

HEAVY FIGHTING ON BRITISH FRONT

ITALY PREPARING TO DECLARE WAR AGAINST GERMANY BY THE SEQUESTRATION OF PROPERTY

The Property of Germans in Italy Placed on the Same Footing as that of Austria Under a Royal Decree Which Has Just Been Issued at Rome.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE VALUE OF PROPERTY OF GERMANS IN ITALY WILL AMOUNT TO \$150,000,000

In the Event of a Declaration of War Against Germany, It is Believed that Italian Soldiers Will Be Soon Seen Fighting on the Western Front.

Rome (via Paris), July 21.—A ministerial decree was posted today placing the persons and property of Germans on the same footing of those of Austrians and Hungarians.

The decree does not directly mention Germans, but states that allies of Austria are to be treated as enemies and their subjects and goods are liable to sequestration.

It is Estimated that German Subjects Still Hold \$150,000,000 Worth of Property in Italy

Prior to the war German property and interests in Italy were estimated to be worth \$250,000,000. Their value is now placed at about \$150,000,000. There are only a few more German subjects now in Italy, and these will be either placed in concentration camps or sent across the Swiss border.

Event of Declaration of War On Germany It Would Not Be Surprising to See Italian Troops in France

There has been a strong agitation in Italy for some time for breaking off all relations with Germany. The curious situation caused by Italy, being at

GERMAN THREATS AT FRENCH TOWNS

Hun Airmen Ordered to Bombard Inland Towns Whenever They Get a Chance.

Berlin (via London), July 21.—Threats of air raids on open French towns, as measures of reprisal, are made in an official statement issued today. The statement says that the French airmen have bombed towns in the Black Forest, which are outside the zone of field operations, and that the German air attacks have been up to now directed only against fortresses or field works. In one of the French raids it is said that a woman and four children were killed. "We shall now be forced," says the report, "to use our strong battle squadrons for the purpose of reprisal. A great number of powerful French towns outside the zone of field operations are within the reach of our air squadrons."

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The British Strengthen Positions at Longueval

Battle for the Woods to Northeast of Longueval Continued Today.

BRITISH POINT FOR BAPAUME

Thiepval, Martinpouch and Pozieres Must Fall in Next Drive.

(By special cable and leased wire to The Daily Gleaner.)

London, July 21.—The British positions at Longueval were strengthened today and intense fighting is proceeding in the woods northeast of the town.

The Fouras Wood lies just south of the main highway between Albert and Bapaume, the latter town being the objective of the British attacking forces.

The fact that it has been the site of determined attacks and counter-attacks is taken here to indicate that the British forces are endeavoring to straighten out the crooked battle line between Beaucourt and Longueval, including the towns of Thiepval, Martinpouch and Pozieres.

The Official Statement follows:

"The battle continues without intermission between the British and the Germans. The British have been pushing the Fouras Wood, from which we drove the enemy. During the night the enemy counter-attacked with an intense bombardment with gas shells and succeeded in effecting entry into the northern part of the wood, but failed to dislodge us from the southern half. 'Elsewhere there is no change.'"

LATEST

Berlin (via wireless to Sayville, July 21.—The destruction in the northern Adriatic on July 15 of two submarines, one of them an Italian, by Austrian torpedo boats, is announced in an official communication received here today from Vienna.

Berlin (via Sayville), July 21.—A retirement of the Russians in one sector of the Volynia front is reported in the Austro-Hungarian army headquarters report of July 20.

New York, July 21.—Today's baseball prospects: International League—Baltimore at Newark, rain; Toronto at Rochester, clear; Montreal at Buffalo, cloudy.

National League—New York at Chicago, clear; Brooklyn at Pittsburgh, clear; Philadelphia at Cincinnati, clear; Boston at St. Louis, clear; Chicago at Washington, clear.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, July 21.—Opening wheat prices, which ranged from 18 decline to 2 1/2 advance, with September at 115 1/2 and December at 115 1/2, were followed by substantial gains all around.

The Police Commission.

The Police Commission at their meeting yesterday were unable to finish their report on the recent investigation held here, and as a result no official announcement will be made until some time in August. Chairman McKay said the next meeting would be held early next month, and until then no statement would be given out regarding the investigation or the appointment of a new chief of police. There is about 400 pages of evidence to be read by the commissioners, and Judge Wilson, the secretary, has been delegated to put the report in shape for issuing to the public.

U. S. Official Here.

Mr. Francis Holly, director of the Bureau of Commercial Economics at Washington, D. C., arrived here last evening by C. P. R. in his private car and is today conferring with Premier Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Quinn are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son at their home on Brunswick street.

Russians Take Armenian Town.

PETROGRAD, (via London), July 21.—The capture by Russian troops of the town of Gumushkane, forty-five miles southwest of Trebizond in Turkish Armenia, was announced today by the War Office.

Gen. Sir Sam Hughes and Shell Committee Completely Exonerated by Commission

The Report of the Meredith-Duff Commission Finds No Evidence of Wrong Doing in the Fuse Contracts—Kite Allegations in House Were Spurious.

Ottawa, July 21.—The judgment of the Meredith-Duff Royal Commission, which investigated the allegations made by G. E. Kite in the House of Commons in reference to fuse contracts let by the shell commission to the American Ammunition Company and the International Arms and Fuse Company, was presented to the Government this morning. It finds a "mistake was made in placing upon the already overburdened shoulders of Col. Carnegie the onerous task of the shell committee, the work of conducting the business or commercial part of the transaction, for which work he possessed no special qualifications."

The report goes on to state that the shell commission evidently intended to have the fuses manufactured in Canada as soon as the necessary facilities were available, and adds: "It is gratifying to know that the efforts that have been made by the Imperial Munitions Board have demonstrated the possibility of successful production of fuses in Canada by Canadian manufacturers, and producing them with a rapidity at least equal to that of any production elsewhere. The success that has attended the efforts of the Board is, no doubt, largely due to the fact that the disposal of the Imperial Munitions Board."

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HUN PIRATES TORPEDO THREE BRITISH STEAMERS WHILE ON WAY THROUGH MEDITERRANEAN

The Steamers Karma, Grangmore and Yzer the Latest Victims of German Submarines—Crews of All Three Vessels Were Saved.

HUN SUBMARINE, FITTED OUT AS MINE LAYER, CAPTURED BY BRITISH AND PUT ON EXHIBITION

Members of the Crew Say that Submarine Made Twenty Trips Before Being Caught and that Many Hundreds of Mines Were Placed in British Waters.

(By special cable and leased wire to The Daily Gleaner.)

London, July 21.—The British steamer Karma was the victim of a submarine in the Mediterranean today. At the same time the steamer Grangmore was torpedoed and sunk by an undersea boat. The crews of both vessels, British, were rescued.

The British steamer Yzer has been sunk.

The Karma was a steel vessel of 3,710 tons, owned by the Union Steam Shipping Co., of London.

Lloyds does not list any vessel named Yzer.

The Grangmore is given as a steel vessel of 1,560 tons, owned by the Rankine Line, of Glasgow.

Germans Had Fitted Out Submarine to Lay Mines Along British Coast—Now British Prize

London, July 21.—The German submarine minelayer, which is one of the latest prizes of the British navy, was visited by a press reporter today, prior to its being placed on public exhibition in the Thames.

The prize, being the German naval design as mounted by the British navy, lay in a naval dockyard on the east coast. The vessel is designed purely for mine laying. The entire forward part is composed of wells, six in number, each containing two powerful mines, which can be released by levers. The ship has 30, torpedo tubes or other armament, except small arms for the crew, and is only 100 feet in length. Thirteen blue-jackets and officers comprise the crew of the submarine. According to one of the seamen, who made prior to her capture nineteen trips from the base in Germany to the British coast, and had over 200 minutes in routes frequented by merchant vessels. She was on her twentieth trip, when she was captured by the British patrol boat.

The sailors said that when the submarine was sighted and chased by a patrol boat, the crew tried to get rid of her remaining mines, but had not sufficient time. Seeing that capture was inevitable, the officers ordered the abandonment of the ship, destroyed the log and other records and virtually demolished the six cylinder Diesel engine of approximately 250 horse power. All of the crew and officers were taken prisoners.

Herzog With the Giants.

Matty Takes Over Reds.

New York, July 21.—The deal whereby Christy Mathewson, goes to the Cincinnati club as manager and Charley Herzog comes to the Giants was formally concluded yesterday afternoon.

It is stated that Matty will take charge of the Reds at once, while Herzog is slated to play shortstop for the Giants against the Cubs at Chicago today.

Later on the erstwhile Cincinnati leader will probably be found at third base.

More Casualties Among Canadians

Ottawa, July 21.—Today's casualties include: Mounted Rifles.

Previously reported, now officially reported prisoner of war at Bulmea: Pte. James A. Anderson, Halifax, N. S.; Pte. R. T. Hutchings, 68 South Park street, Halifax, N. S.

GERMANS SEIZE AMERICAN SHIP

The Prince Valdemar Laden With Oil, Which Was Confiscated by Swedish Port.

London, July 21.—The American schooner Prince Valdemar has been captured by a German warship while on its way from Philadelphia to Sweden with a cargo of oil, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, quoting the Copenhagen Politiken. The schooner was taken into Swinemunde.

The only American schooner of this name which is listed here belongs to Geo. W. McNear, of San Francisco. The McNear firm is one of those included in the recent English black list.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. R. E. Heron and children, of Tolna, North Dakota, are visiting Mrs. Heron's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pond, of Gibson.

Miss Florence McKel, of Gibson, left yesterday for St. John to visit relatives.

Miss Maudie Gilbert, who has been studying nursing at Providence, R. I., is visiting her home at St. Mary's.

Mr. Robert McKenzie, of Campbellton, N. B., is visiting his brother, Mr. John McKenzie, St. John street.

Mr. John Connor, of Woodstock, is at the Barker House.

Mrs. M. B. Dixon, of Riversdale, is visiting friends in the city.

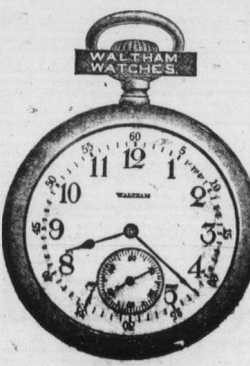
Miss Marion A. Gunter is visiting her aunt, Mrs. H. H. Gunter, University Avenue.

U. S. RELIEF FOR POLAND.

Washington, July 21.—Personal messages were sent by President Wilson today to European rulers, urging their co-operation in getting food supplies from the United States to the starving people of Poland.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. J. J. McCaffrey wishes to thank the Mayor and City Council for the use of the grounds and water for the use during last week at the Patriotic Carnival. Also The Fredericton Gas Light Company for very liberal discount on their account. Also ticket takers and all others who kindly assisted in making the entertainment the success it turned out to be. The net receipts amounting to upwards of \$275.00 will be handed to the Fredericton Branch Canadian Patriotic Fund.



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