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CANADIANS NEARING LENS; RUSSIANS GIVING BATTLE

RUSSIAN ARMY PREPARING TO GIVE BATTLE BETWEEN THE DNIESTER AND PRUTH

Roumanian Frontier Southwest of Czernowitz Also Scene of Russian Resistance, According to Berlin Headquarters Statement Issued Yesterday.

THE AUSTRO-GERMAN ARMIES CAPTURE VILLAGE OF RADAUTZ

Roumanians Fight Heavily on Little Lepsa, North of Putna Valley—French and Teuton Artillery Active in Champagne.

Berlin, Aug. 6, via London.—The Russians are preparing to give battle to the Austro-German forces advancing on the Russian front between the Dniester and the Pruth, according to today's arm headquarters' announcement. The Roumanian frontier southwest of Czernowitz, is also the scene of Russian resistance. The text of the statement reads:

"Army group of General Von Boehm-Ermolli: Along the Zbrocz, there have been local engagements. Between the Dniester and the Pruth the Russians have prepared for battle.

Resistance in Roumania.
"Front of Archduke Joseph: Southwest of Czernowitz the enemy is offering resistance on the Roumanian frontier. Our attack is proceeding. We are now before the Sereth and after vigorous fighting have captured Radautz. On both sides of the Moldavia, and on the eastern bank of the Bystritsa several height positions were wrested from the Russian forces. Repeated Roumanian attacks on Castelul and on Little Lepsa, north of the Putna Valley, failed with sanguinary losses."

French Statement.
Paris, Aug. 6.—The war office communication issued this evening says: "Both armies have been active in Champagne, in the region of the Meuse and on both banks of the Meuse, especially in the sectors of Avoucourt and Louvemont."
"Belgian communication: During the night the enemy artillery was active against our communications. Gas shells were fired in the region of Hampelesse. Some patrol fighting took place to the south of Dixmude. A few projectiles fell during the day on various parts of the front."

LIBERAL PRESS OF GERMANY DISAPPOINTED

Selections of Chancellor Michels Changes in Name Only—Principles the Same.

Copenhagen, Aug. 6.—The Liberal press of Germany is outspoken in its disappointment over the selections of Chancellor Michels made by his colleagues in the new imperial and Prussian ministries, which are held to show that the change effected in names only, and not of the system. All the papers of this class agree in the view that there is not a trace of parliamentarism in the new order of things.

It is evident, comments the Vestische Zeitung, that the course is set to the right-about from the Liberal ideas now inspiring the people. Forwards, the Socialist organ, speaks of the new administration as one of enlightened bureaucracy. The Tagblatt characterizes the new ministers as, in the main, successful administrative officials.

The nomination of two members of parliament cannot be regarded as a step toward parliamentarism, because in the first place neither of the two is Liberal in his views, or a strong believer in reforms in the direction of Liberalism, and in the second place, both must under the present constitution resign their seats.

Dr. Von Kuelman, alone of the new officials, is given favorable treatment by the Liberal organs. Other papers are not in issue of his appointment.



MADAM, YOU HAVE DECEIVED ME!

DATE OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HAS NOT YET BEEN CONSIDERED

The Twelfth Parliament of Canada Will Probably End Towards Last of Month—Hon. Mr. Hazen Presents His Annual Statement with Respect to Naval Service—Some Interesting Details Given

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Aug. 6.—So speedy has the progress been with regard to government legislation during the last two or three weeks, that very little remains to be done. If the house has a mind to hurry proration, or discontinue, this could be accomplished in less than a week. The only matter that may involve any serious debate is the proposal to take over the Canadian Northern Railway and to give further aid to the Grand Trunk Pacific. The income tax bill is now at the third reading stage and the insurance bill is almost at it.

There will be a franchise bill but it is understood that it will not be of a very contentious nature. Hon. Mr. Doherty has not yet introduced his provincial prohibition bill and Hon. Mr. Rogers has only given notice of his resolution regarding the increased dry-dock subsidies. Hon. Mr. Burrell's resolution regarding the establishment of live stock exchanges is not yet through the committee stage.

May Hasten Business.
Hon. Mr. Cochrane's bill to provide assistance for highways construction is on the order paper for second reading, but it may not be proceeded with and there is nothing left to delay proration if the house has a mind to hurry the end of the session.

The Senate will not likely prolong discussion unduly and there is little doubt that the obsequies of the twelfth parliament will be over within three weeks.

As to the date of the general election it may be said that this has not been seriously considered. All eyes are on the Winnipeg Liberal convention and whatever eventuates there will have a powerful effect upon the future action of the government. The fate of the union government proposals to a large extent depends upon the policy decided upon by the western men.

Hon. Mr. Hazen.
Ottawa, Aug. 6.—(Canadian Press) Hon. J. D. Hazen made his annual statement with respect to the work of the naval service department when the members of parliament were assembled at the House of Commons.

Commons went into committee of supply today.
The work of the naval department, he stated, had continued to increase very greatly during the past year. The work was divided between the naval intelligence and the transport service, each of which worked night and day, and there had been an immense increase in the amount of work they had had to do. This branch of the service, said Hon. Mr. Hazen, had to do with the defence of the Canadian coast, the guarding against attacks by submarines and similar matters.

As to the transport service Hon. Mr. Hazen said it had gone on well. The Niobe was being used as a training ship, while the training at Halifax and Esquimaux had been extended to the utmost capacity. The total spent on the works at Halifax and Esquimaux was approximately 300 per cent. more than in times of peace. Much patrol work was also being done, of which the minister said he could not give details.

Training of Cadets.
With regard to the naval college at Halifax, Mr. Hazen said the training of cadets was going on satisfactorily. Nearly 50 Canadian officers were serving in the imperial navy, of whom one had been killed in action and six had been lost on H. M. S. Grise. Up to the present 322 officers had been entered for the Royal Naval Air Service and several had been decorated for gallantry. 1321 men had been enlisted in the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, of whom 1188 had been sent overseas and excellent work had been done in recruiting for this.

During the year 141 radio telegraphic operators had been examined, of whom 47 were successful. The operation of the radio telegraphic service, said Hon. Mr. Hazen, showed the advantage of government ownership and control.

Material assistance, the minister said had also been furnished to the ships of the allied governments during the year, with supplies, stores and other work, while in spite of war conditions there had been a considerable increase in overseas shipments both to and from Canada.

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HON. J. D. HAZEN.

CAMPABELLO HAS YOUNG LIFE SAVER

Seven Year Old Lad Displays Wonderful Presence of Mind and Rescues Companion from Drowning.

Special to The Standard.
Campobello, Aug. 6.—A seven year old Campobello boy named Blizard is regarded as a true, genuine hero by the islanders and is probably one of the youngest life savers living. He and a nine year old companion named James Jones were playing on a stage over the bay when the Jones boy fell into the water. No help was available, and for a time it looked as if the lad would be drowned.

There was no boat near, but the Blizard boy sighted an old scythe hanging on a fish house nearby. He rushed to the fish house and took down the hand mower. By grasping the blade he was able to extend the handle to the drowning lad. The latter had just strength enough to grasp the scythe stick, but he held on to the handle tightly and was drawn to the stage by his companion and was safely hauled out of the water.

On the landing Blizard collapsed and was unconscious when a physician arrived. He was soon resuscitated. Young Blizard is a modest young chap and does not regard what he did as anything wonderful.

FURTHER SUCCESSFUL DRIVE BY WEARERS OF MAPLE LEAF IN FACE OF HARRASSING FIRE

Canadians Follow Up Successful Advance of Saturday Afternoon in Region of Cite du Moulin by Carrying Outposts up Main Line of Enemy's Defense to West of Lens.

TWO CANADIAN BATTALIONS IN A DASHING ATTACK CARRY CRATER

German Attempts to Raid British Positions North of Arleaux Repulsed, Enemy Sustaining Severe Casualties—Airplanes Carry Out Successful Bombing Raids.

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, Aug. 6.—(By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspondent of the Canadian Press.)—Following up the successful advance on Saturday afternoon in the region of Cite du Moulin another advance was made last night, which carried our outposts up the main line of the enemy's defense on the railway embankment to the west of Lens. Then two Canadian battalions, in a dashing attack, captured a crater, occupying a cross-road to the east of Cite du Moulin, and a crater to the north of the Lens-Lievion road, which passes through Du Moulin.

Heavy Bomb Attacks.
For several days the enemy had maintained strong posts in these craters, whence harassing rifle grenade fire was directed at our outposts line at night. The attack, for the most part, was carried out with bombs the approach in both cases being through a maze of partially destroyed houses, which did not lend themselves to the use of the rifle. When the bombs began to fall the enemy did not stay to fight it out, but retired towards his main positions, leaving the craters to be incorporated in our advanced line. An attacking party then advanced to two tunnels known to be occupied by the enemy, and bombed them, inflicting a considerable number of casualties on the enemy.

A break in the clouds has permitted a resumption of the artillery and aerial activity.

German Repulsed.
London, Aug. 6.—Again today the British forces operating against the important coal city of Lens made further slight advances westward and southward of their objective, according to the British official statement tonight. In addition an attempt by the Germans to raid British positions north of Arleaux was repulsed. The communication follows:

"An enemy attempt to raid our trenches early this morning north of Arleaux was caught by our rifle and machine gun fire before reaching our line and driven off with severe casualties. We advanced our lines slightly today southwest and west of Lens. "Yesterday, after several days of inactivity, due to unfavorable weather our airplanes again were able to carry out successful bombing raids and other work. In air fighting five German airplanes were downed, of which one was forced to land behind our lines. Three others were driven down out of control. One of our machines is missing."

NEWSPAPER MAN
SERIOUSLY HURT
Former Publisher of Parrboro Leader Wounded at Front—C. T. White and Son Launch Vessel Tomorrow.

Special to The Standard.
Parrboro, N. S., Aug. 6.—Mrs. Thomas C. Choinet has been officially notified from Ottawa that her husband was seriously wounded on July 28 and is now in a hospital at Etaples. He was formerly publisher of the Parrboro Leader, and enlisted a year ago last spring.

Councillor Cochrane will launch from blisby yard at Port Greville on Wednesday next the tern schooner Eather Adelside, which he built for C. T. White & Son, Limited. She is a fine vessel of 457 tons register.