

The Evening Times Star

VOL. XIII No. 341

ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1917

TEN PAGES—ONE CENT

Gains All Held Despite The Best Efforts of The Germans

British Report Further Improvement of Lines in Belgium

Counter Attack Crushed by Mighty Artillery—French Declare All Captured Positions Consolidated—Torrential Downfall of Rain is Against Allies' Operations

London, Aug. 1.—German counter-attacks yesterday afternoon and last night against the new British positions at LaBassee village and north of the Ypres-Comines canal, in Belgium, were successfully repulsed, says the official statement issued today by the British war office. The official announcement says: "South of the Ypres-Comines canal, British minor operations during the night resulted in an improvement of our new line. "Hostile counter-attacks yesterday afternoon and last evening against our new positions at LaBassee Villa and immediately north of the Ypres-Comines Canal were successfully repulsed. "Further north, in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Routiers railway another German counter-attack was crushed during the night by our artillery. "The weather continues unfavorable for operations. Heavy rains have been falling since early yesterday afternoon. We made a successful raid last night east of Boys Grenier."

HOLD THE GAINS
Paris, Aug. 1.—After the magnificent success of the French and British in Belgium yesterday, says the official statement issued today by the French war department, the Entente troops, in a torrential rainstorm, consolidated the positions which they had captured. The text of the statement reads: "In Belgium, after our magnificent success yesterday our troops under a torrential rainstorm consolidated the positions which they had conquered. "The artillery bombardment on our front in the Aisne region was continuous. East of Cerny a vigorous counter-attack permitted us to make progress at several points and to take prisoners. "On the left bank of the Meuse in the region between Avoucourt and Hill 304 the Germans, after artillery preparation which lasted several days, attacked this morning the positions which we had conquered from them on July 17. The enemy was able to reach only certain advanced elements of our first line, where he was stopped by our fire. There was nothing to report on the rest of the front."

GERMANS AGAIN KEEP BACK FACTS
Copenhagen, Aug. 1.—The German semi-official preliminary report on the British offensive pointed today under the headline "Before Great Infantry Attacks," stated that front positions were converted into shell holes and that battery stations were ranged with shell craters. "The German artillery, despite the terrific bombardment by shells of all calibre up to 15 inch and the lavish use of gas, had not let up a minute and was successfully combatting the British. "The statement says that the British were obliged to pause from exhaustion on the 29th until midday when they attempted to escape punishment by smoke. "The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger's military correspondent says that the offensive was delayed and weakened by the submarine campaign."

THOUSANDS SLEEP IN OPEN FOR RELIEF FROM GREAT HEAT

New York Sweltering Again Today—Fourteen Deaths Yesterday; 12 Today

New York, Aug. 1.—New York continued to swelter today in the hot wave which has held the city in its grip for the last two days. There was no relief tonight, according to early reports. Hundreds of thousands spent the night in parks or at the beaches, while many at dwellers made beds on fire escapes and even on the sidewalks in an effort to escape the torrid air of their cramped houses. Reports from various sections of the city placed yesterday's heat victims at fourteen dead and 186 prostrated. This morning twelve deaths and thirty-four hours was 84 degrees at 2 p. m. from which hour the mercury began to go up, and at nine o'clock it had reached 89 degrees, one degree higher than the same time yesterday. The humidity was greater.

AMERICAN CONSULS AND MISSIONARIES ARRIVE IN SWITZERLAND FROM TURKEY

Berne, Aug. 1.—A large party of American consuls and missionaries from Turkey, Asia Minor and Palestine have arrived here. They include W. S. Hollis and Ralph F. Chesborough, Beirut; Jesse Jackson, Aleppo; Leslie A. Davis, Ispah; Edward L. Nathan, Mersina; Theodore J. Struve, Haifa; Otho A. Ashbrook and H. H. Dick, Jerusalem, and their families. The total is about 100 persons. Consul Ashbrook said that about sixty American missionaries and ninety American Jews left at the same time. "We were everywhere well treated by the Turkish and Austrian authorities during our journey," said he. "There are now about 300 Jewish-American citizens. All of them have been given permission to leave, but they prefer to remain. Besides these there are about 150 other Americans, mostly college teachers and professors, still residing in Turkey."

SEES ALLIES CHANGE FOR NAVAL OFFENSIVE

London Critic Asserts American Aid Ought to End German Control of the Baltic Sea

London, Aug. 1.—A more resolute use of sea power by the Allies is urged in the Observer by its naval correspondent. The latter says: "The fact that Admiral Sims joined with Admiral Jellicoe and the naval representatives of France and Italy in the conference with the allied statesmen in Paris, is the most hopeful sign we yet have had of an intention to use the Allies' sea power to the full. The great accession of force represented by the intervention of the United States ought to bring the hitherto practically untested German control of the Baltic Sea to an end. "But no effective naval offensive can be undertaken unless it is made part of the primary war plans of the Allies and will an air force which may be considered necessary for the purpose by the joint naval and military staff. It is no use sending the great surplus fleet we and the Allies possess into the Baltic merely to trail its coast. Sea power will be used effectively if it employs the forces of the alliance along a new line with a definite objective of striking at the enemy's vital."

AMERICAN VESSEL TORPEDOED

London, Aug. 1.—The American steamship Montana, 2,730 tons gross, was sunk by a Teuton submarine on July 31. Twenty-two survivors have been landed.

TROOPS LEAVE PIRAEUS

Athens, July 30 (delayed).—Withdrawal of the allied forces from old Greece, Vessily and Epirus, in view of the decision of the Balkan conference in Paris, is being rapidly carried out. The last Franco-British troops left Piraeus today.

CAPTAIN BERNIER SAID TO BE ON WAY HOME

Quebec, Aug. 1.—Capt. Joseph E. Bernier, veteran Arctic explorer, who started on an expedition in July last year to attempt to rescue Vilhjalmur Stefansson, who was reported lost in the Arctic region, is returning on his ship, The Guide, according to reports reaching here from the north shore of the St. Lawrence.

HAS ACCOUNTED FOR 50 GERMAN AIRPLANES

Paris, Aug. 1.—Captain George Guymer, one of France's principal aviators, has brought down his fifth German airplane.

NEW WITNESSES IN ARSON CASE

Prisoners Were in Jackson's Restaurant
SOME REMARKS REPORTED

Something Said About Burning Down Jail if Fine Had Been \$200—Jurors to Visit Scene of Crawford Fire Today

Three new witnesses were produced by the crown this morning in the case against Joseph O'Brien and John Hughes who are under arrest on suspicion of having set fire to a summer cottage owned by William J. Crawford, then under guard, and which is being tried in the Supreme court before His Honor Chief Justice McKeown. In the new testimony it was disclosed that the two defendants had been in Charles Jackson's restaurant on the night of June 15 between the hours of twelve and one and witness reported remarks made there. Robert S. Jackson, Robert N. Jackson was the first new witness summoned. He said he was working in his brother's place of business on Friday night, June 15, and some time after 12 o'clock the prisoners, Hughes and another man entered the store. In answer to Attorney-General Byrne he said he could not remember the night of the fire, but recalled it from a digest of the case in the police court. He also heard that they had been fined \$100 in the police court that day. He also heard one of them say: "If we had been fined \$200 we would have burned the jail down." He said he could not identify the two prisoners as the men as he had not taken much notice to them. Alexander Long was then called. He said he could not remember the night of the fire, but recalled it from reading it in the newspapers. He said he knew the prisoners were in his restaurant on Friday night, June 15, between 12 and 1 o'clock when O'Brien and Hughes entered. When the latter two started out he stepped up to him and asked that day in the police court. He also heard him say something about \$200, but did not pay any attention to him as he and Hughes were under the influence of liquor. He said he could not recall what was said about \$200. James Curney was the next witness summoned, but nothing was brought out. When the trial was resumed this morning County Policeman Saunders was recalled and was cross-examined by Daniel Mullin, K.C., chief counsel for the defence. He was firm in his statement that the two hind shoes of the horse Kitty had been removed and that small pieces of shoes had been nailed on the hoofs in their place. Alexander Crawford and G. G. Murdoch also gave testimony. As the jury went into the case this afternoon the court adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Arrangements were made for a conveyance to take the jurors to the scene, leaving the court house at 8.15. E. J. Henneberry and Alexander Crawford were appointed as showers. His Honor pointed out the duties of the showers and warned them against engaging in conversation with the jury about the case.

ACTING MAYOR OF CUBAN TOWN IS ASSASSINATED

Havana, Aug. 1.—Acting Mayor Florencio Guerra at Cienfuegos was assassinated on Monday night as he entered his home on the outskirts of that city. The assassin fired five shots, all of which took effect. Guerra took possession of the city government of Cienfuegos on Monday afternoon, replacing Santiago Rey, who left Havana on a leave absence on Friday. The Cienfuegos police report there is no clue as yet to the assassin.

MITCHELL WILL RUN AGAIN FOR MAYOR OF NEW YORK

New York, Aug. 1.—Mayor Mitchell will become a candidate to succeed himself as the city's chief executive for the next four years. In a letter from Upper Saranac Lake, N.Y., to William Hamlin Childs, chairman of the executive committee of the fusion committee, he accepted the designation for mayor in the September primaries.

Transport At Halifax With Returned Men

(Special to Times)
Halifax, N.S., Aug. 1.—A steamer with returning soldiers has arrived here from England with a large number of soldiers from war scenes. There are 542 returned men on board, including fifty-two maritime province men. About 100 returned soldiers landed from the ship this morning. The following officers are on the steamer: Lt. G. M. A. Jones, 88th; Major J. C. Halsey, 101st; Major H. Lyle, 2nd; Capt. T. H. Byrne, 88th; Capt. C. J. Swift, C.F.A.; Lieut. B. N. Richardson, C.I.A.; N. O. Kilpatrick, C. L. A.; W. A. Armstrong, 2nd; J. Manning, 28th; L. H. H. E. Quinlan, 2nd; J. F. Fitzgerald, 14th; H. E. Johnson, 14th; W. Pyrie, 27th; R. H. Brown, 20th; R. L. Murdoch, 20th; A. J. MacIntyre, 14th; H. D. Leeming, 18th; G. R. Boulding, 1st; W. Morgan, 20th; L. E. Boulton, M. G. Dept.; N. E. Murray, 20th; T. A. Longley, 2nd; C. Keller, 47th; N. Allum, 28th; J. D. Campbell, 28th; E. T. Samson, 44; Nursing Sisters Fugh and Harper.

NO MENTION OF CANADIANS AS TAKING PART THIS TIME

London, Aug. 1.—According to reports from special correspondents, the great majority of British troops engaged in the latest assault are English although there are some Scottish, Welsh and Irish. It is said the Germans are employing a new system of defense which apparently depends principally upon organization for counter attacks. They now diminish their positions and by the same means increase the strength of their supports and reserves who hold rear lines in force and who are organized immediately for immediate attack. As an instance of the terrible pounding by the British artillery it is said to be known that the crew of one German battery had to be replaced nine times and the guns thereof five times.

NO MONTREAL TRAIN LIKELY BEFORE FRIDAY

That is Report Today from Some of the Washouts in Maine

The main line from St. John to Montreal will not be cleared until at least Friday night, says a dispatch from one of the C. P. R. officials. Large gangs of men are working from both sides of Greenville Junction, Atlantic equipment that the C. P. R. has in this section for the repairing of the road has been sent to the scene of the washouts and all possible means for the repairing the road in as short a time as possible are being used. All the mails from Montreal to St. John are now being handled on the Canadian Government Railway line. H. C. Groat, general superintendent of the C. P. R., Atlantic division, is at present at the scene of the washouts and is generally overseeing the work. It is thought that by Friday night a train will haul out of St. John for Montreal and that the washouts will be repaired in such a satisfactory way as has been up to the present.

CAR TURNS TURTLE

Eight Thrown Into Ditch Above Fredericton and Lenore Gerow is Hurt

(Special to Times)
Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 1.—Miss Lenore Gerow, of this city, had her wrist broken last night when a motor car driven by her brother, Percy A. Gerow, left the highway near the seven-mile house in Kingsclear and turned turtle into a ditch. There were eight occupants in the car but, beyond suffering shock, the others escaped injury. As the car was pinned under the car and were liberated only after long efforts of others on the road. The highway at this point was diverted to the St. John and Quebec Road way was built, and is not more than twelve feet wide. The wheels of Mr. Gerow's car, when passing a carriage, went over the edge and the sandy soil gave them no change to hold.

TWO DOCTORS JOIN NO. 8 AMBULANCE

Two new doctors were taken on the strength of No. 8 Field Ambulance this morning. Dr. Leatherbarrow and Dr. Henry Hedgocock, No. 8 Field Ambulance, is looking for about sixty-five recruits to do hospital work and act as hospital orderlies. Those desiring to sign should get in touch with Sergeant-Major Westrup at the Military Hospital in St. James street. From time to time there has been much discussion between the military hospitals commission and the military authorities over the army. Yesterday it was learned that the military hospitals commission had under consideration allowing No. 8 Field Ambulance, which is being mobilized by Major L. M. Curran, to use the army as quarters. For the present the recruits for this unit will be quartered in the exhibition building.

WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis—Showers have occurred in many parts of the western provinces and heavy rains have been fairly general in northern Ontario, while from southern Ontario eastward the weather has been fair. Extreme heat has prevailed over some localities at night or on Thursday, then cooler. Mostly fair. Maritime—Light winds, fine and warm. Thursday, moderate southwesterly winds, mostly fair and warm, thunder showers in some places. New England—Generally fair and warm tonight and probably Thursday, light west to southwest winds.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS SHOOT DOWN THEIR OWN MEN

Sailors' Battalion of Death in Victorious Charge Fired on by Own Troops—Only Fifteen Unwounded

Petrograd, July 31.—Premier and Minister of War Kerensky has returned from the front. The Maximalist leaders at Helsingfors, Finland, have been arrested. Their official newspaper has been confiscated. Success in Balkans. Petrograd, Aug. 1.—A telegram from Jassy says that the Russo-Rumanian advances between the Casin and Putna Valleys resulted in the enemy losing the soldiers fired on the sailors, who between two fires began to retire. Only twenty of the men escaped unscathed. The commander of the force died as the result of thirteen wounds, and a sub-lieutenant and two midshipmen shot themselves rather than retreat. The Maximalist leaders at Helsingfors, Finland, have been arrested. Their official newspaper has been confiscated. Success in Balkans. Petrograd, Aug. 1.—A telegram from Jassy says that the Russo-Rumanian advances between the Casin and Putna Valleys resulted in the enemy losing the soldiers fired on the sailors, who between two fires began to retire. Only twenty of the men escaped unscathed. The commander of the force died as the result of thirteen wounds, and a sub-lieutenant and two midshipmen shot themselves rather than retreat.

STEP TOWARDS THE ORGANIZATION OF A HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Matter Taken up by Government at Meeting Here

Valley Railway Work Goes on More Rapidly—Maritime Union—School For Deaf—The Returned Soldiers—Public Works Minister Early at Work

The provincial government, which has been in session ever since yesterday, completed work today and adjourned. Among the matters dealt with was the consideration of the organization of a department of public health, with an executive head as a member of the council, and steps towards the organization of the department. Hon. Dr. Roberts was authorized to procure an expert of recognized ability and experience to accept appointment as bacteriologist for the province. This will be done out where it went. He may lay information on the charge of theft, but then it would be awkward to prove that such a quantity of wet goods was for his personal use. The report of the construction work on the Valley Railway showed that it is progressing rapidly, the rate of progress during the last month being greater than during any previous month. In spite of the fact that the contractors are hampered by the lack of sufficient labor. The location parties on the line between Centerville and Andover have been making good progress in the field work. A communication was presented from the Premier of Nova Scotia, expressing his approval of the proposal to hold a meeting for the discussion of maritime union, as outlined in a bill passed at the last session of the legislature. A delegation representing the directors of the School for the Deaf, Lunatics and Idiots, applied for an increased grant on account of the higher cost of operation and maintenance. The government is conferring with the dominion authorities regarding the best steps to be taken for the benefit of returned soldiers and the minister of agriculture will leave soon for Ottawa, to confer with the authorities there and arrange for co-operation between the two governments. The minister of public works reported that excellent work was being done by the road commissioners in St. John and Kings county and all over the province, with the exception of a few of them, and special attention will be given to the roads in the province. The minister of public works reported that excellent work was being done by the road commissioners in St. John and Kings county and all over the province, with the exception of a few of them, and special attention will be given to the roads in the province. The minister of public works reported that excellent work was being done by the road commissioners in St. John and Kings county and all over the province, with the exception of a few of them, and special attention will be given to the roads in the province.

HIS STOCK OF LIQUOR GONE

Was Stored in Friend's Cellar But Has Vanished—Fredericton Constable on the Trail But Nothing Results

(Special to Times)
Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 1.—A sad story comes from Devon, a town recently formed by union of the villages of St. Mary's and Gibson. Some \$1,400 worth of liquor purchased in the latter part of April when the St. John wholesale dealers were cleaning out their stock preparatory to going out of business, was stored by the owner in the cellar of a friend. The latter also stored butter in the cellar. The owner of the liquor was given the key, but the owner of the butter frequently borrowed it in order to get his butter. A short time ago the owner of the liquor sent a little girl to see how his property was faring and she brought back the information that it was gone. A constable in Fredericton was employed on the case, but reported after working so long that there was no trace of the guilty party or parties. There the matter rests.

SAYS HE PAID \$2.50 FOR BOTTLE OF RYE

That bootleggers are still at work in St. John is regarded as certain because of a statement that a soldier made to Magistrate Ritchie in the police court this morning when asked where he secured liquor that made him intoxicated. The soldier answered a charge of drunkenness. Policeman Henrickson said that he found the prisoner holding on to a telegraph pole in Union street about 12-20 o'clock this morning. He gave the soldier a chance and advised him to go home. With this the policeman said he was called some nice "polite" names. The court imposed a fine of \$8 for drunkenness and an additional \$8 for using an insulting expression to the policeman. Asked where he got the liquor, he said: "Well, your Honor, I will tell you truthfully. I met a man in Main street yesterday and I asked him where I could get a drop. He told me and I got a bottle of rye and paid him \$2.50." The magistrate: "And here you are spending over twice that much for rum in one day."

HANGED TO TRESTLE

One of Executive of Industrial Workers of World Lynched

Butte, Mont., Aug. 1.—Frank Little, a member of the executive board of the Industrial Workers of the World, and a leader in labor troubles in Arizona, was taken from a looking house early today by masked men and hanged to a railroad trestle on the outskirts of the city. Little, in a recent speech here, referred to the United States troops as "Uncle Sam's cats in uniform."

MANY WAR PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM RUSSIA

Petrograd, Aug. 1.—The notable growth in the number of enemy war prisoners escaping from Russia since the revolution is engaging the attention of the military authorities. According to published data, from the beginning of the war until March a total of 5,350 escapes had been registered, whereas during March 1917 managed to get away in April 2,518 and in May more than 3,000 escaped.

TODAY'S BALL GAMES

International League—Rochester at Buffalo, 2 games, clear, 2 and 4 p. m.; Montreal at Toronto, 2 clear, 2 and 4 p. m.; Richmond at Baltimore, 2, cloudy, 2 and 4 p. m.; Providence at Newark, clear, 3:30 p. m. National League—Boston at Chicago, clear, 3 p. m.; New York at Pittsburgh, clear, 3:30; Philadelphia at St. Louis, clear, 3 p. m.; Brooklyn at Cincinnati, clear, 3 p. m. American—Chicago at Boston, clear, 3:15; Cleveland at Philadelphia, cloudy, 3:30 p. m.; Detroit at Washington, cloudy, 3:30 p. m.