

INTENSE ARTILLERY FIGHT ALONG THE BRITISH FRONT

Germans Pouring Gas Shells Into British Front Line to Hold Up Advance

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London, July 22.—General Haig reported today progress of an intense artillery combat along the British front.

For the past twelve hours the guns on both sides have roared and the Germans have poured gas and tear-making shells into the British front line.

Germans Have Gathered Together 340,000 Men To Reinforce Hard-Pushed Army on Somme

A Rotterdam despatch to the London Daily News says: "Germany is preparing for a supreme effort on the western front and, according to reliable information, has drafted to the Somme front in the last three weeks 340,000 men."

"One hundred thousand are from depots, but the remainder are seasoned men, who have been slightly wounded and are now thoroughly cured." The cavalry is being sent west also, my informant declares. He personally saw regiments of Dragoons, Hussars, Uhlans and Mounted Jaegers passing through Dusseldorf on their way west.

It is certain that, even at the risk of continual small retreats on the eastern fronts, the Germans are determined to throw everything into the west."

New Proof that Troops Were Hurriedly Taken From Crown Prince at Verdun for the Somme

Paris, July 22.—"From the examination of yesterday's prisoners, whose battalions of Wurtembergers, Saxons, Prussians, Bavarians and Badenese were jumbled in a headlong pell-mell that reveals extraordinary confusion, one fact stands out; there was an entire company of troops that had helped to capture Fort Vaux. One of them declared his regiment had been heavily withdrawn from Verdun on July 12 and rushed headlong to the Somme first line to relieve the Bavarian Landsturm."

British Offensive Has Destroyed All Hope That Huns May Have Had of Capturing Verdun

These words in a despatch from the Somme front received yesterday afternoon mark the failure of the Germans' gigantic enterprise against "her principal enemy." The long-awaited Franco-British offensive has achieved its first and not least important result. To patch the threatened line even the Crown Prince's hope of glory must be sacrificed, and the Allies are reaping the full benefit of French heroism at Verdun.

With a Panther Spring the French Troops Went Through the Hun Defences in Few Hours

Paris, July 22.—After ten days of preparation the French army of the Somme has made another panther spring. The action was in two parts. North of the river France's most famous division surpassed its records by accomplishing in the brief period between 5.25 and 9 o'clock in the morning a task its own chiefs had calculated would take fifty eighteen hours of daylight.

Their progress automatically cleared Deville Wood and Longueval. There the Germans were stubbornly disputing with the British the ground they won back in Tuesday's great counter attack. Moreover the French have now a firm footing on the high ground north of Peronne, whence they can initiate an enveloping movement instead of a costly frontal attack across almost impassable marshes.

The second action south of Peronne was on a greater scale, but attained with equal success its extensive objective. The forty-eight hour artillery preparation was so sufficient that on the whole five miles front the German first line defences fell en masse.

To Be Decided on West Front. Paris, July 22.—Senator Henry Berger, who has returned from a visit

AUSTRIA DENIES IT.

London, July 22.—The report that a secret treaty had been concluded between Austria-Hungary and Germany, providing for the unification of armaments and conduct of foreign affairs, is emphatically denied by the Hungarian press bureau, according to the Vienna correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company. The bureau characterizes the report as a pure invention.

Young St. John Soldier to Be Decorated for Gallantry

Signaller Daryl C. Peters Recommended for the D. C. M. for Sticking to His Post When Conditions Appeared to Be Utterly Hopeless at that Point for Relief.

(Special by The Daily Gleaner's leased wire.) St. John, N. B., July 22.—Divisional Signaller Daryl C. Peters, nineteen years old, son of Fred A. Peters, of C. H. Peters Sons, Ltd., of this city, has been recommended for the D. C. M., according to news received by the family on what is regarded as undoubted authority. Word had come previously of the extraordinary coolness of the young soldier under fire and of the manner in which he had stuck to his post when it seemed to be an utterly forlorn hope.

The French Colonials Play Conspicuous Part

Paris, July 22.—French Colonial troops played a conspicuous part in the latest offensive along the River Somme.

Immediately before the action Lieut. Col. L. told his men they would have to measure arms with a powerful and well armed enemy, but he said, "I have seen you at work and know I can count on you. Good luck. Forward."

Not long afterwards his men in an assault captured three lines of German trenches, twelve machine guns and more than 500 prisoners.

Casualties in British Armies

(By special cable and leased wire to The Daily Gleaner and the Montreal Star. Copyright.) London, July 22.—Today's casualties include 230 officers, 78 dead; 2,285 men, 253 dead. The regiments suffering are the Northumberland Fusiliers, Middlesex Royal Engineers, Royal Irish Rifles, Rifle Brigade, King's Royal Rifles, York and Lancasters, West Yorkshires, Duke of Wellington's Highland Infantry. WINDERMERE.

GERMANY TO PAY SWISS VICTIMS

Indemnities to Families of Those Lost in Torpedoing of Steamer Sussex.

Lucerne (via Paris), July 22.—The Lucerne newspapers say that Germany and Switzerland have reached an agreement regarding the indemnities to be paid the families of Swiss victims of the sinking of the Sussex. Each Government has appointed an expert who will consider the cases separately and fix the amount to be paid.

The British steamer Sussex was torpedoed without warning in the English Channel on March 24, fifty lives being lost.

Questions in British Parliament Regarding Gun Emplacements Found on German Estates Not Far from London

(By special cable and leased wire to The Daily Gleaner.) LONDON, July 22.—Watson Rutherford, M. P., has asked the Home Secretary whether he was taking any steps to allay public anxiety caused by the disclosure that on a residential estate, about twelve miles south of London, a Japanese garden had been found constructed in concrete and masonry, giving emplacements for five heavy guns, and that such estate commands the main line of railway into London, and which property, until last week, was in the occupation of a so-called American citizen of German nationality, with the rank of captain; whether he was aware that at the same place there was an 80 horse power motor car, fitted with a 500 candle power searchlight; whether he was aware that at a sale July 18, such a car was purchased by a firm with a German name; whether he was aware that last week there was a similar estate on another residential estate to the west of London, with another similar Japanese garden, with gun emplacements, also occupied by a person of German nationality.

Baltimore Believes That the Deutschland Is Waiting for the Bremen to Arrive

Sensational Story Spread that the Bremen Is Accompanied by German Fighting Submarines, and that the Deutschland Will Have Their Protection in Getting Away.

(Special by The Daily Gleaner's leased wire.) Baltimore, July 22.—After the German sub-sea freighter Deutschland had failed to take advantage of a terrible lightning and rainstorm to get away from her slimy Patapsco shelter early today the belief grew to conviction that she awaits the coming of her sister ship, the Bremen.

The latter is said to be taking no chances with the Allied patrol, but instead is reported to be conveyed by fighting submarines.

Many Persons Believe the Story that Bremen Is Being Conveyed to This Side by Submarines

From a source close to sub-sea freighter developments came the information that these ocean-going fighters are bringing the Bremen as far as the Capes, and that she should be in this port by Monday.

There was no confirmation of the story, though waterfront men thought it was more plausible than many of the yarns spun about the Deutschland's situation. In this connection they pointed out that the fighters could act as guard for the safe getaway of the Deutschland.

The General Opinion is that the Bremen Will Reach Port by Monday Next, Barring Accident

Whether the Deutschland intends to speak to her sister ship at the Capes, or here, cannot be learned. The German and American promoters still keep their own counsel.

Monday is the day generally accepted as the docking time of the Bremen, barring "accidents," and, while the Deutschland has shattered all advance dope, many think she will certainly be due by that time. CARL D. GROAT.

Something Mysterious Has Happened to Cause The Deutschland Commander to Change Plans

Baltimore, Md., July 21.—It was age in a few days. There is nothing wrong with the boat or mechanism, the cargo, with the exception of the reported shipment of gold to the Central Powers, is aboard, and as the gold need not necessarily have been carried back by the Deutschland, it is now thought that insurance trouble is causing the delay. Something momentous has happened.

Shore leave to sailors, revoked several nights ago, has been granted again. Even social activities have been resumed. Palpably the Deutschland is comfortable in her berth and may remain there indefinitely.

Spain Securing New Submarines Her Own Navy Yards Kept Busy While Others Are Building in U. S. and Italy.

Madrid, July 22.—It is officially announced that the cruiser Extramadura will go shortly to the United States to take over a submarine which has been built for Spain, and which is now undergoing trial in American ports. Three other submarines are being built in the Cartagena navy yard, and a similar number have been bought in Italy.

London, July 22.—A despatch to Lloyds from Algiers says that the French steamer Cottola, 1,200 tons, and the British steamer Karma, 2,354 tons, have been sunk. The crews were landed at Algiers.

THE RUSSIANS HAVE TAKEN THREE LINES OF THE GERMAN TRENCHES IN FIGHT AT RIGA

Large Number of German Prisoners Already Arriving at Riga from the Scene of the Hotly Contested Struggle on the Banks of the Dvina.

VON HINDENBURG WILL REQUIRE ALL OF HIS ASTUTENESS TO EVADE FORCE OF SLAV BLOW

Gen. Ruski Believes that the Allies Have at Last Taken the Initiative and that Huns Will Soon Find Themselves in Tight Quarters.

(By special cable and leased wire to The Daily Gleaner.) Petrograd, July 22.—Interest is mainly concentrated on the fighting near Riga. In Riga itself there is great excitement, and hopes are glowing.

The noise of the bombardment is deafening, and the windows in the town are rattling with the reverberations of the explosions.

The Russian Troops Swept Through Three Lines of German Trenches on Dwina Front

Private telegrams state that the Russians already have taken three lines of German trenches, and that the first party of German prisoners has reached Riga. Further news is awaited here with great eagerness.

Famous Russian General Regards the Present Crushing Blows to Huns as Culminating Stroke

Petrograd, July 22.—General Ruski, who retired from the Russian northern command through serious ill-health, has just passed through Petrograd on his way to spend the rest of the summer in Finland.

In the course of a conversation the famous soldier, to whom belongs the credit for the series of heavy blows dealt at the Austrians in the first months of the war, spoke of the present state of affairs with the greatest satisfaction.

The Allies by Keeping Up Pressure at Several Points May Divide the Forces of the Enemy

"Continued pressure is necessary now," he said. "Pressure at a number of points, so that the enemy's forces may be divided. If this is kept up steadily, and if all the Allied armies avoid the mistake of pushing on more quickly than is prudent, then the end may come in sight a good deal sooner than seemed likely a few months ago."

"The Germans are making their last effort. They have been forced to change their plans and no longer possess the initiative. Everywhere they are on the defensive. Their strength in munitions is still very great, and the task before the Allies is not an easy one anywhere, but with unflinching determination and readiness to make sacrifices victory can be won."

The Germans Will Make Desperate Effort To Snatch a Triumph, But Will Surely Fail

"The Allies' superiority in numbers has now deprived the enemy of the advantage of operating upon interior lines. He is no longer able to transfer troops at will from one point to another, and this increased the possibility of piercing his front at many points and of breaking up his forces into separate groups. When this has been done, he can be dealt with more satisfactorily."

"Even now Germany will make a desperate effort to snatch victory by bold tactics and the employment of all her resources, but let the Allies stand firm and success cannot be long delayed."

GERMANS DISCUSS TRADE PROBLEMS

Economists Cannot Agree of Advisability of High Tariff After the War.

The Hague (via London), July 22.—Problems in connection with the reorganization of Germany's trade after the war are already causing much discussion. The Vorwarts says experience has shown that protective tariffs have in nowise enabled German agriculture to supply the population with sufficient food, and that the highest economists recognize the necessity to completely revise the tariff laws.

The Kecu Zeitung, on the other hand, clamors for a still higher tariff wall, arguing that Germany with a higher tariff will be helped to become self-supporting. This line Vorwarts calls nonsense, saying that nobody seriously expects the demand for cotton to vanish, or that the Germans henceforth will be clad exclusively in linen or wool. This newspaper also says that Germany will never be able to produce sufficient grain, fodder, meat and fat.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

London, July 22.—Lloyds announces the sinking of the British steamer Wolf, 2,443 tons gross.

Huns Offer to Withdraw from Belgium for Huge Indemnity

Posters Said to Have Been Placed on Walls of Cities Declaring that the Kaiser's Troops Would Evacuate Belgium on Payment of 40,000,000,000 Marks.

Amsterdam (via London), July 22.—Posters have been placed on the walls of the barracks in Ghent stating that negotiations have been opened between the United States and Germany for the evacuation of Belgium, according to the Echo Belge. According to the posters, Germany is prepared to withdraw from Belgium on the payment of an indemnity of 40,000,000,000 marks.

The Echo Belge comments sarcastically on this proposal, terming the proposed indemnity "a mare flea bite."

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