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ALLIES GAIN SUCCESS IN BALKAN OFFENSIVE

I THINK IN THE DIM DISTANCE WE CAN SEE THE END. — Lloyd George.

The British Advance Between Martinpuich and Bazentin

ANGLO-FRENCH FORCES TAKE LINE OF HEIGHTS ON VARDAR

Advance Detachments on Both Wings, However, Fell Back Before Bulgar Attacks—Serbs Recapture Important Position—Russian Brigade With Serbians.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—News of heavy fighting on the Saloniki front, with successes for the Anglo-French forces west of the Vardar River, comes tonight as a sequel to definite announcements that a Russian brigade has reached that theatre of war, and that Italian troops are being steadily disembarked at Saloniki. Unofficial despatches declare that Greek troops are engaged with the Bulgars, and in view of persistent reports from Athens during the last few days indicating grave apprehension over the Bulgar advance into Greek territory, the news is given some credence.

Heights Firmly Held.
The allied forces have captured a series of heights west of the Vardar River, on the Saloniki front, according to the official report issued by the French war office tonight. On both wings advance detachments have fallen back before the counter-offensive of the Bulgarians.

The text follows:
The battle continued on Aug. 21 on the whole front of the allied armies on the Saloniki line. In the centre the British-French forces have steadily bombarded Bulgarian positions on the sides of Lake Doiran, while our infantry established itself on the southern spur of the Beles Mountains. "West of the Vardar our troops have occupied a line of heights near Ljumnica and have maintained their positions at all points despite a violent counter-attack by the enemy.

British Guns Check Moves Of Enemy on Struma Front

Enemy Working Parties Seeking to Entrench Were Dispersed by Effective Fire—British Cavalry Co-Operate Effectively With French.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—British artillery has checked the advance of skirmishers of the central powers in a sector of the Struma front, 35 miles northeast of Saloniki, says an official statement on the operations in the Balkans, given out this evening. Working parties entrenching opposite Kamarjan and Cavdarash, on the same front, were dispersed by the British artillery, the statement says. The statement adds:
"On the Doiran front the situation is unchanged. On the Struma front we destroyed the railway bridge at Angista station on Sunday. "Our mounted troops, working in conjunction with the French, successfully located the enemy on a front extending from Sere to Savjak (north of the Struma). Yesterday morning advance enemy skirmishers toward Kopriva bridge were stopped by our artillery, which also dispersed enemy working parties entrenching opposite Kamarjan and Cavdarash."

ARTILLERY DUEL ON FRENCH FRONT

Guns Thundering on Both Flanks of Somme and Around Fleury.

A SURPRISE ATTACK

French Made Successful Raid North of Maurepas, Taking Prisoners.

PARIS, via London, Aug. 22, 10.28 p.m.—The situation on the French front is unchanged, according to the official statement issued by the war office tonight. The text of the statement follows:
"An artillery duel is in progress on both flanks of the Somme and at Fleury in the Verdun sector. A successful surprise attack by us north of the Somme resulted in the capture of some prisoners. We repulsed bombing attacks on one of our works in the Vaux-Chapelle Wood."
The afternoon French official statement reported gains made against the enemy on the Somme front north of the river in the outskirts of Clerly, while south of the river the French captured trenches near Estrees and Soyecourt.

CHURCHILL URGES CONTROL OF FOOD

Supervision of Distribution at Home and Overseas Called for.

LOOKS FOR LONG WAR

Extending of Full Financial Aid to Russia, Declared Vital.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—On the presentation of the motion today for the adjournment of the house of commons for the summer vacation, Col. Winston Spencer Churchill, formerly first lord of the admiralty, initiated a debate on the conduct of the war. He said there was no certainty of a speedy ending of the conflict. German armies were more numerous and better equipped than ever, but what reserves they had was another matter.
Col. Churchill urged that the country should be organized for a long war and that food supplies and prices should be put on a war basis. He also advised the chartering of all shipping at admiralty rates, thus putting an end to the rise in freights, which he characterized as a national scandal. Instead of restricting consumption by the agency of increased prices the government should take control of the distribution of food supplies at home and overseas.
The long eastern front, Col. Churchill argued, was the most vulnerable, and the inexhaustible armies which Russia was able to bring into operation should be utilized fully. On that account he urged the chancellor of the exchequer not to permit financial considerations to stand in the way of providing Russia to her utmost needs with munitions and equipment upon which, he said, everything now depended.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

THE entente allies' long expected drive in the Balkans is at last definitely begun and the main interest has shifted, temporarily at least, to that theatre of war. While despatches thus far chronicle active operations of the Anglo-French-Serbian forces only, the censor has lifted the curtain on the Saloniki front sufficiently to indicate that before long Russian and Italian troops will be fighting shoulder to shoulder with their allies to drive the Teuton-Bulgar combination completely out of Greek territory and to accomplish ultimately the enemy's expulsion from Serbia and Montenegro. Italian troops are landing steadily at Saloniki, while the announcement of the arrival of a Russian brigade is one of the dramatic surprises of the war. The route by which the Slavs came is of course a carefully guarded secret, but a reasonable theory is that they reached Saloniki by way of Gibraltar and the Mediterranean.

An initial success has been scored by the Anglo-French forces in the occupation of a series of heights west of the Vardar River. Apparently the sudden move took the enemy by surprise, but the Bulgars promptly counter-attacked and were driven off. The Serbians, whose strength is variously estimated at from 80,000 to 100,000 men; are fighting with their accustomed tenacity against superior forces and have retaken, after a violent two days' battle, a strategically important position in the vicinity of Lake Ostrovo. On the Struma the allies are undisputed masters, all the passages of the river being firmly held. Despite Berlin's claims that the Germans and Bulgarians are making a sweeping advance on the whole Mace-

RETURNED SOLDIERS FORM ASSOCIATION

Men of Oxford Organize at Woodstock and Elect Officers.

Special to The Toronto World.
WOODSTOCK, Ont., Aug. 22.—Oxford returned soldiers organized tonight with the following officers: President, Pte. Harry Munn; vice-president, A. Seagrave; treasurer, Sergt. John Ransom; secretary Pte. A. Hekking.
The reason for naming the new association "Oxford Returned Soldiers' Association" was to enable all Oxford soldiers to join the boys. The association will at once get in communication with the Western Ontario Returned Soldiers' Association, and it is expected that good results will be obtained in the way of seeing that returned soldiers are well looked after.

ENEMY PROMISES TO RESPECT GREEK TOWNS

Pledge That Troops Will Not Enter Kavala, Drama and Sere.

ATHENS, Aug. 22, via London.—The German and Bulgarian governments have given a written undertaking to Greece that their troops will not enter Kavala, Drama and Sere.

The towns of Kavala, Drama and Sere are the most important in that portion of eastern Macedonia ceded to Greece at the close of the Balkan wars. Kavala is a seaport on the Aegean coast; Drama is about 20 miles inland, while Sere is near the Struma River, and in the region where fighting between the forces of the entente allies and the central powers is now taking place.

ALLIES DESTROYED THIRTY-FIVE ZEPPELS

Maj. Baird, of Aerial Board, So States in Reply to Critics.

AIR DEFENCES GOOD

British Flying Corps Has a Record Unsurpassed, He Declares.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—Major Baird, representative of the aerial board in the house of commons, replying in the house last night to criticism of the air defences during the recent zeppelin raids, announced that since the war began the entente allies had accounted for 35 zeppelins.
"There have been 34 raids on England," said Major Baird, "in ten of which no casualties were suffered, while in the remainder the number of killed was 324 civilians and 50 military. Nobody can say that these casualties, deplorable as they are, will have any influence on the conduct of the war, provided the honorable members of the house do not give utterance to such ill-chosen statements as have been made in the house of commons tonight."
"Members of the house of commons ought to be leaders of the people. They should encourage the people—not create a panic. Lord French has a very complete system of air defence, and it is being improved daily, while the British flying corps has a record superior to any other nation."

GERMANY WATCHES ROUMANIA CLOSELY

Von Hindenburg Using Influence, But Berlin is Apprehensive.

FATEFUL CONFERENCE

King Grants German and Austrian Ministers Prolonged Audience.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—The King of Rumania received the German and Austrian ministers to Bucharest in private audience on Monday, according to a Cologne despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. by way of Amsterdam. The ministers were received first separately and afterwards jointly. It was the longest audience ever granted by the Rumanian king to the Teutonic representatives.
An Amsterdam despatch says: "Rumania is preparing for war, according to Dr. Lederer, Bucharest correspondent of The Berliner Tageblatt. A despatch from Dr. Lederer, dated Sunday, says:
"There is ground for some uneasiness as to the attitude of Rumania. The outward life of the city is greatly changed. Gay Bucharest has become a grave city and all like signs in public life indicate that every body is preparing for eventualities and that the country is getting ready for war."
"It still believe that Rumania is playing a game with Russia."
In political negotiations at Bucharest Von Hindenburg is now playing the foremost role.

The appointment of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg to the supreme command on the eastern front was interpreted in allied circles as having a political as well as a military significance. It was said that Germany believed the prestige of Von Hindenburg's name would favorably impress Rumania.

BRITISH DEALT NEW BLOW AT GERMAN LINES

Fresh Advance Has Been Made Between Martinpuich and Bazentin.

TRENCHES ARE TAKEN

Hundred Yard Section of German Lines Captured by Haig's Troops.

LONDON, Aug. 22, 11.17 p.m.—The British have made a further advance between Martinpuich and Bazentin, where they captured 100 yards of German trenches, according to the official statement issued by the war office tonight.

An important gain around the formidable salient of Thiépval is announced in the afternoon British official statement. The British have advanced their lines to within 1000 yards of Thiépval, while at the eastern end of the salient they have reached the road junction near Moquet Farm, northeast of Leizpval redoubt. Further east detachments have moved forward along the Pozieres-Mitramont road, which brings them closer to Courcellette.

Took Line of Trenches.
The text of the night statement follows:
"Between Martinpuich and Bazentin we gained a further one hundred yards of enemy trenches. South of Guillemont we carried out a successful enterprise in the enemy's lines and captured one of his machine guns. Hostile artillery was quieter today along our front."

"As a result of yesterday's operations south of Thiépval and near Moquet Farm we took 164 prisoners. Further north on the British front there is nothing to report except considerable hostile artillery activity opposite Aisne-Noyette and south of the Ypres-Comines Canal."

Approach Thiépval.
The afternoon statement said:
"In the vicinity of the enemy's positions we are still maintaining an obstinate resistance in spite of very heavy losses from our artillery bombardments. "In the vicinity of Thiépval we have advanced on a front of a half mile and are established at a road junction just outside of Moquet Farm and have pushed forward along the right of the Pozieres-Mitramont road."
"In the Thiépval salient (in the vicinity of Thiépval) we extended our lines and advanced our positions to within 1000 yards of Thiépval. Over 100 prisoners were taken."

"Today's Berlin statement admits that the German salient projecting into the British line between Thiépval and Pozieres was surrendered under repeated attacks."

BOSTON AND MAINE IS IN FINANCIAL STRAITS

Receivership Asked for Road Operating in New England and Canada.

BOSTON, Aug. 22.—Receivership for the Boston and Maine Railroad, which operates in the four northern New England states and Canada, was asked for in a bill in equity filed in the United States District Court here today. This action, in which the Interstate Rubber Co. of New Jersey, which holds a note of the road for \$51,000, appears as the petitioner, was taken with the consent of the directors of the Boston and Maine, it is understood.
The Boston and Maine's financial troubles have reached a climax at a time when the road is enjoying the greatest prosperity in its history. Earnings were never so great, yet the company, according to its officials, is without credit sufficient to discharge its floating indebtedness.
The Boston and Maine operates 2300 miles of railroad, and 4300 miles of track in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York and Canada.

KILLED BY STREET CAR

LONDON, Ont., Aug. 22.—Casson Hubbert, a young man of London, was struck by a Normal street car tonight and was so badly injured that he died a few hours later.

CHILD'S FALL FATAL

STRATHROY, Ont., Aug. 22.—The fifteen-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. George Brooks of Adelaide Village fell from a high chair this morning, striking his head against a table, breaking the neck. The child died almost instantly.

A Great New Departure Needed

Politically and otherwise, the recent by-elections in the Province of Ontario have wakened up the people and the nation.

A political tangle of a rather formidable character has been disclosed; but now that the situation is uncovered it is up to some one to find a way out.

An opportunity is therefore at hand whereby the people under intelligent leadership should insist on a complete reorganization of the political situation in Ontario, with a fixed determination to improve the welfare of the province generally, to conserve its resources, to prevent further alienation of them by private interests.

It would be better now instead of abusing one another to try and get together on a united policy behind Sir Adam Beck in the matter of public power, hydro radials, settlement of New Ontario, new industries, new towns, new ideas all around.

Ontario has been held back for years by an uncalled for struggle between private interests and public ownership rights; it strikes The World that an opportunity now exists for all parties to get together, to adjust difference and to consolidate under a great big program of public development on public lines.

Even Sir Adam will have to sit in with it, and we believe he will; but so must the other fellows, too, and they must be prepared to compromise their claims. But now is the time for all to get together and for a reorganization of the government, of the legislature, and a concentration of energy on the public welfare of a bigger and greater Ontario.

What do you think about it?

RUSSIAN LOSSES ARE VERY HEAVY

Severe Fighting is Now Going on Along Two Fronts.

GREATEST SACRIFICES

Enemy Claims That All Attacks by Russians Are Repulsed.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—It is remarked that, while both the Russian official communications of today report the situation on the western front as unchanged, the German and Austrian statements show that heavy fighting is on along the fronts of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and Archduke Charles Francis. The Austrian communication says the Russians renewed their attacks against General Count Von Boehm-Ermolli, but that, except for a small portion of a trench, which is still being fought for, all positions remain in the hands of the Austrians, despite the greatest sacrifices by the Russians. The Austrians also claim to have repulsed strong Russian attacks on the western bank of the Stroh river. The Russians suffering severe losses in the fighting.

CABINET MAKERS BUSY WITH OTTAWA CHANGES

Rumor That Sir Robert Borden Will Go to London and Perley Succeed.

Special to The Toronto World.
OTTAWA, Aug. 22.—The cabinet-makers are all busy at work again over the political situation here. Stories are floating about that Sir Robert Borden wants to go to England as Canadian commissioner and that he is willing to resign in favor of Sir George Perley, who is to be in Toronto to open the Exhibition there next week. Sir Robert Borden's secretary has already been slated for the comptroller of the Northwest Mounted Police, a very good office that has gone before this to the secretary of the head of the government. Mr. Bennett of Calgary is also here or hereabouts, and is ready to go into the government as soon as he is called; and many other changes are also more or less discussed.

NOTED BRITISH ACTOR IS KILLED IN FRANCE

Basil Hallam, Stage Favorite, Well Known in New York.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—Basil Hallam, formerly well-known on the British vaudeville stage, has been killed at the front in France. Hallam commanded the kite section of the British Flying Corps.
Hallam appeared in New York in support of Miss Billie Burke in "Mrs. Dot." He also played the leading role in Casson Hamilton's, "The Blindness of Virtue."

ROYAL BANK DIRECTORS.

MONTREAL, Aug. 22.—The Royal Bank of Canada, following a meeting of the board of directors today, announced the election of two new directors, Mortimer B. Davis, president of the Imperial Tobacco Co., and G. H. Duggan, vice-president of the Dominion Bridge Co. They succeeded the late T. J. Drummond of Montreal, and the late Wiley Smith of Halifax.