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Allied Guns Soon Trained On Austrian Fleet Trapped at Pola

English and Italians, Says Report at Italian Embassy in Washington, Are to Attack Warships; British and French Defeat Raiding Enemy in West

New York, Aug. 31—The New York World in a despatch from Washington, says the Italian embassy has received a despatch from Rome as to further successes of General Cadorna, and indicating that:

"The Austrian fleet, bottled up in Pola, also is in danger, as it is the intention of the Italians soon to turn on the warships of the enemy the guns of Anglo-Italian monitors, now busy bombarding the coast to the northwest of Trieste."

KHAKI LINES FIRM

London, Aug. 31—The repulse of a German raid on the front below Lens is reported in today's official communication as follows:

"The weather is unsettled. During the night the enemy heavily shelled our forward positions near Arleux-Es-Gobelle (five miles southeast of Lens), and at an early hour this morning attempted to raid our lines. The German troops were repulsed completely."

SAVING ON FRENCH FRONT

Paris, Aug. 31—East of Cerny a German patrol which attempted to approach our lines was repulsed by our fire, says today's official statement.

"There was active artillery fighting on both banks of the Meuse. In Alsace an enemy attack south of Hartmannswillerkopf was repulsed completely. There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front."

SO SAYS BERLIN

Berlin, Aug. 31, via London—A portion of the ground recently gained by the British south of Le Cateliet has been recaptured by the Germans. The war office announces this.

Berlin, Aug. 31, via London—Operations undertaken by the Russians yesterday at Naroc Lake, sixty miles southeast of Divinsk, resulted unsuccessfully for them, says today's official report from the eastern front.

PRISON TERMS FOR SPIES WHO HELPED THE SUBMARINES

Gave Information About Vessels Ready to Sail From Norway—Two Germans, One Norwegian

Christiana, Aug. 31—Three German spies have been convicted at Bergen for supplying information to submarines regarding the sailing time of vessels, which were torpedoed. Captain Laven and Peter Schwartz, German citizens, and a Norwegian, all were given terms in the penitentiary. Laven was sentenced to five years, Schwartz to four and Thorsen to two years imprisonment.

Captain Laven admitted that he worked under instructions from the German authorities. He said that German subjects were forced to obey such orders. Norwegian newspapers, in commenting on the trial, emphasize that the country must take note of the fact that German subjects must obey orders from their home country.

AMERICAN FOOD CONTROL MAN TO BE POSTED IN LONDON

Closer Co-operation Between England and United States in Matter

London, Aug. 30—Louis P. Sheldon, who is associated with a London bank firm, has been asked by Herbert C. Hoover to accept appointment as representative of the American food administration board in the United Kingdom. It is understood Mr. Sheldon has accepted and that it is now being determined whether or not he shall become an attaché of the American embassy.

As Hoover's representative, Mr. Sheldon will deal with the British food controller, Baron Rhonda, for the purpose of bringing about close co-operation between the United States and England in regard to the control of food.

OOTING IN BURNING CITY SOON STOPPED BY STUDENT BANDS

Petrograd, Aug. 31—The fire last Monday in the city of Kasan, on the Kasan River, 480 miles east of Moscow, spread so rapidly that the population led to outgoing fields and forests. A correspondent of the Bourne Gazette so elegantly, Ruffians began to pillage on a great scale, but students of military schools acted energetically and stopped the looting. Later the flames spread to the reservoirs and the town was involved in smoke. The fire burned for thirty-six hours, during which time the people remained outside the town. Order is being restored gradually.

BRITISH CASUALTIES IN AUGUST, 59,811

London, Aug. 31—The total of British casualties on all fronts as reported in August is 59,811, divided as follows:—Killed or died of wounds: Officers, 1,278; men, 10,942; wounded or missing: Officers, 4,129; men, 46,463.

SAYS WAR WILL BE SPEEDED UP

Kerensky Sees Good Results From Moscow Conference

OBJECTS WELL ATTAINED

Declares Lasting Effect on Russian Nation Also Will Result—Greater Part of People Ready to Make Necessary Sacrifices

London, Aug. 31—The Moscow conference will have a lasting effect upon the Russian nation and the conduct of the war will be speeded up, Premier Kerensky declared in an interview at Moscow on Wednesday. The government convened the Moscow conference, the Exchange Telegraph Company's report of the interview says, in order to get acquainted as fully as possible with the opinions, tendencies and needs of the country, to tell the representatives of all classes, races and creeds the truth concerning the crisis through which Russia is passing, and to impress upon the entire nation the necessity for united efforts for the defence of the country and for securing liberty for the Russian people.

The government, the premier added, feel confident that these objects have been attained to a very considerable degree and are convinced that an overwhelming majority of the nation is deeply democratic and prepared to make sacrifices for liberty and the defence of the country.

All parties are willing to make mutual sacrifices to ensure united efforts.

THE GOVERNMENT SPEEDING UP TO FINISH NEXT WEEK

Prorogation Expected Then—Soldier Vote Bill Tomorrow and Closure Again Likely Used

(Special to Times.)

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 30—The bill for the purchase of the Canadian Northern from Mackenzie and Mann was closed through the House of Commons at two o'clock this morning. The vote was fifty-three to thirty-seven. A good many Conservatives remained away and escaped voting. One Liberal, Champlain, voted with the government against the Pughley amendment, which proposed that parliament should have the right to accept or refuse the valuation placed upon the purchase of the Canadian Northern.

The third reading was finished at two o'clock and it was announced that the soldier vote bill will be taken up Saturday. The government is rushing the franchise bill, which will probably be put through by closure.

THEY HAVE HIM AGAIN

Deposed Emperor of Abyssinia, Who Escaped, is Recaptured by French

London, Aug. 31—Lidj Jassou, deposed Emperor of Abyssinia, who escaped from Magdala, has been captured, according to a despatch to the Daily Mail from Jibuti, French Somaliland.

Lidj Jassou is a grandson of the late King Menelik, who succeeded in 1912. He was dethroned in 1916 by his aunt. A London despatch of August 29 reported that the deposed emperor and his followers had defeated 800 of the government forces who had been trying to capture him for six months.

WAR AND BUSINESS NOTES

OVER STOCK BROKERS' WIRES

(J. M. Robinson & Sons, Private Wire Telegram.)

New York, Aug. 31—Up-bow menace gradually being overcome by work of American destroyers, according to reports made by navy department.

Senate agrees to vote on war revenue bill on Sept. 10.

Excess war profits amendments to be voted on Sept. 5 and income tax on Sept. 7.

Senator Simpson withdraws petition for closure rule on tax bill after La Follette threatens ultimate passage of bill if debate were throttled.

Standard Oil of Kentucky declared regular quarterly dividend of \$3 a share payable on Oct. 1. Books close Sept. 15.

Stutz Motor Co. declared regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 a share.

Commission fixes prices of No. 1 Northern spring wheat at \$2.20 a bushel at Chicago for 1917 crop. Reduces cost of flour.

Austrians Face General Famine

All Available Food Being Reserved For Army—Vatican Hears This From Diplomatic and Ecclesiastical Sources

New York, Aug. 31—A cable to the Sun from Rome says: Reports are reaching the Vatican from diplomatic and ecclesiastical sources in Austria of the effect that the food shortage throughout the empire has become so serious that the effects of famine among the people are causing the gravest concern.

The intellectual depression among school children, due to insufficient food, is rendering it practically useless for them to continue their studies, and it is probable the schools will have to be closed soon.

As an instance of the high prices for foodstuffs, it is said, a sack of flour costs \$40, and a pound of pork, \$2. Fat is very scarce, and less than a pound in fifteen days is allowed for each person.

Owing to the lack of bread, some are authorized to wear soft-hat dresses and hoodies.

The remedies so far adopted have proved useless. All food available is reserved for the army, and a general famine seems inevitable.

OUR PEACE TERMS

WILL YOU EVER DO IT AGAIN?

Illustration of a man in a military uniform, possibly a soldier or officer, looking thoughtful or distressed.

Believe Arrest Has To Do With Dynamiting Of Lord Atholstern's Home

Elie Lalumiere, Prominent Anti-Conscriptionist in Montreal, is in Custody; Habeas Corpus Proceedings Begun By Brother

Montreal, Aug. 31—Elie Lalumiere, who has been prominent in the anti-conscription meetings here as president of the "League des Constitutionnels," being held by the dominion police and it is said that his arrest was made in connection with the dynamiting of Lord Atholstern's country home at Cartierville a few weeks ago.

The authorities decline to say where Lalumiere is being held as they evidently fear that efforts might be made by his followers to secure his release.

It is said that some thefts of dynamite have been traced to him and rumors had it this morning that he had confessed that he was one of those who had done the dynamiting and had also implicated some of others, who would be arrested soon.

Lalumiere's brother, in addressing an anti-conscription meeting last night, told of his "disappearance" on the night previous and said that he had come to take his place. Further developments are expected hourly.

So far as can be learned, no arrests of the anti-conscriptionists who last night made scolding speeches and later smashed the plate glass windows, injured four policemen and shot one man in the arm, have been made.

Lalumiere appeared before Judge Monet in the Practice Court this morning smiling and apparently unconcerned. Yesterday at the instance of his brother, Wilfrid, Judge Monet issued a writ of habeas corpus against A. Regimbal, of the dominion immigration service; Chief Campden, of the Montreal police force; Major Carter, of the alien enemies branch; J. H. Gassard, of the Thiel detective agency; Colonel Sherwood, of the dominion police, and Detective Giroux. All were required to produce the body of Lalumiere this morning. Albert German and Albert Theberge appeared for Lalumiere and demanded his release on the ground that he was being illegally detained. Hearing in the case was set for half-past two this afternoon.

IT MAY MEAN CHEAPER BREAD

Wheat Price Fixing Permits of Fourteen Ounce Loaf For Five Cents

Washington, Aug. 31—A reduction in the price of bread is in sight today as the result of the fixing of \$2.30 a bushel as the price of the 1917 wheat crop. The licensing system for flour and bread dealers soon will be put into effect, and, although not extending to the small dealer, the food administration is expected to find a way to hold down bread prices.

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RESUME RECRUITING FOR HEAVY ARTILLERY AND THE ENGINEERS

That recruiting for heavy artillery and the Canadian Engineers, cancelled two months ago, is to be resumed at once was the information received at the office of the new Brunswick command this morning.

This will mean that all the artillery units throughout the district will now get into the field for recruits. The Canadian Engineers' Depot at St. John will very likely open another recruiting station in the city as, prior to the order which stopped them recruiting, they were securing a large number of men from St. John and throughout the province.

THE COACHMAN AND THE D.A.R. The superintendent of the D. A. R. in reference to the coachman's abandonment of the plea, said this morning that the D. A. R. had no intention of interfering with the coachman. He said that just recently the company had the gangway roped off while the passengers were getting off the boat. The coachman, he said, were allowed to stand along the rope or along the crest of the wharf. He felt that the greater majority of the coachmen understood the situation and would likely return. He said that he had interviewed the superintendent and it was likely that some satisfactory arrangement would be made.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers in real estate have been recorded as follows:—

St. John County.

Letitia and Alexander Crawford, et al to E. A. Wood, property in Simonds.

Letitia B. and Alex. Crawford, et al, to P. E. Byles, property in Simonds.

P. L. Jordan to Elen A. Jordan, property in Cedar street.

William Kirk to S. A. Kirk, property in Millidgeville road.

Bessie Pike to F. F. Stephenson, property in Stanley street.

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Kings County.

J. S. Cook to A. M. Reidle, property in Studholm.

G. N. Patterson to H. J. Patterson, property in Havlock.

E. S. White to J. R. White, property in Kingston.

James R. and Joseph R. White to G. S. White, property in Kingston.

CANGE IN STATUS OF ALSACE-LORRAINE

Paris, Aug. 31—Owing to the repeated rumors that Emperor William is contemplating a change in the status of Alsace-Lorraine, one of which is that it is to be transformed into a federal state, some importance is attached here to a Berlin despatch received by way of Basel, saying that Dr. H. Von Döllwitz, governor of Alsace-Lorraine, is now in Berlin.

TODAY'S BALL GAMES.

National League—Chicago at Cincinnati, cloudy, 8 p. m.; New York at Brooklyn, two games, clear, first 1.30 p. m.; St. Louis at Pittsburgh, two games, clear, first 1.30 p. m.; Boston at Philadelphia, clear, 8.30 p. m.

American League—St. Louis at Chicago, clear, 8 p. m.; Detroit at Cleveland, clear, 8 p. m.; Philadelphia at Boston, two games, clear, first 1.30 p. m.; Washington at New York, two games, clear, 1.45 p. m., first.

International League—Newark at Buffalo, clear, 8.45 p. m.; Providence at Rochester, clear, 8 p. m.; Baltimore at Toronto, clear, 8.15 p. m.; Richmond at Montreal, clear, 8.45 p. m.

WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis: Pressure is now decidedly high over the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Valley, while a shallow low is moving over from Montreal. Showers have occurred at some few places in Alberta and Saskatchewan and heavy rains have fallen in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Elsewhere in the Dominion the weather has been fine.

Ottawa Valley—Light winds, fine and a little warmer. Saturday, moderate southeast winds, fair and moderately warm.

Finch. Maritime—Moderate northwest to northeast winds; fine and moderately warm today and on Saturday.

New England—Fair tonight and Saturday, not much change in temperature; light, northeast winds.

PHETZ and PHRENDARD

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