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THE BRITISH GIVE GERMANS NO CHANCE TO DIG TRENCHES

Defence Now By Machine Gun and Shell Crater Warfare

ARTILLERY WORK TERRIFIC

Trench Work Shattered and Diggers Killed Almost as Soon as Started—Enemy Chains Men to Guns to Prevent Them From Fleeing

With the British Army in France, Aug. 17 (via London, 18)—The torrential rain today and yesterday made it an inconceivably miserable night for the German gunners, with their posts in shell craters filled with water up to their necks. The Germans seem to have definitely given up trying to dig any trenches along the front where the British hold the high ground, and on the other hand the British are now the diggers. Machine gun and shell crater warfare has replaced trench warfare as a means of defence against the British attack. Not the Prussian Guard or the Brandenburgers, but machine gunners are now the crack corps of the Germans. Specially picked men take the oath never to surrender and Englishmen report that they are chained to their guns by officers, to prevent them from succumbing to any temptation to flee. This is confirmed by witnesses, who have taken such men in the recent fighting. Machine guns are chained out to the shell craters under cover of darkness, and during the day the gunners lie hugging the earth in most uncomfortable positions. They are baked by the sun by day and shiver in the wet at night, the least movement disclosing their location by day, a hurricane of mortar and gunfire is turned on them. British snipers are always in the position of the first sign for something to shoot at. Some of the Germans who had been captured had been days without food, isolated as they are by the continual sniping. The British spent the day consolidating the gains made by their right flank toward Guillemont yesterday, in conjunction with the French attack.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

The following property transfers are reported:

St. John County. G. A. B. Addy to Maria G. Murray, et al. property in Simonds. S. H. Ewing et al. to Rupert Taylor, property in Simonds. E. M. Smith to S. Stothard, property in Mt. Pleasant avenue. Kings County. Margaret Bradley to Carrie M. Gibbons, property in Rothsay. J. H. Hughes to A. W. Haslett, property in Westfield. Harry McCouch to Grace Fairweather, \$500, property in Westfield. Aimer Mercer to Bertha C. Mercer, trustee, property in Norton. C. H. Pitt to John McKenise, \$50, property in Westfield.

THE A. M. E. CONFERENCE

The A. M. E. conference was continuing in St. Philip's church this morning. Business preparatory to the action of the various committees was put through. This afternoon the reports of the committees and the result of activities during the year will be presented to the conference. Tonight will be missionary night. Rev. J. P. Stephens, of Halifax, delivered the conference sermon last evening. Bishop Smith spoke on "Immortality."

POLICE COURT

John Travis appeared in the police court this morning again, this time charged with wandering about Charlotte street and Chipman Hill last night and acting suspiciously. After the evidence of the policeman was a remand. Alexander Leger was arrested on a warrant on a charge of keeping a disorderly house at 229 Thorne street. The evidence of County Policeman Saunders was taken. Two other witnesses were examined. The defendant was remanded. Evidence was given by two witnesses in a case against Alexander McDonald, who is charged with a serious offence. The magistrate committed the prisoner for trial. McDonald was arrested at the instance of Eva Dorcy, who at present is in jail. Several drunks were dealt with in the usual manner, a fine of \$5 or two months in jail. Stephen Conway, reported for lying and larking in a shed off Snythe street, was remanded.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of William J. Sweeney took place this morning from his late residence, 6 Crown street, to the Cathedral, where services were conducted by Rev. William Duke. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery. Six members of the typographical union of which Mr. Sweeney was a member, acted as pall-bearers. The floral offerings were numerous and included a beautiful wreath from the union.

COME BY AUTOMOBILE

Charles J. Morrissey, ex-mayor of Newcastle, accompanied by William L. Durick, Fred Dalton, C. P. McCabe and Alderman John Kingston, all of Newcastle, who were delegates to the A. O. H. convention in Moncton, motored to the city early yesterday morning and later in the day for Fredrickton to attend the horse races.

BRITISH FIND GERMAN TRENCHES FULL OF DEAD

Further Extension of Gains Reported; French Drive Enemy Out of Part of Fleury; Lord Northcliffe on Trentino Front

London, Aug. 18.—German artillery became more active last night along the Somme front. A small British gain is reported in the official announcement of today, which follows: "Last night the enemy's artillery generally showed increased activity. North-west of Bazentin-le-Petit, by a small local enterprise we further extended our gains in the enemy's lines. German trenches in this area were found to be greatly damaged and full of the enemy's dead. A further hostile attack from Martiniépich last night was repulsed as completely as were his former attempts yesterday."

PORTUGAL SOON IN WAR

Lisbon, via Paris, Aug. 18.—Major Norton Matton, Portuguese minister of war, announced today that Portugal soon will participate in the war, fighting on the side of the Entente allies.

The Portuguese congress voted to join the Entente Allies in the war in November, 1914. A Portuguese naval commander seized thirty-six German and Austrian vessels in the Tagus river in February, 1916, and in the following March, Germany declared war on Portugal because of this action. The Portuguese troops were called to the colors on March 16.

Victory for Belgians

Havre, Aug. 18.—A brigade of Belgian troops has captured and occupied the port of Kavena, on the eastern bank of Lake Tanganyika, German East Africa, says an official Belgian announcement today. The Belgians were opposed forward in several sectors.

Russian Report

Petrograd, Aug. 18.—The Austro-German effort to throw back the Russians in Galicia has resulted in great losses and met with no success, says the war office announcement today. The Russians have pushed forward in several sectors.

A German Statement

Berlin, Aug. 18.—Norway has taken official action regarding armed merchantmen, according to an Overseas News Agency message today, which says: "The Norwegian minister of justice has instructed the police in Norwegian ports to find out whether incoming merchantmen are armed, and, in case they are, to order an investigation, by military authorities, giving such vessels permission to leave."

MUST HAVE PASSPORTS

London, Aug. 18.—No person over fifteen years old will be permitted to land in Australia after September 1, without a passport issued or approved by British authorities. Persons sailing for foreign countries must have passports vized by a British consul.

THE TAXES TOTAL

As the result of the addition of \$3,021.91 received by the city chamberlain this morning through the mails, the grand total received for taxes during the discount period amount to \$678,292.81. This sets a new record and is considered highly gratifying by civic officials.

ANOTHER CHALLENGE

The Acadia of the North End wish to challenge the Beavers of the Boy's Club League to a game of baseball to be played on the Shamrock grounds on next Friday evening. They desire the challenge to be answered through these columns.

IS FREED

In the police court this afternoon Delahanty was given his freedom with the understanding that he leave immediately for the states. The girl in the case will likely be allowed to go her way later on this afternoon. (See page 10.)

C. P. R. CONTRACT

J. Medley Belyea was today awarded a contract to erect an addition to the C. P. R. offices in West St. John. The building will also be repaired and put in better order for handling the winter port trade.

COST \$500

Elias George was forced to pay \$500 to secure his automobile from the customs authorities this morning, as the result of his neglect to comply with Canada customs regulations when crossing the border yesterday morning. The matter will be reported to Ottawa.

THE ELEVATOR SITE

Boring operations are being continued at the proposed site of the new grain elevator in Water street. This morning four men and an engineer were engaged drilling to ascertain the sort of foundation available on the site. Officials still are reticent.

FOR LIEUTENANCY

It is understood that the late Oliver Evans, of the 62nd Battalion, who was attached to the 11th Battalion for instructional purposes, has applied for a lieutenant in the imperial army.

ADIT. GENERAL IN CITY TODAY

Major-General Hodgins of Ottawa Here LOCAL NEWS OF SOLDIERS

Lieut. Grant Smith to Capital For Course in Mechanical Transport—Instructions Re Medical Examination Prior to Going Overseas

New York, Aug. 18.—Cabling last night, the Tribune's London correspondent says: "The great British army, which was to carry the decision on the Rhine, has suffered very heavy losses and their numbers fall far below those which were expected. The relief of the French at Verdun has perhaps been achieved to a certain degree, although our determined attacking activities have not been diminished by the Somme battle."

RENT TYPEWRITERS

Approval has been given for the rental of three typewriter machines by each battalion of the C. E. F. Machines may be rented locally and the accounts, giving number and the make of the machine, with period of rental, certified by the paymaster of the district for payment. The office commanding will be responsible for return of the machines before the unit leaves Canada, as such machines are only on rental during the period of training and are not to be used overseas.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE IN PORT OF BRISTOL, ENG.

Traced to Rats Which Health Officer Supposes Were Possibly Inoculated. New York, Aug. 18.—A cable to the World from Bristol, Eng., dated yesterday, says: "Three cases of the dreaded bubonic plague have been discovered in Bristol, on the south coast of England, one of the greatest British ports in foreign trade. Said Dr. Davies, health officer of Bristol port, to a correspondent today: 'The three cases have been traced to rats which, it is supposed, were inoculated purposely with bubonic plague. There is no evidence that the disease was brought here on a ship, nor that the infection came from America. The method by which the disease was introduced is obscure, but is being investigated carefully.'"

SPEAKER SEVIGNY IN KHAKI IN FEW DAYS

Ottawa, Aug. 18.—Hon. Albert Seigny, speaker of the House of Commons, is in Ottawa. In a few days he will begin a military commission and get in to khaki. He will do military duty at Valcartier, assist in recruiting and may go overseas.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, Director of meteorological service. Synopsis—Local showers have occurred in the western provinces while from the Great Lakes eastward the weather has been fine and decidedly warm. Fair and warm. Maritime—Light to moderate winds; fair and warm today and on Saturday. New England—Fair tonight and Saturday; light variable winds, mostly south.

German Blow Heavy But Haig Stood It

Not Only That But Gained Ground—Wedge Threatens Pocketing of Both Thiepval and Martinpuich

Not only that but gained ground—wedge threatens pocketing of both Thiepval and Martinpuich. The city has a visitor today the adjutant general, Major General Hodgins, and Mrs. Hodgins, of Ottawa. The visit was unofficial. The adjutant merely spent some hours here on his way back from Novr Scalla, where he visited Aldershot camp. In speaking of the camp he said that it was certainly a good one and that the brigade camped there was a fine one. Major General Hodgins and Mrs. Hodgins will leave tomorrow for Ottawa.

TURKEY AND BULGARIA NOT ADVERSE TO SEPARATE PEACE

Sounding the Allies but Negotiations Long Way Off—Pope Said to Believe Now That Peace Will Come Only Through Victory of Allies. Rome, Aug. 18.—(New York Times cable)—Reports are coming from east, west and south, concerning efforts by Turkey and Bulgaria to make separate peace with the allies. However, the papers warn the public not to put too much faith in such rumors, as while there is a grain of truth in them, the governments of those countries have taken no steps to that end.

MOTHER FALLS IN HEROIC EFFORT TO SAVE CHILD

Swims For Shore From Burning Launch, Sores Conscience, Baby Drowns. Sarnia, Ont., Aug. 18.—In attempting to swim ashore last evening from a burning launch, with her five months old daughter, Mrs. George Clydesdale, of Froomfield, lost consciousness as the launch sank and the baby sank in fifteen feet of water. The tragedy occurred in the St. Clair river, a few miles below Courtright. Mrs. Clydesdale was rescued by her husband, who had been on shore.

TODAY'S BALL GAMES

National League—New York at Chicago, clear (2 games); first 1:30 p.m.; Brooklyn at Pittsburgh, cloudy, 8:30 p.m.; Boston at St. Louis, clear, 8:30 p.m.; Philadelphia at Cincinnati, clear, 8 p.m.; American League—Cleveland at New York, clear, 8:30 p.m.; St. Louis at Philadelphia, clear, 8:30 p.m.; Detroit at Washington, clear, 4 p.m.; Chicago at Boston, clear, 8:15 p.m.; International League—Toronto at Newark, clear, 8:45 p.m.; Montreal at Richmond, clear, 4:30 p.m.; Buffalo at Providence, clear, 8:30 p.m.; Rochester at Baltimore, clear, 7 p.m., 2 and 4 p.m.

MANY WANT PART IN BRITISH LOAN

New York, Aug. 18.—Syndicate participations in the new \$500,000,000 loan were so large, according to the statements of managers, as to cause closing of the subscription books today. The books for public subscriptions will not be opened until next week, but it is said that applications in large sums have already been received.

THE ROYAL GOVERNOR RETURNS TO OTTAWA

Quebec, Aug. 18.—His Eminence Cardinal Beign and a party of distinguished citizens, had lunch at Spencerwood yesterday with His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall. Apart from the public farewell reception at the city hall at noon, His Highness was busy throughout the day. After breakfast in the morning he called at the vice regal quarters at the Citadel, where he stayed on former occasions while in the city, and bade goodbye to Caretaker Private Lewis and Mrs. Lewis. His Highness also visited the Ursuline Convent, the military discharge depot, the Khaki Club and the site of the Quebec bridge.

SEE CAPTURED SUBMARINE IN TOW; NOT SURE IT WAS THE BREMEN

Passengers To New York Bring Report From Vicinity of Deal WARSHIPS AND ESCORTS

Cunarder's Officers Say Cruisers Had in Tow Boat Resembling Submarine and Were Steaming in Direction of Sheerness, Where is a Naval Yard. New York, Aug. 17.—The passengers who arrived from London on the Cunarder Albatross were confident that they had seen the new German commercial submarine Bremen in tow of two British warships off Deal on Sunday night, August 6, when their vessel was at anchor in the Downs. The officers and crew of the Albatross admitted they had seen what they believed to be a captured submarine passing through the Downs, but could not say that it was the Bremen.

DUNCAN GLASIER OF LINCOLN IS DEAD

Fredrickton, N. B., Aug. 18.—Duncan Glasier of Lincoln, died last night, aged eighty-two. He leaves one son, Charles Glasier, and one daughter, Mrs. Murray Glasier. Parker Glasier, M. P. F., is a cousin. Hon. B. Frank Smith, new minister of public works, accompanied Premier Clarke to the city last evening and is today at his office in the departmental building. Mrs. James Victoria Stanger, widow of Thomas Stanger, died here last night, aged seventy-eight. She is survived by one son, George S. Stanger of Lynn, and two daughters, Mrs. Harry E. Harrison of this city and Mrs. W. J. Johnston of New Glasgow, N. S.

GOL. LAWRENCE, EX-M.P.P. OF TRURO, PASSES AWAY

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 18.—Colonel H. T. Lawrence, former ex-M. P. P., and one of the most prominent citizens of Truro, died yesterday, aged seventy-five years. MAKE PRESSURE TESTS Clarence Goldsmith, consulting engineer for the National Board of Underwriters of New York, assisted by J. M. Snyzer, fire department expert, and P. C. Charnock construction expert, is making a complete test of the hydrants throughout the city today. This morning they started from Leinster street, which is the highest point in the city, and worked down Lower Cove and up to King street and Market Square and thence along Snythe and Mill streets to Paradise row, and out to Mount Pleasant. After completing these sections they started at the North End and then proceeded to West St. John. Five and six hydrants were tested at one time. Commissioner Wigmore, Engineer Armstrong and a member of the Water and Sewerage Department assisted in the tests. The night was a novel one and many people who saw the large streams of water thought that a pipe had burst. So far as are known the tests were satisfactory.

Tremendous German Losses on Somme Admitted

London, Aug. 18.—(New York Sun cable)—Erich Von Saltmann, military critic of the Vossische Zeitung, writing about the Somme battle, makes the following remarkable admission today: "We can admit without hesitation that certain regiments came out of this fighting with a total loss hitherto unknown in the history of the war."