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RUSSIANS CRUMPLE UP AUSTRIAN LINE; ITALIANS, FRENCH AND BRITISH ALL GAIN; FURTHER STIR IN BALKANS REPORTED

The Austrians Flee Before Czar's Troops; Sweep Continues

Offensive Against Enemy Continues on all Fronts With Germans and Austrians Losing Heavily--Good News From All Parts of Field

Petrograd, Aug. 14—The Austrian lines along the Stripa, which they have held since early in September, have crumbled and General Bothmer is in full retreat along the whole front, according to the latest information received by the Russian general staff.

General Von Bothmer's position has been regarded as untenable for days, and the only wonder in military circles here is that he has had the courage to stand fast for so long.

General Letchitsky is advancing far in the rear of Von Bothmer's right flank, while General Scherbatchoff is closing in on his left. The Austrian commander is apparently making an attempt to scape the Russian trap by taking up a position on a line running through Zloshoff, Pomorzany, Belzany to Halicz, roughly twenty miles to the west of his old lines between Tarnopol and Buczacz.

SWEEP CONTINUES.

Petrograd, Aug. 14—Along the Galician front the Russian sweep continues unchecked, says the official announcement of today. Further gains have been made on the Upper Sereth. In the region of the Middle Stripa, and the Koropice, the Austrians are being pursued by the Russians who reached the northern bank of the Dniester before Mariampol.

FURTHER FRENCH GAINS

Paris, Aug. 14—The French troops captured some trenches on the left of the Fay-Deniecourt road in the Somme sector last night, says the war office announcement today. There was brisk cannonading in the region of Maurepas. German attacks in the vicinity of Hill 304 and at Fleury, in the Verdun sector, were repulsed.

Aviator Killed

Paris, Aug. 14.—Denis Dowd, an American aviator with the French army, was killed at the Buc aerodrome on Friday, by falling with his machine. The cause of the accident is unknown.

Copper for Germans

The Hague, Aug. 14.—(Via London.)—The Frankfurter Zeitung learns from Vienna that the Arthur Krupp Metal Co. has acquired the Mitterberger Copper Mines Company. By this acquisition the Krupps of Essen become independent of the copper market.

British Report

London, Aug. 14.—The official British report says:

"Last night, to the west of Pozieres, the enemy gained a temporary footing in a portion of the trenches captured by us yesterday. Otherwise there were no developments on the British front between the Somme and the Ancre.

"South of the Ypres salient we carried out a successful raid without incurring any losses ourselves.

"There has been further mining activity. We forced an entry into a German gallery at the Bluff north of the Ypres-Comines Canal, and after exploration, blew in a considerable length. We captured some of the enemy's mining stores. We also successfully exploded a mine near Cordonnerie."

Three Vessels Sunk

London, Aug. 14.—Lloyd's reports the sinking of the Russian steamship Kovda, 1,226 tons gross, and of the small Italian sailing vessels Lorenzo Donato and San Antonio.

London, Aug. 14—Attacking British positions near Pozieres, on the Somme front, the Germans last night gained a foothold temporarily in a portion of the trenches taken from them yesterday.

London, Aug. 14—Lloyds announces the sinking of the Italian steamship Nereus, the Italian sailing vessel Dina and the French sailing vessel Saint Gaetan.

The Nereus sailed from Newport News July 19, and passed Gibraltar on August 7. She was built in 1901, and was 340 feet long, of 3,980 tons gross.

KAISER BACK AGAIN TO WESTERN QUARTERS

London, Aug. 14.—Emperor William on his return to the western front reviewed portions of the field army and the navy in Flanders, says an official telegram received in Amsterdam from Berlin, and transmitted by Reuter's correspondent.

The Emperor then visited the Somme district, expressed to the men and leaders fighting there his grateful appreciation and welcomed troops just returning from battle.

ANOTHER FRANK ADMISSION BY GERMAN WRITER

London, Aug. 14—(New York World)—The Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily News, quotes from the latest article by Major Moraht, a noted German military critic, who, he says, comments with particular frankness on the latest Russian victories, as follows:—

Seven months after the invasion of the Dniester is of strategic significance. His idea seems to be that, as he cannot push directly through the armies in front of Lemberg, he can force them into retreat by pushing back the neighboring armies. North of Lemberg, this plan so far, has not been successful, while to the south of the Dniester, we are told that the regrouping of the armies had not been completed when the Russians obtained their successes.

It is quite wrong to ignore the Russian attacks, and say, as to every new event in a tone of superiority, that this attack will of course be beaten off also. It has an injurious effect on our prospects, when people assume they can perceive the plans of the most silent of all army leaders, and assure each other that these obstinate Russian attacks will not have the slightest influence on Hindenburg's operations.

That we shall be able finally to bring this Russian offensive to a standstill, and perhaps even throw it back, we all hope, but we have a very difficult task in meeting the clever leadership of Brusiloff, with his stupendous material in men and the help of artillery from Japan and America.

WINS THE D. S. M.

Confirmation of News Comes to Parents of Sergt. Major Henderson

Confirmation of the news that Sergeant-major W. deF. Henderson of the 3rd Divisional Signalling Corps has distinguished himself and is the proud possessor of the much coveted distinguished conduct medal, was the word received on Saturday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Henderson of Nauwigewauk, Kings county.

Sergeant Major Henderson has also the honor of being the first man of the thirty-eight on M. R. & A.'s honor roll to be decorated. The medal followed the letter, but no explanation as to how he won it, or when received, was contained in the letter.

Enlisting with the signalling corps under Major Powers, he went overseas, and after his arrival in France was promoted to be sergeant-major. For several years he was in the employ of M. R. & A., Ltd., in the wholesale men's furnishings department, was considered a very competent clerk and stood high in the opinion of the firm.

MAY LOSE RESPONSIBLE COMMANDS BECAUSE OF WIVE'S NATIONALITY

Rome, Aug 14—(Toronto Globe cable)—If a proposition made to the ministers of war and marine by Deputy Colajanni is adopted, all officers with Austro-German wives, will be deprived of responsible commands.

Board of Conciliation

Toronto, Aug. 13.—A board of conciliation appointed by the Dominion Labor Department to investigate the differences between the Great Northwestern Telegraph company and its operators, will commence its labors tomorrow morning. The proceedings are expected to last the whole of the week.

SPANISH PREMIER AND AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR IN LONG CONFERENCE

Paris, Aug. 14.—Count Romanones, the Spanish premier, had a long conference on Saturday with the Austrian Ambassador, says a Havas despatch from San Sebastian. On Sunday the conference was resumed and was continued longer than on the previous day.

ETNA IN ERUPTION

Rome, Aug. 14.—The Etna Observatory reports that the centre of the crater of Mount Etna, now 1,200 feet deep, is in full eruption. Lava is flowing to the southwest.

P. E. Island News

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Aug. 14—Eight hundred and fifty young men left the island on Saturday on the harvest excursion.

Ex-Mayor Hocken of Toronto addressed several Orange lodges on the island since his arrival here on Friday night.

A series of excursions planned by the Prince Edward Island Development Commission in honor of Prof. Thomas Adami, town planning advisor, began today.

Death of Statesman.

London, Aug. 14—Right Hon. Sir George Turner, former premier and treasurer of Victoria, died suddenly yesterday in Melbourne, according to a despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company. He was born in 1851.

Sugar Cheaper

A New York despatch says:—All grades of refined sugar were reduced twenty-five cents per hundred pounds, making fine granulated $7.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Herbert Wellington Winchester took place this afternoon from his father's residence to the Salvation Army Hall in Brindley street. Services were conducted by Rev. F. P. Dennison. Interment was in Cedar Hill.

GETTING BETTER

Murray McIntyre, who fell through a skylight in Germain street on Saturday morning, is reported to be very much improved at the hospital this afternoon.

See Signs of General Offensive Soon By The Allies In Balkans

New York, Aug. 14.—The correspondent of the Tribune, cabled from London last night:

Fresh indications that the long-awaited Balkan offensive of the allies is about to begin, comes in the news today from Vienna, that the Italians also have started active operations there. No mention is made of this in the official statements from any allied source, but the Vienna communique says that there was "skirmishing along the lower Voyusa in Albania."

Military experts here attach the greatest importance to this news. The Voyusa, or Viosa, empties into the Adriatic a little north of Valona, where the Italians had an army of around 100,000 men at last accounts. This is, of course, the extreme left of the allied line across northern Greece and southern Albania.

All previous activity along this line has been at the eastern end near Salonika, where unofficial reports on August 11 said that the allied forces had gained important positions near Lake Doiran. The important fact in today's news is the extension of activity all along the line.

While there is nothing to indicate that a general offensive has been begun, it is apparent that the entire allied force in the Balkans is feeling out the enemy's positions. It is possible that the operations so far reported are similar to the raids which were made by the British along the line in France, to find how greatly the enemy has been wakened by the withdrawal of men to other fronts.

THE ITALIANS ARE PUSHING AHEAD ALONG WHOLE FRONT

Offensive Fiercer on Line From Tolmino to the Sea

MONTE SANTO IS DOOMED

Austrians Meet Fearful Losses—Italians in Outskirts of Tolmino, Which Position Enemy is Trying Desperately to Save

London, Aug. 14—(Toronto Globe cable.)—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Rome says:

"The Italian offensive is becoming more marked on the whole front, from Tolmino to the sea. Everywhere the Austrian line has been broken, and thrust back. The Austrians now hold no point on the Isonzo and the Gorizia Railway is cut to the Sava River. Thus Monte Santo, the most important Austrian position, north of Gorizia, can no longer receive support and must fall.

With the taking of Opachiosella, the Italians have broken through one of the Austrian strongholds. This is a brilliant work. The Italians made a big haul of booty at Opachiosella.

Furious attacks on monte San Gabriele and Monte San Marco continue and possibly these heights are already taken. Prisoners confirm that the Austrian army is demoralized, and that direction is wholly lacking. Detachments are left to their own devices. Food has been lacking for days and men died of thirst, because of the breakdown of commissariat.

The Austrians have withdrawn reserves from Pola and sent them to the Italian front.

The Austrian losses were heavy again yesterday. The casualties are reported particularly great around Tolmino, which the Austrians are trying desperately to save, since it would make much easier a possible drive toward Vienna.

Another Account

Rome, Aug. 14.—Although public attention is centred on the fighting along the Lower Isonzo, important encounters are in progress elsewhere along the front. The Italians are meeting with fierce resistance, and in several sectors the Austrians are launching heavy attacks, presumably in an attempt to divert the efforts of the Italians from the Monfalcone and Gorizia operations.

In the vicinity of Tolmino, north of Gorizia, the fighting is particularly severe. According to reports reaching Rome, the number of Austrian dead or wounded is said to be very large. The Italians have taken prisoners in this area.

Tolmino Next

London, Aug. 14.—(Toronto Globe cable.)—A Central News despatch from Rome quotes the Idea Nazionale, to the effect that the Italians have occupied the outermost suburbs of Tolmino.

More Gains.

Rome, Aug. 14—Italian troops continued yesterday pressing the Austrians back on the Carso Plateau, and east of Hill 212, pierced another strong line of hostile entrenchments.

About 800 prisoners were captured by the Italians.

Important Conference.

Rome, Aug 14—(Toronto Globe cable)—Premier Boselli and Walter Runciman will confer at Turin on Tuesday. Great importance is attached to the meeting. The Anglo-Italian agreement is expected to be ratified and signed.

Ferdinand Felix and

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—Fine weather prevails in all portions of the dominion, while in the western provinces warmer conditions have set in.

Fine and Cool

Maritime—Fresh northwest to west winds; fine and cool today and on Tuesday.

New England forecasts—Fair tonight and Tuesday; continued moderate temperature; fresh west winds.

RUSSIAN GAINS IN ARMENIA

The shaded portion indicates the territory already conquered.

WILSON HEARS RAILWAY MEN AND MANAGERS

President Gets Both Sides of Story in Pending Crisis in United States

Washington, Aug. 14—The railroad managers and the heads of the four great brotherhoods brought their wage dispute to Washington today to be laid before President Wilson.

The managers went to one hotel, and the brotherhood leaders went to another to await a call from the White House, while the federal mediators set about arranging the conference. It was decided that the president should see the contestants not together but one side at a time, to get a clearer idea of their respective positions.

The first development of the day was a declaration by A. B. Garretson, speaking for the brotherhoods, that the men were through with the proposition of arbitrating under the Newlands Act.

Previous arbitrations under that law, he reiterated, had demonstrated that the neutral arbitrators held the balance of power. He declared that any special arbitration into which the men might agree to enter, would have to make provision for an extension of those arbitrators to give the men what they consider a fair chance.

President Wilson called the representatives of the brotherhoods to the White House at 10 o'clock and arranged to see the committee of managers immediately afterwards.

STEAMER SERVICE; ROTTERDAM TO AMERICA

The Hague, Aug. 14.—(Via London)—A new steamship line will be put in service from Rotterdam to America, according to an Amsterdam newspaper. A Rotterdam company is negotiating for the purchase of the former Greek steamer Macedonia, which can accommodate 2,000 passengers and has a freight capacity of 5,000 tons. It is proposed to open the new service with this ship.

CANADIAN OFFICERS ON THE WAY HOME

London, Aug. 13—(Montreal Gazette cable)—Among the officers who sailed for Canada a few days ago were Captain Rene Redmond, who is accompanied by his wife; Captains Donnelly, Creighton, Chevalier, Major Coristine, accompanied by Mrs. Coristine; also the widow of Captain G. McGinnon. Rev. G. Gilmore, of Ropley, Ont., sailed on the Missanabie.

More than 500 Canadians from the hospitals at Shornicliffe were entertained by the Mayor of Hythe, a neighboring borough, on Friday. The lord mayor of London, in apologizing for his inability to be present, sent a message of sympathy and appreciation for the Canadians.

Captain Clinq Mars, King's Printer, of Quebec, is in a west end hospital suffering from anthritis of the right arm.

NURSES SENT BACK

On Way to Help in New York; Immigration Inspector Says No

Ottawa, Aug. 14—Seven Ottawa nurses sent to New York following the request of the New York city board of health to Canadian hospitals for aid in fighting the infantile paralysis plague, returned to Ottawa last night, having been turned back at Alburg, Vermont, by an immigration inspector, who said they could not enter the United States, without having passports. An appeal was made to Washington, but an official of the department there said no action could be taken.

NEW CASES BELOW HUNDRED MARK FOR FIRST TIME IN WEEKS

New York, Aug. 14—The epidemic of infantile paralysis took a turn for the better today. The number of new cases reported went under the hundred mark for the first time in several weeks. During the twenty-four hours ended at ten o'clock this morning, the plague killed thirty-one children in the five boroughs of New York city and ninety-five new cases were reported, forty-three of them in Manhattan and thirty-one in Brooklyn. This compares favorably with yesterday's figures when there were 141 new cases discovered and twenty-two fatalities. The falling off in cases was attributed to the cooler weather recently.

NOW AT COLUMBUS

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 14—With the Columbus driving park track beaten into perfect condition by the recent rain, and the prediction of ideal atmospheric conditions, the fifth meeting of the 1916 grand circuit pacing and trotting races will open here today.

Nineteen events compose the programme of the week, with the Mills Restaurant Sweepstakes, 2.05, and 2.15 pacers, and 2.18 trotters heats listed to open the meet.

NO LET UP TO THE OFFENSIVE OF BRITISH ON WESTERN FRONT

Torrent of Shell Fire Kept Up For Six Weeks

SUPPLY INEXHAUSTIBLE

German Prisoners Say Fire Worse Than Anything They Experienced at Verdun—Two Battalions Cut to Pieces

With the British Armies in France, Aug. 12, via London, Aug. 13.—Anyone who might think from reading the British official reports that the British offensive was over, would conclude after a visit to the field that a terrific battle was still in progress, judging from the unceasing and enormous volume of gunfire. No one the Associated Press correspondent meets at the front thinks that the offensive is over. Though no village or considerable frontage of trenches has been stormed in the last few days, every day has found some strong point taken and some new spur of trenches thrown out in the course of the same kind of operation which follows and prepares each big move.

"The question this week," said a staff officer, "is whether our guns have killed more Germans than their guns have killed of us and we know that the odds are in our favor, at least two if not three to one."

Torrent of Shell Fire.

For six weeks the British have maintained a torrent of shell fire which German prisoners who have been at Verdun say surpasses anything they endured there, while at the different munitions depots the piles of shells seem as plentiful as the day before the grand offensive began. It has been a week all to the taste of the gunners. They have had such an advantage of position over the Germans as they never had before, thanks to the possession of Pozieres ridge, which was crowned by a windmill at the highest point, the wooden structure of which has long since been blown to splinters by shell fire and its stone base cracked into bits.

Incalculable and inconceivable is the amount of shell fire spent on this ridge, whose irregular skyline is ever changing as a result of the pummelling, but the British keep their domination by tactics and methods of fortifications not permitted to be mentioned here.

The Australians described the latest German counter-attack, which was made last night, as comic if the result had not been so tragic for the two battalions which made it. Apparently the Germans were mostly recruits. When assembling for the attack they were caught by British howitzer fire, then charged across the open space to be caught by both British gun and machine gun fire. Some forty survivors, who got to the trenches, held up their hands when the Australians called to them to come in.

BRITISH MINERS ARE KILLED BY EXPLOSION

London, Aug. 14—Thirteen miners were killed early this morning, by an explosion in the Ashington Colliery, near Blyth. The cause of the explosion is not known.

Austrians Hang Prisoners

This is Testimony of Lord Northcliffe, Writing From the Isonzo Front; Wounded Killed

On the Isonzo front, Aug. 13.—(By Lord Northcliffe)—The Austrians are not running, but they are clearly retreating with some speed. The Italian advance is steady; steady also is the inflow of prisoners. Two thousand were brought in yesterday. Opinions differ as to where the retreat will end, but the matter emphatically is not one for public discussion.

The Austrians' bitterness of soul may be judged by their behavior. At Doberdo Russian prisoners of war who had been brought in to make roads for the Austrians, were found hanged, possibly as a revenge for the escape of other Russian prisoners, who swam the Isonzo the other day, and reached the Italian lines after hiding four nights among the rocks. Italian wounded were found mutilated.

I have seen terrible spiked maces that are habitually used by the Austrians to break the skulls of the wounded; also thongs, with leaden balls attached to sticks, which the Austrians use to coerce laggers.

Owing to the fact that so many Italian and Austrian soldiers have worked in the United States and Canada, it often happens that English is the only language in which they can converse mutually. Yesterday I saw a small band of prisoners being brought in by the Bersagliery, who answered my remarks upon the stout physical appearance of the prisoners by saying in good American that "they can holler all right, Mister," at which the prisoners grinned with evident understanding.