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French Troops Attack; British Hold Enemy

Fighting Favors French on Eleven Mile Front; Haig's Troops Make Gain on Part of Line; The Italian Advance

Paris, Aug. 20.—French troops made an attack this morning on both banks of the Meuse, on the Verdun front. Early information shows that the battle has developed to the advantage of the French on a sector eight kilometres (eleven miles). Prisoners already have been passing to the rear.

Rome, Sunday, Aug. 19.—Commenting on the new Italian advance, the press says that it, like the British attack in the region of Tolmino to a point near the Adriatic. The struggle was said to be raging with the greatest bitterness.

London, Aug. 20.—A German counter-attack on the positions captured by the British yesterday morning southeast of Epehy was completely repulsed after sharp fighting, according to an official statement issued today by the war office.

London, Aug. 20.—German military establishments in Belgium, which have been attacked repeatedly of late by British airplanes, were again raided on Saturday night. The admiralty so announced. The statement follows:—

Many tons of bombs were dropped on the night of August 18-19 by British naval air service on the following military objectives: St. Pierre station and sidings, at Ghent; Thourout station and dump; Bruges docks. A mid was also wrecked yesterday morning on the Snellegem airfield, where a direct hit was made on a large shed.

WOULD SEND CHINESE TROOPS TO WEST FRONT

General Chang Chen Yang, Commanding Troops Sent to Suppress General Chang Huan's Forces in Anhwei Province, Telegraphed President Feng Kwo Chang Urging Immediate Sending of his Force of 30,000 to Europe to Fight the Germans.

The ministers of the Entente to China have agreed upon a common note sent individually to the foreign office, congratulating China on its declaration of war. Baron Hayashi, Japanese minister, visited Wang Ts Hsieh, Chinese foreign minister, and assured him that the declaration of war strengthened the friendship between Japan and China. China has instituted a cable and mail censorship.

FATHER SAVES THREE SONS; LOSES FOURTH AND HIS OWN LIFE

Mother, Ill at Window of Home, Sees Tragic Fight With Death in Quebec Fight

Quebec, Aug. 20.—Napoleon Girard, aged forty, and his son Leopold, were drowned on Saturday afternoon in a flooded river in the Misery Range, close to Lorette, in the flooded section of Quebec county. Three of Mr. Girard's boys were saved by their father, but Leopold could not be rescued and dragged his father to the bottom. The bodies have been recovered.

FURTHER PROHIBITION OF EXPORTS ANNOUNCED

W. E. Anderson, imperial trade commissioner here, has received the following from Montreal: Dear Sir: I beg to advise that I have received the following cable from H. M. Board of Trade, London, England: "Exportation of following things prohibited United Kingdom August 14: Lasts, shoemakers' machines and tools, various malleable iron castings, ethyl alcohol, zinc oxide and sulphide, metal cylinders, shark oil, rapeseed oil, vegetable seeds, tanning extracts."

JOHN HASLAM, Officer-in-Charge.

IS HAMILTON, ONT., CASE ONE OF MURDER?

Dr. D. G. MacRobbie Found With Skull Smashed

THREE HELD AS WITNESSES

Oil Company Manager, Architect and Another Man—Body Lay in Room Over Oil Company's Offices

Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 20.—Dr. D. G. MacRobbie, of 209 York street, a well known Hamilton physician, aged thirty-eight years, was found dead in a room over the offices of the Crescent Oil Company in Canton street west, at 10:30 o'clock last night under circumstances which coroner McNichol deemed justified an inquest.

The gruesome discovery was made by the caretaker who, finding the side door open—something unusual—investigated and found MacRobbie, his head crushed in, resting in a pool of blood. The head was lying across a pile of iron bars.

No report of the affair was made to the police until early this morning. When coroner McNichol arrived, Harry Smith, manager of the Crescent Oil Company, Walter Scott, an architect, and Joseph McAniff, 85, John street north, were in another part of the building. They could offer no explanation of MacRobbie's death. Later the police took the trio into custody as material witnesses.

"It may have been an accident or the man may have been murdered," said coroner McNichol. Dr. MacRobbie received a terrible smash on the skull. "It seems incredible," said the coroner, "that a man could sustain such an injury as MacRobbie received by merely falling from a chair. There were blood stains, too, on the wall at a height which I think disproves the theory that MacRobbie was fatally injured by falling." Two small iron bars, saturated with blood, rested in the pool that surrounded the doctor's body.

FIVE YEAR OLD GIRL DROWNED IN BRIDGETOWN POND

Younger Brother Only Witness to Fatality of Sunday Afternoon

(Special to Times.) Bridgetown, N. S., Aug. 20.—A sensational drowning accident at 2:15 marred the quietness of a Sunday afternoon in Bridgetown when Evelyn, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jefferson, fell in the pond, a small pond near the centre of the town, and a depth of about five feet. The only witness of the accident was a younger brother, who was with his parents. It was impossible, owing to the muddy water, to recover the body until it came to the surface twenty-five minutes later, and was brought out by Leonard Dory, one of a crowd of spectators.

EXPECT STRIKE IN SPAIN TO END TODAY

Madrid, Aug. 20.—Official news has been received from throughout Spain that tranquillity reigns everywhere and the general strike is expected to end today. A meeting of the cabinet has been called and it is thought martial law will be annulled.

PATRIOTIC CONCERT

Mayor Hayes received \$5 for the Red Cross funds from four little girls, Thea Parlee, Clara DeVenne, Margaret Joyce and Marjorie Smith, who gave a concert on Friday afternoon at 27 Barker street.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—A shallow depression covers the St. Lawrence Valley, while an area of high pressure is spreading southeastward over the great lakes.

Since Saturday showers and thunderstorms have been almost general in the Province of Quebec and Eastern Ontario, while in all the other parts of Canada the weather has been fine and warm.

Ottawa Valley—Fair and decided with thunder showers in a few localities. Tuesday, northwest wind, fine and clear. Mostly fair.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh southwest winds, fair and warm. Tuesday, fresh west and northwest winds, local showers, but mostly fair.



The face is new, but it is the same old Imperial Prussian Junker eagle trying to make the world think it is a Dove of Peace.

Bulgar Shells Set Fire in Monastir; Quarter Is Burned

Corfu, Aug. 20.—One quarter of the Serbian city of Monastir has been destroyed by fire caused by a Bulgarian bombardment, says the Serbian press bureau. The number of victims has not been ascertained.

The statement says that on Saturday the Bulgarians bombarded the city more violently than ever, firing some 2,000 shells. There was no reason for the bombardment as no fighting was in progress. Women and children, who fled in all directions, have been collected and taken to the rear.

ST. ETIENNE CATHEDRAL SCENE OF ROBBERY AND INCENDIARISM

St. Etienne, France, Aug. 20.—Vandals broke into the Cathedral here on Saturday night, stripped the altars of valuables and then set fire to the choir, furnishings, bases, altar cloths and the altar in the sanctuary, where the two great organs stood. The organs were destroyed as well as several valuable statues.

ALONG THE RIVER

Half a dozen motor parties from points down as far as Westfield, in addition to a happy harryck party from Woodmont Point and some in motor boats, went to Public Landing on Saturday evening for the week-end dance in the pretty pavilion behind the cedar trees. After the rain the evening was delightful. There will be two more of these dances, and in addition it is hoped to have a picnic and dance on the afternoon and dance on the afternoon and evening of Labor Day, as a fitting close to the season.

TO STOP INSTALLING PHONES IN NEW ENGLAND

Boston, Aug. 20.—Installation of telephones in New England except where community interests would suffer has been suspended for an indefinite period, according to an announcement by the new English Telephone and Telegraph. Exemptions will be made for federal, state and municipal purposes, munition plants and railroads and in homes where there is serious illness. Difficulty of obtaining new raw material, increasing costs, shortage of labor and press of military business were given as reasons for the suspension.

GOOKY'S WRITING BRINGS NOTICE OF STERN MEASURES

Petrograd, Aug. 20.—In consequence of an article in Friday's issue of Maxim Gorky's newspaper, Novaya Zvezda, in which the Russian author is alleged to have contained his insulting expressions regarding the Entente Allied powers and their representatives, the Russian provisional government has promulgated a law sentencing to imprisonment in a fortress persons insulting the Entente Allied powers, their rulers or presidents and their governments or diplomatic representatives.

DISABLED STEAMER IS TOWED INTO PORT

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 20.—The American steamer Racine was brought into port last night by a tug which found her disabled off Cape Cod yesterday with leaky boilers. The vessel, formerly in the Great Lakes service, was on her way to an Atlantic port to be remodelled into an ocean tug.

SEIZURE BY GERMANS

London, Aug. 20.—An Amsterdam despatch to Reuters, Ltd., states that Berlin newspapers announce the seizure of all property in Germany belonging to the government of Siam, or to its citizens.



AN ATTRACTIVE NOVELTY. THE KAISER'S "What's That? A German army advancing? That's a thing I must go and see! Hold on, Hindenburg, I'm off to Galicia!"

Lens Is Nearer Fall To Canadians

THREATEN TO EXTEND STRIKE

Labour Leaders Say Quarter Million May Go Out

N. Y. SHIPYARDS TROUBLE

Work in England Had Not Been Stopped at Noon by Engineers and Firemen—Miners Reverse Decision re Stockholm Conference

New York, Aug. 20.—Labour leaders in charge of the strike in shipyards of the New York district today asserted that 200,000 metal workers in various parts of the country would be asked to declare a sympathetic strike unless a settlement is reached today. A meeting of labor leaders to be held in Tammany Hall tomorrow is expected to take formal action seeking to extend the strike.

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London, Aug. 20.—The national conference of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain today decided by a vote of 375 to 254 that the British labor party should not be represented at the international social conference at Stockholm. This is a reversal of a previous decision of the miners' federation.

CALL FOR ARTILLERY DRAFT IS SURPRISE

Much to the surprise of the military officials here, an order was received at the office of the New Brunswick command this morning, giving instructions that No. 9 Siege Battery, under the command of Major Wetmore, was to get in readiness a draft consisting of fifty men.

This order has taken the officials here very much by surprise as about three months ago an order was received from the military department at Ottawa, to the effect that no more recruits for artillery were to be signed on until further notice. The officials here acting on this notice, ordered the recruiting for artillery units throughout this district to be suspended.

CONFIRMS NEWS OF BERNSTORFF GOING TO CONSTANTINOPLE

Amsterdam, Aug. 20.—Count Von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, has been appointed, according to the Berlin Vossische Zeitung, to the post at Constantinople. He will leave Berlin immediately.

CONVENTION HERE

A convention for the Christian Churches, Disciples of Christ, for the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, will be held in the Coburg street church soon. Addresses will be given by Mrs. Stearns of Indianapolis, Ohio, who is president of the National C. W. B. M. Society, by A. McLean of Clarendon, president of Foreign Christian Missions, representing 1,200,000 communicants, by F. W. Burnham, president of the American Christian Society, and in Imperial Theatre by Samuel Wong, a Chinese, of Australia.

PHILIP FITZPATRICK INJURED

Philip Fitzpatrick of Fitzpatrick Brothers, undertakers, Waterloo street, suffered a painful sprain to his right foot last week. It was on his way from his barn to the house when he stepped on an old floor board. The board gave away and his foot went through. He was in the St. John Infirmary for a few days, but is able now to be about with a cane.

COMING TO ST. JOHN

(Special to Times.) Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 20.—Arnold Bilsard in the police court this morning pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted theft. J. B. Dickson appeared as counsel. Police Magistrate Lomas imposed a sentence of two years in the penitentiary but suspended sentence on condition that the accused leave Fredericton at once and follow some settled occupation. Bilsard will go tonight to St. John where friends say the man's condition at the time of offense was such that he did not have proper control of himself.

UNITED STATES TO HAVE MANY MORE DESTROYERS

Washington, Aug. 20.—Immediate expansion of building facilities of the United States to double or triple the output of destroyers during the next eight months was the object of a conference today between Secretary of Navy Daniels and representatives of twenty-five or more ship and engine builders.

"If we get what we want," the secretary said, "the United States will have more destroyers than any other power. They are the one thing that a submarine fears."