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## BRITISH ATTACK AGAIN AND PROGRESS

### Prisoners Taken By Haig's Men in Last Three Days Number 14,000—Fighting This Morning in Givenchy Sector

London, Aug. 24.—British attacks in the Albert sector were resumed this morning, according to an official statement issued by the war office today, which says that the British have made progress.

This morning fighting took place to our advantage north of the La Bassée Canal, in the Givenchy sector.

In the fighting during the last three days the British have captured 14,000 prisoners.

**MARKED SUCCESS OF GENERAL BYNG.**

London, Aug. 23.—General Byng's attacks of the last two days are regarded here as having been a great success, although the enemy tried tactics of withdrawal in order to avoid battle. But the Germans lost more than 3,000 prisoners, besides great numbers in killed or wounded and the total British casualties, according to the latest reports, have been well below the number of German prisoners taken.

**FRENCH REPORT.**

Paris, Aug. 24.—The French official statement says:

"In the region of Lassigny and between the Oise and the Aisne the night was marked by very vigorous artillery actions.

"French detachments penetrated enemy trenches in Lorraine at many points and captured prisoners. The night was calm on the rest of the front."

**REST FOR FRENCH; BRITISH CONTINUE OFFENSIVE DASH.**

Paris, Aug. 23.—The French troops on the southern part of the battle line apparently are taking a brief breathing space after days of continuous fighting under a boiling sun, leaving the British to go ahead with the offensive movement. This is in accordance with the Foch system of striking first on one sector and then on another.

The Germans on the part of the front along the Divette, between Lassigny and the Oise, appear to be putting up stout resistance. General Humbert will need time to make arrangements for overcoming the German artillery in this section.

The German guns thundered all day Friday, but failed to prevent Humbert's men from crossing the Divette in force at Evricourt.

Between the Oise and the Aisne, General Mangin has made more secure his hold on the left bank of the Alliette from its confluence with the Oise to Pont St. Marc west of Cousy-Le-Chateau. His right wing continues to work eastward, its object being to clear the region north of Soissons.

The troops here already have seized the heights of Bagnoux and farther north have reached the outskirts of Crecy-Au-Mont. This advance brings them within reach of the main highway from Soissons to Chauny and enables them to threaten with encirclement the strong German force occupying the high ground at Chavigny and Juvisy.

It is believed here that the Germans at Chavigny and Juvisy will be forced to retire eastward, abandoning all the ground west of the Soissons-Chauny high road. Italian Report.

Rome, Aug. 23.—The Italian official statement issued today says:

"In the Brenta Valley we have captured the village of Rivale. Other detachments have occupied Sasso Stefani, taking thirty-eight prisoners. North of Col Del Rosso two enemy thrusts were arrested by our troops.

"Enemy airplanes have bombed Treviso, wounding a child and damaging buildings slightly. An enemy machine fell into the sea south of Venice. Eight hostile airplanes have been brought down in aerial fighting.

"In Albania on the Lower Semini River to the heights of Mali Tomorica, our advance lines were attacked yesterday by the Austrians. The attack was repulsed."

A despatch to the London Daily Mail from The Hague says it is indicated that some German units under orders to proceed to Finland by way of the Kiel canal are being diverted to the western front.



Hope Deferred  
"When do we reach Paris, Marshal?"  
"After the war, Sir."—Le Journal, Paris.

## THE BUGLE BAND OF THE GALLANT 26TH.



From left to right, standing—Blanchard, Bathurst, A. Gallant, P. E. L.; A. Messa, Spain; Tug Wilson, Saskatchewan; Fowler, Sackville; E. J. Fournier, St. John; G. G. Barry, Toronto; Edgar Brown, St. John; Patrick Woods, Sussex; Gauthier, Quebec; "Shorty" Miller, St. John; G. Roche, P. E. L.; M. J. Twamley, Plaster Rock; R. H. Camp, Toronto.

From left to right, seated—Frank McCullough, St. John; F. Bryce, Toronto; S. S. Ramsay, St. John; Drum Major Cantle, Toronto; Robert Garrett, St. John; Martin, St. John; Fortin, Quebec, and A. Doucet, P. E. Island.

With its glorious record of achievement behind it, with stirring activity in the war at present and, no doubt, with more honors yet to be won in the conflict with the Hun, the good old 26th N. B. regiment is very dear to the heart of St. John. And so there should be a good deal of interest in the picture which The Times here presents, for it is the Bugle Band of the 26th.

The picture was taken not a great while ago back of the lines "over there" and a copy of it reached Mrs. P. J. McCullough of 237 Waterloo street, whose son Frank is one of those in the group as will be gathered by reading of the names. This young soldier—he was not yet eighteen years old when he joined the army, went across with the 149th three years ago. He is an expert drummer and won quite a name for himself here and at Valenciennes and at the front.

The fine looking kid in front of the picture is the son of a French farmer who suffered under the advance of the Germans. The gallantly decorated goat was found at famous Vimy Ridge and adopted.

Besides Soldier McCullough several other gallant St. John boys are to be seen in this interesting picture.

**Huns Getting Ready Far Back At The Meuse**

London, Aug. 24.—The Germans evidently expect to be pressed back to the Meuse, says the American correspondent of the Daily Express, as they are fortifying positions along that river in Belgium. They are digging extensive trenches between Dinant and Givet. Thousands of prisoners and Belgian civilians are being used in the work.

Givet is ninety miles directly east of Bapaume.

**U-BOAT SUNK; MATE SAYS IT WAS ONE THAT SANK THE LUSITANIA**

British Steamer Bandy Survives Attack and Patrol Boats Get The Submarine

Toulon, Aug. 23.—The British passenger steamer Bandy while on a voyage between Malta and Sicily was torpedoed by a German submarine and although the explosion tore a gaping wound in her starboard side the vessel succeeded in reaching a harbor here today.

The U-boat was attacked by patrol boats escorting the Bandy and was sunk. The submarine's crew, numbering sixty-five officers and men, were saved.

The mate of the submarine attempted to commit suicide. He appeared to be insane and made wandering statements about the loss of his submarine. He said the lost U-boat had torpedoed the Cunard liner Lusitania and had destroyed an aggregate of 600,000 tons of other Allied shipping.

Available shipping registers do not list the British steamship Bandy and she probably is a new vessel. Advertisers from London on Aug. 10 said that Lieut. Commander Schwieger, who commanded the submarine which sank the Lusitania, had been killed when the U-boat struck a mine in the North Sea.

**GERMAN EFFORT CHIEF AGAINST BRITISH ARMY**

Fighting Most Furious Where Rawlinson and Byng Lead

Heavy Work Along Whole Front From Albert to Coucy-le-Chateau—Noyon Menaced from Three Sides, Chemin des Dames Threatened Seriously

Paris, Aug. 23.—The latest advance of General Mangin's army, while not completely turning the Chemin des Dames position, menaces it seriously, and the fate of the German troops between the Vesle and the Aisne remains uncertain, according to military observers here.

It is decidedly against Noyon that the principal effort of the French armies at present is being aimed. Noyon is menaced from the northwest and northeast, and also from the south, and the enemy is reduced to fighting from its left flank from which the guns are pouring a tremendous fire incessantly.

Along the whole of the battlefield from Albert to Coucy-le-Chateau the fighting has been waged most furiously especially against the armies of the British generals Rawlinson and Byng on the extreme left wing, which is encountering the Germans' most desperate resistance. It seems that the Germans are withdrawing before the armies of General Debeney, Humbert and Mangin without counter-attacking, apparently being satisfied not to lose contact with the French troops while retreating.

**NO DEAD IN THE OTTAWA LIST; THE WOUNDED NUMBER 679**

Ottawa, Aug. 24.—There were 679 casualties in the afternoon list issued yesterday, all reported wounded. Maritime provinces names include:

**INFANTRY.**

T. A. Jack, New Glasgow; L. G. Hines, Central Argyle, N. S.; F. W. Holmes, Halifax; E. E. Howard, Earnscliffe, P. E. I.; B. Hance, Salmonville, N. S.; W. Campbell, Point Tupper, N. S.; A. A. Allingham, St. John, N. B.; M. E. Langille, East Leicester, N. S.; M. F. Gardner, Reserve Mines, N. S.; R. Francis, Milton, N. S.; E. J. Gaudet, Yarmouth, N. S.; N. R. Blair, Stellarton, N. S.; A. R. Morrison, Florence, N. S.; L. S. McClelland, Wolfville, N. S.; A. Varner, New Cornwall, N. S.; T. E. Purdy, Amherst, N. S.; W. F. Penney, Carleton Place, N. S.; R. Shupe, Tusket, N. S.; G. R. Saunders, Westville, N. S.; G. McDonald, Yarmouth, N. S.; C. H. C. Schurman, Sealdon, P. E. I.; F. J. Hartnett, Cape Bald, N. B.; L. Ayotte, Campbellton, N. B.; W. A. Alward, St. John, N. B.; A. Cunningham, Halifax; H. Chasson, Souris, P. E. I.; J. Destine, Sydney; A. Dumphy, St. George's Channel, N. S.; H. Bray, St. John; M. G. Deneau, Valcour, N. S.

**PLAYGROUNDS TO CLOSE NEXT WEEK**

Centennial, Aberdeen and Alexandria on Monday Afternoon

As it is necessary to vacate the premises a week before the schools open the closing of the supervised playgrounds at Centennial, Aberdeen and Alexandria schools will take place on Monday afternoon. There will be a very interesting programme, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. It is expected that members many other citizens will attend. The Allison, Carleton and Bentley street grounds will close on next Thursday.

**GERMANS RELYING ON MACHINE GUNS.**

London, Aug. 24.—Germany's apparent reliance on machine guns to counteract her waning man-power in France is reflected in an article in the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin by Captain Von Salsemann, a military critic. Horse drawn machine guns, he adds, have been distributed to each company.

The Czech-Slovak forces in Trans-Balkania had captured the town of Berchneudinsk and achieved a decided victory over the Bolshevik forces.

## Air Advantage Is With Us

### ONLY PLACE TO OBTAIN PEACE IS BATTLEFIELD

### Lord Robert Cecil Replies To Hun Secretary of State

### GERMANY AND COLONIES

Britain to Publish Evidence of Brutality and Calousness of Teuton Empire in Governing Her Subjects Outside Europe

London, Aug. 23.—Lord Robert Cecil, under secretary for foreign affairs, replies to a speech made before the German Society on Aug. 21 by Dr. W. S. Solf, German secretary of state for the colonies. Lord Robert said the British government will soon publish evidence of Germany's brutality and calousness in governing her colonies after which the world will agree that the colonies cannot be restored to Germany.

Lord Robert said that Dr. Solf's utterances were a very remarkable "essay in psychology" which seemed to indicate that sections of German opinion were beginning to realize that the attitude taken by the pan-Germans must be disastrous to the future of Germany. He added, however, that it was not his view that the pan-Germans were done for, as in the last resort they would always dominate Germany.

The speaker referred to Dr. Solf's statement about Belgium, saying it appeared to represent an advance towards decency, but it was not clear. He challenged Dr. Solf to say if he meant that Germany was prepared to give up Belgium and to restore the damage. "Let him say this in plain language," he added, "so that the whole world will understand."

Lord Robert then cited how only a few weeks ago Dr. Von Kuehlmann, former German minister of foreign affairs, had been ousted because he said Germany could not have things all her own way and declared the German chancellor, Count Von Hertling, also had been made to explain away a phrase he had uttered about the restoration of Belgium.

Referring to the Brest-Litovsk treaty, Lord Robert said that any one who had seen the way the so-called independent states were created could see it had been done so that they would have little independence as possible.

Lord Robert continued:

"When Foreign Secretary Balfour recently said the German colonies could not be restored, he was speaking only of what the conscience of mankind would have him say. Premier Lloyd George months ago said that the question of the colonies would be settled at the peace conference, but Mr. Balfour's more recent statement ruled out the possibility that they would be restored."

Turning to Dr. Solf's mention of a League of nations, the speaker said: "Devoted as some of us are to the conception of a league of nations, we see no hope of the success of any such scheme unless preceded by victory—until it is acknowledged by Germany that her whole military system is criminal."

He pointed out that only last April the Germans, in the flush of victory, were talking of a continent from Flanders to Egypt, and saying that the only peace possible was a German peace. The under secretary made it clear that so far as the Allies were concerned they had made up their minds that the only way to obtain peace was on the field of battle, and they were determined to carry on the war to victory.

**CONDENSED NEWS**

Protests against the intention of Spain to replace sunken Spanish tonnage by interned German ships.

The British steamer Diomed, 4,700 tons gross, was sunk by a German submarine off the Atlantic coast on Wednesday. More than 100 of her crew—mostly Chinese—were rescued.

arranged for Monday afternoon at the Alexandria playgrounds. The various events will be in charge of the supervisor, Miss Marjorie McKim, assisted by Miss Catherine Gullivan. They will consist of a flag drill by the girls, a folk dance by the girls, patriotic songs in chorus by all the members of the playgrounds, relay races for the boys and girls and a baseball game for the boys. An exhibition and sale of the children's work will conclude the programme.

**ABERDEEN.**

The Aberdeen school playgrounds programme will be as follows: A folk dance by the older girls, a folk dance by the younger girls, a flag drill by the little girls and boys and a game of basketball between the boys of the school.

**CENTENNIAL.**

The Centennial school programme will be: Chorus, O Canada; dialogue by seven girls; dance; recitation, Kathleen Amburg; sports on the grounds.

The Aberdeen school grounds are in charge of Miss Ethel Hawker, assisted by Miss Florence Kierstead, and the Centennial school grounds are supervised by Miss L. Berwick, assisted by Miss Elsie Trentowsky.

Many More German Machines Are Downed

### RAIDS ACROSS THE RHINE

### In Last Week Twenty-two Bombing Visits Paid—Tuesday a Busy Day With Many Tons of Bombs Dropped and Thirty-two Enemy Machines Accounted For

London, Aug. 23.—British air fighting on the western front during the last week provides a striking indication of the difficulty now confronting Germany in the air, which must increase in the near future as the growing air superiority of the Allies makes itself felt. In the battle area, probably owing to the recent heavy German air losses over the Somme battlefield, enemy scouts are compelled to operate in large formations at a much greater height than formerly. Notwithstanding this, the British airmen continue to take a heavy toll of their enemy.

Severe air fighting has occurred on the front between Albert and Amiens-Roye road, resulting, according to latest reports, in the destruction of four enemy machines and the driving down of twenty-one airplanes out of control. Twenty-six British machines have been reported missing.

This superiority has been attained without any diminution of the aerial activity in other sectors, a large number of raids having been made against enemy positions far behind the German lines in which more than 120 tons of bombs were dropped, and attacks on the Rhine provinces pressed with the utmost vigor.

Coupled with a virtual cessation of German air raids on London, the increasing number of bombing raids into Germany, of which there were twenty-two during the last week, is a most encouraging, showing Germany that, in spite of her utmost defensive efforts, she is unable adequately to protect her air frontier.

The effect of the Allied air supremacy is seen in various captured German orders, one of which directs: "Within ten miles of the front small groups of from eight to ten men are to proceed together."

**Big Day Tuesday.**

London, Aug. 23.—On Aug. 22 a large number of hostile batteries and other targets were engaged by our artillery with airplane and balloon observation. During the day thirty-five tons of bombs were dropped by us. The Gondrecourt airfield was attacked with good results and many of the enemy's dump stations and bridges were heavily assaulted, as well as the Bruges docks.

"Combats in the air were numerous and twenty German airplanes and eight balloons were destroyed. Four enemy machines were driven down out of control. Three of our machines are missing."

At night nineteen tons of bombs were discharged upon selected targets. A large enemy night bombing machine was brought down on our side of the line."

**C. P. R. COMMERCIAL TELEGRAPHERS ARE TO TAKE STRIKE VOTE**

Montreal, Aug. 24.—A strike vote will be taken at each divisional point within the next three days among commercial telegraph operators in the employ of the C. P. R., according to a statement of members of their organization who have been negotiating with the head office. This statement was made as a result of an announcement from Ottawa of the findings of the board of conciliation.

The operators are asking an increase of twenty-five per cent and an eight hour day, also overtime pay at the rate of one and one half instead of merely pro rata. The offer of the majority report of the conciliation board would, it is contended, mean less than fifteen per cent increase, and in some cases, such as the automatic department, would mean less than five per cent.

The committee delegates were certain that operators throughout the Dominion would reject the majority findings.

**BRITISH BUY THE YEAR'S SALMON PACK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—Sir Thomas White, minister of finance, announces that he has arranged with the British authorities to purchase this year's salmon pack of British Columbia. It means \$8,000,000 or \$9,000,000, which will be furnished by the Dominion government out of the proceeds of the Victory loan.