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# RITISH ADVANCE ON MILE FRONT AT YPRES

Strong Positions Taken Also Near Epehy--Canadians Firmly Hold All Ground Gained --- Tremendous Aerial Fighting Continues on Western Front-- Russia Expects Soon to Assume Offensive---German Attacks on Russians at Vilna Fail---Rumanians Continue to Check Enemy's Attempts of Invasion at Fokshani.

Haig's Men Also Win Local Success on Somme River.

ATTACKS IN VOSGES

Allies Take Over Twenty-One Hundred Prisoners in Flanders.

London, Aug. 19 .- The official report from British headquarters France tonight, reads:

"By a successful minor operation early Sunday morning in the neigh-borhood of the Ypres-Poelcapelle road, our line advanced to a depth of five

The German prisoners captured by the allies during the fighting Thurs-day northeast of Ypres are now as-certained to number 2.114, including by officers.

"Strong westerly winds prevailed yesterday. The activity of our airplanes continued, bombing raids and artillery and photographic work were

artillery and photographic work were carried out successfully thruout the day. Three German airplanes were brought down in the fighting; four others were driven down out of control. Eight of ours are missing."

Storm Hun Trenches.

British troops this morning stormed the German trenches in the neighborhood of Gillemont Farm, between the towns of Lempire and Berny, on the towns of Lempire and Berny, on the towns of Lempire and Berny, on the Somme front in France. On this same front British raiding parties last night Havrincourt. Field Marshal Haig re- line the Russian armies will devote all



hundred yards on a mile front and all our objectives, including a series of strongly fortified farms, were captured at very slight loss to us. The enemy's losses were considerable. We

Gen. Korniloff Telegraphs Sir Douglas Haig Saying His Armies Will Do Better Work.

sian armies. I am convinced that on entered German positions southwest of the re-establishment of strict discipports that heavy casualties were inflicted on the Teuton garrisons.

The text of the statement given out by the war office today reads:

"We carried out a successful local operation early this morning southers of Engly in which we carried the greatest of the allies towards the attainment of the common objects which unite us."

"General Haig replied, assuring Gen.

the German trenches in the neighborhood of Gillemont Farm and took several prisoners. Last night our raiding parties entered the enemy's positive as well as unshaken confidence in the funsian allies under Gen. Korniloff and "General Haig replied, assuring Gen. (Concluded on Page 2, Column 4). Itussian allies under Gen. Korniloff and the victory of the allied cause."

# REMAINS CONFIDENT BATTLE ROYAL IS EXPECTED OVER NEW FRANCHISE BILL

Liberals Will Offer Sharp and Determined Opposition to Clause Giving Soldiers Right to Say Where Their Votes Shall Be Applied.

By a Staff Reporter troduced on Tuesday and it is a fair surmise that the bill will provoke them are the merest guess work. The Liberals, however, are thoroly alarmed, especially in view of what they consider the dangerous joker contain-

"The military voters' act 1917." In his lengthy and careful explana tion of the measure to the house a week ago the minister failed to develop or explain section three of the bill, which, as drafted, is one of the curiosities of political literature. The Liberals are just beginning to realize what it means and to see that it can be so used as to make their success in the next election entirely out of the the next election entirely out of the question. If the government forces the bill tru the house with this section unchanged a good many members of the opposition will regret having voted against the extension, of the parliamentary term. Section three, after providing that the vote of the soldier shall be counted as cast in the riding where he was domiciled at the riding where he was domiciled at the outreak of the war, goes on to

"If he cannot, because of nonresidence or otherwise, so state or specify, he shall be deemed an elector of and his vote shall be applied to such electoral district

This singular provision permits soldier not only to vote but to have his vote counted where it will do the most good, the soldier or rurse anxious to have his or her vote count will not designate some riding like Dufferin, West Toronto, or Que-bec East. On the contrary he or she, as the case may be, will designate some riding where the result is likely

to be close.

Everyone who has ever gone over election returns is familiar with the fact that a few thousand votes nicely distributed among the various close ridings would entirely change the general results. It, therefore, would be quite possible to so mobilize and distribute the overseas vote so as to make every doubtful riding safe for the government and it is to be pre-sumed that the great bulk of the sol-diers oversea will be anxious to do all they can to uphold the govern-

By a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa. Ont., Aug. 19. — Indications to a commons upon the subject of months before enlisting. A out forfeiting their seats in the house, passed third reading Friday night without discussion or dissent alti-othe measure had been vigorously assailed on second reading and in committee, the conscription bill, too, passed they it a final stars in the house on ed thru its final stage in the house on

nais."

It was an alert and well-prepared

# CANADIANS TRIUMPH IN WORST FIGHTING SINCE START OF WAR

Enemy Accepts Defeat, Giving Canadians Time to Explore Hidden Strength Terrific Explosions Heard Eighof Positions and Count

Number of Germans Killed.

counter-attacks, and the losses suffered make it of sie value as an attacking force. After the supreme effort on Saturday morning between
four and five hundred bodies were
counted along a single brigade front.
The enemy non-commissioned officers put the blame for their disaster
largely on the shoulders of green
officers, who exposed their commands
in close formation to our artillery
and machine gun fire. The n.c.o.'s are
very much disgusted at being captured by a few Canadians. As a matter
of fact, the captors of some of these
guard units numbered much less than
the prisoners they brought in.

Now that our men have had time
to explore Hill 70, its hidden strength
is being disclosed, and there are
many dugouts forty feet or more down
in the chalk where nothing short of an
earthquake could disturb the occupants. Machine gun posts were everywhere. In the chalk pits alone a bedy

pants. Machine gun posts were every-where. In the chalk pits alone a body of less than 260 men had over 20 ma-chine guns. Our attack was so sudden there that some of these guns never were in action, The Germans information as to our intention to information as to our intention to attack was very accurate. Two regimental orders were captured, dated Thursday, one of which said "an attack is expected tomorrow." The other is more specific and states that morning. Look out for barrage sig-

three days's total of prisoners is now

GHENT AND SELZAETE ARE BOMBED BY AIRMEN

teen Miles Away, Where Some German Shrapnel Fell.

Dominion Troops in Full Possession of All Ground

A MOST SERIOUS BLOW

Enemy Regards Victory a Hill Seventy as a Decided

London, Aug. 19 .- (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters telegraphs today;
"Furious fighting which was pro-

"Furious fighting which was progressing intermittently around our new positions about Lens was lulled and leaves the gallant Canadians in full possession of all the ground they won. It is now known that the high German command ordered the recapture at all costs of Hill 70 which so dominates the eastern side of Lens. Without it the place can never be comfortable. We securely hold it. "The Huns have been attacking with gas shells, flammenwerfer, rifle, grenades, bombs and massed infantry waves, backed by intense artillery barrages. The Canadians are resisting with boiling oil drums, gas shells, hand grenades, machine guns, and last, but not least, the bayonet. The artillery has given magnificent support.

support.
"I am told that no fighting in which the troops from the Dominion have yet participated has there been more furious hand-to-hand fighting and

Counter-attacks Fail. "The first big counter-attack which began Wednesday afternoon has al-ready been described; how the Fourth Division of Prussian Guards, marching across in columns of fours before ing across in columns of fours before deploying, were caught under a machine gun barrage and all out wiped out. While this was happening more German Guards were launched from the Cite St. Auguste. The first wave was mown down by machine gun fire; the second, tho, got nearer the positions, while the third approached to within 70 yards of the Canadians before it broke and melted away. fore it broke and melted away.
"Elsewhere, the 220th division, which

to deliver counter-attacks, was strenuously striving to beat back General Currie's lads with no better success. They have had to be withdrawn, being no longer capable of continuing the

struggle.

"In the course of Wednesday night a large party of Prussian Guards entered one of the chalk cuttings with which the area abounds. The Canadians got among them and it is most doubtful whether any escaped. Ninety prisoners and twenty machine guns were captured.

were captured. A Serious Blow.

'Fifteen determined counter-attacks ave already been launched against the Bois Hugo, the Bois Ruse, the Cite Emile, and facing the Cite St. Theodore, all on the same scale of vio-lence. This makes it abundantly clear that the enemy regards the Canadian German Counter-Attacks on Hill 70 and St. Laurent Are Exhausted in Frantic and Futile Efforts to Regain Lost Ground.

Canadian Headquarters' in France, via London, Aug. 18.—The most fierce, engagement on the Canadian, front since the beginning of the war is gradually coming to a triumphant end by the exhaustion of the enemy. Since the capture of Hill 70 and St. Laurent on Wednesday morning, the men defending these newly won positions have been compelled to stand by almost without cessation to meet the counter-attacks. The leaders of the at 4.30 this (Saturday) morning on the Bois Huge sector, north of Hill 70. The attack was accompanied by a projection of enemy liquid fire and gas. Our watchful artillery rained upon the Germans an effective barrage, which caused heavy losses, but they continued to advance with the utmost determination. At a distance of only 70 yards from our line, the machine guns were turned upon the attacking groups and they broke and ran for cover.

Better luck initially, but no greater eventual success attended their effort to break thru south of St. Laurent. to break thru south of St. Laurent. The enemy penetrated our first line trench, but were driven out again as the result of a counter-attack at once organized. In these desperate struggles there has been much use of the rifie, bayonet and bomb. The losses mount up, but all the competent authorities give the assurance that those of the Germans are far greater than ours. The prisoners now num.

those of the Germans are far greater than ours. The prisoners now number over eleven hundred.

One of the most heroic deeds put on record in the Canadian corps since the war began is that of a runner of Col. Ormonder's Alberta Battalion. The company to which he was attached was hotly engaged near the chalk pits, and he was given a message to take back to the battalion headquarters, over ground on which shells were falling continuously. He had not gone far when he was seen to fall, and another runner was at once sent out with a duplicate message. The second messenger was killed midway on his journey, but two hours afterwards the first one arrived at the battalion headquarters with his left arm blown off near the shoulder. His terrible wound had been roughly dressed in the field and the messenger, far spent from loss of blood, had then dressed in the field and the messenger, far spent from loss of blood, had then staggered on to do his duty. He was removed in a dying condition, but he carried his message to its destination. A fine example of bravery and re-A fine example of bravery and resourcefulness was given by a Russian private in the same battalion. As the platoon to which he belonged approached the chalk pits they came under machine gun fire. The Russian, going forward, found the muzzles of two machine guns sticking out of the entrance to a dugout. One of them was in action, sweeping the line of ed. was in action, sweeping the line of advance. To get in front of it, the only way of tackling the crew concealed way of tackling the crew concealed in the entrance, meant instant death. A piece of planking lay nearby. To the Russian it was a heaven-sent weapon. With it he struck the protruding gun barrels so hard a blow that they and their crews went clattering down to the tottom of the dugout, whence care cries of "Kamerad, Kamerad." At that moment a rifle bullet struck the elbow of the Russian. bullet struck the elbow of the Russian, deprived him of the use of one arm. Holding his rifle, with its fixed bayonet, at the charge, in one hand he ordered the Germans to come up. They came, an officer and five men, who were duly turned in with their machine guns.

### OPENING THEM UP.

New fall hats for men, in all the latest shapes and colors, are now being put on display at Dineen's. the foremost hatters in America for ex-clusively stylish hats for men. The new arrivals include the best repre-sentative styles from the famous Loncon makers: Christy & Company.
Henry Heath. Triss & Company.
A clearance sale of all Dineen's
summer straws and Panamas is inprogress. Every summer straw in
the ctore reduced to one-half price.
Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

## RUMANIAN RESISTANCE CHECKS FOE'S ADVANCE

Russians Also Solidly Defend Line in Region of Vilna---Turks Are Smashed on Road to Kharput.

and in the Slanic sector also have furillades. beaten off attempts by the invaders to take further ground. In the Lake Narocz district of the Vilna front the Germans endeavored to win Russian trenches, but their attack broke down under the Russian barrage fire. German troops yesterday attacked the Russian positions near the Village of Stakhovcy, on the Vilna front, but, according to the Petrograd war office,

the attack broke down under the Rus- statement reads: On the Ramanian front Austro-Germans several times assaulted the Russo-Rumanian lines south of Grozechti, in southwestern Moldavia, but were repelled. The battle in the Slanic region lasted all day, and ended in the evening with the Teutons being repulsed.

Repulsed by Barrage. The text of the statement follows: Western (Russian) front: Southwest of Lake Narocz about two companies of Germans, supported by artillery fire, attacked our trenches in the region of the Village of Stakhovey, but were repulsed by our barrage fire. On the rest of this front there were fusillades and scouting recon-

Rumanian front: In the direction captured ten prisoners.

London. Aug. 19.—There has been of Ocna the enemy last night launcha considerable stiffening in the front in Ruanmia and also in Russia in the but was repulsed. Yesterday in the reregion of Vilna. South of Grozechti, gion of Sianic there were battles with southern Moldavia, the Russians have variable success until evening, when made a stand against attacks of the all the attacking forces were hepulsed. Teutonic allies and repulsed them, On the rest of this front there were

"Caucasian front: In the direction of Kharput unimportant Turkish attacks were repelled. On the remainder of the front there were fusil-

In the region of Ocna. Moldavia heavy fighting continues, but only artillery firing is reported from the Fokshani area. The Russian official

"Western (Russia) front: There were fusillades and scouting encoun-

Stalemate in Rumania "Rumanian front: In the direction of Ocna Yesterday battles raged in the regions of Sianic, Grozechti and at the factory of Taklerie, By even-ing all attacks were repulsed. The enemy succeeded only in occupying a few of our trenches south of the river at Slanic In the direction of Fokshani there has been artillery fighting. On the rest of the front there were fusillades and scouting engage-

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house of commons upon the subject of the federal franchise. It is reported that a bill establishing the federal franchise thruout Canada will be inseem to fight for a time with considerable vigor and then unexpectedly fall back. Thus the third reading of sharp and determined opposition. The provisions of the bill are not made Colonel Hugh Clark and F. B. Mc-curblic and all surmises concerning tained in Judge Doherty's bill entitled

### Saturday without a struggle. ITALIANS OPEN ATTACK WITH TRIESTE AS GOAL

Struggle Begins on Thirty-Seven Mile Front From Tolmino to Adriatic Sea----Battle Rages Bitterly.

Vienna, Aug. 19 .- Via London, Aug. 20 .- The Italians have begun nother big offensive against the Austrians in the Isonzo region of the Austro-Italian theatre, where fighting is in progress over a thirty-seven mile front, running from the region of Tolmino to near the head of the Adriatic Sea, on the Carso Plateau. This information is contained in the war office communication issued today, the text of which follows:

Eastern theatre—There is nothing of importance to report. 'Italian theatre-The Italians have attacked the coastal territory on the Isonzo, which has belonged to Austria for centuries past. After the strongest of artillery preparation, lasting a day and a half, which was followed yesterday afternoon by reconnoitring raids, the enemy infantry early Sunday morning attacked between Mrzlivrh and the sea.

"The struggle is raging with the greatest bitterness on almost all the sectors of this sixty kilometre front, near Tolmino, northeast of Canale, between Desela and Monte San Gabriele, south of Gorizia, and on the Carso Plain. The reports received up to this time are entirely favorable. In the Balkans the situation is unchanged."

### REVOLTS IN FINLAND **PUT DOWN BY TROOPS**

London, Aug. 19.-Great revolts have taken place in the leading towns of Finland, according to advices received at Copenhagen thru channels opened by the raising of the Russian news embargo on the frontier of Sweden and wired by the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company. Foodstuffs were seized by the Finnish

### GEN. PURGASOFF KILLED BY MUTINOUS TROOPS

Petrograd, Aug. 19.-A report has been received by Premier Kerensky. according to The Novoe Hermye, of the killing of General Purgasoff by soldiers. A certain company of sol-diers, the paper states, refused to recognize a newly-appointed com-nua der. whereupon General Purga-soff ordered the company disbanded and the leaders of the mutiny arrest-ed. The mutineers then surrounded Gen. Purgasoff and beat him to death with the buits of their rifles before