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See Signs of Shortening Of The German Front On Another Part of Line

British and French Both Make Advance; American Gunners Destroy Whole Ger- man Battalion; Quieter on Rheims- Soissons Front

Paris, Aug. 7.—Indications are that the German high command is about ready with another shortening of the western front on a different sector than that between Soissons and Rheims, according to a Zurich despatch to the Matin, quoting a Berlin despatch to the Badische Presse of Karlsruhe.

This operation, it is added, has in view not only the occupation of more favorable positions, but more particularly the release of a considerable number of divisions.

BRITISH ADVANCE LINE

London, Aug. 7.—The British line astride the Clarence River, on the Flanders front, has been advanced a short distance, says today's war office announcement. A few prisoners were taken during the course of the operations.

FURTHER FRENCH GAINS

Paris, Aug. 7.—Along the Vesle the French continue to repulse German attacks, especially between Braine and Soissons. The war office announces that 100 prisoners have been captured east of Braine. The Germans today made a local attack against the French position south of Auberive in Champagne. They were repulsed. French troops last night made further gains in the Montdidier region, south of Francourt and southeast of Mesnil-St. Georges (west of Montdidier).

In the course of the fighting near the Vesle the French occupied the station of Ciry-Salsogne, just to the west of the bend in the Vesle where it turns northward to join the Aisne.

WIPE OUT HUN BATTALION

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne front, Aug. 6.—(By the Associated Press)—American machine gunners, protecting a location on the Vesle, west of Fismes, wiped out an entire battalion of German infantry men and machine gunners today. The Germans were getting into position to attack a group of American bridge builders who were approaching the location.

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WANT ACTION AS TO ALIENS

Toronto Citizens Make Demands
Following on Recent Disturbances

Toronto, Aug. 7.—Five thousand people gathered in Queen's Park last night in response to an invitation of a citizens' committee to consider the recent disturbances. Several resolutions setting forth a policy the government was asked to follow in dealing with aliens were passed and a committee of citizens, returned soldiers and women was appointed to present resolutions to Mayor Church. The resolutions were:—

"That license hitherto granted to all aliens unqualified or otherwise, be cancelled for not less than two years after the war.

"That all aliens be returned to their several countries or drafted in the C. E. F. and that enemy aliens be interned or put to work on the land.

"That all unarmoured men of the Toronto police force who participated in the outrage of Saturday night be drafted into the C. E. F.

"That the meeting request the immediate dismissal of members of the force who showed lack of self-control by brutally striking returned soldiers harmless, also the wives of Toronto citizens.

"That the police be instructed to disarm all aliens.

"That immediate action be taken to repress disloyalty and seditious in Toronto among the foreign element."

DIAMOND SHOALS LIGHTSHIP GONE

U-Boat Shells it and Approaches to Within Half Mile of Shore

Washington, Aug. 7.—The Diamond Shoals lightship off Cape Hatteras, N. C., was shelled and sunk by an enemy submarine late yesterday. The crew reached shore safely.

The submarine came within half a mile of shore.

The Diamond Shoal station is one of the most famous guides to navigation in the world. Such vessels usually are manned by grey bearded helmsmen in the face of an enemy attack.

Quebec Village Scorched.

Quebec, Aug. 7.—The little village of St. Apollinaire, L'Oratoire county, was visited by a serious fire last midnight. Three houses were burned to the ground and the convent set on fire, but saved by a bucket brigade.

GLOOM IN GERMANY DEEPENS

Newspapers See no Hope—"Black and Dark is the Hour," Says One and Fifth Year Promises Nothing

London, Aug. 7.—The despondent tone of the latest German press comments is emphasized daily in special despatches from Holland. A despatch to the Daily Mail from The Hague today includes an editorial by the Dusseldorf Nachrichten which says that nobody looking into the future can see an end to the war.

"For though it is true that the end might come quickly," it adds, "it could only be an end of terror as in Russia." The Vorwarts, of Berlin, says that events of recent days at last have shattered the illusions created by inspired optimism, that Germany is invincible. It says: "The German people at last realize the colossal gravity of the situation. Let us have courage to admit that as long as the war is not ended it is not won and can be lost."

The principal North German organ of the majority Socialists, the Burger Zeitung, of Bremen, says: "Black and dark is the hour. The sacrifices made by the people are immeasurable and those of the fifth year of the war will be gigantic but no refreshing breath of freedom and civic equality blows through the oppressive night of our discontent."

A Frank Admission.

Zurich, Switzerland, Aug. 7.—The German hope of ending the war by military decision before the arrival of the Americans was blasted by the recent allied offensive, says a London newspaper Arbeiter Zeitung of Vienna.

"All the explanations and comments," it says, "cannot alter the patent fact that in the Battle of the Somme, the ground and consequently the only visible sign of success is on the Allied side.

"While it is admitted that this victory does not yet possess any decisive character, there is one result which cannot be called in question—the strong moral effect produced by the three German offensives against Amiens and Paris has been completely destroyed. The Allies today have a chief whose name inspires confidence and whose ability is in no way inferior to that of the German Emperor. Von Hindenburg. Furthermore, the only hope of the Germans to end the war in a military way before the Americans are in line has disappeared as the result of this last French offensive."

BOY REPORTED A LITTLE BETTER TODAY

Wall Street Bridge a Danger Spot For Pedestrians and Autoists

The condition of little Willie Balfour, who was struck by an automobile at the Wall street bridge last evening and suffered a fracture of the skull and a broken thigh, is reported today as being somewhat improved. The little fellow was taken to the General Hospital last evening unconscious. Today he is semi-conscious.

The automobile accident of yesterday's afternoon at the end of the Wall street railway bridge is a warning to the authorities, some assert, and point out the need of some measure for the protection of auto drivers who are exposed to constant risk of hurting somebody at this point. The tall iron girder which constitutes the principal support of the bridge shuts out all view of what may be transpiring on either side and makes it impossible to learn whether or not pedestrians, horses or autos are going to appear suddenly at the exits. Day after day accidents like yesterday's are averted by the narrowest margins and those living nearby wonder at the small percentage of injuries. The risk is especially great at the City Road side of the bridge where people cross back and forth from the foot-walk on the western side of the structure in connection with City Road traffic. There is great need for a foot walk on the eastern side, which would obviate a lot of risky traffic across the end of what might be called a "blind alley."

For little children this bridge hazard is certainly very great and careful auto drivers approach and cross the structure gingerly on this account. Last evening the Holiday boy was running across the end of the bridge when struck, leaving the auto driver but a moment to attempt the evasion of the mishap, but it was too late. The day previous another careful chauffeur, noticing two more toddling children hand-in-hand crossing the end of the bridge to go down City Road, slowed his car down to a standstill and blew the horn but the kiddies, absorbed in a bag of candy, actually walked into the front wheels of the stalled car.

A WONDERFUL DAY WITH THE CANADIANS

Our Boys' Celebration of Canada's Birthday "Over There"

ARTICLE No. 4—DOMINION DAY IN FRANCE

(By Lacey Amy, special correspondent of The Evening Times, with Canadian Forces in France.)

With Canadian Forces, France, July 2.—Take Dominion Day at Halifax, the grand stand performance at the Toronto Exhibition, a bronch-busting contest in Medicine Hat, a Northern League baseball game in Winnipeg in the days of leisure and money, a hockey match in Montreal, with the Canadians one down but coming strong, and all the circus' ever produced between Sydney and Victoria. Squeeze them into a field of ten acres and a space of ten hours. Sprinkle with the pep of 35,000 Canadian fighting men out of the line. Flavor with Royalty and imposing gold braid. Liven with a scattering of nurses who know and love the boys. Add—but paper is short. That inadequate list of ingredients will give some slight conception of the recipe for the Dominion Day sports in the Canadian Corps, impossible of attainment elsewhere in the world, understandable only by Canada.

OUR AIRMEN MAKE GERMANS ALONG RHINE SHAKY

Washington, Aug. 7.—Documents captured by British airmen betray the state of excitement which prevails along Germany's Rhineland because of the persistent bombing by the British aviators. They also show that in one case where the Germans reported having successfully shot down a British bomber, the Allied lines they did not come within fifteen miles of the targets they sought.

MISS MCKIEL IS INVESTED BY KING

Fairville Nurse Receives Royal Red Cross From His Majesty at Buckingham Palace

Relatives in Fairville received definite word of the investiture of Miss Theodosia A. McKiel, nursing sister, so well known to St. John and Fairville people. The Royal Red Cross was conferred upon her by King George at Buckingham Palace on July 31.

Miss McKiel, who had the ceremony take place out of doors at 10 a. m. The nursing sisters, wearing their uniforms, red and white gloves, were lined up in procession led by the two patronesses, then matrons and nursing sisters in order.

His Majesty was most gracious and his face shone with a smile as he invested Miss McKiel, remarking as he did so, that it was a great pleasure for him to present the Royal Red Cross to a sister that wore the red stripes.

LOCAL LUMBERMEN, 125 OF THEM, OFF TO THE WEST

J. E. Wilson, representing British Columbia across production in connection with the Imperial Munition Board, who has been in town for the last week securing lumbermen, has made negotiations with the Canadian Government of 125 men by way of Quebec, Transcontinental and G. T. P. lines, leaving here on the Maritime express this evening. Mr. Wilson says the class of men secured here are most satisfactory. He is naturally familiar with labor conditions as he was formerly a yard man in West St. John and later connected with the Christie Woodworking Company, Erin street.

HOTTEST DAY ON RECORD

Washington and Baltimore Had It
106 Yesterday—Other Places
104

Washington, Aug. 7.—High temperature records that have marked the limits of heat waves during all the period of official observations in the northwestern quarter of the United States, were broken yesterday. Washington and Baltimore, by weather bureau thermometers, experienced a temperature of 106 degrees, a point not even approached by the mercury since 1881, and not reached there. In Detroit, Mich.; Harrisburg, Pa., and Toledo, Ohio, with temperatures 104, new records were established as also at Scranton, Pa., and Cleveland, which each officially registered 100.

WILLARD IN BOUT IN CHICAGO ON SATURDAY

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Jess Willard will box in the White Sox ball park here on Saturday night. He is expected to fight a fund of the Salvation Army. His opponent has not been selected.

Again Balk At U-Boat Duty

Rumors of Another Revolt Among Germans

SUBMARINES DESTROYED

One Report Says More Than 50 Have Disappeared—Kaiser Said to Have Postponed Visit To Fleet Because of Trouble

London, Aug. 7.—Rumors of a revolt by German sailors at Wilhelmshaven in protest against continuation of the submarine war are in circulation, according to a despatch to the Express from Amsterdam. It is reported that propagandists incited sailors about to leave on submarine cruises to attack their own officers and surrender their ships or seek an opportunity to sink them and get themselves interned in neutral harbors. More than fifty submarines are said to have disappeared.

Twenty-three of the ringleaders are reported to have been arrested and sentenced to death, and many others arrested at Kiel and elsewhere. The correspondent admits that the facts difficult to ascertain. The recent resignation of Admiral von Holtenow, as chief of the naval staff is declared to have been connected with the scandal. Emperor William, it is added, has abandoned an intended visit to the fleet at Wilhelmshaven this week because of the ferment there.

BRITISH LAND AT VLADIVOSTOK

Shanghai, Saturday, Aug. 3.—British troops landed at Vladivostok at dawn today, says a despatch from that city. They received a friendly reception.

SAYS THE ELUSIVE EEL GROWS SCARCER

That the eel fishing industry in the province is falling off was said by Captain John Neilson of the ship Burke Bros., which arrived in the city yesterday from up the St. John river. He says this fish has been in great demand in the United States markets and large quantities were shipped there. As a result they are scarcer now than for years. With proper protection, however, he said, this industry can be preserved.

SOME TORONTO BAKERS ARE ORDERED TO CLOSE DOWN FOR A WEEK

Ottawa, Aug. 7.—Eleven bakers in Toronto which failed to comply with the regulations of the Canada Food Board, prohibiting the baking of bread on the sole of the oven, have been closed by suspension of their licenses for seven days from midnight of August 7.

TO VISIT SOLDIER SON.

Mrs. Thos. Stears and son Jack have left for St. John, Quebec, to visit her son, Sapper H. Stears, of the Canadian Engineers Train.

WEATHER REPORT

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

JUST YEAR AGO THE WILLIAMS MURDER IN THE NORTH END

One year ago today it became known that Harry W. Williams, North End business man, had been found murdered in his store. The guilty one is still at large.

CORN AND OATS.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Rain in the west and southwest giving some relief to three-day crop had a bearish effect on the corn market today. Selling was general, but on the break commission houses became active buyers. Forecasts of additional moisture tended to check upturn. Opening prices, which ranged from 7-8 to 21-4 lower, with September \$1.60 to \$1.61 and October \$1.60 to \$1.60-2 were followed by moderate rallies and then by new gas.

AGED WOMAN INJURED.

Mrs. Mitchell, widow of George Mitchell, who conducted a bakery store in Brussels street for many years, was knocked down by a horse and team last evening in Brussels street and was slightly injured. She was taken into a store and later removed to her home. She suffered a cut over the right eye.

HUN FLEET TO MAKE AN ATTEMPT?

Paris Experts Say This is Possible in Conjunction With a Drive Against British Front

Paris, Aug. 7.—Usually well informed observers here insist that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff in order to maintain their prestige and stimulate the depressed morale at home, intend to strike a blow against the British front in conjunction with the German fleet. An order issued by the new chief of the German admiralty staff, Admiral Scheer, is said to express the wish of the fleet to attack the British naval forces.

Meanwhile the lull on the Rheims-Soissons front continues. The Germans, it is believed here, are putting their heavy artillery in place and digging themselves in with the intention of defending the positions between the Vesle and the Aisne as long as possible. The Allies have only light forces north of the Vesle and are obliged to await their heavy guns before pressing the offensive if the Allied commanders judge it opportune to push home an attack on that sector.

Marcel Hutin, in the Echo de Paris, says there is no hurry and declares the Allies have proof that the Germans are suffering seriously from the lack of effectives. Some observers believe that the Germans are regrouping their divisions in preparation for a broad offensive rather than an early offensive.

ALL NIGHT ON SCOW NEAR THE BRINK OF FALLS

Craft Caught on Niagara Cataract

Efforts to Rescue Two Men Had
Failed at Midnight—Search-
lights Kept Going All Night to
Encourage Them

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Aug. 7.—Two workmen were stranded last night on a scow 1,000 feet above the Horseshoe Falls, and in momentary danger of being swept over the brink. The scow was swept down the river late in the afternoon when it broke away from a tug. Within 10,000 feet of the brink and about the same distance off the Canadian shore, the barge swung broadside to the stream and lifted up on a shelving ledge of rock, where it swayed momentarily and then held fast.

The fire departments from both sides of the river were called out and the life saving crew was brought from Youngstown.

Just after dark a line was shot across the wreck and later, with the aid of searchlights, an effort was being made to sever the breeches buoy out to the wreck. The first attempt to send a breeches buoy ended in failure, a little before midnight and it was said a further effort to rescue the men would be abandoned until daylight. Searchlights were kept playing on the wreck all night to encourage the men.

THE CASUALTY LISTS.

Ottawa, Aug. 7.—Today's list of thirty-four casualties includes eight killed in action; two died of wounds; one died thirteen wounded, six gassed and four ill.

INFANTRY.

Killed in Action—
H. V. Davis, Stewincke, N. S.
F. J. MacDonald, Truro, N. S.

Gassed—
W. L. Ashe, Yarmouth, N. S.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The United States army casualty list issued early today by the war department contained 579 names.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Army and marine corps casualty lists issued early today carried 871 names, bringing to more than 2,500 the total casualties reported since the toll of the Aisne-Marne victory began to reach Washington on Monday.