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AUSTRIANS BOMBARD BELGRADE, SERBIANS RETALIATE ON SEMLIN Russians Begin New Offensive Against Galicia From the Zlota Lipa River Lines U. S. TELLS AUSTRIA EXPORTATION OF MUNITIONS WILL CONTINUE

FRENCH BATTLE LINE MARKED BY SMALL AFFAIRS

Deadly Close Range Fighting With Bombs, Grenades and Artillery.

TWO CRATERS SEIZED

Aerial Raid Carried Out on German Parks and Depots.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Aug. 15.—Artillery engagements, hand-to-hand fighting with bombs, hand grenades, bayonets and knives and a desperate combat for the crater of a mine under a German trench in the section between the Oise and Aisne Rivers, near Pulaelonne, in which the French were the winners, these marked the main features of the isolated fighting on the battle line of France and Flanders today and yesterday.

The explosion of a mine near Bagatelle also resulted in a fight for a crater, which the French captured.

Bombard Parks and Depots. Nineteen French aeroplanes bombed the German parks and munitions depots in the valley of Spada, the aviators dropping 108 shells and returning safely to their base.

Advanced works of the Germans were destroyed at a spot east of the road to Lille in Artois by French mines and a German ammunition depot, situated in the enemy's lines between Monchy and Ransart, was blown up Saturday.

Artillery Duel on Yser. Artillery fighting was reported on the Yser before Lombartzyde. St. Germein, Desinghe and Woveen. Artillery duels also became violent in Artois during the night, the chief centres of activity being Souchez and Roucourt, and there was also heavy gun fire in the Champagne at Beaujeu and in Lorraine at Letniry and Ballon.

Bombs and petards figured prominently in an engagement at Courtes, Chausse and La Fontaine, in the Argonne. The Germans exploded a mine near the Favo River on July 30, south of Lusse, in the Vosges, without doing any damage.

The French countered a German bombardment of their positions in the Argonne, especially at St. Die, La Houette, Champlotte and Fontenelle, in the Vosges, by bombarding the German railway station at St. Marie aux Mines and the German camp of Margenthal.

The Germans also fired a few shells into the open town of Montdidier, and French artillery opened up and silenced the German guns.

ITALIANS CAPTURED ISONZO BRIDGEHEAD

Important Feat at Gorizia Admitted by Austrian War Office.

ROME REMAINS MUTE

Two Armored Trains Driven Back by Fire of Italian Guns.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Aug. 15.—The Italians have captured a bridgehead over the Isonzo at Gorizia (Gor) their principal objective before advancing on Trieste. This much was admitted by a statement of the Austrian war office late last night, which says: "The bridgehead at Gorizia was held by the Italians under gun fire."

The Vienna war office also announced that the southwestern front there was greater activity in the region of Gorizia.

The Italian official communique issued Sunday, says nothing of the fighting on the Isonzo or at Gorizia. It reports an advance in the Seter Valley along the slopes of Sekofe and Groda-Rodda when the Austrian artillery ceased to reply to the Italian artillery. Considerable progress was also made by Italian infantry in the Patwiso basin and the Monte Nero zone under the cover of heavy artillery support.

The Italians also repulsed attacks by the Austrian armored trains in a raid on the Serra Valley railway station, and in an attack on the extreme right wing of the Italian positions southwest of Montalcone.

THE MONTREAL BANK MERGER OFF

Our able contemporaries, but never rivals, began to find out on Saturday morning about The World's story of Friday that the Royal Bank of Montreal had been caught trying to run off with the Bank of Hamilton and swelling its own coffers at Montreal with what was purely Ontario bank business. The Globe went so far as to say these were dog days and there was nothing in it; and The Hamilton Sociator was kind enough to say that The World took a delight in knocking Hamilton and Hamilton institutions by publishing sensational yarns.

The fact is, The World was on guard and warned the people of Hamilton and all Ontario of the game that was afoot to take away that fine banking institution to Montreal. The World considers Hamilton one of the greatest cities of Canada and one of the best proofs of this is found in its enormous circulation in the Ambitious City.

The Montreal Star of Saturday night is wise to what was on. It puts a big heading over the news and then goes into details to show how that if the Royal Bank can absorb the Bank of Hamilton and take it to Montreal then the Royal Bank will join in banking premises with the Bank of Montreal and the Bank of Commerce in Toronto. It gives a column of figures to show that if this merger takes place the Royal Bank will command \$223,000,000 of assets against the \$224,000,000 of the Bank of Montreal and \$222,000,000 of the Bank of Commerce.

The World was able to announce in The Sunday World that the deal would not go thru, as public opinion in Ontario would sanction no such transaction, and in any event it was not on that would likely commend itself to the minister of finance and to the government, who must pass upon any such deal before it could be closed.

MORE DAMAGE TO CROPS CAUSED BY SUNDAY RAIN

Storm of Almost Unparalleled Severity Swept Over Ontario, Flooding the Lowlands and Doing Heavy Damage to Standing Grain.

A rainstorm of almost unparalleled severity passed over York County on Sunday afternoon, doing immense damage to the still standing crops and greatly delaying all farm work. The storm, while electrical, was unaccompanied by much wind, the rainfall being the heaviest so far this season. While the city escaped with a slight sprinkle practically all the district between Lake Ontario and Lake Simcoe was included in the storm's area.

One observer at Agincourt in Scarborough Township who had passed thru the storm of two weeks ago tomorrow said it was much the heaviest of the two, but without any wind. It flooded the low lands, the gulleys, culverts, creeks and rivers. It soaked the long-stocked grain in the farmers' fields. The Don rose to flood conditions at 6 o'clock.

Away out in the northern portion of the county, and especially thru the Townships of Whitchurch, Markham and Scarborough, the storm was of exceptional severity. All the low-lying lands

are flooded and the small streams became raging torrents, sweeping in some places fences, bridges and everything movable in its course. The result of the downpours of the past fortnight, the ground where undrained was unable to absorb any more and flood conditions prevail on the low lands.

The deluge was generally accompanied by electrical discharges and on the west side of Markham Township a big barn with a large quantity of hay was utterly destroyed.

Farmers in Despair. At Aurora, J. M. Walton, of The World last night, said that the deluge was one of the heaviest of the season. There it was accompanied by thunder and lightning, but no serious damage was reported. Farmers hopeful of getting on their feet-sunk fields would, it was stated, be unable to do anything for two or three days at the earliest. F. Lorne Button, the well-known barrister of Stouffville, said last night, all the low-lying lands over a wide area were covered with water and farmers were in despair over the outlook. Friday and Saturday were fair drying days, and wheat sowing would have been a good day. Now nobody could hazard a guess as to when work would resume.

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FIGHTING AGAIN STARTS ON SERB BATTLE FRONT

Austrians Shell Belgrade and Serbians Shell Semlin and Panscova.

ATTACKS BEATEN OFF

London Uncertain Whether Military Activity Begins New German Offensive.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Aug. 15.—Fighting has begun along the Serbian front, an official report from Nish recording the bombardment of Belgrade, and a number of local Serbian successes at various points on the frontier. The Austrians appear to be the aggressors, and to this end they have brought up a number of heavy howitzers to bombard the Serbian capital. Whether this military activity presages the renewal of an Austro-German offensive against Serbia on a grand scale, or is intended merely to cover up some meditated campaign elsewhere, remains to be seen, but it is doubtful if the Germans can spare enough troops yet from the Russian front to begin a big invasion of Serbia, critics here believe.

It would also take some time to assemble and munition an army sufficient to wage a big campaign against Serbia.

Serbs Beat Off Enemy. The Serbian statement reports that Serbian troops, by infantry and artillery fire, broke down an attempt of the Austrians to fortify points on the left banks of the Save and Danube Rivers. German and Austrian supply trains, near Tisevita Village, on the Berchereva road, near Skeljevi, were successfully bombarded. The Austrians opened fire with heavy artillery

ITALY TO START NEW OFFENSIVE ON ISONZO LINE

Preparations Completed for Big Advance on Trieste Soon.

WOULD TAKE GORIZIA

Campaign Expected to Be Completed Early in September.

UDINE, Italy, via Paris, Aug. 15.—Gen. Cadorna, the Italian commander-in-chief, has virtually completed preparations for a new general attack on the Austrians along the Isonzo River, according to information received from the front. These operations are intended to result in the occupation of the Carso plateau, which is expected would lead to the early fall of Gorizia, leaving the road open for the march to Trieste. The Italian general staff is said to be hopeful that this campaign may be successfully completed early in September.

The following official statement was issued last night at the headquarters of the Italian general staff:

"The struggle beyond the Cadore frontier becomes more intense. In the zone of Montepiano, the enemy in force, backed by numerous artillery, attempted yesterday to counter-attack our positions, from which he was repulsed."

MORE ARTILLERYMEN HAVE REACHED ENGLAND

OTTAWA, Aug. 15.—It is officialy announced that the steamer Eagle Point, with two officers and 100 rank and file of the Canadian Artillery; also two officers of the R. A. M. C., and a veterinary officer, have arrived safely in England.

RUSSIANS BEGIN FRESH ATTACKS ON ZLOTA LIPA

Possibly New Offensive Opened Against Germans and Austrians in Galicia.

RETREATING UPON BUG

Russians Save Poland Army and Will Hold Enemy There in Force.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Aug. 15.—What some observers here regard as the beginning of a new Russian offensive in Galicia, which, if persisted in, would repeat on the Germans the same manoeuvre they carried out in Galicia, is based on Sunday night's official statement, which was received here from Petrograd, and which reports:

On the Zlota Lipa, in the region south of Dubay, our advance guards on Friday, in the course of a successful reconnaissance, destroyed wire entanglements and took two lines of German trenches, wiling the defenders."

As German and Austrian forces had followed the main Russian army of Galicia, the 8th, which had been engaged in fighting in the Carpathians, to the lines of the Zlota Lipa River, where they were halted by the Russian defence, the new offensive indicated in the Russian note against the lines of the Zlota Lipa River, the note flatly denies the Austro-Hungarian contentions, and recalls that that country and Germany furnished munitions of war to Great Britain during the Boer war when England's enemies could not import such supplies. It insists that the American Government is pursuing a strictly neutral course and adhering to a principle upon which it would depend for munitions in the markets of the world in case it should be attacked by a foreign power.

Contention of United States. "The principles of international law," the communication concludes, "the practice of nations, the national safety of the United States and other nations without great military and

The Greatest Mushroom Find on the Don

The rains have brought out mushrooms in unusual quantities. For the first time the perpetual president of the Don Valley Garden Club has made such a find as yesterday at high noon in a plot of thick grass shaded to the east by trees, overlooking the river. He came across a ribbon of mushrooms in a partial ring, twenty-four feet in circumference, four mushrooms abreast and packed as close as the eye could see. They crowded one another from spreading and overburdened neighbor on neighbor! They each averaged three to four inches across, were all prime as to pinkness of gill, the somewhat darkened on top—not clear white. His first act was to kick to his fellows in the valley and on the hillside, but apparently they were all at dinner. Some of his own women folk responded—four came on board, each with a dish tray two feet across, followed by a chauffeur and a car and a pack of dogs. The P. P. fought the dogs away as they started in to trample on the bed, thinking ground hogs were about; then ordered one of the girls to phone for the Mayor of Wexford. When he saw the mushroom finder in the valley, to come and see the unparalleled sight. That worthy had gone up the river on a still hunt of his own. Then he called for a camera to photograph the display and was told that the film supply had run out, the James L. Hughes is a frequent ranger. In these parts with his kodak and would have given ten dollars for such a chance. The women were then allowed to fill the four trays so that they ran over like the baskets in the parable, and more than half were left unladen! The motor moved the girls and trays to the house. An hour after, the Mayor of Wexford could see by the bark on the trees that something unusual had happened and he came along on the dog trot. When he saw the ungarthered members of the bed he hoarsely said: "Boss, you've beat me on bee trees, and findin' burr oak for ax-handles, and you've put it over me on mushrooms for the first time in thirty odd years; but I know where there's four young mink up to the front to see you and your peeps afore tomorrow's sunrise or I ain't the last, and best of the Old Scouts of the Valley!" And he looped out his shirt like a bag to the burning and then made for his lean-to with its ancestral frying pan.

Getting to Be a Joke

A serious and reverent farmer in Scarborough, whose forbearance has been sorely tried by two weeks of rain on the cut and to-be-cut crops, came out on his stoop in the downpour yesterday afternoon, and, knowingly or unknowingly, using the words of the well-known story expressed himself thus: "Oh, Lord, this is ridiculous."

INDIA TAKING MEASURES AGAINST ALIEN ENEMIES

Women, Children and Men of Non-Military Age Will Be Deported—Prolongation of War and Bitter Feeling Create Acute Situation.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The Government of India, according to a special despatch from Simla, has been obliged to adopt more drastic measures in the treatment of alien enemies throughout the empire. The despatch says:

"A statement describing in detail the measures for internment, surveillance and registration hitherto applied to alien enemies in India, has been issued by the government. It states that the prolongation of the war and the bitterness aroused by German savagery have now altered the position besides adding to the continued strain of supervision. It has accordingly been decided, with the approval of the secretary of state for India, to repatriate all women, children and men of non-military age as soon as the necessary arrangements can be carried out."

U. S. DECLINES TO CURB EXPORT OF MUNITIONS

Austro-Hungarian Government Firmly Told That the United States Will Continue Shipments—Canadian Admission of Republic's Unpreparedness to Fight.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The state department tonight made public the reply of the United States rejecting views set forth by the Austro-Hungarian Government in a recent note, contending that expropriation of war munitions from America to Austria's enemies was conducted on such a scale as to be "not in consonance with the definition of neutrality."

The friendly in language and tone, the note flatly denies the Austro-Hungarian contentions, and recalls that that country and Germany furnished munitions of war to Great Britain during the Boer war when England's enemies could not import such supplies. It insists that the American Government is pursuing a strictly neutral course and adhering to a principle upon which it would depend for munitions in the markets of the world in case it should be attacked by a foreign power.

Contention of United States. "The principles of international law," the communication concludes, "the practice of nations, the national safety of the United States and other nations without great military and

naval establishments, the prevention of increased armies and navies, the adoption of peaceful methods for the adjustment of international differences, and, finally, neutrality itself, are opposed to the prohibition by a neutral nation of the exportation of arms, ammunition or other munitions of war to the belligerent powers during the progress of the war.

Pointing to a "practical and substantial reason" why the United States, aside from the question of principle, advocates and practices unrestricted trade in military supplies, the note declares:

Right of Purchase. "It has never been the policy of this country to maintain in time of peace a large military establishment or stores of arms and ammunition sufficient to repel invasion by a well-equipped and powerful enemy. It has desired to remain at peace with all nations and to avoid any appearance of menacing such peace by the threat of its armies and navies. In consequence of this standing policy, the United States would, in the event of attack by a foreign power, be at the outset of war seriously, if not fatally, embarrassed by the lack of arms

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NEWFOUNDLANDERS ORDERED TO EGYPT

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Aug. 15.—Colonial Secretary Bonar Law wired Governor Davidson today that the first battalion, Newfoundland Regiment, was ordered to Egypt.

ALLIES REPULSED NEAR AVI BURNU?

Turks Claim Their Strong Counter Attack Was Effective.

ARTILLERY'S ACTIVITY

Infantry Battalion Reported to Have Been Forced to Retreat.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 14, via London, Aug. 15.—An attack directed by Anglo-French troops against the Turkish right wing north of Avi Burnu, on the Gallipoli Peninsula, was repulsed by a strong counter-attack on Thursday, according to an official statement given out today (Saturday), by the Turkish war department.

The text of the statement follows: "On the Dardanelles front we reorganized on Thursday by a strong counter-attack a hostile attack north of Avi Burnu against our right wing. We captured some prisoners including one officer.

"The active fire of our artillery on Friday dispersed the hostile infantry battalion on Anaforta Plain and forced it to retire in the direction of Kemikli Liman.

"At Avi Burnu we bombarded a hostile landing bridge. "At Seddu Bahr our artillery on the left wing destroyed an enemy installation for the throwing of bombs. "Hostile airmen Thursday evening and again Friday morning dropped bombs on Avi Burnu, wounding nine soldiers."

FRENCH DESTROYER SANK SUBMARINE

Accurate Fire of Guns Made End of Austrian Craft

CRIPPLED BY CRUISER

Squadron of Destroyers Gave Chase and Bisson Opened Fire.

PARIS, Aug. 15.—The Austrian submarine U3, which was sunk in the Adriatic on Aug. 12, was sent to the bottom by the accurate fire of the guns of the French torpedo boat destroyer Bisson, according to a Havas despatch from Rome, which gives the details of the activities of the U3.

The Austrian submarine attacked an Italian auxiliary cruiser in the lower Adriatic on Aug. 12, but the larger craft, by the clever manoeuvring of her commander, escaped two torpedoes aimed at her. She then rammed the submarine, but failed to sink it. A squadron of destroyers immediately set out to chase the submarine, which evidently had been damaged in the encounter with the cruiser. The Austrian vessel was sighted the following morning by the Bisson and sunk.

The sinking of the U3 was announced by the Italian ministry of marine on Aug. 13, but no details of the engagement were given, except that 12 members of the crew were saved and made prisoners.

MOTORIST RAN DOWN A CROWD AND GOT AWAY

Joseph Vezema Killed and Woman Badly Injured on Kingston Road.

MANY OTHER ACCIDENTS

Fatalities at Hamilton, Port Stanley and Lucknow on Sunday.

Joseph Vezema, aged 30, 14 Sumach street, was run down and almost instantly killed, and Margaret Frizzell, aged 18, 24 St. Paul street, probably fatally injured by an unknown motorist on the Kingston road, between Stops 27 and 28, at 9 o'clock Sunday evening. The dead man and injured girl were with a party of nine, who declared the motor car dashed along the road towards Toronto at nearly 40 miles an hour, and ran thru the group without a warning horn. The car went past so quickly that no person was able to get the number or description. Vezema and the girl apparently were the two nearest the centre of the roadway, and in the absence of warning, were unable to jump quickly enough to the side. The man was flung some yards down the road, and also picked up alive, died on the radial car en route for Toronto. Miss Frizzell was struck by the mudguard and wheel of the motor car and thrown many feet from the side of the road. She was taken alive to St. Michael's Hospital, but it is feared she cannot survive the terrible internal injuries she received.

County police spent all last night searching for descriptions of the car, but with what success it could not be ascertained. A large car which seemed to answer somewhat to the description given by the group thru whom the car dashed, stopped some miles further up the Kingston road for gasoline, and this, the police believe, is the machine which

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WELSH MINERS STILL OBSTINATE

Men Complain of Delay in Settling Wages Question.

MAY STRIKE AGAIN

Lloyd George's Efforts Have Not Entirely Removed Friction.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—Miners, meeting at various places in the South Wales coal fields yesterday, adopted resolutions expressing dissatisfaction at the delay in completing a new wage agreement, and recommending that unless a settlement is reached soon another conference be held to consider the renewal of the strike.

The South Wales coal strike was supposedly settled July 31 thru the efforts of David Lloyd George, minister of munitions. It was announced at that time that the terms of settlement granted a substantial increase in wages to the men and involved concessions to the strikers which were considered by their executive committee tantamount to an admission of the miners' claims on nearly all outstanding points.

You may be one of those taking advantage of the great harvesting excursion to the west. You may probably remain and take up land, in which case you would be wise to provide yourself with the necessary winter furs. Dineen's, 140 Yonge St., are quoting special prices to those going on this western trip, and you should make prompt enquiries after their prices of Coon coats, fur-lined coats, fur caps, gaiters and collars are shown in immense variety. Don't fail to take advantage of this timely warning and go west prepared for winter's icy blasts.

GOING WEST?