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NEW 400-YARD GAIN FOR BRITISH

BRITISH AND FRENCH THROW BACK FAMOUS PRUSSIAN GUARDS TURKS IN FULL FLIGHT BEFORE RUSSIANS

HAIG GAINS MORE GROUND IN ADVANCE ON THIEPVAL

Last Night Carried 400 More
Yards of Trench.

ROUTED PRUSSIAN GUARD

Kaiser's Crack Corps Unable to
Break British.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Aug. 26.—4:12 p.m.—A heavy attack made by the Prussian Guard against British positions at Thiepval, on the Somme front, was repulsed by the Worcestershire and Wiltshire regiments, it was officially announced this afternoon.

Further progress by the British in their attack on Thiepval is also reported, ground being gained on both sides of Mouquet farm, notably to the southwest, where 400 yards of German trenches along the Courcellette-Thiepval road were captured.

The British official statement follows: "The enemy bombarded our first line trenches along the greater portion of our front south of the Ancre at various times from 7 o'clock last night until early this morning. He was repulsed on all occasions. He did not reach our lines at any point, and was repulsed with loss."

"Near Mouquet Farm we made further progress both on the east side of the farmstead and also southwest, where we have taken another 400 yards of the enemy's trenches along the Courcellette-Thiepval road."

"The importance attributed by the enemy to the Thiepval sector of his line is shown by the great efforts he is making to recover his lost ground in the Leipzig salient. Recently he has been effecting a great concentration of guns in this area to oppose our progress and support his attacks."

"Last night he delivered at attack in considerable force on our new trenches south of Thiepval village. This attack was made by troops of the Prussian Guard, and was preceded by a heavy bombardment which commenced at 7 p.m. The attack, launched at about 7:30 o'clock, was pressed with determination, but everywhere was repulsed with heavy loss to the enemy, and we maintained all our positions."

"The success of our defence is largely due to the determined gallantry of the Wiltshire and of the Dorsetshire men, who, in spite of being subjected to very heavy bombardment, steadily maintained their positions and repulsed assaults of the enemy."

"Opposite Auchy we exploded two mines, and occupied both the craters. There is nothing to report on the remainder of our front."

THE GERMAN REPORT.

Berlin, Aug. 26.—Via London.—At last night by the British in the Thiepval and Fourcraux wood sectors on the Somme front, and by the French near Maurepas, were repulsed, the war office announced today.

"The official statement regarding operations on the western front says: 'To the accompaniment of continuous artillery duels north of the Somme infantry attacks took place during the evening in the sector from Thiepval to the Fourcraux wood and near Maurepas. They were repulsed with heavy loss to the enemy. On the Champagne front our patrols captured 46 prisoners in French trenches.'"

BUSH FIRE VICTIMS TO BE BURIED AT WINGHAM

Wingham, Aug. 26.—The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. John Wellwood, with that of their daughter, victims of the Northern Ontario bush fires, have been brought here for burial, which will take place Sunday afternoon.

BULGARS CAPTURE GREEK FORT, WIPING OUT ENTIRE GARRISON

Fort of Starbla Taken, Commander and Garrison Being
Killed After Offering Gallant Resistance.

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Aug. 26.—The Bulgarians have attacked and captured the fort of Starbla, after killing its commander, Changas, and the entire garrison, which offered spirited resistance, says a Saloniki dispatch to the Matin. The dispatch is dated August 23, and was delayed.

BRITISH DRIVE THURSDAY LINKS UP WITH FRENCH IN MOVE UPON COMBLES

General Foch's Brilliant Operation in Taking Maurepas
Brings Allies Close to Heart of German Defence Sys-
tem Along the Somme.

(Canadian Press.)

New York, Aug. 26.—The Paris correspondent of the Tribune, calling last night, says:

"The British drove forward eastward and northward today, in the first movement closing on Ginchy and Guillemont, and in the second on Combles. This advance joins up their line with the French, who seized the important strategic base of Maurepas yesterday."

"In the brilliant dash which forced the French line well beyond the outskirts of Maurepas, Gen. Fayolle did his part toward the capture of Combles. When Haig, succeeds in a similar movement at Guillemont they will drive forward together to the apex of the triangle formed by Maurepas, Guillemont and Combles."

"The British gains today prepared the way for this movement. They advanced the line in the eastern

and northern edges of the Delville wood, northwest of Guillemont, and then repelled a heavy counter-attack. Further north they moved forward several yards on each side of the road running out of Longueval toward Fiers. Haig's troops now have the advantage of advancing downhill toward Fiers. This village presents serious defenses, though they are hardly of the character of Guillemont. It is likely that progress will be faster in this direction, and that the French victory at Maurepas soon will be equalled by Haig. At the opening of the Somme offensive Maurepas was a magic name, representing the chief fortifications of the German line between the French troops and the promised land. Since then it has lost some of its glamor, its ultimate fall before the French artillery preparation having become certain during

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ARMEN DASH INTO BELGIUM, BOMB HUN AIRSHIP SHEDS

British Aeroplane Hit Works of Germans in the Vicinity of
Namur—One Falls To Return.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Aug. 26.—11:55 a.m.—British aeroplanes have made another dash over Belgium, on the occasion of the submarine attack on the Namur, 36 miles southeast of Brussels, and bombarding German airship sheds. One aeroplane is missing. An official account of these operations was issued here today.

KAISER SENDS GIFT TO MAN WHO SANK LUSITANIA

London, Aug. 26.—The Stiffler of Ribe, Denmark, is quoted in a Reuter dispatch from Copenhagen, to the effect that the commander of the submarine which sank the Lusitania was Capt. Max Valentiner, son of the dean of the Sondersborg Cathedral. Capt. Valentiner, this newspaper says, has been decorated with a number of orders since the sinking of the liner, including the Iron Cross of the First Class and the Hohenzollern House Order with Swords, a special distinction which is the personal gift of the German Emperor.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—MOSTLY FAIR.
Toronto, Aug. 26—8 a.m.

Forecasts.
Light winds, some local showers, but today—Light winds, some local showers, but mostly fair.

Sunday—Northwest winds, cooler, with local showers.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today.

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	82	56	Clear
Calgary	70	42	Clear
Winnipeg	64	42	Fair
Port Arthur	66	44	Clear
Perry Sound	72	54	Cloudy
Port Stanley	74	56	Clear
Buffalo	72	64	Clear
Toronto	80	55	Clear
Kingston	76	53	Fair
Ottawa	74	52	Fair
Montreal	74	66	Fair
Quebec	74	52	Fair

Weather Notes.
The weather is fine throughout the Dominion except in Northern Ontario, where it is showery. It continues very warm in British Columbia, but in the western provinces it is quite cool and the temperature this morning in Western Manitoba was within a few degrees of the freezing point.

TURK DIVISION IN FULL FLIGHT BEFORE SLAVS

Russians Are Pressing Advan-
tage Gained in Turkish
Armenia.

HAVE RIDGE BEYOND MUSH

Austrians Falling Back in the
Foothills of the Car-
pathians.

(Canadian Press.)

Petrograd, Aug. 26.—Via London.—The Russians are pressing the advantage recently gained over the Turks in Southern Turkish Armenia, and report the continued flight of what remains of the Turkish 4th Division, defeated in the recent fighting. After capturing Mush the Russians kept on and occupied a ridge beyond the town. The official statement regarding the operations of the Russian Caucasus army says:

"On the line extending from the town of Kyzil to Lake Van stubborn fighting continues. Our troops, after having occupied the town of Mush, advanced to the ridge of Kuzel Dagi, where we captured a number of prisoners. 'In the direction of Mosul we continue to pursue the remnants of the 4th Turkish Division.'"

PRESSING BACK AUSTRIANS.

(Canadian Press.)
Petrograd, Aug. 26.—Via London. 2:45 p.m.—In the foothills of the Carpathians, in Galicia, the Russians have pressed back the Austrians and made considerable advances, occupying a village. It was announced officially today. "In the Carpathians west of Narvornia," the statement says, "our advanced guards, having dispersed the enemy, captured the village of Gura and reached the sources of the Rivers Bystritsa and Bystritsa-Narvornia, in the region of Rafelevo."

AT SALONIKI.

Petrograd, Aug. 26.—Via London.—Official announcement of the arrival of Russian troops at Saloniki was made by the war office today, as follows: "Russian troops have arrived at Saloniki and joined the allied British, French, Italian and Serbian armies under Gen. Sarrail. Thus the progress of the allied troops is developing firmly and uninterruptedly in all war areas."

AUSTRIANS CLAIM REPULSE.

(Canadian Press.)
Berlin, Aug. 26.—Via Sarville Wire-
less.—Russian troops which are attempt-
ing to advance in the Carpathians to-
wards the Hungarian border, have been

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Here's a New Hun Horror

(Canadian Press.)
New York, Aug. 26.—According to a dispatch from London to the World, 50 gross of cheap shaving brushes, which, it is reported, are infected with the bacilli of an-
thrax, have been seized by the authorities of Newcastle and that vicinity. The brushes had been imported into England. Says the London Daily Express: "No evidence is available as to how the bristles in the brushes came to be infected. But there is no improbability in the suggestion that a nation which has poisoned wells and committed other atrocities should have selected this means for a diabolical attempted attack on its enemies."

SIR GEORGE O'ROURKE DEAD.

(Canadian Press.)
Wellington, New Zealand, via London, Aug. 26.—Sir George Maurice O'Rourke, speaker of the New Zealand House of Representatives, is dead.

Sir Maurice O'Rourke was eight times elected speaker of the New Zealand House, was speaker of the Auckland Provincial Council, member of the New Zealand Ministry, and of the legislative council.

REFUSES TO RECEIVE MISSION FROM KAISER

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Aug. 26.—According to information from diplomatic sources, says a wireless dispatch from Berne, Emperor William of Germany wrote to King Ferdinand of Rumania, that he intended to send Duke Albrecht of Mecklenburg on a special mission to him with regard to the position of Rumania.

King Ferdinand replied, adds the dispatch, that the mission would be inopportune, because as a constitutional monarchy, he would be obliged to refer the envoy to his ministers, and in the circumstances he preferred that any communication from the German Government should be received through ordinary diplomatic channels.

LONDON BANKER NOW PAYMASTER OF 135TH MIDDLESEX UNIT



CAPT. J. J. L. ARDELL, paymaster of 135th Middlesex Battalion, which has left for overseas. Capt. Ardell was formerly manager of the Dominion Bank London East, but resigned from this institution in order to serve his country.

JURORS ASK JUDGE TO HASTEN TRIAL TO AN EARLY END

Lay Blame on Counsel in Ex-
Ministers' Case.

ANXIOUS TO GET AWAY

Crown May Move for Punish-
ment of Kelly for
Contempt.

(Canadian Press.)

Winnipeg, Aug. 26.—The jurors who are hearing evidence in the trial of the ex-cabinet ministers are anxious to get away and have written to Mr. Justice Pendergast asking him to "take such steps as are in your power to bring the case to a conclusion." His lordship replied their joint letter to the court on opening this morning the last session in the fifth week of the hearing. The jurors pointed out that they had been present five weeks and that the end of the trial was apparently as far distant as ever. "Many of us are suffering serious financial loss," the letter stated. His lordship said the jury would understand his own difficulties, but he thought something might be done.

Remembers the Checks.

J. A. Milne, clerk in the Imperial Bank, swore that on July 2, 1912, the day when the original Parliament buildings were to be in, he marked a check of Thomas Kelly & Sons for \$160,000 against the firm's tender account. On the following day this amount was deposited to the credit of the same account and a check for \$142,287.50 was drawn. The latter check was given to Kelly's tender at \$2,250,000, as required to accompany the tender, and the existence of the check for \$160,000, which is one of the documents Kelly refused to produce, is held by the crown to indicate that two tenders were prepared by the Kelly company.

The crown desired to read the evidence at the preliminary trial of K. C. Campbell, a bank clerk, now at the front. Defence objected that this evidence was irrelevant and decision on it was reserved. It is understood that the crown will early next week ask that punishment be imposed on Thomas Kelly for contempt of court in refusing to produce documents demanded by the crown.

The cross-examination by defence of Architect Russell was then concluded in a few minutes. Russell said he had been paid \$10,000 in all for his inspection on the Parliament buildings for the Government last year, but out of this he paid 40 laborers, and to his inspection he paid \$2,400. The crown's re-examination of this witness was also brief.

BRITISH AUXILIARY SUNK IN NORTH SEA—23 LOST

(Canadian Press.)
London, Aug. 26.—The torpedoing in the North Sea of a British naval auxiliary, with the loss of 23 men, was announced officially today.

The armed vessel Duke of Albany was torpedoed and sunk in the North Sea Thursday by an enemy submarine. The commander and 22 men were lost. Eleven officers and 76 ratings were saved.

The British merchant steamer Duke of Albany, which probably is the craft torpedoed in the official statement, was a vessel of 1,567 tons gross, built in 1907 and owned in Glasgow.

HUNS WISH TO PICK QUARREL WITH HOLLAND

Ignore All Protests Over Sink-
ings and Movements of
Zeppelins.

NEUTRALITY IS BROKEN

Germany Would Seize Nether-
lands in Order to Secure
Ports.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Aug. 26.—The London Times prints the following dispatch from its Amsterdam correspondent: "The German violation of Dutch territory by zeppelins continues without regard for Holland's position and interests as a neutral. No attention has been paid to the repeated protests against the presence of zeppelins over the Netherlands, whether going or returning from their expeditions. This morning, with indifference to Dutch rights of sovereignty, a zeppelin, on its return from England, manoeuvred above the Netherlands capital, while other zeppelins were reported elsewhere over Holland."

Significant Threats.
"It would be a mistake to suppose that these incidents are purely accidental. The German press has lately made threats against Holland, which are particularly significant when taken in conjunction with the severe raid by Germany earlier in the war, when she expressed the desire to 'save' Holland from the Allies."

"The destruction of Dutch ships, such as the Tubantia and the Palembang, and many smaller vessels, without compensation or apology, speaks for itself. Germany desires to pick a quarrel with the Netherlands, with a view to seizing the Dutch ports and obtaining possession of the Scheldt and the mouth of the Rhine and Zuider Zee, so as to save something from the impending wreck of the German military plans. Meanwhile Germany continues to violate Dutch territory."

NO BLACKLIST OF AMERICAN VESSELS BY MARINE DEPT.

Ottawa Explains Situation on
the Pacific Coast.

REGULATIONS NOT HEEDED

American Fishermen Refused
Supplies Unless Landing
Catch in Canada.

(Canadian Press.)

Ottawa, Aug. 26.—At the marine and fisheries department today, denial was made of the Washington story that the British or Canadian Governments had blacklisted United States fishing vessels on the Pacific coast because of nationality or enemy trading. In explanation of the situation it was pointed out that Canada, some years ago, gave American vessels the right to secure bait and other supplies in Canadian ports if they shipped their catch over Canadian lines. Great developments followed in the halibut industry on the British Columbia coast, the Grand Trunk Pacific alone carrying a tremendous amount of it from Prince Rupert to the American markets.

Dodged Regulations.
"This business being lost to Seattle, strong agitation against it arose there and recently certain American vessels, after taking bait and supplies in Canada, took their catch to Seattle. As a result of this bait and supply privilege had been refused and refusal to observe the regulations, D. A. Found, superintendent of fisheries, has gone to Washington in connection with the matter."

STRICKEN OFF BLACKLIST.

Paris, Aug. 26.—The names of two American houses have been stricken off the blacklist of concerns with whom trading is forbidden, it was made known by the Journal Officiel today. The names eliminated are those of Hermann Kupper of 52 Murray street, New York City, and the National Zinc Company, 2 Stone street, New York City.

PORT PALERMO, ALBANIA, OCCUPIED BY ITALIANS

Paris, Aug. 26.—A dispatch from Avlona last night states that the Italians have occupied Porto Palermo and the summit of Mount Kalarat, in Southern Albania, in order to watch the Albanian coast north of Kephall, 50 miles southeast of Avlona, in which district there is said to be an Austrian submarine base.

The territory occupied by the Italians is quasi-Greek. The opinion of Rome newspapers, however, is that Greece will not protest the occupation.

French Repulse Heavy Attacks at Three Points; Airmen Score Over Huns

Enemy Last Night Attempted An Advance in the Champagne,
Somme and Verdun Sectors—Penetrate French Position
At One Place, But Later Were Expelled.

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Aug. 26.—Noon.—After an intense bombardment last night the Germans launched an infantry attack west of Tathure, in the Champagne. They penetrated the French position, the war office announced today, but subsequently were expelled.

German attacks on the Somme and Verdun fronts were repulsed.

ATTACKED HILL 121.

The German attack on the Somme front was made at Hill 121, near the town of Maurepas, recently captured by the French.

On the Verdun front east of the Meuse the Germans attacked the French line between Fleury and Thiaumont, after heavy bombardment, but were unable to make an advance.

Aerial engagements occurred all along the front. Three German aeroplanes were shot down in the Somme sector, one near Craon, and another on the Verdun front. Six others were damaged, and two German captive balloons were destroyed.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The announcement follows: "On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the enemy violently bombarded the region of Thiaumont and Fleury, and he several times carried out lively offensive actions against the village and the trenches bordering on Thiaumont work. None of these attempts succeeded in reaching our lines."

"In Lorraine we caught under our fire a German reconnoitering party before Neuvillers, northwest of Bionville."

"On the remainder of the front the night was calm."

PRINCE AND HIS PRUSSIAN COULDN'T STOP ALLIES' WEDGE; EITEL WAS ALMOST TRAPPED

New York, Aug. 26.—A cable to the World from Paris, August 25, says:

Although the Kaiser sent his second son, Prince Eitel Friedrich, and the chief of the Prussian Guard to the Somme front to halt the wedge, the Anglo-French are driving deeply into territory occupied by the Germans. Gen. Fayolle has announced this salient further by clearing all the Germans from Maurepas, into which they had penetrated again since the village was stormed by the French on August 16, and by occupying the heights and slopes northeast and south of Maurepas. Moreover, with the advanced French forces on the outskirts of the woods, the German lateral communications with Clercy are cut and Combles is menaced from the south by the French and from the north by the British at Guillemont.

Prince Almost Trapped.
Prussian Guardsmen captured at Maurepas asserted: "Prince Eitel personally entered the village when relieving the Bavarians, but left hurriedly when the French bombardment began to wither every building, trench and dugout preparatory to the advance of the storming columns. The prince just made his way to the rear before the French dropped a barrier of fire behind the town, shutting in all of us there like rats in a trap."

Behind the Allies' advanced lines engineers, artillerymen and army workers are preparing sunken roads, railways and communication trenches and are moving up heavy artillery and creating vast new ammunition reservoirs for smashing the wedge deeper into the German positions. The Peronne-Bapaume line will be pulverized by high explosives before Gen. Fayolle and Haig send their infantry forward.

French Artillery "Blind."
The estimate made by Karl H. Von Wiegand, the World's Berlin correspondent, that 19,000 cannon are ranged in the Somme sector, with an equal number on either side, was published here, and has not been denied. But the fact remains that the German artillery is still "blind," its range and aim cannot be directed from the air, which the French undoubtedly maintain the supremacy.

ONLY 8-HOUR CONCESSION OR GOVERNMENT CONTROL CAN STOP RAILWAY STRIKE

(Canadian Press.)
Washington, Aug. 26.—Among Brotherhood officials this afternoon it was declared that only unqualified concession by the railroads of the 8-hour day or action of Congress taking over the railroads for Government operation could prevent the threatening strike.

SOFIA SENDS NEWS OF HEAVY DEFEAT FOR THE SERBIANS

Claim That Serb Right Wing
Has Been Obligated to
Retire.

(Canadian Press.)

Sofia, Aug. 26.—After severe fighting on the Bulgarian right wing, on the Macedonian front, the Serbians have been defeated with very heavy losses and compelled to retire, the war office announced today. Eighteen consecutive attacks were made by the Serbians.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 51; lowest, 53. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 76; lowest, 52.