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Last 24 Hours Have Seen Improvement In The Russian Situation

Germans Suffer Severe Losses in Advance—A Swing South at Libau Taken to Mean Attempt to Cut Communications of Warsaw Army

London, July 24—Frederick Rennet telegraphs to the Daily News from Petrograd:

"All three of the Austro-German advances toward Warsaw are suffering heavy losses in the south. Field Marshal Von Mackensen again has been compelled to change his front. He is now directing his main move near Travniki, twenty miles west of Cholm. Every stop costs him dear. He has found it necessary to excercise extreme caution and literally is feeling his way in the hope of finding a weak spot where he may be able to find the Russians unprepared.

"In the north, on the Narew, severe casualties have been inflicted on the Germans. In Central Poland, the Russian line from Blonie, about twelve to sixteen miles in front of Warsaw, to Ivangorod is very strong."

A message to the Daily Telegraph from Petrograd says:

"During the last twenty four hours the situation on the whole has improved somewhat. The chief blow is still directed against the Lublin Cholm Railway, and its approach to Travinikl the Austro-Germans have come very close to this line, almost exactly midway between the towns named. However, even if they should succeed in breaking through here, apparently they still have a tough job in the line Ivangorod-Brest-Litovsk before they can hope to compel the Russians to surrender Warsaw.

London, July 24—A Petrograd despatch to the Telegraph says "A private message from Riga reports that Germans have landed an entire army corps near Libau. The Germans seemed at first to be aiming at Riga, but a sudden swing toward the south on this flank, confirms the belief that their real object is to cut the communications of the Warsaw army, which are protected by cavalry and other light troops.

Petrograd, July 24—The furious three front battle for Warsaw, is growing more intense daily. On July 22, the Germans smashed the entanglements at Gnien Wosses, six miles south west of Islangorod, but are said to have been hurled back with heavy losses by a determined counter attack.

On July 21, the Germans in the centre of the Lublin Cholm lines, suffered cruelly in the assault on the Paski, Voislavitze and Grubechow position. They succeeded in occupying Russian trenches over a wide front and proceeded to advance northward of the Voislavitze but it is said the Russians encountered them that night in the dense forests, and drove them back with much loss, the Russians taking six guns and 500 prisoners.

ITALY IN THE WAR TWO MONTHS

Hundred Above Zero WhereSome Are Fighting; is Below Freezing in Another Part

Rome, July 24—Two months ago yesterday, Italy declared war upon Austria. People wearing mourning already may be seen in considerable numbers, especially in the larger towns, but no complaints are heard because of the deaths of loved ones, at the front.

Fighting still is fiercest against the redoubtable Austrian fortifications in the marshy land at the mouth of the Isonzo river, where the temperature registers more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit. The operations here, where the guns are served by artillery men stripped to the waist, are in marked contrast to those on the highest peaks of the Alps 10,000 feet above the sea, where the temperature at night is ten degrees below the freezing point and soldiers sleep wrapped in fur-lined bags, while scouts flit about on skiis.

An Italian cabinet yesterday was devoted to a discussion of the relations between Italy and Turkey.

WILSON AGAIN THE DEMOCRATIC CHOICE

Illinois Leader Says There Will Not Even be Any Opposition to Present President in Convention

Chicago, July 24—Roger C. Sullivan, Democratic leader of the state of Illinois made the flat footed statement that President Wilson will be unopposed for the Democratic National Convention meets in 1916.

Inasmuch as Mr. Sullivan is credited with having been a material factor in bringing about the nomination of Mr. Wilson at Baltimore his statement is regarded as significant as indicating Democratic sentiment, not alone in Illinois, but throughout the country.

"Wilson by acclamation as Democratic nominee for re-election is the terse way in which Roger Sullivan put it. He then went on to say; "There will be no opposition to President Wilson at the Democratic National Convention. His name will go before the convention unopposed. The Harrison people when they passed resolutions endorsing him knew this. But they have been out of line a long time and the evident intention of their last action in endorsing the president is to try to get in right at last."

FREDERICTON NEWS

Fredericton, N. B., July 23—Mrs. MacKey, wife of Harry C. MacKey, who was operated on in the Victoria Hospital on Wednesday for internal trouble, died this morning. She was a daughter of John Donahoe of this city and leaves her husband and three children. One sister, Mrs. McCarthy, lives in Sydney.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Mitchell are camping near Pokiok with a party of fifteen boys.

C. N. Crowe of Bridgewater, who has been at Lake George looking over the antimony prospects, is here today. He expects to start operations soon.

Strawberries sold here today at fourteen cents a box.

DAMAGE CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANS

Compensation For U. S. Citizens For Property Requisitioned in Belgium

Washington, July 24—Official instructions to Americans who desire to present against Germany claims growing out of its requisition of property in Belgium, Northern France and Poland have been sent out by the state department. Millions of dollers' worth of property are understood to be affected.

The United States has been officially advised of the German government's creation of the "Imperial Indemnity Commission" to consider claims for compensation for property requisitioned in enemy territory occupied by German military forces.

Numerous claims have already been presented and pressed for action by the department. They include a variety of articles of considerable value, but of a luxurious character, seized by the Germans in Belgium on the pretext of being needed for the army of occupation and then shipped back to Germany.

The department does not accept in principle the taking of property that does not come under the head of necessity.

Claims of Americans are being filed by Ambassador Gerard with the German Foreign Office for presentation to the commission.

COURT CASE FOLLOWS JULY 12 ADDRESS

Calgary Catholics Bring Charge Against Rev. Alex. Ester

Calgary, July 24—Rev. Alexander Ester, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church was served with a summons last night to appear in the police court for using language calculated to cause strife between loyal subjects of the king and particularly between the Catholic and Protestant communities.

The summons, taken out at the instance of Catholics, charges Rev. Mr. Ester with having, in a July 12 address accused Rome of being behind the war. A session of Grace church decided to back up their pastor to the limit, while Rev. Mr. Ester has announced his intention of referring to the matter in his Sunday evening sermon.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Stockford will take place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from her late residence, Thorne avenue. Rev. F. Ross will officiate at burial services, and interment will take place in Fernhill.

The funeral of Mrs. Jane Gunn will take place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from her late residence, 46 St. Patrick street. Burial services will be conducted by Rev. H. Johnson, and interment will take place in Fernhill.

The funeral of Francis Golden will take place this afternoon. Burial services will be conducted in the Cathedral by Rev. Hector Belliveau, and interment will take place in the new Catholic cemetery.

GERMANY GLOATS OVER HER "NAVAL VICTORY

Photograph of post card which is being sold by the millons now in Germany. It illustrates the torpedoing of the Lusitania, together with Admiral von Tirpitz the man who conceived the present German submarine policy, and the German naval flag. The inscription on the card reads: "Queenstown, May 7, 1915, the Canard steamer Lusitania has been torpedoed and sunk."

E. S. CARTER RETRACTS NOTHING

Says This Morning That He Has The Evidence Ready to be Produced Before Commissioner

E. S. Carter, liberal organizer, who was in the city this morning was asked by The Times if he had anything further to say regarding the denial of Attorney-General Baxter of the facts he had laid before Royal Commissioner Chandler.

"I would like to inquire", said Mr. Carter, "how it is that Hon Mr. Baxter, who is a prominent member of the government, can kn so much of these grave allegations that he is able to contradict them. There is a trite saying that he who excuses himself accuses himself. Mr. Baxter seems to me to be in that position. I did not make those statements to the royal commission without realizing the responsibility attached to them or without having the evidence to back them up.

"Hon Mr. Baxter when Commissioner Chandler opened his court in Fredericton, invited any and everyone who had even a shadow of suspicion against any department to come forward and his complaint would be investigated. Premier Clarke, in addition, made the invitation to include every man, woman and child.

"Now let those gentlemen live up to their words. If, as the Standard anticipates, Mr. Chandler may not think his commission broad enough to inquire into these collections from provincial liquor licensees. The government can broaden it by an order in council..

"If Hon. Mr. Baxter is not afraid of the truth let him see that this is done. I can tell him that I have the evidence ready.

"As for Mr. Haley's statement I fear he did not read it carefully before he signed it. Any statement that is prepared with such an object should have been very carefully scanned".

In a letter in the morning papers, T. H. Haley, president of the liquor men's association says that there is no truth in the charges. He says that the association retained counsel to represent their interests at that time and that every cent paid was for services rendered and was paid freely and voluntarily. He says the charges have been made for the purpose of placing the trade in an unfavorable light.

MEDAL WINNER

Horace Wetmore is the winner of the Governor General's silver medal for grade ten, high school. The results, out of a possible 800, are as follows: Horace Wetmore, 593; Celia Geldart, 567; Laurence Manning, 487.

GUN AND MEN GIVEN IN SEVEN MINUTES

Before Leaving Store Employes Subscribe For Gun and Provide the Crew

Saskatoon, July 24—Just as the staff of J. F. Cairns' store were leaving for their usual weekly half day off. Mr. Cairns had the members called together. "Boys," he said, "we want a machine gun and eight men and a sergeant to man it." In about seven minutes the fund was subscribed and enough men had volunteered their services to operate the gun. It is understood Mr. Cairns is putting up about seventy-five per cent of the cost of the gun.

FOR RED CROSS.

Mayor Frink has received a contribution of $42.10 from J. Hickson, secretary of the Red Cross committee of Avonmore, Kings county, the proceeds of a pie social

Picnic Steamer Overturns; Many Believed Drowned

Chicago, July 24.—The big steel steamship Eastland, crowded with picnickers, turned turtle in the Chicago river at 7.40 a.m. today.

It was reported to the police that more than 300 persons were drowned.

The boat had been chartered by the Western Electric Company for a picnic of its employes. First reports were that more than 500 persons were on the boat when it keeled over.

Many passengers were reported to have jumped to the wharf to which the boat was tied. Scores, however, were thrown into the river and scrambled to the bottom and sides of the boat, clinging there until rescued.

A later report says probably 75 have been drowned.

Valcartier and The Troops There; Many of Them St. John Soldiers

Times Man Spends Some Days in the Great Camp—Life of the Gallant Lads Who Are Preparing For the War — Some Personal Incidents and Tent-Life Stories

Six nights in a tent and three in a train were part of the experiences of a visit to Valcartier by a member of the Times staff. The third night in the train was due to the fact that the traveler who arrives at Moncton from Quebec on Sunday afternoon must wait until after two in the morning to get a train for St. John, and so loses another night.

Of the six nights in a tent, or rather in three tents, for three nights were spent with Lieut. Brown of the 6th, two with Lieuts. Otty and Ganong, and one with more than a dozen officers in the mess tent, it may be observed that the experience was as delightful as it was novel to the newspaper man, whose fears of taking cold while sleeping in a tent proved entirely groundless, and who found rising at 5.30 a. m. entirely to his liking in the healthful atmosphere of Valcartier.

Leonard Lyons and John Howarth, cooks for the officers' mess, will also testify that his appetite was not injuriously effected by the night air, or that of the day. There is something in the air of this great military encampment and in the spirit of the men who go joyously to their tasks, and are so manifestly care,free and happy in their work and in their leisure, that stirs the visitor out of his normal mood and gives him a genuine inspiration.

Leaving St. John in the evening, by the Intercolonial Railway, the traveler arrives in Levis a little after noon, crosses in the ferry to the Quebec side, and, either by a short walk or by street car, arrives quickly at the Canadian Northern station and takes the train for Valcartier. He merely skirts the edge of Quebec city, traverses a portion of the beautiful valley of the St. Charles river, goes through the town of Lorette, and after a comfortable journey of eighteen miles arrives at Valcartier Station.

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GERMAN UNREST GROWS; PEACE STRONGLY URGED

War Weariness Becoming Strikingly Evident, Especially Among Poorer Classes, Says Berlin Message

Stockholm, July 24—A private message to the Stockholm Tidningen from Berlin, which curiously enough passed the censor, states that war weariness in Germany is becoming strongly evident in wide circles of population, and especially amongst the poorer classes. Great excitement prevails and a proclamation of a state of siege is expected.

The Dagens Nilheiter comments on this, saying that even if it is exaggerated one thing is certain, that among the whole German population longing for peace is strongly felt.

WATER FROM A SPRING

Efforts to tracce an overflow of water in Erin street to the water mains has failed and it has been decided that the water comes from a spring. In the past it had been carried off by an old drain which is now choked up. A sewer is being installed to carry it off. The ten inch main in Brussels street was shut off on Thursday night and the fifteen inch last night, to make the tests.

TWENTY-FOUR MARRIAGES

Twenty-four marriages and eight births, six boys and two girls, have been reported to Registrar Jones during the week.

HOME TODAY.

The retreat for the priests of the diocese of St. John, which was held in St. Joseph's University this week will be concluded today. The priests are expected to arrive in the city this afternoon.

Through Dardanelles In Two Weeks?

Rome, July 24—Information from diplomatic sources received today that the Turks as well as the allied forces on the Gallipoli peninsula, expect that the Dardanelles will be forced within a fort night.

Because of this expectation, according to the information, the Turks are purposely wasting their ammunition in order to exhaust the supply rapidly, their object being to compel the Germans to permit the discontinuance of a resistance which the Turks regard as hopeless.

THE NOTE IS ULTIMATUM, SAY AMERICAN PAPERS

Call on Nation to Back up President in Firm Stand Against German's Barbarous Undersea Warfare--One Berlin Writer Says There Will be no Change

Washington, July 24—With the publication of the note warning Germany that any repetition of acts by her submarine commanders in violation of American rights would be regarded as "deliberately unfriendly" the United States government awaited further developments.

The note does not necessarily call for a reply. It leaves the way open, however, for an answer from Germany disavowing the sinking of the Lusitania and offering reparation, submitting assurances as to the future actions of her naval officers and even asking directly for mediation by the United States between the German and British governments on the general subject of warfare on the sea.

The use of the phrase "deliberately unfriendly' 'is viewed here as expressing the final word of the United States government regarding Germany's submarine warfare. The United States does not abate in any respect, but rather more strongly insists upon the demand, made in previous notes, that Germany acquiesce in its views that the rules of international law and humanity be obeyed in her naval warfare.

The United States government cannot believe, the note says that "the imperial government will longer refrain from disavowing the wanton acts of its naval commanders in sinking the Lusitania," and making reparation for the lives of Americans lost in that disaster. It announces that the government will continue to contend for the freedom of the seas "from whatever quarter violated without compromise and at any cost."

The note also invites the practical cooperation of the German government, in an effort to bring about the freedom of the seas, declares that the American government cannot discuss actions of Great Britain and that it regards as irrelevant, in the present negotiations, the conduct of other belligerents; points out that recent events have clearly indicated that it is "possible and practicable" to conduct "submarine operations" in substantial accord with the accepted practices of regulated warfare, and rejects Germany's proposal "that certain vessels be designated and agreed upon which shall be free on the seas now illegally prescribed."

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ALL ACCEPT PLACES ON THE COMMISSION

The assessment commission is now complete. Acceptances of the appointments had been received from Dr. W. C. Kierstead of the U. N. B., and George Maxwell of this city, and also from M. D. Sweeney as secretary. This morning formal acceptance was received from Dr. J. Roy Campbell, R. T. Hayes and W. E. Scully, thus completing the commission.

In addition to their formal acceptance addressed to the common clerk the latter three addressed a letter to Mayor Frink this morning as follows:—

J. H. Frink, Esq.,
Mayor,
St. John, N. B.

Your Worship,—In reference to your statement as reported in the public press that your nominees for the city assessment commission would either serve in a body or not at all, we desire to say that the nominees did agree to act together. The personnel of the new commission being entirely satisfactory to us and having taken an opportunity to consult with the original nominees we are, with their approval, accepting the appointment and will duly serve the council. Yours truly,

(Sgd.) W. E. SCULLY
R. T. HAYES.
J. R. CAMPBELL.

GERMANS HAVE AUTOMATIC SHELL-FEEDING SYSTEM

Rotterdam, July 24—The Germans have now developed an automatic shell-feeding system for eight and seventeen-inch guns. An endless chain on the principle of a moving staircase carries the shells to the guns through an underground passage from the ammunition depot some distance in the rear.

Once the range is found the gun is loaded and fired automatically, control being exercised by officers from an armored observation posts. Rapidity of fire and increased accuracy are claimed for the new device which also embraces a novel use of the periscope for aiming purposes.

HUNGARY'S RESERVES GONE NOW CALLING OUT MEN OF FROM 40 TO 50 YEARS

Berne, July 24—Men of the Hungarian Landstrum, aged 48 to 50, are being called up, besides ex-Landstrum men born in 1872 and earlier and any others who for any reason whatsoever have not yet served. They must all present themselves between August 28 and October 1.

PICNICS TODAY.

The Queen Square Methodist Church picnic is being held today at Grand Bay. The train which left the Union station this morning carried a large crowd to the picnic grounds. The Brookville Sunday School picnic is being held today at Rothesay.

$1,500 FOR MOTOR AMBULANCES

At a meeting of the committee of commercial travelers to whom was left the arrangements for the collection of funds for motor ambulances, it was reported that $1,500 has been subscribed already, and the prospects for the $5,000 wanted are excellent.

DEPREDATIONS ENDED

A racoon which has been killing chickens around Mount Pleasant was caught and killed this morning by a dog owned by W. J. Leatherby, who was asked to find the marauder.

TO LEAVE ON MONDAY

Dr. W. B. Wallace, grand master of the Orange Lodge of New Brunswick, will leave on Monday evening for Winnipeg to attend the grand Lodge, British North America.

STREET ROLLER IS OVERTURNED ON CHIPMAN HILL

On Chipman Hill this morning one of the city steam rollers, while coming down the steep grade, ran away and overturned. The hill is so steep that the brakes would not hold and the machine began to pick up speed as it continued on its course. Near the foot of the hill the engineer turned the roller in the head for a driveway, and as he did so it ran into the gutter and overturned. Fortunely nobody was hurt, and as far as is known the machine was not seriously damaged.

WILL BE GLAD TO GET GUNS FROM ST. JOHN

Owing to numerous inquiries received from citizens regarding the part the government is taking in supplying machine guns to the overseas forces and the desirability of gifts of this kind, Mayor Frink yesterday addressed a telegram to the acting minister of militia in Ottawa asking whether the guns were acceptable. This morning he received the following answer:—

"Government will gratefully accept gift of machine gun. Lewis machine gun only one available. Money should be forwarded to militia and defence department, who will arrange purchase of gun and credit donor with the gift."

(Sgd) J. A. LOUGHEED.

ONTARIO GUNS TO BE READY IN DECEMBER

Toronto, Ont., July 24—The militia department will have the 500 Savage-Lewis automatic machine guns donated by the Ontario government, by the middle of December.

FORM HOME GUARD AND GIVE MACHINE GUNS

Victoria Harbor, Ont., July 24—A home guard rifle association was organized here last night, with a membership of fifty. Money for a machine gun was also subscribed.

JAMES FRASER WOUNDED

Word was received this morning that James Fraser, who left St. John with the 12th, was wounded in the head by shrapnel on May 8. Mr. Fraser was a Scot who had been employed with the Christie Woodworking Company before enlisting and had served in South Africa. Hopes for his recovery are entertained.

IMPROVING

The condition of William Hanley continues to improve according to a report from the hospital.

Harold A. Lynam, who was seriously injured a few days ago by being struck with an automobile is improving and hopes are held for his recovery.

GOING TO WINNIPEG

Mrs. G. O. Akerley of Johnston, No. 19, L. O. B. A., and Miss Josephine Woodland of Roxbury Lodge, No. 32, L. O. B. A., as delegates to the Grand Lodge of British North America, will leave this evening for Winnipeg. The meetings will begin on July 28.

DOUGLAS AVENUE IN A WEEK

The water and sewerage extensions in Adelaide road will be nearly complete in another week and some of the men employed there will be transferred to Douglas avenue where they will commence laying the new sewer.