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GERMANS SUDDENLY ASSUME OFFENSIVE

Have Wrested Souchez From the French by Launching Terrific Counter Attack In Which

POISON GAS PLAYED IMPOATANT PART

Germans Claim Have Driven British From Hill Sixty--Situation in Poland and Galicia Very Critical

British Public Have Grown Weary Following Complexities

Russian Retirement Have Turned Attention To Western Front

A BIG QUESTION

As to Which Side Will Assume Big Offensive Now Faces Public

London, July 13.—From what appears to be a lull on the Western front there has sprung suddenly some of the most severe fighting for months, with the Germans as aggressors.

Souchez cemetery, seven miles north of Arras and hardly half that distance south-west of Lens, has been wrested from the French after a German gas attack, followed by hand to hand fighting with bomb and bayonet.

The French admit this loss and are fighting to regain the ground which they had won with such heavy cost. Slowly the French had been tightening their grip on the village of Souchez, until the Germans aware that the capture of the entire position would be an important step in the French offensive towards Lens and Lille, launched a terrific counter stroke, which left them master of the

shattered burial ground and with more than 150 prisoners in their hands.

Fighting among the houses which fringe the Western edge of the town still rages. There also has been a renewal of activity in other areas of France and Belgium, but nothing comparable with the strategic importance of the Souchez struggle.

The Germans lay claim to the destruction of the British position on Hill 60, near Ypres, but this finds no confirmation from either French or British sources.

The situation in Poland and Galicia has reached a crisis, but the public, rather weary of following the complexities of the Russian retirement, so long as Warsaw appears to be in no immediate danger, is turning to the West, and hazarding guesses as to whether the British, French or Germans will be the first to take a general offensive. With the arrival of mid-summer, this is a big question, for it is felt that one side or the other must strike before long, otherwise another winter of tedious trench warfare is inevitable.

The destruction of the German cruiser Konigsberg in the jungle-lined river of East Africa, was learned with surprise. The fact she had taken refuge there had been forgotten by the general public.

The Italian attacks against Austria seem to be gaining in intensity, but the Vienna official statement admits no loss of ground.

Advises That Cotton be Placed On Contraband List

London, July 12.—Sir Henry Daniel Dalziel, Liberal, and Mr. D. L. Pennyfather, came to the fore by insisting in the Commons today that the British Government should make clear why it had not declared cotton contraband. Failure to do so, it was pointed out, was prolonging the war. Cotton was vital in the manufacture of explosives and was continually reaching Germany through neutral countries.

Lord Robert Cecil, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply, said that the Government must consider the interests of neutrals, and that the present plans to keep cotton out of Germany were considered to be effective, but that if it were shown conclusively that cotton was still going into Germany, he added, the Government would take any steps necessary to check it.

Grey Returns To Foreign Office

London, July 12.—Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, who relinquished duties May 31st last to rest his eyes, which had been strained by excessive use, returned to the Foreign Office this afternoon, still wearing glasses, but with eyesight much improved. He did not, however, resume his official duties to-day.

"Folded His Tent Silently Stole Away"

Paris, July 12.—The Liberte says that the Idea Nazionale, of Rome, has received the following note, v'ed by the censor of news, from Athens:— "Sofia advises us that the Sultan has been dead several days, and that the Young Turks are hiding the news fearing political complications.

Norwegian Ships Contraband Carriers

London, July 12.—On behalf of the Crown, the Attorney-General, Sir Edward Carson, today asked the Prize Court to condemn the Norwegian steamers Kim and Bjorn and the Swedish steamer Fridland, which were detained for some time by the British authorities.

The Attorney-General asserted that these vessels have been carrying absolute contraband from America intended for German consumption.

In opening the case, Sir Edward Carson said that thirty-eight other vessels, with similar cargoes, have been captured at Copenhagen, which he declared had been virtually turned into a depot for feeding German troops.

Mackenzen's Army In Tight Corner

London, July 12.—Frederick Rennet telegraphs the Daily News from Petrograd:— "As the front extends over a thousand miles, it is impossible at present to speculate as to the direction which Field Marshal von Mackenzen will seek for his new move.

Defeat and pursuit of the Austrians have so far reduced the scope of the German offensive as to make it impossible for their morale to withstand further shocks.

Von Mackenzen's position is most critical.

Serbian Minister Received by Pope

Paris, July 13.—A despatch from Rome says that the Pope has received in audience M. Gavrilovitch, Serbian Minister, who was entrusted with a special mission.

The nature of this mission has not been divulged.

OFFICIAL BRITISH

London, July 12.—The French Government reports unsuccessful enemy attacks at various points.

On the 10th the British Army repulsed German attacks, which had at first secured footing in some first line elements.

North of Arras the enemy were dislodged by the French from the remaining trenches on the line captured the eighth July. Later by an attack last night the Germans recaptured the Souchez cemetery, and some immediately adjoining trenches.

The Russian Government report that the enemy retreated hastily after the Russian counter-attack near the village of Bystrzyca on the Lublin front.

Satisfactory Italian progress continues.

ONAR LAW.

FRENCH.

Paris, via St. Pierre, July 12.—It was a very active night on several points on the front. In Arras sector the enemy, after having thrown a big number of asphyxiating shells, tried, about midnight, an attack south of Souchez, which failed. A second German attack about 2 a.m. gave them possession of the cemetery and several adjoining trenches.

A very sharp struggle took place by means of grenades in trenches south-east of Neuville St. Vaast, without any respective gain.

On the plateau north of the Oise a violent bombardment on both sides occurred.

In the Argonne there were mining operations.

In the Woivre the enemy fiercely bombarded Presnes with shells of all sizes, and attempted several attacks, one near Vaulx en Woivre, others in Apremont forest, at Vaulx ferry and Tete de Vache, but these attacks were repulsed.

In the Vosges the Germans exploded a mine near our positions, south-west of Albertswiller, and then launched an attack, several companies strong, but they were thrown back, losing severely. We also secured some prisoners.

South Africans Are Longing For European Fields

London, July 12.—General Botha Premier of the Union of South Africa, replied as follows to Lord Kitchener's cabled congratulations on the conquest of German South-west Africa:— "I most cordially thank you for your kind congratulations which are highly appreciated by all, and hope that soon many of my men here will take their share in the greater task in Europe."

Chinese Rivers Overflow Banks Many Lives Lost

Washington, July 12.—The loss of many lives, as a result of unprecedented floods in the Provinces of Wang Tung, Wang Si, China, was announced to-day in a despatch to the State Department from Consul General Cheshire, at Canton.

Submarine Crew Get Decoration From the Czar

London, July 12.—It was announced here today that Emperor Nicholas of Russia had conferred the Cross of St. George upon all officers and crew of the British submarine which recently sank a German battleship in the Baltic.

Von MacKenzen Gets Reinforcements

London, July 13.—A Petrograd despatch to the Times says: "All rumors that General von Boem Ermollis' army has relieved von MacKenzen and that the latter is now transferring his forces to Warsaw or the Western front is totally discredited. On the contrary it is credibly reported that von MacKenzen is being strongly reinforced and will soon resume operations.

Some men have too much pride to get down to honest labor.

OFFICIAL TEXT GERMAN REPLY IN WILSON'S HANDS

The President Begins At Once its Consideration

SITUATION NOT CRITICAL

United States Dignity Will Be Firmly Upheld

Cornish, N.H., July 13.—President Wilson today received from the State Department the official text of the latest German Note on submarine warfare and immediately began the consideration of his reply. He instructed Secretary Lansing to prepare a memorandum of the diplomatic problems involved and will not send a rejoinder until he has conferred with the Secretary of State.

It became known after the President read the Note that he does not look upon the situation as critical, but at the same time he is not inclined to underestimate the possibilities. In the problem presented to him he is determined firmly to uphold the dignity of the States.

The Russian Bolt Is Not Yet Shot

German Gives Reasons For Rumanian Neutrality

Berlin, via London, July 6.—Rudolf Rothheit, editor of the Vosische Zeitung, who is touring the Balkans, telegraphs from Bucharest, Rumania, that although the Rumanian war party admits that their calculations regarding the defeat of the central powers by the entente allies have been inaccurate the Rumanians are not yet convinced that the Russian bolt is shot and still expect Russia's reserve men finally to turn the scale.

Herr Rothheit says that the Rumanian government is endeavoring to avoid committing itself on either side and to keep the doors open for a later arrangement with the most opportune party. He adds that it is highly improbable that the Rumanian general staff will permit, in the meantime, the army to march against Transylvania.

Warsaw Safe Say Writers

London Paper Correspondents Sure That the Capital Can Hold Off Attack

London, July 6.—The Petrograd correspondents of the London morning papers are optimistic regarding the situation on the fighting front. The correspondent of the Times says: "No apprehension is entertained as to the fate of Warsaw in the struggle for the city.

"Even if the Germans should reach Ivangorod, this would not necessarily involve the surrender of Warsaw.

"The Russian waiting game of the Novoe Vremya correctly explained the withdrawal as a maneuver deliberately undertaken with the object of accepting battle under the best conditions for the Russians. He adds that on the Vistula front the ground which offers the Russians the greatest advantage is that with Brest-Litovsk as a base, Ivangorod on the right flank and a strong army occupying the flank and rear positions in relation to the right flank of General von Boehm Ermollis' army."

Chief Justice Horwood left for Pushtrough by the S.S. Portia this morning on a short holiday.

A telegram has now been received stating that the ship is a total wreck. In this last engagement our casualties were only two men wounded on the Mersey.

ITALIANS MAKE SLOW PROGRESS

Geneva, July 13.—Italians are advancing very slowly, lately the task of breaking through the natural Alpine fortresses is more difficult, as the Austrians now have been fully reinforced.

SUBMARINE SINK GRIMSBY TRAWLERS

London, July 13.—The Grimsby trawlers Hainton and Syrian have been sunk by German submarines in the North Sea. Crew saved.

German Officers Have Left Turk's Army in Syria

London, July 13.—Despatches from Asia Minor received by the Exchange Telegraph Company's Athens correspondent states that all the German officers with the Turkish army in Syria have returned to Constantinople because of dissensions among the Turkish officers.

The Syrian railways is said to have suspended operations because of shortage of coal.

Russians Fortify Rumanian Frontier

Berlin, July 13.—A despatch to the Tageblatt from Czernowitz, Bukovina, says the Russians are fortifying their Rumanian border. Many thousands of men are at work digging trenches parallel with the border and building barbed wire entanglements. The operations are being rushed with all speed.

The Russian Government of Bessarabia borders Roumania, and on the east Austria-Hungary, and is reported to have pledged Roumania to undertake the conquest of Bessarabia and transfer it to the Balkan State in exchange for Roumania's active support in the war.

Germans Complete Giant Aeroplanes

London, July 13.—German army air craft Department have just completed giant aeroplane of new type, according to the Daily Mail Basel correspondent. The new machine will carry twenty men. They are of Triplane type and mount four machine guns. They have eight motors and four propellers.

To Speed Up Arms And Ammunition

Paris, July 13.—A despatch from Rome says the King has signed a decree establishing a Supreme Committee, which will give special attention to increasing the supply of arms and other war munitions.

Mexican Govt. Gets Recognition

Washington, July 13.—Britain intends to follow the lead of the United States in the matter of recognizing a Government in Mexico. This was explained to Miguel Diaz Lora, Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Villa faction, in conference yesterday with Sir Cecil Spring Rice, British Ambassador.

Allies Gain Further Successes on Gallipoli

Paris, July 13.—The Athens correspondent of L'Information informs that paper he has received from Mytilene, news to the effect that after another serious battle on the Gallipoli Peninsula the Allies' right wing has advanced two hundred yards, and that the bombardment of the interior Dardanelles forts continues.

David Hopkins of Old Pelican is on the S.S. Prospero, due this evening and will be taken to the General Hospital for treatment.

Bomb Throwers Bulgarian Capital Get Death Sentence

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs Been Arrested AS ACCOMPLICE

The Arrest Creates Profound Impression in Sofia

Rome, July 13.—A man named Pop and three accomplices have been condemned to death at Sofia for complicity in an attempt to destroy the Municipal Casino at Sofia, according to a despatch received from Bucharest.

M. Chenadieff, former Bulgarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, says the message, has also been arrested, charged with being an accessory. The arrest of the former Minister, which was made at the request of the Government, is said to have produced a profound impression at Sofia.

Several persons were killed and ten wounded, including the daughter of General Fitchiff, the Bulgarian Minister of War, when the bomb was thrown on the Casino, in Sofia, February 14th. It is probably for this crime that Pop and his accomplices were condemned, and Chenadieff arrested.

Pictureque Side of War

Udine, Italy, July 8.—(via Paris).—Details have now been received of the taking by Italians of the Zellenkofel Peak, west of Monte Croce Pass, on June 26.

This mountain is over 7,000 feet high and is usually ascended from the Austrian side, as the Italian slopes have been considered impassable. The Austrians had a fixed observation point with forty men well entrenched just below the top of the mountain, when they signalled with the heliograph to their artillery below. The Italians, finding it impossible to take the front line, which is extremely steep and was exposed the whole way to the enemy's fire, decided to try the route which had been considered impossible.

Climbed the Mountain.

Thirty volunteers from the Alpine troops, headed by two lieutenants, climbed the almost perpendicular face of the mountain, tied together by ropes. Notwithstanding the difficulties of the ascent they carried a machine gun in pieces which were strapped on their shoulders.

Slowly and with immense precautions they reached the top overlooking the Austrian encampment. They waited until night and then opened fire with the machine gun, after which they charged with bayonets before the Austrians had time to recover from their surprise. Only one Austrian, the officer in command, escaped. He managed to rush down the mountainside.

When the sun rose the Italians used the heliograph, which had caused so much damage, to summon the Alpine soldiers below. The latter joined their comrades in numbers and made the position secure.

Tribute of Germans To Canadian

London, July 8.—That Canadians have earned the respect of the enemy is evidenced by some remarks in a recent issue of the Frankfurter Zeitung, one of the most prominent German newspapers. Writing upon the attempt made to break through the British lines at the end of April, the paper says: "Much more difficulty was experienced in the attack on the left wing where Thuringian troops advanced over Langemarck. The Canadians held an extremely strong position many lines deep. When the Canadians' situation became critical they brought all the reserves at their disposal for a mighty counter-attack and were really successful, bringing to a standstill the advance of the German troops on the line at the north edge of the wood four kilometres westward of St. Julien.

Canadians Again.

"Once more the German artillery brought the British positions under heavy fire but still the Canadians did not give way. They carried out the same night a very energetic counter-attack."

It is noteworthy though that this journal does not mention how the Canadians recovered their guns.

Supreme Court Before Mr. Justice Emerson

In the matter of the estate of Maurice Crotty, deceased. This is an application by way of originating summons by Thomas Crotty claiming administration and distribution of the estate. It was ordered that the administrator to file his accounts that they be referred to Mr. Conroy K.C. for enquiry and report Mr. Gibbs K.C., for Thomas Crotty. Allan Offrey and others vs H. D. Reid Co.

In this case application was made by Mr. Howley K.C., that the judgment by default entered may be set aside and the Defendant may be at liberty to appear and defend the action and for a stay of further proceedings. After hearing argument of Counsel it was ordered that further hearing be postponed until Friday next and that the Defendant file an affidavit setting forth full details of their defence. Mr. Gibbs K.C., for Plaintiff, Mr. Howley K.C., for Defendant.

Canadian Troops Arrive in England

Montreal, July 12.—The Allan liner Grampian arrived at Plymouth yesterday, with the 48th battalion of Victoria, and an infantry detachment from Winnipeg.