

TURK TROOPS HAVE EVACUATED BITLIS

AUSTRIANS REPORTED STRENGTHENING THEIR DEFENCES ON THE ROUMANIAN BORDER
British Pressing for Guillemont and Thiepval; French Repulse Hun Attacks

THIEPVAL ON THE LEFT AND GUILLEMONT ON THE RIGHT ALMOST WITHIN BRITISH GRASP

The More the British Progress the More Bitter the Fighting and the Heavier the Artillery Fire—Guillemont and Thiepval a Wreck

By Special Wire to the Courier. With the British Forces in France, Aug. 24—midnight—There has been murderous work on both flanks in the Somme region, where, with every stage of the British progress the fighting seems to become more bitter and the artillery fire hotter. On the left the Germans hold to Thiepval and on the right still cling to Guillemont, which has become the most redoubtable of names to hundreds of thousands of men.

Russ Troops Now in Bitlis

Turks Driven Back, and Pursuing Enemy Towards Mosul.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Petrograd, (by wireless to London, Aug. 25.—1:50 a.m.)—It is announced that the Russians have resumed their advance along the entire Asiatic front. The Turks have evacuated Bitlis.

Petrograd, Aug. 25.—Via London, 2:55 p.m.—The new offensive movement of the Russians in southern Turkish Armenia is being developed energetically. The war office reported to-day that the Russian troops are continuing the attack west of Lake Van. The recapture of Mush, in this district was announced last night.

At midnight Thursday in the region south of Tairin, (northwest of Baranovichi), the enemy, after a fierce artillery bombardment, launched an attack on our advanced posts. It was stopped by our advanced posts. In the direction of Kovell, in the region of the village of Velick, the enemy made attempts to resume the offensive, but was repulsed.

FURTHER GRAFT IS DISCOVERED IN MONTREAL

Ex-Alderman J. H. Loranger Accused of Offering a Bribe.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Montreal, Aug. 25.—Another municipal scandal was unearthed yesterday at the city hall, when Raoul Boite, superintendent of purchases and supplies, accused ex-Ald. J. H. Loranger, of having offered him a bribe of \$1,000 if he would put through a requisition for drills and other supplies costing \$10,000. Ex-Ald. Loranger denied the accusation made against him.

French Hold Maurepas

Enemy Driven back in Counter-Attacks With Heavy Losses.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, Aug. 25, (noon).—The French gains on the Somme front, in the vicinity of Maurepas yesterday were followed by heavy German counter-attacks last night. The official report issued to-day says the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses. The German assault was delivered against Hill No. 121, near Maurepas. Heavy shelling of the German lines continues in the region of Lassigny and Royes.

GRAND SHERIF OF MECCA DENOUNCES TURKISH RULE

Defies the Authorities at Constantinople and Declares in a Proclamation That His Aim is the Preservation of Islam

London, Aug. 25.—11:10 a.m.—The Grand Sherif of Mecca, chief magistrate of the Holy City, who announced his independence of Ottoman rule in June and, supported by Arab tribes, captured the Turkish garrisons of Mecca and several other cities, has proclaimed a definite rupture between Orthodox Mohammedans and those represented by the committee of Union and Progress, which is now in power in Turkey. In his proclamation, as forwarded from Cairo by Reuter's correspondent, the Grand Sherif denounces Enver Pasha, Talaat Bey and Djemal Pasha, Young Turk leaders staunch supporters of Germany and among the most powerful figures in Turkey. Djemal Pasha is commander of the Turkish forces in Syria and is reported to have adopted severe measures to crush the revolution.

NEW AEROPLANE OUTDOES FOKKER

Twenty-Seven Enemy Flyers Destroyed by British Machines. MAY AFFECT ZEPP RAIDS.

It Is Possible Zeppelins Will Now Not Get Home So Easily.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Aug. 25.—(New York Times cable)—A new type of aeroplane now being used by the British at the front, has already accounted for twenty-seven Fokkers, according to a statement made by Baron Montagu, C. G. Grey, editor of The Aeroplane, gives the following description of this new aerial "destroyer." These small fighting machines are distinctly a British product, first being introduced by the Sopwith firm a year or so before the war, and from that first experiment they have been developed and fitted with more and more powerful engines, until today the British scout biplane is the fastest thing in the world, except a projectile from a gun. The German Fokker monoplane is a fast destroyer, but its success is limited to some extent.

Zepp Raid Once Again

Six Hostile Planes Again Raided England Last Night. DAMAGE DONE WAS SLIGHT.

Mist Obscured Enemy at Some Places; People Remained Calm.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Aug. 25.—Details of the raid by hostile airships, which crossed the east and southeast coast of England, between midnight and 3 o'clock this morning, as disclosed by the official statement of the war office show that nine persons are reported to have been injured, some mortally. Other damage effected by the raiders is declared to have been slight. The announcement states: Just After Midnight. Six hostile airships raided the east and southeast coasts of England last night at intervals between midnight and three o'clock this morning. One airship made her way westward well inland. The remainder of the fleet carried out short inroads over the coast. The number of bombs dropped by the raiders has not yet been ascertained. Several bombs are reported to have been directed at ships at sea. The damage effected by the raid was slight.

Merchant Marine Officer Says Bremen Captured

Declares Underseas Freighter Was Caught in Straits of Dover.

GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW FACTORY

Work on Dominion Steel Products Co's. Plant Has Been Started.

ZEPPELIN RAID CASUALTIES.

London, Aug. 25, 5:50 p.m.—Eight persons were killed and 36 injured in the Zeppelin raid last night, it was announced officially to-day. One hundred bombs were dropped. One Zeppelin reached the outskirts of London.

Historic Meeting Held at Calais

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Aug. 25.—The premier of Great Britain and France, the finance ministers of the two nations and representatives of their financial and kindred interests, met at Calais yesterday and reached an agreement on important financial matters, including payments abroad and the maintenance of exchange between the two countries.

Declarer Underseas Freighter Was Caught in Straits of Dover.

By Special Wire to the Courier. New York, Aug. 25.—The New York City News Association quotes the statement of the British merchant marine who arrived here to-day aboard the White Star Steamship Baltic, as authority for the statement that the German submarine Bremen had been captured by the British and 33 of her crew of 35 made prisoners of war. The Bremen, active in regard to the capture of the patrol boat of Dover, in a steel net on August 2. The other two members of the Bremen's crew lost their lives.

SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS ADVANCE.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Aug. 25, 4:43 p.m.—Official announcement was made to-day that after hard fighting on the Somme front the British lines had been advanced several hundred yards in the region near Delville Wood.

Rushing Munitions to the Roumanian Border

German Generals with Staff Officers on Hand to Inspect Defences, and Supplies of all Kinds are Assembled

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Aug. 25.—Three Austrian trains are arriving daily at Orsova (a Hungarian town on the Danube, near the Serbian and Roumanian borders) with ammunition which is being conveyed in barges to Bulgarian ports lower down the Danube River, says an Odessa despatch to the Daily Mail. A great quantity of explosives and medical supplies is being concentrated at Toplice, near Orsova, in which neighborhood the work of entrenching and preparing wire entanglements is proceeding energetically.

Combles Just Two Miles From the Allied Lines

Capture of Maurepas Brings This Important Place Within Striking Distance—Bavarian Reserves and Prussian Guards Opposing French.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, Aug. 25.—The complete occupation of Maurepas brings the French and the English advanced lines on the Somme within two miles of Combles, the advance on which is greatly aided by this forward movement. Maurepas formed one of the principal supporting points between the Somme and the highway from Albert to Bapaume, and also was an important strategic base by reason of its situation on a plateau dominating the region towards the south. The Germans have placed on the line against the French between Hardecourt and Clerf, the Fifth Division of Bavarian reserves and the first division of the Prussian Guards. This guard division is commanded in person by Prince Eitel-Friedrich, the second son of the German emperor, and took part in the fighting at Maurepas. Guillemont, where the English have made progress, is being defended by the Kaiser Wilhelm II. regiment of Wurtemberg.

BRANT THEATRE
The Home of Features.
SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS
Gordon, Delmar and Prager.
A Classy Singing, Dancing and Pianologue Offering.

Colonial Theatre
A Big Show
Thurs., Fri., Sat., 24th, 25th, 26th
Famous Metro Picture "The Vampire"

DR. DEVAN'S FEMALE PILLS
Reliable medicine for all Female Complaints.
PHOSPHORUS FOR MEN

UMBRELLAS
Recovered and Repaired
Always make sure to get the right Morrison, 51 Jarvis St.

H. B. Beckett
FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND EMBALMER
158 DALHOUSIE STREET

PICTURE SALE
A fine assortment of Pictures from 25c up.

H. E. AYLIFFE
Battalion Brooches
Military Rings
Numerals—Crests

CARTWRIGHT Jeweller
38 1/2 Dalhousie St.

WISCONSIN OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS
Mr. Grey concludes as follows: "The Imperial Government in the British aeroplanes may eventually have a considerable effect on the air defences of this country, for the improvement in them must necessarily be reported to date, nine persons are reported to have been killed and 36 injured in the Zeppelin raid last night, it was announced officially to-day. One hundred bombs were dropped. One Zeppelin reached the outskirts of London."