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FRENCH CAPTURE STRONG GERMAN WORK

HAIG REPORTS FURTHER PROGRESS IN SOMME FIGHTING

ONTARIO GOVT. TO TAKE EARLY REFERENDUM ON TEMPERANCE

HAIG RECORDS MORE GAINS IN FIGHTING ALONG SOMME

Officially Announces Moving Ahead Near Pozieres.

STILL AT CLOSE QUARTERS

Counter-Attacks Made After Dark Failed.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Aug. 2.—4:05 p.m.—Further progress has been made by the British troops to the east of Pozieres, in the River Somme region, it was officially announced this afternoon.

The text of the British official statement follows:

"Last night some further progress was made in the trenches east of Pozieres, where fighting at close quarters by small detachments has been in progress. Hostile counter-attacks delivered after dark yesterday evening against our new trenches to the west of Highwood failed to get through our artillery barrage."

U. S. CABLES PLEA TO SAVE THE LIFE OF CHIEF REBEL

Clemency Urged for Sir Roger Casement, Who Dies Thursday.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, August 2.—At President Wilson's direction the state department today cabled to Ambassador Page for presentation to the British foreign office the resolution passed last week by the senate requesting the president to urge that Great Britain extend clemency to Irish political offenders. The resolution, designed chiefly to aid Sir Roger Casement, sentenced to hang tomorrow, was held up by legislative formalities and reached the White House yesterday. Acting Secretary of State Polk said Ambassador Page would not be instructed to make verbal representations in handing the resolution to the foreign office.

SEIZE ALL GERMAN FUNDS AS REPLY TO FRYATT ATROCITY

[Canadian Press.]

New York, August 2.—The London correspondent of the Tribune cables that Sir Henry Dalsiel told him yesterday that he intended to follow up his campaign for the confiscation of all German funds in Great Britain, in retaliation for German barbarism. He would carry on the campaign not only in Parliament, but also

Early Liquor Referendum Planned By Hearst Govt. To Test Public Opinion

Ontario Cabinet, It Is Now Said, Considers Prohibition Measure in Advance of Public Opinion, and Talks of Going to Electorate in a Few Months.

(Canadian Press.)

Toronto, Aug. 2.—The Ontario Government it is understood after mature consideration has reached the conclusion that the prohibition measure, which is to come into operation on September 16, is in advance of public opinion. The cabinet is seriously discussing the advisability of an early referendum to the electorate to decide the temperance problem. That referendum will consist of the three following questions:

1. Are you in favor of the liquor license system?
 2. Are you in favor of beer and wine licenses?
 3. Are you in favor of total prohibition?
- Want Early Vote.
From an absolutely reliable source, says the Evening Telegram, it is learned that Premier Hearst and his colleagues now think that there is not a majority behind the temperance law. They believe that it would be folly to wait until 1917 for a plebiscite to the people, and that a vote as soon as possible would be the better policy. No vote or change in the law can be arranged for until the Ontario Legislature meets in January or February of 1917. The Government, if it so desired, could call an emergency meeting of the Legislature and get authority to submit a referendum and it is possible that this may be done. The House meeting early in September and the vote being taken a short time later.

Germany Must Restore Serbia and Belgium

Essential Part of Any Peace Conditions, Says Asquith.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Aug. 2.—A news agency dispatch from London says: England regards as an essential part of any peace conditions the restoration by Germany of Belgium and Serbia, both materially and economically, and the repatriation of the devastated portions of France and Russia. Premier Asquith declared in a speech in the House of Commons.

WILL MAYOR ATTEMPT THIRD TERM RACE?

Rumor Says He Will, But No Statement From His Worship.

One of the dog-day stories now in circulation at the city hall is that Mayor H. A. Stevenson has the third-term fever.

The mayor has nothing to say in regard to the rumors, but there are indications that he will announce himself when the time comes. On the other hand, Controller Gammage and Controller John M. Moore are looked upon as the logical candidates.

DEUTSCHLAND NOW SPEEDING RAPIDLY FOR OPEN WATERS

Believed She Will Hide in Some Cove or Inlet.

MAKE THE DASH LATER

Accompanied by Aeroplanes From American Cruiser North Carolina.

[Canadian Press.]

Newport News, Va., August 2.—The German merchant submarine Deutschland was sighted off Tangier Sound at 6 o'clock this morning. She was still heading toward the lower bay at a high rate of speed. Tangier Sound is about 75 miles above the cape.

AN AEROPLANE GUARD

Two aeroplanes were seen flying over Chesapeake Bay at Hampton Roads shortly after daybreak this morning. They were not from the Atlantic coast aeroplanal station here, as believed they came from the armored cruiser North Carolina on neutrality patrol off the Virginia Capes. The machines manoeuvred back and forth over the water at a moderate altitude.

MAY HIDE IN COVE.

Baltimore, August 2.—A Solomon Islands dispatch said that the Deutschland was steaming at about sixteen knots an hour, that there was no indication when she would stop, and that it seemed she was going right down to the Cape. If this proves true the Deutschland should be sighted at Old Point, Va., or at some point of observation in that neighborhood early this forenoon.

The sailing plans of the Deutschland were a carefully guarded secret, but when she left Baltimore there was a belief that she would proceed direct to Newport News. On the other hand there was an expectation in some quarters that the submersible would seek a quiet cove or inlet somewhere in lower Chesapeake Bay and there await a favorable opportunity to make a dash through the Allies' blockade off the capes.

NO WORD OF BREMEN.

[Canadian Press.]
Baltimore, Md., Aug. 2.—No word has been heard from the Bremen, the Deutschland's sister ship, since it left Bremerhaven, according to Paul G. L. Hilken, a member of the Eastern Forwarding Company. The American agents of the Deutschland, Mr. Hilken said, the Bremen may arrive at Baltimore any time after tomorrow. He did not know the date on which she left the German port, he said. He admitted that preparations were going on at the Locust Point pier just vacated by the Deutschland, to receive another submarine.

WINNIPEG PAINT COMPANY DESTROYED BY FLAMES

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Winnipeg, Aug. 2.—The Winnipeg Paint and Glass Company's six-story office and warehouse building on Notre Dame avenue, Port Rouge, was destroyed by fire at 7 o'clock this morning at a loss of \$250,000. Several buildings around there are now burning.

ONE OF WELLS OFFERED TO CITY.



Mayor Stevenson and Fire Chief Aitken yesterday inspected the wells being tested by the city on the McGregor property. Three wells are giving quarters of a million gallons, and there are nine other wells now on the property. The owners, J. M. McEvoy and Col. Parker, are willing to sell the whole property, or by the hundred thousand gallons, or by the year. It is estimated that at least two million gallons can be secured.

CHAIRMAN POCOCK DENIES NEED OF AUXILIARY HYDRO PLANT; SAYS INTERRUPTIONS NOT SERIOUS

Commissioner Mitchell Declares Need for Fire Protection Demands It.

STEAM AT SPRINGBANK BRINGS NEEDED RELIEF

Street Railway Arranging for Dual Service for Protection.

Failure of Niagara power on Tuesday night during the fourth serious break of a week, has fanned the demand for an auxiliary service, either locally or in connection with the provincial commission lines, into a greater heat than ever. Speaking generally, the public of London demands that something be done for its protection from further breakdowns, that not only cut off domestic light but street lighting, direct railway service, suburban light service and factory motive power. For reasons best known to themselves, Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Ontario Hydro Commission, and Philip Pocock, chairman of the London Utilities Commission, are both opposed to an auxiliary service.

Has No Plans.
Sir Adam Beck was asked as to the possibility of a local supply, and stated that he had nothing to say as to any plans for the future. He stated in general terms that the break was unpreventable.

"The whole trouble was due to defective insulators," he said. "We still have several thousand of the type that caused the breakdown before in operation. The trouble occurred between Stratford and Berlin, and blew out switches at Niagara Falls that were guaranteed proof against such troubles." Sir Adam was asked regarding the establishment of an auxiliary plant, to be used in cases of emergency.

DEAD BY FIRE IN NORTHLAND MAY TOTAL 500

Refugees From Devastated Zone Bring Terrible Stories of Catastrophe.

MANY PERISH IN HOMES

Unable to Make Their Escape From the Little Bush Clearings.

PARTY SAVED BY DITCH

Thrilling Experience of the Mathison Postman and Stage Driver.

[Canadian Press.]

North Bay, August 2.—There has been no further list of victims reported from the Northern Ontario fires since last night. Commissioner Lee stated this morning that it would probably be weeks or months before a full list is completed. Many bodies are buried beyond recognition and identification is almost impossible. Hon. C. H. Ferguson, Ontario minister of lands, forests and mines, and two members of the city council of Toronto, passed through here this morning enroute to the devastated district. The object of the party is to formulate a plan of relief. Hon. Frank Cochrane, wired Commissioner Lee this morning \$200 for the relief fund.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, August 2.—With the arrival of refugees bearing stories from various small centres in the fire-swept zone, the tale of deaths is increasing. All of them tell of neighbors who perished in their little bush clearings. From many sections known to have been sprinkled with settlers no word has been received at any of the northern towns of refuge since Saturday, and this is taken to mean that none escaped. The counting of recovered dead still slowly proceeds, and it is feared the estimate of five hundred may yet be reached.

Refugees at Toronto.

Some twenty more refugees arrived in this city this morning, wearing nondescript garments given them by children butless and shoeless, but happy to have escaped. None were seriously injured, but many bore the scars of burns. Their stories added to the accumulation of horror and suffering from the fire.

Saved by Ditch.

Fred Miller, who was postman and stage driver from Mathison to Munro, told how when the fire came he and a few others tried to escape. One small stage. The flames caught them. They cut the horses loose, fled into a wet ditch, and there fought off the flames that burned their clothing and scorched their bodies till the worst had passed. The horses, with buried faces, had also lifted through it in a depression, and staggered back to the wagon. Once more the party set out through the burned road, passing body after body of women and children lying on the road in front of the clearings. Some they lifted into the wagon. In all they counted 67 along the roadside who had perished as they tried to escape. One dead mother with two little children beside her, their charred hands still clutching at her skirts, was seen on the roadside. They finally got to a waiting freight train and reached safety.

Dead in Buggy.

Jim Stack, a few miles outside Mathison, put an old lady into a buggy and continued on page 3, col. 8.

VILLAGE OF QUEBEC MENACED BY FLAMES; CONVENT DESTROYED

St. Anne de Lapocatiere In Danger of Being Wiped Out.

[Canadian Press.]

Quebec, Aug. 2.—The whole village of St. Anne de Lapocatiere is threatened with destruction by fire this morning. So far, the convent, the furnace rooms of the college and outlying buildings are burned, and at 8 a.m. the college is on fire.

The blaze started about 5:30 this morning in the furnace rooms of the convent. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Powerful Hun Position Taken By French Troops North of River Somme

Strongly Fortified Works Carried by Joffre's Men Last Night Between Hem Farm and Monacu.

GERMANS MAKE SLIGHT GAIN AT VERDUN.

Violent Series of Engagements Throughout the Night in Woods of Vaux—Russians With Bayonets Rout Enemy.

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Aug. 2, noon.—North of the River Somme last night the French troops took a powerfully fortified German work between Hem wood and Monacu farm, it was officially announced by the French war department this afternoon.

On the right bank of the River Meuse, north of the fortress of Verdun, there was a violent series of engagements throughout the night at Vaux-le-Chapitre wood and Chenois, expanding to the east as far as to the south of Damloup. After a series of unsuccessful attacks, some with asphyxiating gas, the Germans gained a little ground in Vaux-le-Chapitre wood and at Chenois.

During the actions the French took prisoner 100 Germans, including three officers.

A Russian reconnoitering party, the statement adds, made a bayonet charge in the Champagne region, dispersing a German detachment.

The text of the statement follows:

"North of the River Somme, between the Hem wood and the Monacu farm, our troops captured a fortified work strongly held by the enemy. South of this river an attack delivered by us in the vicinity of Estrees resulted in our occupation of a German trench to the northwest of Deniscourt; we also took some prisoners."

Many Aerial Combats.

"Along the Somme front our aviators yesterday showed great activity. A total of 33 aerial encounters took place over the lines of the enemy. One German aeroplane, attacked by two Nieuport machines, was seen to fall in the west of Auberville, a Russian reconnoitering party delivered a bayonet charge against a detachment of the enemy, which was dispersed, leaving behind a number of dead."

"On the right bank of the River Meuse the fighting continued last night with violence along the front between Vaux Le Chapitre and Chenois, and spread to the east as far as a point to the south of Damloup. The enemy after a series of fruitless attacks, some of which were accompanied by the spreading of asphyxiating gases, gained a little ground in the Vaux Le Chapitre wood and at Chenois."

THE GERMAN STATEMENT.

[Canadian Press.]

Berlin, Aug. 2.—Via London, 3:11 p.m.—On the high road between Marcoust and Cheny, in the region of the river Somme, French troops penetrated "to our completely demolished trenches," says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters. The Germans captured a hill in the salient northeast of Fort Souville, in the region of Verdun.

RIFLE FIRE OF RUSSIANS STOPS GERMAN ATTACKS; MANY ARTILLERY DUELS

[Canadian Press.]

Petrograd, Aug. 2.—Via London, 3:30 p.m.—Announcing that attempts made by small German detachments to attack the Russian positions on the western front were repelled by rifle fire, the Russian official statement, issued today, says:

"Western front: Rifle and artillery duels are proceeding at various places on the front. Attempts made by small enemy detachments to attack our positions were repelled by our fire."

"An enemy aeroplane bombarded a transport containing wounded near Livestol, on the Vladimir-Volynsk, Lutsk route, killing one and injuring twenty already wounded men. The same aeroplane also bombarded the divisional hospital in Dudchik, killing one and injuring eight hospital orderlies."

FAST ASHORE.

[Canadian Press.]
Quebec, August 2.—The Norwegian freighter Athos, from Sydney, N. S., to Newfoundland is fast ashore on the Banks of Newfoundland, close to the point where the Arctique grounded some weeks ago.

FIRE AT SAULT STE. MARIE.
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., August 2.—Loss by the fire which destroyed the business section of Blind River totals just under \$125,000, with insurance, nearly all held by the general agency here, of \$74,000.

PLANT CANADIAN MAPLES OVER HEROES' GRAVES

(Canadian Press.)
Ottawa, Aug. 2.—Canadian maple trees are to be planted around the graves of Canadian soldiers in France. Seed of the red and silver maple, ripened at Ottawa, has been sent to London by Dominion Horticulturist W. T. Macoun and planted in Kew Gardens. After the war the little trees from these seeds are to be transplanted in France. Seeds of the large-leaved maple of British Columbia are to be sent to London for the same purpose, as soon as ripe.