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VON HINDENBERG DIRECTS ATTACK ON RUSSIAN DEFENSES AT KOVNO

Where the Czar's Armies Oppose Stubborn Resistance To Invaders--Von Beulow's Forces Get Setback Russians Pressing Them Closely

Russian Counter Attacks on Von Mackenzen Hold Up German Advance South East--Grand Duke Abandons Idea of Holding Brest-Litovsk Line--German Crown Prince Tries to Pierce French Lines at Forest of Argonne

London, Aug. 14.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has personally taken command of the German army attacking Kovno, according to the latest German official report, and made further progress in the fighting against the Russian in that region. The selection of Germany's national hero for the duty of capturing the fortress of Kovno, which stands between the Germans and Vilna-Warsaw-Petrograd railway, is an indication of the importance which the German General Staff attaches to this operation. The news that civilians have commenced to evacuate Kovno, as well as Vilna, led to the belief in many quarters that the Russians either had decided to give them up, or had no hope of holding them. Now, however, they are fighting hard to retain both cities, and the latest official report from Petrograd claims the Russians repulsed the German attacks, except at one point, where a desperate artillery engagement is in progress.

Further north, between Poniewesch and Dvinsk, where General Von Buelow a week ago was advancing rapidly toward the railway, the Germans apparently have suffered a setback, for the Russians now speak of pressing them, and declare they have occupied the town of Toviny, which is considerably west of the point to which the Germans had penetrated. South of Riga also the Germans are said to be no more than holding their own so that the task of advancing towards Petrograd seems to be developing very slowly. On the other hand the Germans continue to drive the Russians north-east, and east of Warsaw, with the capture of Scielce within a short distance of the Bug river, one of the main supports of the Brest Litovsk line where it was believed the Russians originally intended to hold, but which the German offensive in the north-east may prevent. Field Marshal von Mackenzen, who commands the Germans in the south-east, between the Wieprz and Bug, again is reported to have been held up by Russian counter attacks. Military circles declare that if he is not farther south than he was a week ago, he certainly is not farther north, and consider it hardly likely that Grand Duke Nicholas will try to hold the Brest-Litovsk front. The German Crown Prince continues his attempts to pierce the French line in the forest of Argonne. Negotiations between Balkan States are proceeding, but thus far there is no sign of any agreement.

Zeppelin Raids Result in Killing Hundred Persons

One Last Night North East Coast Killed Six

ALL CIVILIANS

One Zeppelin Was Damaged—These Raids Mark Renewal of Aerial Attacks

London, Aug. 13.—Two Zeppelins visited the East Coast last night between 9.30 and 11.45 p.m. dropping incendiary and explosive bombs at various places, resulting in the following casualties: Dead, four men and two women; injured, three men, eleven women and nine children. All were civilians. Fourteen houses were seriously damaged. The Zeppelins were engaged at some points, but succeeded in getting away from our aircraft patrols. One Zeppelin was probably damaged by the mobile anti-aircraft section. On Monday night Zeppelins flew over the English coast, and with their bombs killed 14 persons, and wounded 14 others. These raids mark a renewal of Zeppelin attacks on England after an interval of several weeks. The last raid, with the exception of a minor attack on Harwich, early in July, was on June 18, when 16 persons were killed and 40 injured. In all, there have been nearly a score of these attacks resulting in the death of more than one hundred persons.

British Steamer Goes to Bottom

London, Aug. 13.—The British steamer Jacona, 3000 tons, engaged in trans-Atlantic trade, has been sunk. The captain and nine members of the crew were rescued.

Russians Offer Stubborn Resistance To German Advance

Petrograd, Aug. 13.—The Russian armies have steadily extricated themselves from Warsaw in which the Germans tried to enclose them, and are now stubbornly opposing the German advance toward Bialystok on a line seventy miles east of Warsaw, on both sides of the railroad between the Polish capital and Bialystok. The Baltic German campaign appears to be at a standstill with the Russians astride, the highway between Vitkomir and Poniewesch, threatening communications between the invaders' armies. The Germans are approaching nearer to Kovno. They are pounding the position with their heavy artillery guns, to which Russian artillery is replying frequently.

Pressing Serbia To Grant Concessions To Bulgaria

Rome, Aug. 14.—It is learned here to-day on good authority that representatives of Britain, France, Italy and Russia are exerting further pressure upon Serbia in the hope of inducing her to make concessions to Bulgaria. Serbia has been reminded of the support which she has received since the beginning of her difficulties with Austria last year. Assurances have been given Serbia that the Allies will assist her at time of peace, provided she now yields to their desires.

Russians Route German Invaders South of Mitau

Petrograd, Aug. 14.—An official communication says, in the region south-east of Mitau the Germans have been driven back by our troops beyond the river. In the course of the enemy's retreat we made prisoners. In the direction of Jacobstadt, Dvinsk and Vilkomir we have also continued to press the enemy overcoming his desperate resistance.

Austrian Submarine Sunk in Adriatic

Rome, Aug. 13.—The Minister of Marine to-night made public the following official statement:—"Yesterday morning in the Lower Adriatic, the Austrian submarine U-3 was sunk. The second officer and eleven members of the crew were saved and made prisoners."

Swedish Steamer Wrecked on Skerries Near Liverpool

London, Aug. 13.—Swedish steamer Kiruna, from Philadelphia to Stockholm is ashore at Skerries Island, sixty miles west of Liverpool. Despatches to Lloyds said that in all probability she would be a total loss.

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OFFICIAL

BRITISH

London, August 13.—The auxiliary cruiser India was torpedoed and sunk while patrolling in the North Sea. Twenty two officers and 119 men were saved.

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The French Government report enemy attacks in Argonne repulsed. Part of a trench was lost near Vienne Le Chateau, but was recovered.

The Russian Government report German attacks repulsed near Kovno. Persistent attacks between the Narw and Bug and the Wieprz and Bug. The latter were repulsed with heavy losses.—BONAR LAW.

FRENCH

Paris, Aug. 13.—The French War Office this afternoon gave out a report as follows:—"In the Artois district a German attack last night to the North of the Chateau de Carleul was easily checked."

"In Argonne the Germans late yesterday afternoon renewed their attacks in the section between the road from Binarville to Vienne LeChateau and the Ravine of LeHoulette. They were repulsed after a very spirited fight in which hand grenades and bombs were used. "Nothing to report from the remainder of the front."

Bulgarian Paper Advocates Annuling Bucharest Treaty

Sofia, Aug. 14.—The newspaper "ECHO de Bulgarie," in an editorial on the anniversary of the Treaty of Bucharest, which the paper says has been disastrous, not only to Bulgaria, but to all the Balkan States, declares that until the stumbling block is removed from the path of the Balkan peoples, there will be neither peace, tranquility or security in the Peninsula. The paper, speaking of the conditions for joining the entente Allies, holds that no Balkan entente is possible unless this treaty, which it asserts violated racial rights of interested nations, is annulled.

Small Percentage Marine Losses

London, Aug. 13.—The Press Bureau announces that during the week ending August 11th, German submarines sank two merchant ships of a total tonnage of 5371, seventeen fishing vessels, totalling 1270 tons. During that period 1396 vessels arrived at or sailed from British ports.

Holland Places Enormous orders For Munitions

New York, Aug. 14.—Reports are current here that an enormous war order for Holland has been placed in this country through the banking house of Harvey, Plisk & Sons. Coupled with this report was another that Holland was preparing to enter the European conflict and soon will cast in her lot with the Allies.

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"India" Was Sunk In Territorial Waters Of Norway

London, Aug. 14.—Reuter's Telegram Co. has received the following despatch from Christiania. The British auxiliary cruiser India was sunk by a German submarine in Norwegian territorial waters, according to the contention of the Norwegian government.

It is officially announced that just as Norway previously insisted that the Westfjord is, in its entirety, in Norwegian territorial waters, the Government has on the occasion of the torpedoing of the India, informed Germany that Westfjord form time immemorial, has been regarded as belonging to Norwegian sea territory. This was officially the case with the part of the Fjord where the India was attacked.

Roumania Calls The German Bluff

London, Aug. 14. The "Daily Telegraph" has received from Bucharest the following despatch:—"Roumania has replied to the German threatened prohibition of Roumanian imports by removing all Roumanian restrictions on export of grain and reducing export duties."

"Prompt action to stimulate export were made necessary by the fact that it was impossible to find storage for new crops on account of the unexported balance of last year's harvest. "Unless Germany's threatened boycott is carried out, it is hoped that exports will proceed henceforth at the rate of six hundred cargoes a day. There is no indication of Roumania yielding to the German demands for transit on munitions."

Austro-Germans May Not Push Eastern Campaign

Buda-Pest, Aug. 14.—All signs indicate that Austro-German armies will not follow up their advantages any further than the second line of the Russian defences after the fall of the Russian fortresses, but will reorganize themselves behind Warsaw and await further developments there, strengthening and rebuilding the defences behind them. This theory is not only borne out by the fact that further advance would be suicidal, owing to the marshes, but also by the statement of General Marwitz, commander of the tenth German army corps, who is undergoing a cure in Hungary at present.

No Explanation Of the Rumour Canceling of Orders

London, Aug. 14.—No explanation of the reported cancellation of orders of wheat from America by the Entente Allies, so far, has been obtainable here. Persons connected with the wheat exchange professed ignorance of the subject. It was suggested by those in touch with the market that the report, if correct, might be connected with the fact that the Indian wheat crop was much larger and of better quality than anticipated.

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GARVIN TELLS OF GERMANY'S NEXT ATTACK

Kaiser is "Bound to Make Another Effort to Force the Issue"

London, Aug. 8.—James L. Garvin in the London Observer, says:—"We write at an hour big with peril and hope. Any man may see it is one of the turning points of time. The allies, if only they have sufficient time, are quite certain to solve the whole problem thoroughly in their own favor by bringing twice the man power to bear upon the utmost force which the Central Empires will eventually be able to muster. But Germany dominates the councils of her accomplices. She, above all, cannot wait. "What, then, will Germany do? That is now the momentous question. That she is bound to make another effort to force the entire issue is beyond all doubt. Where will she strike next? "According to one theory, Germany will plunge into the north of Russia toward Petrograd. Another holds that Italy will be attacked. "The third view makes the Balkans and Constantinople the enemy's main objective. "Doubts Western Thrust. "The fourth opinion, which is widely prevalent and is elaborately encouraged by the enemy, is that Germany will hazard all the forces she may withdraw from the East upon an attempt to smash up the Franco-British defence in the West. "It is improbable that the enemy will try to advance deeply into the interior or north of Russia. If the Grand Duke makes good his present retreat Germany is more likely to try to contain him for the next few months upon the fortified lines which could be held by a far smaller number of troops than are employed in the attack by Von Hindenburg and Von Mackensen. The Russian southern armies would be contained in the same way upon lines which it is premature to guess at. "In any case, it is probable that over a million men, with a proportionate mass of artillery, will be available for an attempt to force conclusions elsewhere. "There is only one thing that can be trusted with certainty to turn the balance to the allies. We have to bring into play the biggest army by far that yet remains unmobilized in Europe. "That factor is the yet undeveloped military strength of Great Britain. "This is one thing, which has been hitherto wanting in the war, the one thing needed to win the war. Without it there can be no victory; with it success is sure. "Britain Must Be Aroused. "The allies cannot seize the mastery until Britain places in the field more than twice the number of troops, large though it may be, that she has yet thrown into Europe. What is needed to make assurance doubly sure for the allies is for Great Britain, after a year of war, to rise to the biggest view of her military requirements and make holder use of her military means. The effect of that will be the same as though another great power could be added to the Great Alliance. "No competent critic of European conditions believes we will be secure against all contingencies until we have nearly 2,000,000 men under arms in Europe, with as many more behind them training at home. This country will not be equal to its duty to the allies and to the issues of existence at stake for the empire until we have created the factor that will alone insure overwhelming the enemy. "We believe the fall of Warsaw ought to be more than redressed in its effect upon our allies and the world by a declaration of universal service in this country. By that measure alone the full determination and capacity of Great Britain can be attested without those doubts and delays which should not long be tolerated in waging in this most fateful of wars."

Exciting Time In North Sea

Dear Mother.—Just have time to drop you a few lines. We arrived here last night from the North Sea having been out of port since last Thursday. I am feeling well but can't say that the North Sea agrees with me. It is generally cold and foggy weather there. I had an exciting experience on Saturday night. Just as I took the wheel our lookout shouted that there was a German Submarine on our starboard bow. We tried hard to ram her but before we could do anything she went down under us and we did not see her again as the weather was very foggy at the time. We had to steer our ship in a zig zag course and I had to laugh when I heard our fellows express their regret that they did not get a shot at her. We have to take many chances in this game and we are prepared to meet our fate when it comes. I am enjoying the best of health and all the boys are the same. Give my love to all my friends and send me Father's address. With lots of love to you, dear mother, I must now close. Your loving son, GEORGE A. PITTS.

H. M. Quickly, Grantfiam, Scotland, June 29, 1915.

Expecting War Soon Be Over

Dear Mother.—Just a few lines to let you know I am alive and feeling fine. So far I have enjoyed the best of health, and I hope this letter will find you the same. We had a rather long passage across the Atlantic. The trip occupied twenty-two days; but everything went well and we thoroughly enjoyed the passage. Hayward Matthews and I are together, so you need not worry. We have plenty to eat and are treated well in every particular. Had a short run to London and needless to say was delighted with it. It is some city sure. Our stay there was short, about four hours. We have quite a lot of navy men here now training. The war is expected to be over soon, so don't worry. I will be back to you again if God wills it. Our quarters are in a large field. Ten men in each camp and I have been appointed as "foreman" in our camp. I have quite a lot to do but enjoy it very much. Remember me to Maud and Abram and tell Maud I will send her my photo when I get some taken. I will send you one at the same time. Don't forget me in your prayers. I must now close with best love to all. Your loving son, WILLIAM W. AUSTRIAN, Brownsdale, T. Bay, Nfld. Portsmouth, July 11, 1915.

"Florizel's" Passengers

S.S. Florizel sails for Halifax and New York with a full freight and these passengers:—Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hine, Edith Milley, Mr. H. Bishop, Miss Pippy, Mr. M. Byrne, Mr. P. Ross, William Mitchell, Mr. W. McRae, D. P. Osmonde, J. Forward and Miss Watts.

Latest Victims Submarine Terror

London, Aug. 13.—An announcement was made to-day of the sinking of the British steamers Osprey and Summerfield and the Norwegian steamer Aura. The Chief Engineer, Mate and Mate's wife of the Summerfield were drowned. All others on board the three vessels were landed.

American Note Received in Berlin

Berlin, Aug. 14.—The American Note to Germany concerning the sinking of the American ship Wm. P. Frye by a German commerce destroyer has been received by the American ambassador, and will be presented to the German Foreign Office to-morrow.

Broke His Leg

James Walsh, of the Royal Stores, while loading flour at the R. N. Co.'s freight sheds, this morning had his leg broken at the ankle by a barrel of flour falling on it.

Newfoundland Regiment For The Dardanelles

Mr. John Robertson, Commission Merchant, whose son Eric is with our boys, had a telegram to-day from his agents in London, Bartman Harvey, which reads as follows:—"Newfoundland Battalion leaving for the Dardanelles. A and B Companies have re-listed for the duration of the war. Granted a short furlough."

It was rumoured last evening that others had messages but as far as we can learn Mr. Robertson is the only one so favoured to date. The boys are evidently in to see lots of active service and will be sure prove a credit to old Newfoundland.

Letter From Eric Chafe

Mr. L. G. Chafe, the dry goods man, had a lengthy letter yesterday from his son Eric who is with our boys at Stobb's, dated July 29th. His detachment of the regiment is at Aldershot but the rest go to Ayrshire, which is the regiment's base. The were told that they would be leaving shortly for the firing line but did not know their destination. Several of the boys got leave and went to bid final leave of Rev. C. V. Cogan who they knew so well here and who has visited their camp. All were very sorry to hear of the death of Jas. Trebble whose brother is in the regiment. The boys have been given new equipments. Eric was delighted with a present of tobacco from his parents and wishes to be remembered to his chums here.

Police Court

F. Morris, K.C., presided to-day. Two drunks were discharged and 3 boys summoned by Const. Walsh for kicking football on the streets were let off on paying costs. An assault case between two young men was withdrawn.

LOCAL ITEMS

Strawberries and Cream at WOOD'S Restaurants. The Susu left Gander Bay at 2.30 this a.m. and is due here tomorrow. Strawberries and Cream at WOOD'S Restaurants. The Devon left LaSole at 5.20 p.m. yesterday and is due here tonight.

Arrived by S.S. Florizel: California Grapes, Green and Red Plums, Pears, at GLEESON'S, 108 Water Street, East, Wholesale and Retail.

Mrs. Brown of Spaniard's Bay and Mr. Pilley of Smith's Sound arrived here by the train to-day for Hospital and were looked after by Mr. Whiteway. Both suffer from internal maladies.

Arrived by S.S. Florizel, thirty bun. Bananas, twenty Water Melons, Grape Fruit, Cantaloupes, Cocoanuts, and thirty cases California Oranges, at GLEESON'S, 108 Water St. East, Wholesale and Retail. Aug 14, 21

Messrs. Bert Channing and C. Phippard after spending 2 weeks at S.E. Arm, Placentia, returned here yesterday after enjoying themselves well. They secured 30 fine salmon and filled their baskets with fine sea and brook trout.

Place your orders with GLEESON for your preserving plums in six quart baskets, blue, red and green, 108 Water St. East. Aug 14, 21

Messrs. Frank Woods, Jas. McGrath and Ml. McDonald arrived here by the express to-day from Camp 4. They brought fine catches of trout but say the shack was infested with rats which ate most of their grub and nearly all of Commissioner McGrath's trout.