

HUN FORTUNES AT BREAKING POINT

ALLIES SLOWLY STRANGLING THE GERMAN ARMIES ON BOTH SIDES OF SOMME BY OFFENSIVE

The British Make a Further Advance of 1,000 Yards in the Longueval District and Drive the Remnant of the Hun Forces from Delville Wood.

THE FRENCH ENERGETICALLY RENEW OFFENSIVE ON FIVE MILE FRONT WITH SPLENDID SUCCESS

In Stiff Engagements with the Enemy Some Three Thousand Prisoners Were Captured and a Long Line of German Trenches Fell Into Their Hands.

London, July 20.—While a strong but simultaneous attack on both eastern and western fronts, the recent success still being fought out on the British advance having brought the front, the Teutonic armies and British into line with the French at themselves, again the object of a Harcourt, the French offensive,

Emperor Francis Joseph Is in Grave Condition

New York, July 20.—A London cable to the Journal today says: An Exchange Telegraph Company despatch from Geneva reiterates the report received by sent out from Rome that Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is gravely ill, and that the Imperial family has been summoned to his bedside at Schoenbrunn Castle.

which has been for some time in preparation, has been renewed energetically on both sides of the Somme, on a front of about five miles, thus far successful.

Official despatches from the British and French headquarters tonight show a further advance by both armies. The British pushed forward their line about 1,000 yards north of the Bazentin-Longueval sector, and are still fighting fiercely with the Germans in the outskirts of Longueval and in the Delville Wood.

The French, having renewed their offensive, captured a considerable stretch of German trenches in the neighborhood of Estrees, and in engagements on both sides of the river have taken nearly 3,000 additional prisoners.

British Gain 1,000 Yards. London, July 20.—The official state-

10,000 TROOPS TO SAIL FROM CANADA

Ottawa, July 20.—Ten thousand soldiers, principally from Camp Borden, are to proceed overseas soon, it was announced at the Militia Department this morning. The necessary arrangements have been completed to secure ships. The units going are to include seven battalions from Camp Borden and three from Niagara. No chaplains, junior majors, assistant adjutants or signallers will be included in the ten thousand to go overseas.

ment, issued about midnight, from British headquarters in France, reads: "North of the Bazentin-Longueval line we advanced about 1,000 yards in the face of stubborn opposition. Heavy fighting still continues in the northern outskirts of Longueval village and in Delville Wood."

"On the remainder of the main battle front there is no change. "Yesterday our aeroplanes carried out successful bombing enterprises by day and night. Many tons of explosives were dropped with marked success on railway centres, enemy aerodromes and other important points. One hostile aeroplane was destroyed; several others were forced to the ground in a damaged condition."

Hun Pirates Given a Free Hand by Kaiser

London, July 21.—A despatch from Berne, Switzerland, to the London Daily News says that Count Zepelin in a speech to the workmen at Friedrichshafen said: "I have good news for you. The Kaiser has given his advisers a free hand regarding the use of airships and submarines. Be patient; vital blows will soon be struck."

TWO WOMEN DROWNED.

London, Ont. July 20.—Mrs. Edgar Fletcher, aged 27, wife of the manager of the Edgar Fletcher Soda Water Company, of Toronto, and Miss Ola Ellis, aged 25, her sister, of 573 Eglar avenue, Toronto, a public school teacher in the Queen City, were drowned at 11 o'clock this morning in the St. Clair river, near Corunna.

BODY RECOVERED.

Kilburn, July 20.—The body of Charles Etheridge, the victim of the sad drowning accident yesterday, has been recovered and will be taken to McAdam by Mr. Matthew to await instructions from Brooklyn.

RUSSIANS PREPARE TO CRUSH HUN RESISTANCE ON STOCKHOD AND PUSH ON TOWARDS KOVEL

General Brusiloff is Bringing Up a Powerful Force to Attack the Teuton Troops that Recently Retreated Beyond the Lipa River.

BERLIN BEGINS TO REALIZE TERRIBLE PRESSURE THAT IS BEING EXERTED BY SLAVS IN THE EAST

In the Caucasus, Grand Duke Nicholas Has Again Got the Turks on the Run—Many Important Towns Taken, as Well as Military Stores.

London, July 20.—Unofficial despatches from Petrograd say that the second stage of the battle for the possession of Kovel is continuing with extreme violence. General Brusiloff has brought up crushing forces from the Stockhod to the Lipa to attack the Austro-Germans, and anxiety as to their ability to withstand a continuance of the pressure is beginning to be reflected in the Berlin comments on the situation.

Turks on the Run.

The official statement dealing with operations in the Caucasus says:

"On the front in the region of Dzwetlik, we have driven the Turks from positions which had been previously prepared by them. During July 15 we continued our advance west of Balbura, Siberian Cossacks, during a counter-attack, sabred or hanged many Turks. We also took a few prisoners."

"On July 18 we occupied the town of Kuel, an important junction of roads from Erzerum, Lhaput and Kizimljina. "It has now been ascertained that at the battles southeast of Much, at the time when a Turkish division newly arrived from Armenia, was defeated, we took at the entrance to Kulpingorge a large collection of military stores."

"In the direction of Mesal, on the night of July 17, the Turks commenced an advance with great forces near Revanduz. Our detachment has retreated to new positions. "In Persia, in the region of Henna, a lively duel has taken place with the Turks. In the region east of Kermanshah there have been successful skirmishes with scouting parties. Near Isfahan we defeated and dispersed a considerable aggregation of Persian nomads, who were hostile to us."

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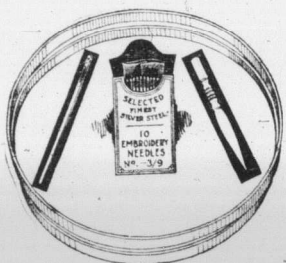
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GEORGE ST. HOUSE GUTTED BY FIRE

Ell and Sheds of the Massey Residence Burned on Thursday Afternoon.

Fire completely destroyed the rear of the residence occupied by Mr. Daniel Livingstone, George street, yesterday afternoon, while the main part of the house was badly gutted and damaged considerably by smoke and water. The property is owned by Mrs. Annie Massie, formerly of this city but now of St. John.

The origin of the blaze is unknown, but the fire started in the shed. The flames spread with great rapidity and the buildings adjoining the house were soon in a mass of flames. The smoke issuing from the building was very dense and visible from nearly every point in the city. The material was dry and the blaze was soon making its way to the main part of the house. The firemen arrived on the scene promptly and through their efforts the fire was kept in the rear of the main house, although practically every room received a scorching, while there was also some loss of furniture and personal effects.

The loss will reach about \$500 and is covered by insurance.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Job Shenton.
Mrs. Shenton, widow of Rev. Job Shenton, died in Sackville yesterday. Since the death of her daughter, Mrs. McAlpine, wife of Dr. L. A. McAlpine, Mrs. Shenton had made her home at Sackville with her only surviving daughter, Mrs. Gronlund.

The deceased, formerly Miss Mary J. Lodge, was a sister of Matthew Lodge, of Moncton, and of the late Rev. W. W. Lodge. Her husband was one of the prominent ministers of the Methodist Church, and Mrs. Shenton was an active helpmeet and most faithful church worker.

Edith J. Blackmore.
The death occurred at the Mira michi Hospital July 19 of Edith J. Blackmore, wife of Murdock Sutherland, fishery officer, of Red Bank. The deceased was ailing a few days and her death was a great shock to her family and many friends. The funeral, which was one of the largest ever seen in this part of the country, was held on Friday afternoon from her late residence to St. Stephen's cemetery.

The Bath, Maine, three-masted schooner Maud H. Dudley, which was built 32 years ago at a cost of \$25,000, has recently been sold for \$19,000, after having paid her first owners \$51,464 in dividends.