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TURKEY IGNORES BREST-LITOVSK TREATY AND CUTS GERMAN RELATIONS

Disputes Over Distribution of Spoils of War Leads To Severance of Diplomatic Relations Between the Two Countries.

Amsterdam, July 30.—Turkey is going to handle the situation in the Caucasus according to her own ideas. This is indicated in a telegram from Constantinople dated July 28, which quotes an article in the newspaper Nafis Eklilik, presenting the Turkish viewpoint.

"We have nothing to say against the principles laid down in the Brest-Litovsk treaty," says the article, "but when the Caucasus, newly reorganized, turn toward us, and master of its own destinies, refused to be bound by the treaty, it was more natural for us than to take into consideration the necessities of a new situation created on our important eastern front? Could we close our eyes to the appeal of the Government of a people largely of the same race and creed as ourselves?"

RESULTS OF TREATY.
"We are aware of the action, and its present progress, to place under German control Tiflis and Baku. That is a logical consequence of the application of the Brest-Litovsk treaty. How could this treaty be taken into consideration in the affairs of the Caucasus, seeing that the Bolshevik Government has not even been able to return to us, in accordance with the treaty, our eastern frontier, and that in the Caucasus influences entirely independent of the Bolshevik Government have arisen."

This reported attitude on the part of Turkey may account in part for the report received through Copenhagen that Germany and Turkey had severed relations.

Early this month it was reported through Washington that Germany was becoming alarmed over the aggressive territorial tendencies of her allies, especially Turkey. Several weeks earlier it had been reported that Germany had ordered Turkey to stop her advance in the Eastern Caucasus. Almost simultaneously announcement came from Berlin that German troops had been landed at Poti, on the Black Sea coast, and an important point on the railroad running through Tiflis to Baku. On June 13 Turkey signed a peace treaty with the Trans-Caucasus Government, but the terms have never been reported adequately.

The Baku region, on the Caspian Sea, is one of the world's most important Continued on Page Three.

GERMANS MASS MILLION MEN

Enormous Forces Called Up in Effort To Save Situation Between Soissons and Rheims—Can't Make a Dent in Allied Offensive.

London, July 30.—The Germans have thrown nearly a million men into the gigantic battle between Soissons and Rheims and have been viciously counter-attacking all around the circular line that stretches from Soissons to the neighborhood of Rheims. Even this formidable force, however, appears to have made not more than a dent or two in the Allied front in its latest effort, while at various points progress for the Allies, slight but important, is reported. Regarding the strength of the German forces, unofficial advice state that there are 71 Teuton divisions engaged in this struggle. The strength of a German division is about 13,500 on a normal footing, so that if all the units resisting the Allies north of the Marne have been kept up to standard, there are 958,500 men trying to hold the line until the situation is relieved. Of these divisions there are ten drawn from Crown Prince Rupprecht's army in the north.

RECOGNIZED AS CRUCIAL.
The German crown prince had in the neighborhood of 500,000 men between Rheims and Chateau Thierry when the attack across the Marne began July 15. The increase in the number of divisions engaged in the battle would appear to indicate that he had since that time drawn heavily on other army groups. It would also seem that this action on his part reflects the importance of this battle in the eyes of the German high command.

KING IS SUING RAILROAD FOR OVER MILLION

Damages Claimed From U. S. Road for Loss of Munitions.

Newark, N. J., July 30.—King George of England is plaintiff in a suit filed in the state supreme court here yesterday asking \$1,022,000 damages against the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, in connection with the destruction of British-owned munitions in the disaster Jersey City in July, 1916. The French Republic entered claims for \$500,000. The damages asked in these and other actions begun today aggregate nearly two million dollars.

DRAFT TREATIES RATIFIED.
Washington, July 30.—Ratifications of the draft treaties between the United States and Great Britain and Canada were exchanged today at London. It was officially stated at the state department, making them effective from today.

DARK DAYS ARE OVER, BUT HARD MONTHS AHEAD

Andre Tardieu, French High Commissioner to U. S., Delivers Message.

Paris, July 30.—Andre Tardieu, the French high commissioner to the United States, at a dinner in his honor last night at the American University Union, declared the dark days are over, but there are hard months ahead. "The first great battle in which your own troops have participated extensively has been a great victory," he said. "The part taken by your soldiers is well known in France. The war is not over yet. Hard months are ahead of us, but we have already taken the initiative. As far as numbers go, the critical times are over with us. Under the strong leadership of President Clemenceau we have held our ground. Today, after some time on the defensive, the time for a victorious attack has come and the dark days are over."

Unity of Peoples.
"While greeting the completion of the first million troops in France, we have greeted the first success. We are standing ready for the supreme effort. The faith which is inspiring us will not falter. In our crusade for the democracies of the world we are progressing steadily toward our goal. Through the wonderful unity and force of the mind, hearts of our country we can expect to reap the reward of the liberation of all peoples which we anticipate from our sacrifices."

G. W. V. A. DELEGATES PAID TRIBUTE TO FALLEN COMRADES

200 Bowed Heads Out of Respect at Toronto Convention.

Toronto, July 30.—At today's session of Great War Veterans' convention the president, Lieut.-Col. Purney, presided over 20 delegates in the hall to rise and remain standing for one minute with bowed heads out of respect "to our fallen comrades."

The first business taken up was the report of the committee appointed to investigate the charges against the association's president, Mr. J. Shanahan. The committee reported that as Comrade Shanahan was no longer a member of the Toronto branch of the association on account of failure to pay his dues, he was not entitled to hold office on the Dominion executive. The committee advised that the whole matter be decided by the executive.

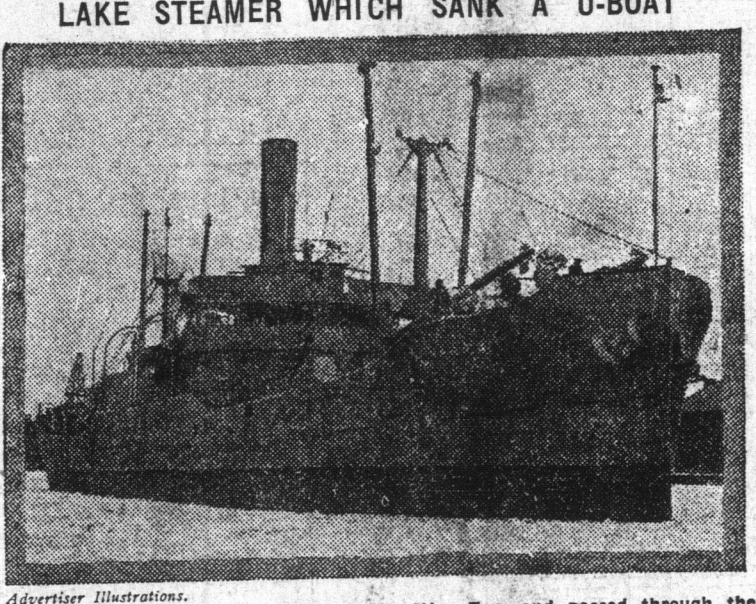
Hated Discussion.
A motion was immediately made that the report be not concurred in. A heated discussion, which several of the delegates participated, concerning the nature of the evidence against Mr. Shanahan followed.

"It is necessary that one should be a member of the local branch before he can belong to the Dominion Association," asked one delegate of the chairman.

Col. Purney explained that, as the constitution of the Dominion Association had not been universally accepted by all of the local branches, this matter was a local one.

Mr. Shanahan is not a member of a local branch, then he is not a member here," he replied, simply.

The chairman agreed with this and the discussion of the report proceeded.



LAKE STEAMER WHICH SANK A U-BOAT

The Lake Forest was christened the War Fox, and passed through the Canadian canals last winter en route from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic. She fought a sea pirate for two hours and finally sank it.

What Happened to Hakky Pacha?

Amsterdam, July 30.—Hakky Pacha, Turkish ambassador to Germany, died last night in Berlin AFTER A SHORT ILLNESS, a Berlin dispatch announces today.

HON. DR. BELAND RETURNS TO CANADA TO DEVOTE HIMSELF TO UNIFYING OF THE NATION

Former Postmaster-General Who Suffered Cruelties in Germany Hopes To Offset Insidious Influence of Bourassa in Quebec.

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London, July 30.—"I am looking forward to seeing my old mother again, and my boy," said Hon. Dr. Beland, former postmaster-general in the Laurier administration, returned after three years' imprisonment in Germany, as he bade him farewell on a shipboard.

"My mother is 84 years old, and her great fear during my imprisonment was lest she should die while I was far away, and I would never see her again. But she's waiting for me."

"We soon will see my boy," he was 10 when I left, and now he is 14."

Dr. Beland had a busy time here, while waiting for a vessel, where he could be accompanied by his daughter. He was specially delighted at the bearing of the Quebec recruits.

Will Work for Unity of Canada.
I asked him his political plans, and he replied: "I have no plans. My one purpose is to do my share as best I can to help our cause."

He said he was convinced that only in the unity of Canada can the destiny of our people be fulfilled. Some of our people in the rural parts of Quebec have been misled, and have had their judgment prejudiced by the misstatements of extremists, like Bourassa, and may be I can do something to help them realize how this great struggle is so vital, that even naturally peace-loving men may as well put peace at home aside and take their part. No man has a right to complain about his work and sufferings today."

One Who Never Complained.
"You, at least, have never complained," I said, for Dr. Beland's absence of bitterness, even towards his captors, has been remarked here by everyone.

"I tried not to," he replied, simply. Dr. Beland has left behind him in England memories of a gracious, kindly, generous personality, who rose above all suffering, refused to be embittered, and kept the serenity of his soul even in the darkest hours.

DENIES R. A. F. MEN ARE ILLEGALLY HELD

Capt. Seymour Explains Reasons Why Airmen Were Temporarily Detained.

AMERICANS HOLDING ALL GAINS AGAINST FIERCE HUN COUNTER-ATTACKS

'STOP KICKING US; WE'LL QUIT' SQUEALS HUN

Most People Will Agree That Austria Is Fighting "a Defensive War."

Amsterdam, July 30.—"We are ready to conclude an honorable peace as soon as our opponents renounce their hostile plans aiming at our destruction or repression," said Baron von Hunsbach, Austrian premier, in presenting his cabinet to the Upper House of the Austrian Parliament, according to Vienna advices. He added, according to the dispatch, that so far as the central powers are concerned, the war is a defensive one.

LOCKJAW IN GERMAN ARMY

A Serious Outbreak in Enemy Ranks Causes Alarm.

Amsterdam, July 30.—Tetanus has broken out to a serious extent in the German army, according to the Telegram. The Netherlands Export Company has agreed to send a large consignment of anti-tetanus serum to Germany.

Thrown From Pole By Electric Shock Into Seat of Car

Toronto Hydro Employee Experiences Sensational Leap Through Space.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, July 30.—Overcome by the shock of 2,000 volts from a live electric wire, Robert Cameron, a hydro employee, fell 20 feet from the top of a pole through the hood and into the only vacant seat of an auto truck which was standing at the side of the pole, and bounced out into the road.

Falling feet first, with heavy apurs on, he just missed striking a fellow worker, who sat in the space next to where he landed.

Cameron sustained burns on both hands due to the shock, and an injury to the right leg from the fall.

RECEIVER ASKED FOR LONDON LOAN

Toronto, July 30.—The Trusts and Guarantee Company has issued a writ against the London Loan and Savings Company and Imperial Loan and Investment Company to have an account vestment of the dealings of the London Loan and Savings Company with the assets of the Imperial Loan and Investment Company and for a receiver. The London Loan and Savings Company were bondholders of the Imperial Loan and Investment Society.

SUBMIT HUGE SUM AS VOTE OF CREDIT FOR BRITAIN'S WAR NEEDS

London, July 30.—The biggest appropriation demanded since the beginning of the war will be submitted to the House today, says the Daily Telegraph. The vote of credit to be asked will be £200,000,000. The previous highest was £250,000,000, voted a year ago. The new appropriation is required to finance the war until the end of October.

U. S. Troops Have Made Slight Advance — Repeated Efforts Enemy To Dislodge Allied Fight Proving Futile.

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front — (By the Associated Press, 1 p.m.)—Under fire from only slightly less than that of yesterday, the American front north of the Oureq, held on to their positions and even advanced a little toward the road from Serpy.

Repeated efforts by the enemy to dislodge were futile.

On the Americans' left the French are moving the right the lines are holding steady.

The Guards that were brought in by the German Americans yesterday appeared today to have been by the German command. The fighting is the heavy can have experienced.

London, July 30.—The Germans have been counter-attacking very heavily along virtually the entire battlefield, according to news that reached London shortly after noon today. The attack was an especially heavy one in the American sector, resulting in driving the Americans out of the village of Clerges, about 5½ miles southeast of Fere-en-Tardenois. Another thrust drove the Americans back from Beugneux, near Grand Rozoy, northwest of Fere-en-Tardenois.

"Beyond the line of Oureq, heavy counter-attacks made by fresh troops of the enemy have resulted in severe fighting. Sergy, taken by our troops yesterday, after having changed hands four times, remains in our possession."

GERMANS THROWING GAS SHELLS INTO ALLIED LINES

London, July 30.—Very heavy fighting has been in progress along the whole battlefield from Ville-en-Tardenois to Buzancy, according to advices received up to noon today. It has resulted, so far, however, in very little progress for the Allies.

Some advance has been effected by the Allies in the Ardre Valley, along the easterly side of the front, toward the village of Aubilly. A certain amount of ground likewise has been gained near the centre in the neighborhood of Villers-Agron-Aiguisey.

The main advance on the westerly side of the front seems to have been at Grand Rozoy, about five miles northwest of Fere-en-Tardenois. The French here are progressing north on to the crest of the plateau between the Vesle and the Oureq.

The hostile artillery has been active with gas shells northwest of Albert and has also shown activity at a number of points between La Bassée Canal and Ypres.

ALLIED PRESSURE CONTINUES

London, July 30.—The capture of the formidable butte of Chalmont, where it was once expected that the Germans would be able to stand, shows that the German retreat has by no means ended, and it is now doubtful if the enemy will be able to hold the Vesle line, for the Allied pressure on the two pivots of defence, south of Soissons and south of Rheims, is increasing.

Mention of the Scots south of Buzancy, south of Soissons, is interesting, showing that the British are now engaged on the western as well as on the eastern side of the salient. Should these pivotal positions go in there is still the possibility of the retreat becoming a disaster. There the Germans are desperately defending the triangular bastion between Soissons, Oulchy and Aisne, which Gen. Mangin is hammering from the west while Gen. de Goutte is advancing northward from Fere, endeavoring to turn it.

Paris, July 30.—There was no change in the situation north of the Marne last night, says the statement from the French war office today.

The fierceness of the fighting Monday, it is believed, is a sign that the German retreat has reached its limit and that the enemy will make a stand with his right wing on the plateau south of the Crise and with his left on the hill south of the Ardre. For the defence of this line, it is said, the Germans will devote all of Gen. von Boehm's army and the reserve divisions taken from Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria.

ANZACS TAKE TRENCHES

London, July 30.—German positions in the Merris region, on the Flanders front were entered last night by Australian troops, who took forty prisoners, the war office announced today.

The enemy artillery was active in the region northwest of Albert, throwing in gas shells. It also displayed activity between La Bassée Canal and Ypres.

CONSIDER "POSTIES" STRIKE.
Ottawa, July 30.—The cabinet council was not in session this morning, but consideration of the letter-carriers' strike situation will be resumed at a sitting to be held this afternoon. The Government is still hopeful that the carriers will return to work, but definite action, it is understood, will not be long delayed in the event of the strike continuing.

BRITISH EARL FOUND DEAD.
London, July 30.—Thomas F. Angon, the third earl of Lichfield, director of the National Provincial Bank of England, and of the Bank of Australia, was found dead today in the bath, with a gunshot wound in the head. Lord Lichfield was born in 1856.