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GREAT RUSS VICTORY IN THE CAUCASUS GERMANS REACH HAIG'S PARAPETS, THEN THROWN BACK SETTLEMENT OF RAILWAY STRIKE SITUATION REPORTED NEAR

BRITISH HOLD FIRM FOILING HEAVY ATTACK OF THE ENEMY

Last Night Germans Made Powerful Assault at Guillemont.

COMPLETELY REPULSED

Counter-Attack Broken Everywhere With Heaviest Losses.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Aug. 24.—3:25 p.m.—On the Somme front in the neighborhood of Guillemont, the Germans last night launched a strong attack in an effort to regain lost ground. The official statement issued here today says the attack was repulsed after a severe struggle, in which the Germans sustained heavy losses.

The announcement follows:

"Last night the enemy made strenuous efforts to regain his lost ground between the Guillemont station and quarry. After severe bombardment, which began at 8:45 o'clock, he launched a strong infantry attack, which was pressed with such determination that it reached our parapets at places.

"After a short struggle the attack was repulsed completely everywhere with heavy losses to the enemy. After this failure the enemy delivered a further intense bombardment at 12:30 o'clock this morning, but no other infantry assault materialized.

"Near Hohenzollern redoubt the enemy shelled our lines heavily and attempted a raid, which failed completely. In no case did he succeed in reaching our lines.

"In a raid which we carried out northwest of La Bassée, we successfully entered the enemy's trenches."

BERLIN HOLDS A THREAT OVER THE RUMANIANS

Intimates That Rumania Will Be Made a Theatre of War.

(Canadian Press.)

Berlin, Aug. 24.—Via London, Aug. 24.—Government circles here, though none official, taking the attitude that too optimistic view the Rumanian situation, taking the attitude that it is Rumania's next move. The feeling is that the Central Powers have done everything possible to meet Rumania's views, and that Rumania, in persisting in the course desired by the Entente Allies and her own expansionist policy, will find the Central Powers ready, in which event it is to be expected every effort will be made to insure that the new war theatre is on Rumanian soil.

Information from Vienna indicates that the Austro-Hungarian Government, bearing in mind the results of the negotiations concerning Italy's claims before that nation entered the war, has been at no time disposed to offer Rumania similar concessions for fear that this again would be mistaken for a sign of weakness.

At this moment there is not discernible slightest effort to persuade Rumania taking any other course than one due to her own initiative. The latest dispatches from Bucharest indicate a further cooling off of the war fever.

MOVEMENTS OF MINISTERS

"Bob" Rogers Goes West—Foster Back From Old Land.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Ottawa, Aug. 24.—Hon. Robert Rogers has gone to Winnipeg on an urgent business trip. He has to be back in Ottawa on September 1 to assist the Duke of Connaught in laying the corner stone of the Parliament Buildings. Wednesday he opens the fair at Windsor.

Hon. T. Casgrain has gone to Quebec on business in his constituency. Sir George Foster will be back in Ottawa tomorrow. He has been to France and England on business and to New Brunswick on a holiday.

Hon. Frank Cochrane is expected back in Ottawa next week. He has been improving his health by taking a holiday at St. Andrews.

CAPT. KEMP ON STAFF.

Capt. H. W. Kemp, 7th Regiment, is taken on the strength of the camp staff as assistant musketry instructor.

British Guns Rout Foe Entrenching On Struma; Only the Artillery Busy

No Vigorous Offensive Actions Wednesday in Macedonia By Teutons or Entente Forces—Artillery Engagements the Rule—Serbians' Position Unchanged.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Aug. 24.—2:28 p.m.—Neither the Bulgarians nor the Entente forces on the Macedonian front attempted vigorous offensive actions yesterday. An official statement issued here today, says that artillery fighting continues, but records no infantry encounters.

DISPERSED BULGARIANS.

"There has been artillery activity on the Dobruja front," the statement says, "but no infantry action. On the Struma front our artillery dismounted a number of a vigorous enemy attack. The enemy's artillery shelled Orlik bridge. The Serbians are on the same line as reported yesterday."

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BULGARS EASILY REPULSED.

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Aug. 24.—2:26 p.m.—The French war office this afternoon gave out an official announcement on the operations in the front of Saloniki reading as follows:

"In front of the right wing of the Allied armies the enemy is entrenching himself on the left bank of the River Struma, and on both sides of the highway to Seres. Between the Struma and the upper valley of the Moglenica, Anglo-French forces have repulsed without trouble several attempts of the enemy to recapture the positions occupied by Anglo-French forces to the north of Palme, in the sector of Doiran, and in the direction of Ljumburk.

SERBS MOVING AHEAD.

"Along the entire mountainous front to the west of the Moglenica, Serb troops are developing an offensive. On the extreme left they have captured a roadstead, the strike situation with the French, five kilometres (three miles), to the northwest of Ostrovo Lake, which position they lost on the morning of August 23."

THE BULGAR ACCOUNT.

(Canadian Press.)

Berlin, Aug. 24.—Via Wireless to Sayville.—Defeat of the Entente forces along the Struma River on the Macedonian front was announced by the Bulgarian war office in a statement issued yesterday at Sofia.

The statement says the Entente forces took flight, leaving the ground covered with dead, and that up to the time the statement was issued the bodies of more than 400 dead had been counted. Large quantities of ammunition and supplies, including eight machine guns, were captured by the Bulgarians.

"French attacks, which had been directed for ten days against our positions south and west of Lake Doiran, failed completely. This probably is the reason why the general staff of Gen. Sarraill, the allied commander, reports the capture of places which all along had been in the hands of the French, such as the railroad station of Doiran and the village of Dobrodol, which was abandoned by the enemy.

"On the right bank of the Struma, the French buried fifty French dead in the vicinity of Navagard, we captured a hostile detachment and one machine gun. The French left seventy dead behind them.

"On our right wing operations are continuing."

Mediation prevents great strike of U.S. railways is a Washington report

(Canadian Press.)

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—After conferences with representatives of the employees and employers, Commissioner Chambers of the federal mediation board, discussed the strike situation with President Wilson and made arrangements for a group of the railroad presidents to see Mr. Wilson immediately. There were reports that a settlement of the controversy was in sight.

A FINAL WORD.

(Canadian Press.)

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—Commissioner Chambers of the Federal Board of Mediation held an early morning conference with President Wilson and then met the representatives of the railroad employees. He reported that he carried some proposals made to President Wilson by a sub-committee of railroad executives last night.

Administration officials expected a final answer from the railroad executives today or tomorrow. President Wilson made no engagements in anticipation of receiving the executives.

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MURDEROUS CRIME TO GIVE SIR SAM COMMAND OF MEN

Toronto Globe Says It Would Be Ghostliest of War.

APPOINTMENT IS RUMORED

"Washing Out Reminders of Blunderings in Life Blood of Canadians."

Under the heading "The Ultimate Hughes Crime," the Toronto Globe of today says:

It would be a crime, the ghostliest and most murderous crime of the war, no matter what the excuse or what the cause, were Gen. Sir Sam Hughes given a real command of living soldiers in a genuine engagement anywhere on the war's battlefield.

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MEAL PRICES RAISED AFTER BREAD "RISES"

Blenheim People Are Let In On "High Cost of Living" Secret.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

BLENHIM, AUG. 23.—The local bakers have raised bread a cent per 1½-pound loaf, the retail price now being 7 cents.

Following this came the notice that the restaurants could no longer serve meals and lunches at the old prices, and now the 25-cent dinner is no more, and the 5-cent sandwich is raised to a 10-center, and other eatables correspondingly.

DEWART'S MAJORITY 653

TORONTO, AUG. 23.—The official majority of H. H. Dewart, K. C., the successful candidate at Monday's by-election in Southview, Toronto for the Legislature, is 653. A. L. Russell, the returning officer, made the declaration today.

WALKERTON AIDS FIRE SUFFERERS.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Walkerton, Aug. 23.—At the last meeting of the Walkerton Town Council a grant was passed for \$300 to assist the fire sufferers in New Ontario.

TWO HOTELS ON OUTSIDE.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Walkerton, Aug. 23.—All of the hotels in South Bruce in Inspector White's territory, with the exception of the hotels at Eden Grove and at Elmwood, have applied for license.

PROTECTION FOR TORONTO; NONE FOR THIS CITY

Hydro Commission As Usual Provides Safeguards For Queen City Only.

WESTERN ONTARIO LOSES

New Stations Insure "Sure and Safe Supply for Toronto," Says Beck.

INTERRUPTIONS FREQUENT

This District Suffers Most and Gets Least Consideration.

"Our plans will insure for Toronto a sure and safe supply."—From an interview by Sir Adam Beck in the Toronto Mail and Empire today.

Toronto is to have an independent transmission line from Niagara Falls, so that the chances of having interruptions in the hydro service there will be considerably reduced. So far no announcement has been made regarding whether or not there will be any guarantee of continuous service in this section.

The municipalities in Western Ontario have suffered more from the break than Toronto. That city always obtains power some hours before London, and the citizens are wondering whether or not there will be any guarantee of continuous service in this section.

"We should have independent lines in Western Ontario," said Sir Adam Beck, "so that the power will not be cut off for any protracted period," said a citizen today. "Toronto is always well protected, but the rest of the province can go hungry."

It is expected that new stations will be erected at Dundas and Niagara Falls. This would help some, in the opinion of a few experts, but this will not altogether prevent Western Ontario interruptions.

"I understand that new stations are to be erected at Niagara Falls and Dundas, with the intention to help us in Western Ontario," said Sir Adam Beck, "but as they read the newspapers irregularly, have little knowledge of the way of thinking of the people, and this is what I heard: Two years ago a long time for the memory, especially when the people are suffering from the lack of electricity, and our experience has been so manifold during this time. At the beginning the people had no real idea what war was, but they were ready to conduct war. Meanwhile death and disease came from home because greater than any before. The imagination had previously conceived of this, and the people had been pushed into something which they did not really desire. The necessity of war was opening its eyes to the character of events. To this is then added the old and eternal distrust of the small for the great, and it is said:

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