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ENEMY AIRSHIPS BROUGHT DOWN WHEN RAIDING ENGLAND

CADORNA CAPTURES 13,000 PRISONERS AND THIRTY GUNS

Italians Gain New Successes Along Whole Battle Line Is Statement From Isonzo Offensive.

Rome, Aug. 22.—More than 13,000 Austro-Hungarian prisoners have been captured by the Italians in their offensive on the Isonzo front, the Italian war department announced today. The Italians also have taken 30 guns.

General Cadorna reports that the Italians have gained new successes along the whole battle line. North of Gorizia the operations are proceeding regularly. To the south the struggle is localizing, especially on the Carso front.

PRICE IS MADE FOR SOFT COAL IN ALL STATES

President Wilson Names the Figures At Which It Shall Sell.

TWO DOLLARS PER TON

Head of Williams Likely To Be Appointed the Fuel Administrator.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Bittuminous coal prices were fixed by President Wilson last night for every mine in the United States. The next step in coal control, a White House announcement said, will be to fix the prices to be charged by middlemen and retailers. Prices will be set on cost of production estimates furnished by the federal trade commission after months of exhaustive investigation. The country is divided into 25 districts, and every producer in a district will market his output at the same price.

The president named no agency to carry out the provisions of his order, but is expected to appoint some coal administrator, who will be given entire control of the coal industry. Rumor names President H. A. Garfield of Williams College as the man Mr. Garfield now heads a committee named by the president to fix a Government price for wheat, the work of which will end before September 1.

The prices named for run of mine coal in the large producing districts average slightly more than \$2. In a few districts they are below that figure, and in the western territory they are higher. Washington State is highest, with \$2.25.

RAILWAY STRIKE IS AVOIDED IN ENGLAND

London, Aug. 22.—The threatened railway strike in England, which involved 40,000 engineers and firemen, has been avoided, according to reports from the railway conference with the railway committee of the Government today. The matter was settled by the railway committee, while the eight-hour day difficulty will be settled at the conclusion of the war.

THREE CHILDREN PERISH IN BURNING OF HOME

Quebec, Aug. 22.—While the mother was away to a neighbors to get meat for the evening meal, the home of R. Mathieu, at Chaudiere on the I. C. R. in Lewis County shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the three children of Mrs. Mathieu perished in the flames. Mr. Mathieu is a fireman on the I. C. R. and was away in Montreal on duty when the triple tragedy occurred.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 77; lowest, 61.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours ending at 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 69; lowest, 55.

TOMORROW—UNSETTLED.

Toronto, Aug. 22—8 a.m. forecasts.

Moderate easterly winds, fair.

Thursday—Fresh east to south winds, unsettled, with occasional rains.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	68	52	Clear
Calgary	70	52	Cloudy
Winnipeg	68	52	Fair
Port Arthur	61	49	Fair
Port Stanley	61	49	Clear
Buffalo	70	50	Cloudy
Toronto	70	54	Cloudy
K Kingston	72	54	Fair
Ottawa	70	43	Clear
Montreal	72	43	Clear
Quebec	54	32	Clear
Father Point	60	40	Fair

A disturbance of very considerable energy is approaching Lake Superior from the west. The weather is fair and cool from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. A cool wave set in over Alberta yesterday, and is now spreading over Saskatchewan and Manitoba, accompanied by heavy showers.

BECK IS NOT MAN TO LEAD UNION GOVT. OTTAWA VIEW

Liberals Consider Him Too Tactless For Position.

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—The suggestion of Premier Norris of Winnipeg last night that Sir Adam Beck should head a national cabinet is not received with any degree of favor among the Liberals here. Everybody appreciates the sterling qualities of Sir Adam, but the impression is fairly general that he is not temperamentally fitted for leadership of a cabinet in which both parties are merged, a leadership which requires tact and diplomacy of the first water.

EXCURSION TRAIN IS DERAILED IN OHIO; ONE KILLED, 30 HURT

Locomotive Crumples Up When Airbrakes Are Set.

Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 22.—The second section of a Columbus Retail Grocers' Association excursion train, en route from Toledo to Ohio Central Railway, was wrecked at 10 o'clock this morning at Lima City, 10 miles south of Toledo. One railroad man is known to be dead, several passengers are lying in hospitals at Perrysburg and Maumee, and 20 to 30 more are injured more or less seriously.

The cause of the wreck is said to have been the sudden setting of the airbrakes. The heavy locomotive crumpled over, and several coaches were crumpled in the wreck.

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TORY JOURNAL SAYS "BOB" ROGERS SHOULD HAVE BEEN "FIRED" BY PREMIER BORDEN

Montreal Mail Accuses Ex-Minister of Base Ingratitude.

[Special To The Advertiser.]
Montreal, Aug. 22.—An attack on the Hon. Robert Rogers is made editorially by the Mail (Conservative) this morning. The Mail says Mr. Rogers' letters have "maneuvered the prime minister into an embarrassing position."

It also says that "strategically Mr. Rogers has scored against the minister of public works Mr. Rogers' elimination from the cabinet ought not to have been a matter of choice but of compulsion."

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The picture shows the graves of Canadians in France. It was sent to Mrs. Mills, 143 Queen's avenue, by her husband, Pte. W. Mills, who left London with the 142nd Battalion, and is now in France. He does not state the location of the cemetery.

NEARLY 7-THOUSAND BOSCHES AND MUCH IMPORTANT BOOTY, PETAIN'S PRIZE ALONG MEUSE

French Victory Over Crown Prince Grows Hourly in Importance—The Germans Penetrate Trenches, But Are Quickly Ejected.

Paris, Aug. 22.—The Germans made a violent counter-attack last night on the Verdun front, west of the Meuse. They penetrated the French lines at points in their attempts to recapture the ground taken from them in the French offensive but, the war office announced, were driven out.

The Germans last night violently bombarded our first lines at various points on the Aisne front. They made several strong attacks in the region of Menne Jean Farm, east of Braye-en-Laonnais, south of Bouville, between Allies and the Hurtubise monument and on the Calonne plateau. Everywhere our troops maintained their positions. Prisoners were taken.

A brilliant attack.
On the left bank of the Meuse (Verdun front), late yesterday we repulsed a violent German counter-attack between Hill 304 and Dead Man Hill. Our main enemy detachments which succeeded in gaining a footing in our front-line trenches were ejected by a brilliant attack, which gave us 60 prisoners. Our reconnaissance were pushed forward as far as the village of Forges.

On the right bank of the river, the enemy also made several attempts to drive us from the positions which we had captured, especially north of Normont Farm and at Hill 244. Our fire inflicted heavy losses on the Germans and broke up their assaulting waves, which were not able to approach our positions. The complete electrical Wood, the attack, accompanied by the use of flaming liquids, were not any more successful to the enemy and added to his losses. This does not include the prisoners captured yesterday, 114 are officers. This does not include the prisoners captured yesterday, 114 are officers.

The announcement follows: "Enemy airships, in numbers not definitely ascertained, appeared over the Yorkshire coast in Northern England, on the North Sea" last night. One of the raiders attacked the mouth of the Humber and was fired on by anti-aircraft guns. She dropped some bombs, then made off to sea.

The damage so far reported is slight. One man was injured.
An air raid warning was issued in London this morning. About an hour after the announcement "all clear" was made, indicating that the raiders had been driven off.

B. C. WIN-THE-WAR PARTY DEMANDS MOBILIZATION OF NATION'S RESOURCES

Vancouver, Aug. 22.—"Conscription of wealth, of man-power, and the immediate enforcement of that demand, as well as the extension of the life of parliament to avoid a bitterly fought election, the mobilization of the entire resources of the nation, the abolition of profiteering" comprised the resolution passed unanimously by a monster mass meeting of five thousand held in the Horseshoe Arena last night on behalf of the win-the-war movement. The gathering was the first organized by the new non-political party.

The new attack of the Italians forced back the Austrian line at some points, the war office announced, and the village of Seio, on the Carso Plateau, has been lost.

The statement follows:
The eleventh hour of the Isonzo is in full swing, the enemy not having succeeded in the ten preceding battles in breaking our victorious defensive strength. South of Anzusa and east of Canale (on the Isonzo, south of Tolino), the enemy succeeded in driving in our front slightly. After an attack at Vrh (southeast of Canale), some of our detachments held their positions until they were surrounded completely, after which they cut their way out. Between the Dersela and the Wipach an assault failed in the face of the heroic defence of our lines.

The Carso the enemy, at the cost of thousands of men, obtained a local success in the conquest of the village of Seio.

HAIG SMITES AT YPRES AGAIN CANUCKS HANG ON AT LENS, FIRM AGAINST FIERCE ATTACK

VANCOUVER WOMEN FORMING BATTALION

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 22.—Active steps have been taken for the enlistment of an unofficial women's battalion in Vancouver. The organization will be designed primarily as a national service unit for the purpose of fitting its members to take the place of men who will be freed to go into the fighting lines, but they will receive military drill.

CANADIANS GRIP LENS OUTSKIRTS AND REPORT FURTHER PROGRESS, REPULSING MANY ASSAULT WAVES

London, Aug. 22.—In the face of heavy German counter-attacks the British have maintained the newly-gained positions on the outskirts of Lens, the war office announced. Further progress has been made at some points. Following is the official communication:
"South and west of Lens, the new positions captured by us yesterday morning on the outskirts of the town have been maintained, and further progress has been made at certain points. Northwest and north of Lens today, and at the same time, strong counter-attacks were repulsed by our rifle and machine gun fire or broken up by our artillery, some additional ground has been secured in the night. There has been great artillery activity during the night on both sides east and northeast of Ypres."

CENTRAL POWERS LONDON GIRL IS ARE QUARRELING OVER POPE'S NOTE IN CLOSE RACE

Difference of Opinion Prevails Between Berlin, Vienna and Sofia.

Berlin, Switzerland, Aug. 22.—British Admiralty per Wireless Press.—In diplomatic circles the passage in the speech of Dr. George Michaelis, the German chancellor, in which he said: "Notwithstanding efforts to hasten a decision, it has not yet been possible for Germany to agree with her allies concerning a complete acceptance of the papal note," is interpreted as indicating a difference of opinion between Berlin and Vienna, and also between Vienna and Sofia.

Austria, according to reports, desires complete acceptance of the papal note, whereas Germany wishes only conditional acceptance. Bulgaria demands public assurances by her allies that she may annex the territories now occupied by her.

The text of the speech delivered by Chancellor Michaelis before the Reichstag main committee has not been received. Cabled summaries of the speech said the chancellor had informed the committee that Germany would not reply to the papal note until she had consulted her allies, but there was no intimation that difficulties had been encountered in reaching an agreement.

HINDENBURG DRIVING AT TIRUL MARSHES; RUSSIANS FALL BACK

Enemy Opens Offensive On Northern Section of Russ Front.
Petrograd, Aug. 22.—The Germans have begun an offensive on the northern part of the Russian lines, between the Tirul marshes and the River As. The war office announced: "The Russians have retired two or three versts northward behind the marshes, and the use of the word 'command' since the revolution."

DISTRICT NO. 1 WINS MAXWELL CAR



The contest department has spent a very busy two days checking and rechecking the returns for the special prize which was offered last week, and announces Miss Leah Lewis, District No. 1, as the winner, with Miss Beatrice McVittie, District No. 2, as a very close second. The following candidates are keenly contesting for the Grand Prize: Reading from left to right, they are: Miss Leah Lewis, District No. 1, winner of the Maxwell car; Miss Beatrice McVittie, District No. 2, close second; Hilton Hunter, District No. 7; Miss Gladys Foster, District No. 3; J. Soutar, District No. 6; Mrs. Chantier, District No. 2.

British Opened New Belgian Operation at Daybreak On Last Week's Battleground—Fighting Less Intense at Lens, With Canadians Holding All Gains.

British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 22.—By the Associated Press.—The British began another operation northeast of Ypres at dawn today, on the battle-scarred ground between Langemarck and Frezenberg. No details are yet available from this sector, which was the scene of some of the heaviest fighting last Thursday in the assault by the British.

Canadians Hanging On.
Meanwhile the conflict continued about Lens, though apparently greatly diminished in intensity, with the Canadians still holding the Germans off the positions which they had gained the southwestern part of the city yesterday, and at the same time, clinging tenaciously to the numerous new positions in the German line on the northwest section.

Hand-to-Hand.
Fierce hand-to-hand fighting continued late into the night, especially the northwest position, which lies between the Germans and Hill 70. The Germans continued a fierce counter-attack against the Canadians and the battle surged back and forth amid the ruined buildings and trenches.

This morning the advantage rested with the British, and according to the German news which had been tentatively the recovery of Hill 70, possession of which is necessary if the Germans are to continue their hold on Lens.

Large numbers of troops had been massed for this attack and these were used freely in the sanguinary struggle yesterday and last night.

Intense Air Activity.
Throughout the fighting has been straightforward and largely by hand, with bombs and bayonets, although the artillery of both sides continue their centralized fire. The air activity of both sides also has been intense.

The section over which the British tracked northeast of Ypres against the Germans presents great difficulties. It was in the southern part of this area that the Irish troops made such a heroic fight against overwhelming odds. Much of the ground is covered with deep, soft mud and every knoll is a German machine gun position. Many of these posts are strongly fortified with concrete and steel. Hill 70, which dominates the southern part of this battle field, is a veritable nest of machine guns and is strongly held by the Germans.

HUNDREDS KILLED IN SPAIN'S DISORDER

Paris, Aug. 22.—Official estimates of the victims of the disorders through Spain, according to Madrid show that 37 were dead at Barcelona, 12 at Madrid, 28 at Bilbao, 4 at Nerva and 1 at where. The number of wounded is more difficult to estimate, but it is believed there are 100 injured in Madrid and a larger number in Barcelona.

FURS FROM HUDSON B TO KEEP AIRMEN WARM DURING WINTER CAMPAIGN

St. John's Nfld., Aug. 22.—The furs for the equipment of airmen service in Europe and of the men in the trenches during the winter has been sent in the dispatch of a New Brunswick steamer to Hudson Bay. The steamer chosen for this purpose has been employed by the army during the last two years conveying munitions to Europe. It is now being used to transport furs, and is expected that it will bring back a large number of furs from Hudson Bay, and will collect furs gathered at various mission posts there and return them to this port.