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ENEMY TRIES IN VAIN TO DISLodge CANADIANS HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY DAMAGE IN POWDER PLANT EXPLOSION

STRONG POINT HELD BY FOE IS CAPTURED

French Make Further Progress Between Bixchoote and Langemarck.

RECAPTURE POSITIONS

Brilliant Attack Brings Success on the Verdun Front.

Paris, Aug. 18.—The French last night made further progress in Belgium north of the road between Bixchoote and Langemarck, it is announced officially. They captured a strong point of support east of the Steenbek River. German attacks on the Aisne front were repulsed.

On the Verdun front the French, in a brilliant attack, recaptured positions recently taken by the Germans, completely re-establishing their lines. The announcement follows:

"In Belgium our troops continued to make progress north of the road from Bixchoote to Langemarck, and carried a strong enemy point of support east of Steenbek."

"North of the Aisne we repulsed several attacks, especially east of Froidmont Farm. In Champagne our artillery fire prevented an attack which the enemy was preparing in the sector of Marignac."

"In Alsace a German attack near Steinbach was repulsed by our fire. Elsewhere the night passed in quiet."

"On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) our troops made a brilliant counter-attack at Caurizies Wood and recaptured elements of trenches taken by the enemy on August 15 and 17. Our line was re-established completely. Heavy artillery fighting continues in this sector."

GERMANS ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE GROUND

Huns Make Determined Effort to Regain Lost Territory.

SUCCESSFUL SEA BRUSH

German Squadron Badly Damaged in Recent Naval Fight.

New York, Aug. 18.—The Associated Press issued the following:

Another effort was made early today by the Germans to recapture the ground taken by the British in their successful attack in the vicinity of Lens, giving them control of dominating positions. The British war office report states sharp fighting occurred northwest of Lens and that once more the attack of the Germans was repulsed completely.

The Germans continue to pound the British positions heavily with their artillery. In the vicinity of Ypres also the big German guns kept up a lively fire, but no infantry attacks are reported.

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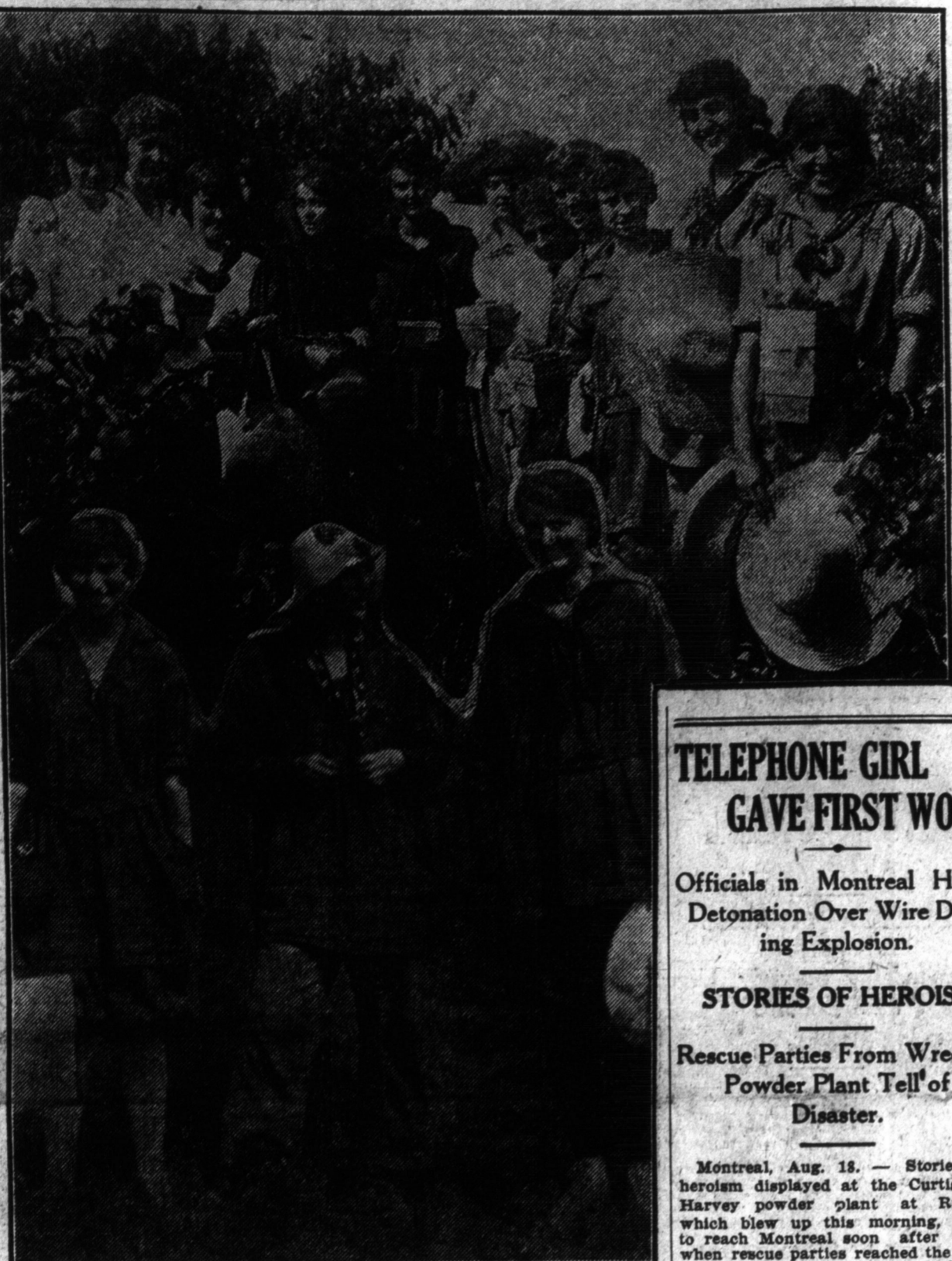
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FRENCH DEMONSTRATE AERIAL SUPERIORITY

Bring Down Seven German Machines and a Captive Balloon in Addition to Compelling Eight Planes to Land Badly Damaged.

Paris, Aug. 18.—French aviators yesterday shot down seven German airplanes and a captive balloon, which were compelled to land badly damaged behind the enemy lines. Yesterday and last night more than 28,000 pounds of projectiles was dropped in the course of bombing raids, in which 111 French machines took part.

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TELEPHONE GIRL GAVE FIRST WORD

Officials in Montreal Heard Detonation Over Wire During Explosion.

STORIES OF HEROISM

Rescue Parties From Wrecked Powder Plant Tell of Disaster.

Montreal, Aug. 18.—Stories of heroism displayed at the Curtis and Harvey powder plant at Rigaud, which blew up this morning, began to reach Montreal soon after noon, when rescue parties reached the town, but at 1.40 nothing definite had been obtained here regarding the number of casualties.

The Curtis and Harvey Company received its first information about the disaster from a telephone girl at Rigaud. While in the midst of her announcement, that the plant had blown up, she stopped and another detonation was heard.

The officials of the Curtis and Harvey Company this afternoon intimated that early advices they had received about the accident indicated that no information was obtainable as to whether anybody had been killed. The plant was composed of a large number of small buildings and the structures alone cost several million dollars. The stock of raw material for making explosives was also particularly expensive.

TRAIN IN CUBA

Washington, Aug. 18.—Cuba's offer to provide a mobilization and training camp for some American forces has been accepted. The number or description of the forces to be sent cannot be disclosed for military reasons.

CANADIANS FORCE ENEMY TO GIVE UP NEW ATTACK

A Battalion of Negroes

Chicago, August 18.—The British recruiting mission in Chicago announced today that it is attempting to raise a battalion of negroes, subjects of Great Britain, in Chicago. If the effort is successful the battalion will be trained in Chicago and later attached to the British army. The mission is also recruiting among friendly aliens. The departure was taken because of many applications from Poles and Bohemians. It is said that this will afford service to many not eligible at present to service in the United States army.

NAVY HAS SHORT BRUSH WITH GERMAN DESTROYERS

Enemy Ships, Including Mine Sweepers, Repeatedly Hit and Set on Fire, Escape Thru Mine Fields.

London, Aug. 18.—The admiralty announces that a hostile destroyer and two mine sweepers were damaged severely by British naval forces on Thursday. The British warships were not damaged.

The announcement follows: "Some of our light naval forces scouting a German blight on August 16 sighted an enemy destroyer at 9.45 a.m. Fire was opened and the enemy destroyer was chased. She was seen to be repeatedly hit and to be on fire, but she escaped thru the mist over the mine field."

"Enemy mine sweepers were sighted shortly after the sighting of the destroyer and a heavy fire was opened on them. At least two of the mine sweepers were seen to be very severely damaged, but similar with and destroyed, but our ships were unable to follow them, owing to the proximity of the mine fields."

"During the engagement our vessels were attacked by a submarine, and after the action a second submarine attacked, in both cases without result. Our vessels suffered no damage whatever."

"The German version. Berlin, Aug. 18, via London.—An official statement issued at the German admiralty today regarding the naval clash between British and German light forces on August 16, says: On Thursday a German guard patrol in the North Sea encountered enemy cruisers and destroyers on the fringe of the English barred zone and attacked them. The enemy, who had a large superiority, turned away under the well-placed German fire and withdrew from the engagement with all possible haste. We suffered no losses."

Conscription in Canada Bill Passes Both Houses

Amendments Concurred in Without Dissenting Voice, and Measure Now Only Requires Royal Assent to Become Law.

Ottawa, Aug. 18.—The conscription bill has now passed through both houses of parliament, and only requires royal assent to become law. Shortly after the house of commons met this afternoon, the prime minister moved the first in a series of amendments to be concurred in. These are three in number. The first is merely verbal, the second created an appeal tribunal, the third provided that no conviction for violating the law should be entered without the consent of the attorney-general of Canada.

The Liberals were at first inclined to oppose the third amendment, but the prime minister reminded them that the prime minister amendment which had been suggested by one of their own members.

He explained that a prosecution might be commenced without obtaining the consent of the minister of justice, because it was necessary to apprehend the offender without delay, but the case would not go to final judgment without the approval of the minister.

Mr. Knowles (Moose Jaw) asked why the government had delayed 10 days in moving the amendments in the house.

Sir Robert Borden replied that the house had been occupied with other business. There had really been no delay, he said, because the bill could not become a law until it was signed by the governor-general. The senate amendments were then concurred in without dissent, and the house went into committee of supply on the supplementary estimate.

HARD AND FORCEFUL BLOWS ARE NEEDED

Maj.-Gen. Pershing Says People Must Realize What the War Means.

Paris, Aug. 18.—Major-Gen. Pershing, the American commander, in an interview with the Associated Press, said:

"Every man, woman and child should support the administration in its determination to arm and equip the American army and to keep up its morale and that of the allied armies. This war will not be won by talk or by subscribing to the Red Cross. The American people must come to a full realization of what the war means. It can be won only by striking hard and forceful blows, not otherwise."

The general was very emphatic in the interview which lasted but a few minutes.

TAX WAR PROFITS

Melbourne, Australia, Aug. 18.—The house of representatives has passed on second reading the war-time profits tax assessment bill, which provides for a tax of fifty per cent. for the year ended with June of 1916, and 75 per cent. thereafter.

DISCUSS POPE'S PROPOSALS

London, Aug. 18.—Pope Benedict's peace proposals and the general political situation will be discussed by the main committee of the German Reichstag when it is convened August 21, according to a Berlin despatch transmitted thru Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Sharp But Futile Attempt Made Against Section of Recently Gained Position in the Vicinity of Lens.

British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 18.—German troops delivered another sharp but futile counter-attack against a section of the new Canadian positions northwest and west of Lens early this morning. The Germans succeeded in penetrating the British trenches, but were driven out immediately as the result of strenuous hand-to-hand fighting, which cost the attackers a considerable number of dead and a few prisoners.

London, Aug. 18.—The German troops in Flanders were again completely repulsed by the British after sharp fighting, according to the British official statement issued early this morning.

The statement follows: "The enemy early today delivered another counter-attack against our recently captured position immediately northwest of Lens. His troops were again completely repulsed after sharp fighting in which we secured a few prisoners. There was considerable hostile artillery activity during the night in this neighborhood and also northeast of Ypres."

"Elsewhere on this front there has been no important infantry action, but heavy artillery duels continued at many points in the night, and the air services on both sides were active in bombing raids. British aviators continue to hold mastery of the air, and in numerous battles in the last two days have destroyed at least 23 enemy planes, and forced 13 others to land. Several British planes are missing. Consolidation of the new advanced positions is proceeding satisfactorily."

RUSSIANS ON OFFENSIVE

Petrograd, Aug. 18.—The Russians have taken the offensive on the Caucasian front and have occupied a series of villages, the war office announced.

BANDITS CAUGHT IN RUNNING FIGHT

Police Get Gang of Robbers After an Exciting Chase.

Montreal, Aug. 18.—After a running fight between bandits on a trolley car and the police in automobiles the St. Lambert officers this afternoon rounded up three bandits and shot one of them. The St. Lambert police chief received word that three bandits had robbed a farmer's house of \$150 and had boarded a trolley car. The chief summoned his men and set out after them. The thieves forced the motor-man to drive towards the city and fired at the police. At the Victoria Bridge, where a military guard is stationed, the desperadoes decided to dismount and the pistol fight was continued, during which one of the fugitives was badly wounded.

The other two then surrendered. The police think they have a gang of robbers who have terrorized the farming community near Montreal, robbing dozens of farmers' houses.

FIRE DAMAGES FURS STORED OVER STORE

Broderick & Centner Lost Part of Winter Stock on Saturday Evening.

Fire of unknown origin did several hundred dollars damage to a quantity of furs in the manufacturing company of Broderick and Centner, 245 Yonge street, at 7.30 Saturday evening. The fire was discovered by a man walking down Yonge street, who informed the manager of the Tip-Top Tailoring Company that there was smoke coming from one of the windows on the third floor. The building is owned by J. W. Bolus, and the main and second floors are occupied by the Tip-Top firm. The third floor is the fur company's office and workroom. When the firemen arrived they had to work their way thru the dense smoke and break the windows in order to fight the flames.

The fire, which started in the workroom, was soon under control, and the damage was moderate. A quantity of lining that was stored in the room.

SIX KILLED BY MINE

London, Aug. 18.—Six Canadians were killed and 22 injured in the accidental explosion of a mine during a mimic war at the manoeuvres at Hampshire, Thursday, according to The Daily Mail.

VESSEL ASHORE

St. John's, Nfld., Aug. 18.—The Danish steamer Frederica, a vessel of about 1500 tons, was reported ashore at a point on the Newfoundland coast today.

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