

The French Forces Continue To Carry On Successful Campaign Against Assaulting Enemy

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MOSTLY FAIR

THREE SECTIONS

SITON OPPOSES LAURIERISM; RUSSIAN ARMIES IN DANGER

RUSSIANS SUCCEED AT WILNA

(Penetrate German Lines for Distance of Two Miles, Says Petrograd.)

CERTAIN RUSSIAN ELEMENTS WEAK

In Another District Austrians Continue Offensive, Occupying Villages.

Petrograd, July 23.—The Russians yesterday attacked the Germans near Krevin and Wilna, north of the Pinsk marshes, and penetrated the German lines for a distance of two miles, according to an official announcement made here today. The Russians captured more than 1,000 Germans, but the developments of success, the Austrians are being identified by weakness and instability of certain Russian detachments.

Italy Successful. Rome, July 23.—The official statement issued today by the Italian war office says: "Between the Chiasso and the Astico the great activity of patrols led to minor encounters which ended in our favor."

In the Carria region large enemy bodies which had come within range of our machine guns on Monte Granada and Monte Robon were promptly put to flight. Armed and working parties were successfully shelled and dispersed between Lusnitz and Markborghetto and in the Pella Valley.

At various points on the Julian front enemy artillery provoked the energetic activity of our batteries. "Last night, notwithstanding difficult atmospheric conditions and the enemy's defense, our airplanes effectively bombed enemy batteries on Monte Hornada and railway works on the Opolna-Gabrova line."

GOLD STORAGE AND PACKING HOUSES TO BE INVESTIGATED

Canadian Government Appoints Commission of Three Competent Men Who Will Serve Without Compensation to Find Out Plain Facts.

(Canadian Press.) Ottawa, July 23.—An order-in-council was passed today appointing a commission of three to investigate more fully the conditions with respect to the operations and dealings of the gold storage companies referred to in the report of Mr. W. P. O'Connor, the acting commissioner on the cost of living. The new commission will check up Mr. O'Connor's findings, particularly with regard to the W. Davies Company and the Matthews Blackwell Company and will endeavor to ascertain net profits with a view to establishing whether prices for food commodities charged the Canadian consumers have been unreasonable. The commission is clothed with all necessary powers of examination of the companies' books and may examine under oath any necessary witnesses.

G. F. Henderson, Chairman. The chairman of the commission is

HARD TIMES IN EASTPORT, MAINE

Failure of Herring Fishery May Compel Many to Move to Aroostook, St. John and Elsewhere this Fall.

Eastport, Me., July 23.—A heavy exodus of Eastportians is threatened because of a stagnation in business here. It has been many years since local trade has been so dull. The working people are idle a greater part of the time and with the cost of living higher than ever before, the lack of employment is being seriously felt by the merchants and other business men of the city. It is probable that many people will go to Aroostook county for the potato season, to St. John and elsewhere this fall. The cause of the depression is the shortage of fish for the sardine factories. Eastport is the largest sardine herring packing centre in North America.

CASUALTIES

Ottawa, July 23. Wounded: Infantry. F. O. Forsythe, Hazelock, N. B. J. Gormley, Annapolis, N. S. D. A. Dunlop, Charlottetown, P. E. I. J. A. Vauter, Levesque-Corner, N. B. Artillery. J. F. Strain, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Lieut. R. Evans, Hampton, N. B. G. A. Perry, Charlottetown, P. E. I. D. Matheson, Forest Hills, P. E. I.

THE LONDON MARKET UNSETTLED SLIGHTLY

Special to The Standard. London, July 23.—Money was plentiful and discount rates were quiet today. The Russian situation caused an unsettled feeling in the stock market generally and was mostly reflected in further depression of the trouble and decline in Russian securities. The forthcoming vote of credit was responsible for slight easing in console and gilt edged securities. Rubber shares were firm with the commodity and Argentine rails and oil shipping shares were steadily supported. Other sections were dull. Console for money, 65 5/8.

COBALT SHIPMENT.

Cobalt, Ont., July 23.—Following is a summary of ore and bullion shipments sent out by Cobalt companies during past week. Ore shipments in pounds, 195,995; Dominion reduction, \$8,000; McKinley Darragh, \$7,119; Aladdin, \$5,100; Penn Canadian, \$0,461; Kerr Lake, \$9,875; National, 40,000. Total 614,048.

G. F. Henderson, K. C., of Ottawa. He is one of the best known lawyers of the capital, has had considerable judicial experience as a drainage referee for the province. Associated with him are A. B. Brodie of the firm of Price, Waterhouse and Company, chartered accountants of Montreal, and Geoffrey Clark of Toronto, one of the leading chartered accountants of Canada. All three members of the commission have offered to serve without compensation, but they will be allowed to engage a staff of accountants in order to carry on a full and accurate investigation. It is expected that a full month or so will be required before the commission will be in a position to make a report to the government. It is probable that the offer of Food Controller However, of the United States, to place at the disposal of the commission, in an advisory capacity, the services of a competent man from his staff will be accepted by the government.

ORDER GIVEN TO FIRE ON DESERTERS

Drastic Steps Taken to Save Country from Serious Catastrophe.

EXTREME MEASURES ARE NECESSITATED

Most Military Units Are in State of Complete Disorganization.

Petrograd, July 23.—The chaotic conditions prevailing on part of the Russian front are disclosed in a telegram sent to Premier Kerensky, the provisional government and the council of workmen and soldiers' delegates by the executive committee and the commissar of the provisional government with the second army, on the southwestern front. The telegram announced the inauguration of stern measures to combat desertion. "We unanimously recognize that the situation demands extreme measures and effort, for everything must be risked to save the revolution from catastrophe," the message reads.

Drastic Measures.

"The commander-in-chief on the western front and commander of the second army today have given orders to fire on deserters and runaways. Let the country know the truth. Let it act without mercy. Let it find enough courage to strike those who by their cowardice are destroying Russia and the revolution." Referring to the threatened disaster, the telegram says: "Most military units are in a state of complete disorganization. Their spirit for the offensive has utterly disappeared. They no longer listen to orders of their leaders, and they neglect all exhortations of comrades, even replying by their threats and shots. Some elements voluntarily evacuate positions without even waiting for the approach of the enemy."

Dilatation Rampant.

"Cases are on record in which an order was given to proceed, with all haste, to such and such a spot to assist comrades in distress, but has been discussed for several hours at meetings and reinforcements, consequently have been delayed several hours. The troops abandon their positions at the first shots of the enemy. For a distance of several hundred yards long files of deserters, armed and unarmed, men in good health and robust, who have lost all shame, and feel they can act altogether with impunity, are proceeding to the rear. Frequently entire units desert in this manner."

MUCH WORSE THAN AN ACHING MOLAR

Maine Motoring Dentists Have Their Private Opinion of N. B. Roads—Will Travel by Boat Next Time.

Dr. William R. Bibber and Dr. Frank C. Jewett of Eastport, Dr. Charles S. Mrrphy, Dr. G. H. Boone and Dr. F. H. Moore of Calais, are not enthusiastic over New Brunswick's roads this season. In their passage through the province, in a motor car, to attend the Maritime Dental Convention, which opens tomorrow, they had some experiences sufficient to induce a decision to say bad words. They got by St. John after some difficulty, but between here and Moncton they struck them deep, viz: the ruts, mud and mist. They were five hours going forty-five miles along one stretch, being obliged to walk part of the way. They will return through that section but will come from Nova Scotia by boat.

MORE GOLD EXPORTS FROM CANADA LIKELY

United States Ships \$6,937,000 to Japan, \$3,429,000 to Spain and \$739,000 to South America.

Special to The Standard.

New York, July 23.—Bankers do not look for any great development in the way of activity in foreign exchange this week when the course of the market will probably be determined in a large part by movements of money rates. Any perceptible easing up in monetary conditions would naturally tend to strengthen the market for allied exchanges. Experts declare the future of the exchange in a general way is surrounded with considerable uncertainty and decline to forecast its trend.

String exchange plainly showed the effect of the decided stiffening in money rates and held under 475.50 as compared with 475.45 at the close of the preceding week.

It is rumored that additional gold imports from Canada will be in order this week, but no confirmation of this was obtainable from fiscal agents of the British government. Whether it is the intention of the British treasury to send further amounts of the metal via Canada to the United States is an open question.

While there has been no gold received from Ottawa for a fortnight or so, further large exports took place last week when \$6,937,000 was shipped to Japan, \$3,429,000 to Spain and \$739,000 to South America.

Russian exchange is in a very unsettled condition.

Two recruits yesterday. Two recruits signed on yesterday for Field Ambulance. They were: N. A. Gibson, of St. Vincent's Isle and G. A. Pring, of England.

TARNOPOL CAPTURED BY HUNS

Important City Held by Russians Since Early Days of War Falls.

THE RUSSIAN ARMY SERIOUSLY MENACED

Gen. Brusiloff's Forces North and South Threatened by German Army.

London, July 23.—The occupation by the Germans of the city of Tarnopol in East Galicia is reported by Reuters Limited.

The capture of Tarnopol, if confirmed presents a serious menace to the whole Russian line between the Pinsk marshes and the Carpathians. Tarnopol is about 25 miles behind the positions occupied by the Russians when the German counter-attack began last week. Unless the Russian forces to the north and south are able to carry out a rapid retreat they will be threatened from the flank by the advancing Germans. Tarnopol, a city of about 35,000, had been in Russian hands since the early days of the war, when it was captured in the course of the Russian drive across Galicia.

Berlin's Version.

Berlin, July 23, via London.—Near Cronne, on the Alsace front, in Northern France, the German position has been advanced along a front of one kilometre. On the front south of Smorzon, along which the new Russian offensive was launched, all points penetrated have been retaken, with two exceptions. On the eastern Galician front the Germans have occupied the heights west of Tarnopol, have crossed the Rohatyn-Ostrow railway and have begun to advance on both sides of the Dniester.

French Statement.

Paris, July 23.—The official statement issued by the war office tonight reads: "East of Cerny we made some progress in the course of a small operation and took prisoners. In the region of Hurtebise and Cronne the bombardment continued very violent against our positions, chiefly on the Californie plateau. There was no infantry action. Eight hundred and fifty shells were fired against the line during the course of the day. "In Champagne the Germans last night delivered an attack on our trenches northwest of Montcarillet, but were completely repulsed after a spirited engagement."

GOOD NIGHT FOR DAYLIGHT BILL

That Gentleman Not Over Popular in House of Commons.

Ottawa, July 23.—Daylight saving is not over popular with the members of the Commons. Sir George Foster moved the second reading of the daylight saving bill this afternoon and piloted it into committee but the measure met with so much opposition that its future is in some doubt. Of a dozen members who discussed the matter only two had whole-hearted praise for it.

The chief opposition came from the former members who maintained that they already had all the daylight they needed and that a change in the clock would simply mean that it would be more than ever difficult for them to get into town to do business at the end of the day.

After listening to criticism of the measure for half an hour, the minister explained that he "did not wish to force the bill on the house if the house did not care for it." On his motion, finally the chairman of the committee merely reported progress.

NINETY MEN SECURED DURING LAST WEEK

Recruiting in Province Normal—York County Heads the List with Fifty-Three.

The weekly report shows that ninety men enlisted in the province for the seven days ending Saturday, July 21st. York county with fifty-three heads the list.

The tabulated list follows:

Table listing recruitment statistics by county: York County (53), Kings County (26), Westmorland County (3), etc.

UNION GOVT FAVORED BY MR. SIFTON

Laurier's Former Cabinet Member Deplores Sir Wilfrid's Course.

ASKS NON-PARTISAN ADMINISTRATION

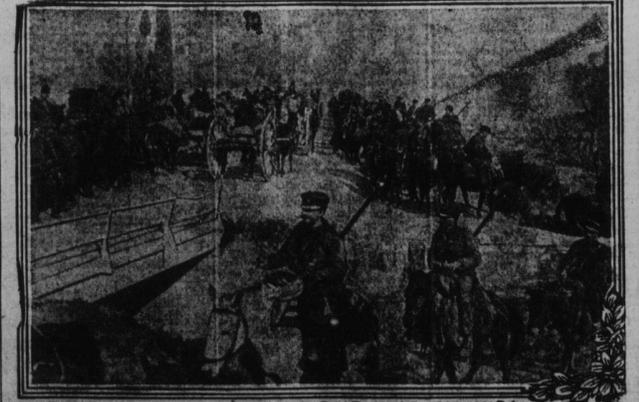
Sir-Clifford Favours Appeal to People on Supporting Our Soldiers.

Ottawa, July 23.—In an open letter addressed to Senator Dostock, Liberal leader in the Senate, Sir Clifford Sifton, former Minister of the Interior in the Laurier cabinet, writes:

"The world is in the final stages of a deadly struggle. No such dire and fearful tragedy has ever before occurred in the known history of mankind. The forces of tyranny and reaction throughout the world have rallied for a last desperate struggle. The fate of liberty, human rights and free modern civilization are at stake. The issue is still altogether undecided, and hangs in the balance. "We have 30,000 men in the fighting line. It is not more than our share. Their numbers are being daily diminished by death and the casualties of war. They are driven to the uttermost of their physical powers by lack of reserve. Our reinforcements are almost exhausted. "I am confident that I voice the sentiments of many thousands of Canadians when I say that at this supreme moment we care nothing for Tories or Laurier, Conservatism or Liberalism. The overwhelming importance of the crisis absolutely obliterates all considerations of persons or parties. "In common with many others I had hoped that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, if he could not join a union government, would agree to an extension of the life of parliament so as to permit the Bowden government to get on with its war policy. "To the profound regret of many thousands of his best friends he has decided upon another course. "I imagine a Laurier government trying to raise troops in the other provinces while Quebec scroungily either to submit to conscription or to recruit. "The predominant and controlling element behind Sir Wilfrid Laurier will not allow him to prosecute the war. With Sir Wilfrid in power the anti-war party of Quebec will dictate his policy. It is dictating his policy now. "Anythin' gin this troubled world can be absolutely clear, it is clear to day that we can grapple with this situation in one way and in one way only, by the formation of a union war government, administered on non-partisan lines, which will straightway appeal for a mandate to the people of Canada, and can consistently be supported by every element in the population that is loyal to the cause."

RUSSIAN NEWS NET BLANKET ON WALL ST.

New York, July 23.—The erratic, conflicting currents that have appeared in the stock market in recent weeks were again manifest in today's circumscribed market. Prices receded from last Saturday's slight advances for more or less specific reasons, though speculative issues yielded mainly from sheer inertia, public interest being at lowest ebb. The more favorable bank statement, with its strengthening of reserves, and the ease of the money market, as seen in the renewal of call loans at three per cent, were more than counterbalanced by fresh concern respecting the Russian situation and the time-worn question of war profits and taxes.



FRENCH ARTILLERY ON THE ROAD NEAR SALONICA