaction, and electors are unwilling that further indignity should be heaped upon them by asking them as a last resort to endorse and approve of B. Frank Smith.

"If you don't bring out opposition to Frank Smith," said a prominent Conservative in Centreville, "I'll be very much disappointed. I want a chance to vote against the man who wants to make thousands out of New Brunswick's gift to England, and New Brunswick's help to the starving Belgian children. I'm still a Conservative, mind you, but I am going to vote against this sort of thing."

Feeling Strong. There are hundreds of men who think the same way, who in the past

CONCILIATION BOARD SUBMITS ITS FINDING

G. N. W. Operators' Difficulties Adjusted—Many Old Grievances Swept Away by Acceptance of New Terms.

Ottawa, Aug. 24.—The report of the conciliation board that settled the G. N. W. operators dispute with the company has been received by the labor department. The department, in giving the details, does not disclose the rates of salary, but the other chief points in the finding, which has been accepted by both sides, are:

Promotion by seniority where ability is equal, last man on to be first off when German staffs are reduced; men filling positions of sub-chiefs for over thirty days entitled to salary of position; no suspension or discharge without investigation; fortnight's vacation, with pay each year, after four years' continuous service; nine hours to constitute straight day duty, beginning and ending between 7 a. m. and 6 p. m.; eight hours to constitute day's work on all "split tricks," and no trick to be split more than once, seven and one-half hours to constitute early and late night tricks; extra time for Sunday work; on other regular holidays five hours in day, or four and one-half hours at night, will entitle telegraphers to full pay.

It is understood the maximum salary for first class operators will be \$90 a month, starting at \$80 and automatically advancing \$5 a year.

Second class operators will start at \$70 a month, and will continue until they graduate into the first class grade. The minimum salary for all operators will be \$60.

Huns Say They Injured Russian Torpedo Boat

Berlin, Aug. 24, via wireless to Sayville.—A Russian torpedo boat, of the largest and most modern type, was badly damaged by an explosion off the Courland coast on August 22, according to information received by the Overseas News Agency, and given out today.

The damaged craft, according to these advices, was towed by other torpedo boats toward the coast of Oesel Island.