

HUNS WITHDRAW TROOPS BEHIND LIPA

BRITISH AND FRENCH FORCES ON WEST NOW ONLY MILE FROM FORMER ENEMY HEADQUARTERS

Haig's Men Captured a Trench To-day in Vicinity of Pozieres Village

QUEENSLAND'S PREMIER SAYS HE SAW WARPITE AFTER THE FIGHT, AND IT WAS READY

Badly Scarred, But Prepared to Meet the Enemy any Time—He is Greatly Interested in Increasing Trade Between Australia and America

By Special Wire to the Courier. New York, July 17.—Thomas J. Ryan, premier of Queensland, who has just arrived in New York on his way home to the Antipodes, said that during his stay in England he had had opportunities of seeing the fleet and the Australians at the Western front, where he addressed his countrymen while the shells whistled overhead.

WITHIN A MILE OF FORMER HUN HEADQUARTERS

Allied Advance on Somme Front Brings Troops Near Combles.

NEXT MOVE IS OVER THE RIVER.

French Troops Will Have Hard Task Crossing Somme at Peronne.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, July 17.—12.27 a.m.—Anglo-French advance has brought the allied troops where they make a junction, to a point about a mile in front of Combles, which prior to July 1, when the offensive began, was the German headquarters on this sector.

BIG GAIN ON 1,500 YARD FRONT

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, July 17, 5.25 p.m.—German second line positions northwest of Bazentin-le-Petit wood have been captured by the British in a stormy attack, the War Office announced to-day. The positions captured in what the statement characterizes as a "further important success" extended over a front of 1,500 yards.

A strongly held position at Waterlot farm, east of Longueval, was captured by the British, while the remaining strongholds of the Germans in Ovillers and La Boisselle also were taken.

APPEAL HEARD FOR CASEMENT

Argument of Sir Roger's Lawyer Presented to Court To-day.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, July 17.—A new chapter opened to-day in Sir Roger Casement's legal fight against being executed for high treason for his activities in the Dublin revolt. Sir Roger's case reached the court of criminal appeals. Although the new proceedings hardly compared, in point of public interest, with the trial, privileged spectators began to take seats an hour before the court was called to order.

ENEMY FORCES MADE TO FALL BACK SOUTHWEST OF LUTSK BEYOND LIPA RIVER

Russians are Driving Germans Before Them—British Take Trench Near Pozieres and Clean Out Nests of Machine Guns

Berlin, July 17, via London, 4.16 p.m.—A withdrawal of German troops under General Von Linsingen southwest of Lutsk to a point behind the river Lipa, is officially announced by the War Office to-day.

Petrograd Confirms It. Petrograd, July 17, via London, 4.43 p.m.—The Russians are continuing their successful advance in the region of the lower Lipa, the War Office announced to-day.

A Further Advance. British Front in France, July 17, noon, via London, 4.30 p.m.—The British to-day captured a German trench in the neighborhood of Pozieres. The capture strengthens the new British line in this vicinity.

The British also cleared out nests of German machine gun operators who had been holding out in cellars and behind barricades in the ruins of Ovillers and La Boisselle. Otherwise the situation along the British front is unchanged at this hour.

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PTE. MCLAUGHLIN REPORTED KILLED

Paris Man, at First Reported Shell-Shocked, Now Known to be Dead.

OTHER CASUALTIES FROM BRANTFORD.

Pte. Fergus McLaughlin, of Paris, is reported killed in to-day's casualty list. Saturday, as reported in the Courier, his mother received word that he was shell shocked, but later in the day, further word came from Ottawa that he was killed.

Pte. R. Vandear of Mount Pleasant St., Brantford, is reported as wounded. Other local names already announced in the Courier are Pte. A. L. Aldred of Grandview, wounded, and Trooper S. L. Cruickshanks, of the C.M.R., missing.

Word received by friends with whom he lived, on Grant Street, tells of the severe wounds received by Pte. W. J. Houlston, formerly of Massey-Harris Co. shipping department. Pte. Houlston is an Englishman, and had no relatives in this country. He was wounded during the last week of the first contingent.

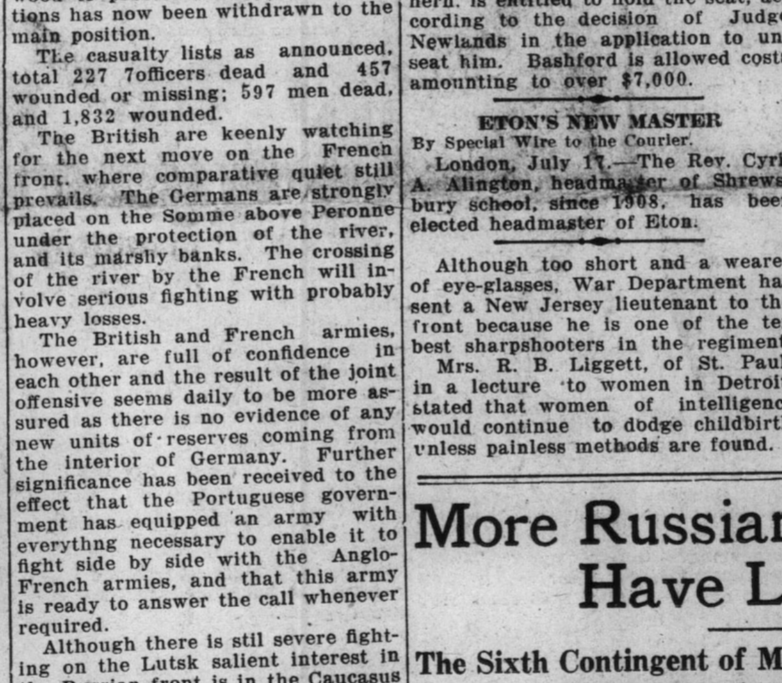
This is the first time he has been incapacitated for duty since the day he signed up, not ever having suffered even from illness.

Word of the wounding of Pte. W. Range, of this city, was received by friends here during the week-end. Pte. Range was at the time of his enlistment, unmarried, and an employe of Buck's Stove Works. He had no relatives in this country.

The name of Corp. Crawford Campbell, of this city, appears in the list of wounded in the casualties this morning.

Shake-Up in Austrian Army

Von Hindenburg May Get Supreme Command on Eastern Front New York, July 17.—A Berlin cable to The World says: According to private advices from Vienna, important changes have taken place in the Austro-Hungarian army, and others in high places are impending.



NEW GOVERNOR GENERAL Devonshire, who has just been appointed to succeed the Duke of Connaught as Governor General of Canada.

215TH ISSUING FARM FURLONGS

In refutation of rumors which have gained a great deal of credence throughout the city during the past few days, the 215th battalion will not go to camp for some time yet.

To Enable Men to Help in Harvesting Work—Field Kitchen Has Arrived.

The 215th battalion is now authorized to grant a month's furlough to its members who may desire to assist in the work of harvesting the crops in the country districts.

MARINE MIX-UP.

Manila, July 17.—The Spanish vessel Elizaguirre, reported upon arrival at Holi Sunday, that the British authorities at Singapore had taken 200 packages of cargo bound for Manila.

Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company set aside \$100,000 to be used for the relief of the families or other dependents of employes who have enlisted in the army or navy.

More Russian Soldiers Have Landed at Brest

The Sixth Contingent of Men from the Czar's Dominions Which Has Arrived in France.

Bulletin, Paris, July 17, 2 p.m.—A contingent of Russian troops disembarked to-day, at Brest, France. The Russian troops will be sent to camp from Brest, and later to the front.

This is the sixth contingent of Russian troops, the arrival of which in France has been reported. Between April 20 and May 5 there arrived at Marseilles, five bodies of Russian soldiers, after a land and sea journey of about 17,500 miles from Moscow, where they were assembled, to Port Dany, Manchuria, and thence by water via the Suez canal.

Russian Troops Which Landed at Marseilles Now in Champagne

French Official Report Tells of Great Activity by "Russian and French Patrols," and It May Mean a Sudden Offensive in that Region.

New York, July 17.—A cable from Paris to the Tribune says: One brief statement in the official communiqué, issued last night took Paris by surprise and caused much speculation in military circles.

"On the Champagne front there has been great activity by Russian and French patrols," read the announcement. Undoubtedly the Russian patrols mentioned formed part of the Czar's forces landed at Marseilles early last spring, after a perilous trip from Vladivostok by way of the Red Sea.

Vague rumors have reached Paris from time to time that these Russian troops were on their way to some part of the French front, but to-night's statement is the first authentic indication that they are actually supporting the allied lines.

71st Battery Recruiting Now in Brantford

Has Opened Office Next to Bank of Toronto on Colborne St. Lieut. Ber Waterous, attached to the 71st Battery, C.F.A., C.E.F., stationed at St. Catharines, will be in the city for a short time recruiting, with headquarters beside the Bank of Toronto.

SHORT RESPIRE ON BATTLE LINE

British Consolidating Positions Won and Preparing Another Advance. FRENCH BEAT OFF COUNTER ATTACKS.

New York, July 17.—The London correspondent of the Tribune cabled last night as follows: Exhausted by the desperate fighting of the last two days, the German and British troops on the Somme are resting on their arms to-night.

After four assaults, hurled in rapid succession, at the German lines, in the region of Ovillers and Bazentin-le-Petit this morning had failed to dislodge the enemy, operations on both sides came to an abrupt halt.

On the French side of the Somme line the Germans this morning took General Foch by surprise. Powerful attacks enabled them to capture La Maisonette and Biaches, but they were ejected before they had time to rally against the French counter-attacks.

The British officials and the British public have taken these rumors seriously, realizing that the straits to which Austria has been reduced by the overwhelming double offensive. I have the highest authority for stating, however, that any such overtures on Austria's part are most unlikely to be entertained.

HURRICANE IN B.C. Jaffray, B.C., July 17.—A hurricane blew the top off the East Kootenay Lumber Company's mill here. The building caught fire and was totally destroyed together with five C. P. R. freight cars.

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