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BRITISH SHIPS SHELL FORTS HELD BY BULGARS AT KAVALA "THIEPVAL WEEK" ONE OF TRIUMPH FOR BRITISH TROOPS Russians Have Captured Another Height in Carpathians

HAIG'S TROOPS TAKE ANOTHER ENEMY TRENCH

Two Hundred Yard Stretch North of Bazentin-le-Petit Occupied.

GAINS AROUND GINCHY

Further Progress is Stayed, However, by Adverse Weather Conditions.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—Gains by British troops on the Somme front north of Bazentin-le-Petit and northwest of Ginchy are reported today by Sir Douglas Haig. In an attack in the former region the British took an additional 200 yards of trench and captured one machine gun.

The following official communication was issued this evening: "During the past 24 hours had weather to some extent has interfered with our operations. We have, however, gained ground northwest of Ginchy.

"In the afternoon there was considerable artillery activity by both sides, the enemy fire being directed mainly against our support trenches, and more especially toward the north of Longueval. Our guns blew up some of the enemy's bomb stores.

"Between Neuve Chapelle and Arras we exploded mines. The enemy blew up two small mines southwest of Anchy and south of the Ypres salient. There were no casualties in either case.

"Four German officers and 55 men of other ranks were captured south of the Ancre last night and this morning."

Capture of Trench. The afternoon statement said: "In the successful attacks reported in the communications of Friday seven (Continued on Page 4, Column 3).

SIXTY-SIX DIVISIONS OF FRENCH AT VERDUN

Eight Hundred Thousand Men Engaged, According to Statement From Berlin.

BERLIN, Aug. 27, via Sayville wireless.—An official announcement issued here today says that between Feb. 21 and July 20 there were engaged in the Verdun sector 66 divisions (nearly 800,000 men) of French troops. In the battle of the Somme, the announcement says, the French thus far have engaged 23 divisions and the British 37.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

WHILE Germany and Bulgaria have given a pledge to Greece that Kavala will not be entered by Bulgarian troops, the invaders of Greek territory have not scrupled to take possession of a circle of forts around that seaport. Apparently the Greek garrisons fell back without resistance and were mere spectators of the bombardment by British monitors of the Bulgar positions. How long Greece is to continue in this passive attitude, which has disgraced in the eyes of the world, no one can clearly foresee.

Elsewhere on the Saloniki front artillery activity continues to be the feature of the Anglo-French operations, the work of demolishing the enemy's defences in preparation for launching infantry attacks being carried on systematically. The Serbians have borne the brunt of the close-range fighting during the past few days and they have well lived up to their splendid traditions. In the region northwest of Kukuruz where they have been making headway during the last few days against obstinate Bulgarian resistance, the Serbians have inflicted a severe defeat upon the enemy. Six counter-attacks by Bulgars have been repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy and the Serbs are following up this success with a fresh advance. "Desperate actions" are reported in the vicinity of Lake Ostrovo, where Bulgar detachments were caught in a Serbian trap, sustaining severe losses.

Sofia announces that Bulgarian troops are invading Albania and have taken the Town of Malik, ten miles west of the Greek border.

Adverse weather slowed down operations on the western front yesterday after violent infantry fighting at scattered points during the night. Sir Douglas Haig's troops captured another 200 yards (Continued on Page 2, Columns 1 and 2).

FIVE MORE BATTALIONS HAVE REACHED ENGLAND

One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth From Camp Borden is Included.

OTTAWA, Aug. 27.—It is officially announced that the following troops have arrived safely in England: The 11th Battalion, Valcartier; the 12th Battalion, Camp Borden, N.S.; the 121st Battalion, Vernon, B.C.; the 128th Battalion, Camp Borden, and the 129th Battalion, Winnipeg. Drafts and details.

RUSS SEAPLANES RAID BULGAR PORT OF VARNA

Bombs Dropped on Buildings and Batteries—Ship Set on Fire.

PETROGRAD, via London, Aug. 27.—An official communication issued by the war office this evening says: "On the Black Sea at daybreak of the 25th, our seaplanes raided Varna (on the coast of Bulgaria). Bombs were dropped on the port buildings, harbor and anti-aircraft batteries. It was observed that a ship was lying in the harbor and port works were struck and caught fire."

ITALY DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY

Diplomatic Relations in the Meantime Have Been Severed.

FORMAL DECLARATION

Berlin Notified Thru Swiss Government of Final Step.

ROME, Aug. 27.—Italy today declared war on Germany.

What Berlin Has to Say. BERLIN, Aug. 27.—Via wireless to Sayville.—The following official announcement was made here today: "The Italian Government has declared, thru the Swiss Government, that it considers itself, from Aug. 28, at war with Germany."

Italy and Germany have been drifting steadily toward war. In fact, Italy's formal declaration amounts to little more than official recognition of a state of affairs which already existed. The declaration became inevitable when Italy recently sent troops to Saloniki to co-operate in the campaign of the entente allies on the Macedonian front. Inasmuch as Germany is direct in the opposing forces and has troops on this battle line, Italy's position in regard to Germany had been an anomalous one after Italy withdrew from the triple alliance on (Continued on Page 2, Column 3).

BRITISH FLEET OPENS FIRE ON KAVALA FORTS

Bulgars Have Occupied All But One Fort Around Greek Seaport.

SERBS PRESS BULGARS

Series of Attacks Beaten Off With Heavy Loss to Enemy.

PARIS, Aug. 27, 2:37 p.m.—Violent fighting between Bulgarian and Serbian troops continues on the Macedonian front, in the region of Lake Ostrovo. The war office announced today that the Serbians, making counter-attacks, had pushed back the Bulgarians. All but one of the forts about the Greek port of Kavala have been occupied by the Bulgarians. Two British monitors and one cruiser bombarded these positions on Friday.

The communication says: "Eastern army: On the Struma front our artillery has continued to bombard enemy organizations. A Bulgarian battalion was caught by our fire. There was an intermittent cannonade between Lake Doiran and Majdanaghi."

"West of the Vardar the Bulgarians renewed their attempts against Vetrnik and northwest of Kukuruz. Five successive attacks conducted with extreme violence were shattered by the Serbian artillery fire.

"In the region of Lake Ostrovo desperate fighting continues, particularly west and northwest of the lake, where several Bulgarian attacks were driven back by counter-attacks of the Serbian infantry.

"Friday two British monitors and a cruiser bombarded the forts at Kavala, which had been occupied, with one exception, by Bulgarians.

British Artillery Active. The French staff office this afternoon gave out the following communication concerning the operations in the Balkans: "On our right wing there was (Continued on Page 3, Column 4).

ELEVEN RACING CARS PILED UP—TWO KILLED

Eight Others Injured in Accident During Hundred Mile Automobile Race.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Aug. 27.—Two men were killed and eight others injured, one of them mortally, when 11 of the 14 automobiles piled up at a turn during the 100-mile race at Kalamazoo here today. The dead were: Marion Arnold, mechanic, Chicago, and Jack Peacock, driver, Brooklyn, E. E. Marquette, Kalamazoo, mechanic for Peacock, was probably fatally injured.

The accident occurred when Peacock's car, leading in the race, skidded and struck the fence. It was overturned and thrown across the track. Ten of the machines, going at a terrific clip, plowed into the overturned car. Five of them were completely demolished.

Today's accident is the worst that has occurred at the world's racing since 1911, when Leo Oldfield's car skidded through the fence and killed eight persons.

COURT REMANDS WRITER OF THREATENING LETTER

Special to The Toronto World. NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Aug. 27.—Joseph Clark, the Pelham Township young man who wrote a letter to Andrew J. Heidenreich of Welland, threatening him with bodily harm, pleaded guilty when his case came up in the police court Saturday. He was remanded for sentence.

HAMILTON CHURCH SERVICES. Five Visiting Clergy Occupied Pulpits Yesterday.

HAMILTON, Monday, Aug. 28.—Five of the pulpits at yesterday's services were occupied by visiting clergy. At the first Congregational church, the Rev. J. W. Peasley, of Toronto, conducted the services. At the Methodist church, the Rev. J. N. Clarry, of Belleville, conducted the morning service at the First Methodist Church and the Rev. E. B. Lanoeley, of Toronto, conducted the evening service. At the Central Presbyterian church, the Rev. J. E. Elliott, of Bloomington, Illinois, and the Rev. Alex. Wilson of Aberdeen, officiated at the evening service. Both services at the Gospel Tabernacle were conducted by the Rev. Hugh McDermid, of Port William.

SENTENCES POSTPONED ON FRENCH PRISONERS

Kaiser Stays Executions as Result of Reciprocal Agreement With French Government.

BERLIN, Aug. 27, via Sayville.—The following official statement was issued here today: "The German Emperor has ordered postponement until after the war of the execution of all sentences imposed for the punishment of French prisoners, both civilian and military, on account of acts committed up to Sept. 1 of this year."

The Overseas News Agency adds: "The newspapers state that this action was taken as a result of a reciprocal agreement with the French Government."

The imperial cabinet order providing for postponement of sentences upon French prisoners also provides for the immediate release of such persons from confinement and their return to the prison camp at Cottbus. In cases where a breach of discipline in German prison camps is involved, however, the offenders are excepted from the provisions of the order.

CONGRESS CAN AVERT STRIKE?

Wilson to Call for Legislation to Meet Railway Crisis.

DEADLOCK UNBROKEN

Strike May Go Into Effect Within Ten Days, Say Trainmen.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Tentative plans for a joint session of the Senate and House to hear President Wilson ask for legislation to prevent the threatened nation-wide railroad strike, were discussed by the president with Senator Kern, the Democratic leader, tonight when it seemed virtually certain that when it comes the threatened strike, the employees must follow final conferences with the threatened employers. Possibilities of legislation were talked over by the president with Senator Newlands, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission and Secretary Lane, during the day, and tonight the president made a quiet trip to the senate office building to find Senator Kern, who had decided to be present at a meeting of the Finance committee.

No Sign of Break. Since last night the belief that negotiations between the railroad executives and representatives of the men would end without an agreement has been growing. This feeling was strengthened today, when the members of the Finance committee, 640, tired of their long wait, departed for home after delegating their powers to effect a settlement or call a strike to a committee of five. A strike under no circumstances to agree to arbitration of the demand for a 3-hour day at the present rate of pay for (Continued on Page 2, Column 3).

ALLIED AIR SQUADRON MADE RAID ON GHENT

Terrific Explosion Indicated Blowing Up of Ammunition Depot.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—A squadron of the entente allies' aeroplanes bombarded the neighborhood of Ghent, Friday morning, according to The Echo from Belgium. A Reuter despatch from Amsterdam, which was received here, continued 45 minutes, when there was a terrific explosion shattering windows throughout the city. It is supposed to have been caused by the blowing up of an ammunition depot. A little later a second explosion equally severe, was heard. The newspaper says it is reported there were many victims.

An ammunition depot at Meirebke also was blown up, and a zeppelin was seriously damaged.

POLITICAL CRISIS NOW REPORTED IN HUNGARY

Coalition Cabinet is Demanded, But Emperor Refuses to Comply.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The developments in the Balkans seem to be causing perturbation in Austria-Hungary, according to advices received here from Bern, Switzerland. These advices say there is a serious political crisis in Hungary. The opposition leaders have demanded a coalition cabinet, which the emperor has refused to comply with.

In addition to all night sittings of the Hungarian chamber, the despatch adds, and Austrian cabinet council sat for eight hours Thursday and six hours Friday, and the Hungarian cabinet for nine hours Thursday and ten hours Friday.

FIELDING, UNTALKATIVE SATISFIED WITH VOTE

Hon. W. S. Fielding, ex-minister of finance, was in Toronto yesterday on his return from Algonquin Park, where he spent his vacation. He left on the one o'clock train last night for Montreal. He was anxious to learn about the election in Southwest Toronto, and he was highly elated over Hartley Dewar's victory.

RUSSIANS MAKE FRESH ADVANCE IN CARPATHIANS

Enemy Driven From Koverla Height on the Hungarian Frontier.

DRIVE IS CONTINUING

Slavs Also Make Further Gains in Fighting in Caucasus.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 27, via London, 3 p.m.—Russian troops in the Carpathians have made a further advance in the vicinity of the Hungarian border. The war office today announced the capture of positions three miles northeast of Koverla on the frontier.

"Enemy airplanes flew over our positions on the Dniestr Lake and dropped bombs, killing a chaplain, Father Joskim Sedletzki, while he was fulfilling his pastoral duties."

"On the village of Tobol, the enemy opened fierce artillery fire on our crossings. Here the gallant regimental commander, Col. Mykov, was killed.

"In the Carpathians in the region of Koverla (on the frontier, 10 miles southeast of Kormosze), our troops drove the enemy out of his position on Hill 1129, three miles northeast of Koverla Mountain, and occupied this height. In this operation we captured three officers, 17 men and four machine guns. Our advance continues."

The Russian army of the Caucasus, whose recently inaugurated offensive movement has resulted in the recapture of a considerable amount of territory from the Turks, is said by the war office to have made a further advance. The official account of operations in this region follows:

"In the direction of Diabekr stubborn fighting continues. Our columns have advanced to the Maslarsani River, which flows into the Euphrates east of the Village of Nurik."

KITCHENER APPEARS ON HOTEL REGISTERS

Young Women Proudly Write Berlin's New Name and Stand by It.

Kitchener has at last made its appearance on the hotel registers of Toronto. Two young women arrived at the Queen's Hotel early last evening, and proudly wrote the word "Kitchener" after their signatures. The room clerk looked, but was promptly taken up by the visitors from the western Ontario city, who announced the fact that the people themselves, and Kitchener, it would remain as long as they had anything to say in the matter.

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INFANT'S LEG MANGLED WHEN BUGGY OVERTURNS

Physicians Amputated Limb of Harry Weiss After Accident at West Toronto Station.

Pushed by the press of a crowd watching a troop train off for Camp Borden from the C.P.R. station at West Toronto about 7:30 last night, a go-cart in charge of two small girls was upset, and Harry Weiss, 15 months old, of 87 Hook avenue, was thrown under one of the coaches. His left foot was mangled so badly by the wheels of the train that amputation was necessary when he was removed to the Hospital for Sick Children.

SIX MONTHS' SENTENCE GIVEN ABSENT SOLDIERS

Special to The Toronto World. NIAGARA FALLS, Aug. 26.—Six months in the Ontario Reformatory was the sentence imposed upon two former soldiers, Harry Bannister and Fred Williamson, who appeared before Magistrate Fraser in the police court charged with being absent without leave.

Bannister was formerly a sergeant with the "Welland Canal force," and Williamson a member of the armory guard here. Williamson was arrested in Toronto, where he formerly resided. Bannister's home is in St. Catharines.

BRITISH ELATED OVER TRIUMPHS

"Thiepval Week" Has Been One of Steady and Splendid Progress.

PRUSSIANS FIGHT HARD

Wiltshires and Worcestershires Give Crack Guards Hot Reception.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 26, via London, Aug. 27.—"It was a week of gains and the kind of gains we want," said a British staff officer today, reviewing the result of the week's British offensive.

"A thousand yards here and there," the officer continued, "but every time it has meant an advantage on ground we wanted for future purposes. The German attacks have been counter-attacks to recover ground they have lost. Not an attack that we made this week but has been a gain. As a matter of soldierly efficiency the British army has never done better work than this week."

British Keenly Elated. At the end of what might be called Thiepval week the British are more jubilant than at any time since the offensive began, except on the occasions when they broke the first line July 1 and the second line July 14. They put on the old first line trenches in front of Thiepval a record concentration of gun fire.

The correspondent, while watching this curtain of shell fire, saw phlegmatic veterans as excited as school-boys in their rejoicing. Under these attacks of fire the British by two attacks rushed up to within 300 yards of that patch of ruins which was the Village of Thiepval. The correspondent (Continued on Page 2, Column 3).

CORNERING OF GRAIN ENEMY'S SUGGESTION

Berlin Post Proposes Move to Worry the Entente Powers.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 27, via London.—To corner the grain supplies against the entente powers, despite the tremendous money sacrifices, is a step seriously urged by the commercial editor of The Berlin Post.

"If England buys Rumanian grain to let it rot rather than to allow us to have it," says the writer, "we can do the same thing by manipulating the grain markets where our enemies buy and which are also accessible to us if corners in the Chicago and New York markets are possible in peace times. They are more so now when the demand for grain is so keen and the crops in America and enemy countries are so poor."

NEW CHIEF OF GREEK STAFF IS APPOINTED

PARIS, Aug. 27.—A despatch from Athens to The Temps says a great impression has been created in Greece by the appointment as chief of staff of the Greek army of Gen. Mochlos, an avowed friend of the entente powers. Under royal decree, the despatch says, Gen. Doumanis and Col. Metaxas are displaced.

VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION.

Visitors to Toronto should not overlook the special display of over 1000 items now being shown at Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, corner Temperance. The Dineen display embraces all the very latest designs for the fall and winter of 1916-1917. Visitors may view exclusive Paris and New York fashions as well as the products of the Dineen workrooms. Every garment and piece of fur is from select skins and pelts, fashioned by skilled furriers. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, summer prices for furs are greatly cheaper than the prices applying in the later winter season. Purchases made now will be stored and insured free of charge for later delivery.

FRENCH LINES HELD AGAINST THREE ONSETS

Attacks on Positions in Vaux-le-Chapitre Wood.

FRENCH FIRE DEADLY

Enemy's Onslaught in Apremont Forest Failed Under Curtain of Fire.

PARIS, Aug. 27.—Weather conditions have caused a cessation of active operations on the western front. The French war office tonight says briefly: "There is no important event to report along the whole front, where the bad weather continues."

Three attacks were made by the Germans last night against French positions in Vaux-Chapitre Wood, northeast of Verdun, and one in the Apremont forest in Lorraine. The afternoon official statement of today says these assaults were repulsed. The statement follows:

"On the Somme front the night was comparatively calm. Persistent bad weather interfered with operations. "On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the Germans in the night made three successive attacks on our positions in Vaux-Chapitre Wood. They were stopped each time by our fire. The enemy was obliged to return to his trenches after suffering appreciable losses.

Hard Fighting in Forest. "In Lorraine several surprise attacks of the enemy on our small posts between Arracourt and Embremont were repulsed easily. In Apremont forest there was lively fighting during the night. Our grenadiers engaged in combats of considerable violence with enemy patrols, which they dispersed. At about 10 o'clock the Germans made an attack on a front of about 800 yards against our trenches near Croix St. Jean. The enemy was caught by our curtain of fire and sustained a complete defeat.

"On the remainder of the front nothing of importance occurred."

Artillery Duels on Somme. The official communication issued by the French war office Saturday night read as follows:

"On the Somme front the day was marked by artillery duels, which were very brisk, notably in the north of Maurepas and in the region to the west of Clercy.

"There was an intermittent cannonade on the remainder of the front. It was most violent in the Thiaumont-Flcury (Verdun region) sector."

PALACE OF REPUBLIC AT VENICE IS SEIZED

Italian Gov.'s Reprisal for Abominable Violations of International Law by the Austrians

ROME, Aug. 27, via Paris.—The ancient palace of the republic of Venice, the Palazzo di Venezia, concerning which there has been a long popular agitation, has been confiscated by the government under a decree issued Saturday. The palace was given by Pope VIII to Venice and remained in possession of the republic until its fall, when it passed to the Emperor of Austria. For some time it was the seat of the Austrian embassy, and since then has been occupied by the embassy to the vatican.

The decree says the place is confiscated as a measure of reprisal for "abominable violations of international law and devastation of monuments and buildings in Venice without any military motive."

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