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BRITISH LAUNCH OFFENSIVE; WIN GERMAN TRENCH; PROGRESS ELSEWHERE

Fighting Very Severe and British Have Had to Overcome Great Obstacles—Enemy's Only Success is Temporary Regaining of Small Piece of Ground

London, July 7.—Capture by the British of a German trench on a front of 1,000 yards east of La Boisselle, in the Somme region was announced officially today.

The British resumed the offensive on certain sectors east of Albert at dawn today. At the same time the Germans launched heavy attacks on the British trenches near the Ancre, violent fighting is now in progress. In the vicinity of Ovillers and Contalmaison, as well as near Laboisselle, the British made progress. In the region of Thiepval, the Germans regained a section of lost ground.

The statement follows:—This morning in certain sectors of the battlefield east of Albert we resumed a vigorous offensive at dawn. The Germans at the same time launched attacks on our new trenches in the vicinity of the Ancre and north of Thiepval with the result that violent fighting is now in progress along the whole front between the Ancre and Montauban.

Up to the present several important tactical successes have been gained by our infantry in the vicinity of Ovillers, Laboisselle and Contalmaison, but southwest of Thiepval the enemy succeeded temporarily in regaining two or three hundred yards of lost ground.

Southwest of Thiepval a determined attack on our new lines was completely crushed. The enemy's artillery was particularly active in the Loos salient and opposite Hindenburg. Our artillery shelled the enemy's communication trenches and billets at various places. We successfully sprang two mines opposite Auchy and Hebutz.

TO THE GLORY OF BRITISH ARMS British Headquarters in France, July 7.—(New York World Cable)—The obstacles the British troops particularly in their attack north of the Ancre from Commincourt to La Boisselle have encountered have been prodigious. Their valor and tenacity have been superb and because of their losses in officers and men have been heavy. Nothing is to be gained by concealing this fact, many of the soldiers have shown a most heroic and gallant end of the attacking as well as in some cases only a few minutes of the fighting.

NEWSPAPERS HIT THEM HARD IN GERMANY London, July 7.—(New York Times Cable)—A despatch to the Daily Times from Milan says:—Travelers arriving in Switzerland from Germany report serious troubles in several German towns, among others Berlin. Immediately after the first news of the Anglo-French offensive, crowds marched through the streets shouting "Enough of war, let us have peace." The disorders this morning were different from the disorders of last Sunday. A vast mob engaged in imprecations against the Kaiser and imperial family. Sheets were secretly handed round on which were printed "Death to the Kaiser, death to the man who wants war, death to the crown prince, long live free Germany, free from these parasites, who have led it to ruin."

Quiet Night on the Somme Fighting on The Meuse—French Have Captured Enormous Quantity of Booty Paris, July 7.—Quiet prevailed last night on both sides of the Somme River, says today's war office statement. The artillery of both sides was active on the left and right banks of the Meuse, especially on the Thiaumont earthworks and in the Fleury and Chenot sections.

A small German attack on the French trenches at the Leprestre Woods failed. German aeroplanes yesterday dropped bombs on the open town of Luce, killed eleven persons, all of whom, except one, were women or children. Two German machines were brought down near Mezieres.

GREAT AMOUNT OF BOOTY TAKEN Paris, July 7.—The work of sorting the booty taken by the French troops in the fighting at the Somme brings in light many curious facts. In the Mercourt Woods a heavy German battery was found completely dismantled. The battery commander's shelter alone remained intact.

The luxury of the arrangements in the German positions on the Sautter Plateaux showed that they were considered impregnable. In the positions occupied by the battery mentioned were a piano, a brass bedstead and a complete hot and cold water supply. The greatest booty fell to General Balfour's famous "iron corps," which distinguished itself at Verdun. This corps took enough material to set up a whole army.

POLICE COURT Two Chinese arrested recently for the alleged keeping of opium in their premises in Brussels street, were this morning admitted to bail in \$100 each for their appearance again before the court.

Walter Hayes, Roy Hayes and Fred Lupus, three negroes, arraigned recently for the beating of Policeman Ward on June 25, withdrew their plea of not guilty this morning and pleaded guilty to common assault. They were each fined \$20. This was allowed to stand in view of the fact that they will make good any expense that the policeman was put to.

Detective Barrett and a street car conductor, who saw the assault, were called to give evidence.

Was Bismarck's Adviser The Hague, July 7.—Henry Axel Buck, who was Bismarck's adviser when he abandoned free trade and inaugurated his campaign for the establishment of national industries, is dead in Berlin. He was eighty-six years old.

HE CAUSES A SENSATION IN THE COMMONS

Sir Richard Cooper Makes a Startling Speech THE LOSS OF THE HAMPSHIRE

Speaks of Rumors About the Cruiser and of the Off-asked Question "Is Kitchener Really Dead?" Urges Court Martial But Says Will be Held

London, July 7.—Toronto Mail and Empire Cable)—A thousand and one mysterious rumors swirling about the questions "How was the cruiser Hampshire sunk?" and "Is Kitchener really dead?"—rumors that have been whispered from one end of the empire to the other since the announcement of the tragic end of the war secretary, was issued—made the demand for investigation.

Yesterday afternoon, when Sir Richard Cooper, in a startling speech, raised the demand for investigation. "I urge," said Sir Richard, "that a court-martial be held on the loss of the Hampshire. I urge this emphatically, so that these disgusting rumors regarding the ship's loss be quelled."

The speaker proceeded to explain that the survivors of the ill-fated cruiser do not agree as to the cause of the disaster, and he then started the house by saying "There is no direct evidence of Lord Kitchener's death." It was not the statement itself, but the inference that could be deduced therefrom that caused a flutter through the ranks of the parliamentarians. Sir Richard then demanded to know whether it was true that some bodies recovered were found to be buried by sea, and further, whether it was a fact that some of the survivors are held under arrest.

Further, Sir Richard enquired if it were true that one or more members of the crew had been guilty of the certain offense, resulting on one occasion in the guns on one side of the cruiser being unable to fire.

Thomas James McNamara, parliamentary under-secretary for the admiralty, in reply to Sir Richard's questions, that there will be no further investigation. He said all survivors agreed regarding the loss of the Hampshire. The under-secretary refused to make any further inquiries respecting the other allegations.

DOES NOT READ VERY CHEERILY FOR THE ENEMY German Correspondent Not Able to Hide the Seriousness of the Situation

Berlin, July 6.—The military correspondent of the Zeitung Am Mittag, commenting on the war situation writes: "The fighting on all fronts is increasing in extent and violence. The enemy everywhere is attempting to throw fresh troops into the struggle which seems to be approaching nearer and nearer its maximum intensity. The slightest exertions are being made on all sides to force a decision and the tension can scarcely become higher."

After summarizing the official reports from the various theatres of war, the correspondent continues: "It is still too early for a final verdict upon the struggle which seems to be approaching nearer and nearer its maximum intensity. The slightest exertions are being made on all sides to force a decision and the tension can scarcely become higher."

The German however, hitherto have been able to hold up the enemy's advance on the west as well as on the south and east. Neither British, French, Russian nor Italian have attained large or decisive victories, while in places where the Central Powers have assumed the offensive as in Volhynia and south of the Dniester, their operations have been conducted with success.

"This situation enables us to look forward with a certain amount of assurance and with calm confidence to further developments of the fighting. We do not dare, however, to overlook the fact that our opponents are making mighty efforts and are throwing in all available forces to attain success. Our troops on all the fronts are faced by numerically superior forces and therefore are confronted with the prospect of further heavy fighting."

PREMIER CLARKE AND THE ELECTIONS "People need not worry about elections, we will have an election some time before the end of next year," was the answer smilingly given when Premier Clarke was asked this morning about the rumors that are in the air as to a general election at an early date. The premier did not deny that there is a possibility of such an event in the near future but neither would he confirm it.

TODAY'S BOLL GAMES National League—Boston at Chicago, clear, 8 p.m.; Philadelphia at St. Louis, clear, 8:30 p.m.; New York at Pittsburgh, clear, 8:30 p.m.; Brooklyn at Cincinnati, clear, 8 p.m.

American League—Chicago at New York, clear, 8:30 p.m.; Detroit at Philadelphia, clear, 8:30 p.m.; St. Louis at Washington, clear, 4 p.m.; Cleveland at Boston, clear, 3:15 p.m.

International League—Newark at Rochester, clear, 4 p.m.; Providence at Buffalo, clear, 2 games, 2 and 4 p.m.; Richmond at Toronto, clear, 8:30 p.m.; Baltimore at Montreal, clear, 8:30 p.m.

A WATER INCIDENT Yesterday afternoon one of the city's water wagons stopped at the head of the Marsh road "fill up." The flow, however, proved to be too great, and the teamster could not get the water turned off, and as a result it ran all over the surrounding road-way. Excitement was high for a time, and the commissioner of water and sewerage was rushed to the scene. He soon had his men to work, and the water was turned off much to the relief of the people in the vicinity. However, the pipe required some fixing, and the men were kept busy on it until late last evening.

Mostly Fair Warner Maritime—Moderate to fresh south-westerly winds, a few scattered showers, but mostly fair and warmer today and on Saturday.

New England—Fair tonight and Saturday, moderate winds, mostly and Saturday, moderate winds, tonight and Saturday.

General German Change Because Of Triple Defeat By Russians

London, July 7.—A wireless despatch from Rome says word has been received there from Petrograd that, in consequence of their triple defeat in the sectors of Riga, Kolki and Barnovichi, the Germans have begun to move their whole front toward the west.

WAS FOUND IN THE STORE

Fred O'Keefe Under Arrest on Charge of Breaking and Entering

The store of William Street at 280 Union street was broken into last evening and Fred O'Keefe, who was out on suspended sentence of five years for breaking and entering the establishment recently kept by Mr. Stevens, is now lodged in central police station and faces the charge of breaking and entering.

A little after eleven o'clock last night, Sergeant Rankine, doing duty in Union street, noticed a man moving about the grocery store kept by Mr. Stevens. Aided by the light of the moon the sergeant soon discovered that the actions of the individual were rather suspicious, and he and some other policeman investigated.

In the police court this morning the evidence of the proprietor was taken. He said the court that the only access to the shop was by forcing a door in the rear and from there by forcing a door at the head of stairs leading to the cellar. This door he found had been torn from the hinges. Although nothing was taken, groceries had been moved from their usual place of keeping. Among the many things that the witness found rolled up when he returned to the shop after being notified by the police were six packages, eight oranges, four boxes of sandwiches, five plugs of smoking tobacco, eight packages of tobacco, and some other things, which witness said were removed by someone from upstairs. They were in the form of packages of six, eight, ten of tobacco, five packages of cigarettes and a few cigars.

At the evidence of Mr. Stevens, the magistrate told the prisoner that making the articles as pointed out was sufficient to constitute theft. He was committed until his policeman can give their evidence. Inspector Wickham, Sergeant Rankin, Policemen McLaughlin, Courtney and McInnis stated in the arrest.

THE 104TH HAVE REACHED ENGLAND

Troopship Arrives Safely With Nearly 6,000 Men

Ottawa, July 7.—It is officially announced that the following Canadian troops have arrived safely in England: 11th C. M. R., 18th C. M. R., 94th Battalion, 104th Battalion, 104th Battalion, No. 4 A. S. C. divisional train, A. S. C. Ambulance Workshop, R. C. R. draft (Halifax), and 57th Howitzer Battery draft (Quebec). Total number on board 5,992.

TERMS OF ALLIANCE OF RUSSIA AND JAPAN

Tokyo, July 7.—The Japanese foreign office today announced as the substance of the Russo-Japanese convention signed at Petrograd on July 3, the following: First—Japan will take part in no arrangement or political combination directed against Russia.

Second—in case the territorial rights or special interests in the Far East of one of the contracting parties which are recognized by the other contracting party are menaced, Japan and Russia will consult with each other on measures to adopt, and Japan will support or extend assistance for the safeguarding and defense of these rights and interests.

THE GERMAN LOSSES IN THE JUTLAND FIGHT

London, July 7.—Two estimates of the total tonnage lost by the Germans in the Jutland naval battle have been made by British officials. The more conservative one, who included in his list only vessels "seen to sink" and based his estimate on the theory that the battleships sunk were of the oldest dreadnought type, gives the German tonnage lost as 109,220, as compared with a British loss in tonnage of 112,880. He concludes that the Germans lost two battleships of the dreadnought type of 18,900 tons each, one of the oldest type of 18,200 tons, the battle cruiser Lutzow of 28,000 tons, five cruisers of the Hocktick type, making a total of 24,600 tons for this type, six destroyers aggregating 4,920 tons and one submarine of 800 tons.

The more liberal estimate places the German loss at 118,200 tons, as follows: One dreadnought of the Kronprinz type, 23,460 tons; one of the Helgoland type, 22,440 tons; battleship Pommern, 18,000 tons; battle cruiser Lutzow, 28,000 tons; five Hockticks aggregating 24,000 tons; destroyers aggregating 4,000 tons and a submarine of 800 tons.

Herzog to Chicago Chicago, July 7.—Charles Herzog, manager and shortstop of the Cincinnati Reds is to become a member of the Chicago National league team, according to a story published here today.

Tremendous Russian Drive On Riga Front

London, July 7.—The Russians have begun a tremendous offensive on the Riga front where their artillery is destroying the German trenches, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Vienna via Copenhagen. The bombardment, the despatch says, lasted twenty-four hours and the Germans were helpless before the Russian artillery which can now fire fifty shells as against one in 1914.

HE HAS GIVEN UP HIS LIFE IN THE WAR

Charles Joseph Danney, of North End, reported yesterday as being killed in action.

WITH THE LOCAL SOLDIERS An application is being made by Lieut. Colonel P. A. Guthrie of the 32nd Rifle Battalion for the recall of Corporal Clarence B. Smith of Blainville, Sanitary company, brother of Stanley K. Smith, of the 104th Battalion. Corporal Smith enlisted with the 104th Battalion, and was doing his bit in the trenches until January 1, but is at present attached to the 4th reserve battalion at Stornediff, Eng., as an instructor.

Corporal Smith is a qualified sergeant in the cavalry and was a member of the 28th New Brunswick Dragoons. He was chosen by the commanding officer of that unit to represent the unit at the coronation of King George.

It is understood that Corporal Smith will either be platoon officer of the Sanitary company of the 32nd, or platoon sergeant. He is well known in St. John, and his many friends will be pleased to hear of his promotion.

Quartermaster—Sergeant R. Byers, formerly of the R. C. R. in Fredericton, now of the infantry school at Halifax, is to be sergeant-major in the 32nd Rifle Battalion. He will report at Fredericton between July 10 and 15.

The 104th Battalion is to have a pipe band of fifty pieces and W. H. Ross, well known throughout New Brunswick, is to be the instructor. The players have already begun to assemble, and six from St. John will leave today for Fredericton. They are—Alex. Stewart, F. E. Hayter, William Ferguson, Richard Babes and John McFarlane. About six pipers are expected to arrive from Ottawa at an early date.

Dillon vs. Levisky Indianapolis, Ind., July 7.—Jack Dillon has accepted a challenge to meet Balthasar Levisky in a 15-round affair in Baltimore on July 15.

JUNE FIRE LOSSES IN CANADA

Toronto, July 7.—The Monetary Times estimate of the losses in Canada during June is \$484,237, compared with \$773,269 for July 1915. There were only three fires in which the loss was estimated at more than \$25,000, at Brockville, Atlin and St. John, N. B. There were six deaths from fire during the month, as compared with an average of fifteen during the last eight years.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Heavy rain occurred yesterday in Manitoba. Elsewhere the weather has been fair, and in Ontario and Quebec it has been quite warm. The tropical disturbance has remained nearly stationary and continues to diminish in intensity.

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