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FRENCH AND BRITISH GAIN GROUND ON THE SOMME AS RUSSIANS STRIKE ON EASTERN FRONT

Allies in East and West Strike Simultaneously, Compelling Enemy to Act on Offensive—Military Critics Believe Germans Will Soon Have to Cede Part of Ground in Attempt to Shorten Extensive, Thinly Held Line.

FRENCH PIERCE ENEMY LINE; TAKE 2,900 PRISONERS

Renewing Drive on the Somme Capture Entire First German Positions Extending From Estrees to the Height of Vermond-Ovillers—Thirty Machine Guns and Vast Quantity of War Materials Taken.

Paris, July 20.—The French forces have captured the entire first German positions extending from Estrees to the height of Vermond-Ovillers, according to the official statement issued by the war office tonight. They have also taken on both sides of the river about 2,900 prisoners in today's engagements.

The text of the statement reads:

"To the north of the Somme we are consolidating the positions conquered by us this morning.

"South of the Somme we extended our front of attack in the course of the afternoon, and captured the entire first German position from Estrees, as far as the height of Vermond-Ovillers.

"In the course of the fighting today, we captured, on the two sides of the river, about 2,900 prisoners, of whom thirty were officers. Three cannon, about thirty machine guns and important material likewise remained in our hands.

"On the right bank of the Meuse we continued to progress by the use of the grenade west of the Thiaumont Work. The total number of prisoners taken by us this morning in the sector of Fleury was 300, including eight officers.

"Aviation: Our bombing aeroplanes carried out numerous operations in the night of July 19-20. The stations at Thionville, Montmedy, Briellies, and Sivonnes near Azannes (region of Verdun), and the station at Rolsel (region of Amiens) were bombarded with numerous projectiles. Another of our aeroplanes similarly dropped eight shells of large calibre on the military establishments at Loraach, northeast of Basel.

"The Belgian communication: "At various points on the Belgian front artillery actions developed today, particularly in the region of Dixmude and farther to the south."

"Bulletin—London, July 20.—Flight Sub-Lieut. Douglas Whittier, a Canadian, was killed today while looping the-loop at a great altitude over the island of Thanet, County of Kent. During the manoeuvre the machine became unmanageable and fell to the ground, where it was smashed to bits.

ANTICIPATING WITHDRAWAL OF HUNS FROM BELGIUM

Commission of Belgians Named to Prepare Measures which Will be Necessary.

Brussels, July 20.—In order to be prepared to meet the situation which would arise in the event of evacuation of Belgian territory occupied by the Germans and to reassemble the Belgian parliament a commission has been appointed under the presidency of H. Carton De Wiart, Belgian minister of justice, to "consider and prepare measures which may then be urgently required."

The chiefs of the various departments are members of this commission. For the purpose of drawing up measures for civil and military reforms another commission has been appointed.

REDMOND SAYS FURTHER DELAY MAY BE FATAL

Situation in Ireland Growing Serious Over Delay in Proceeding with Bill for Settlement of Irish Question.

London, July 21.—John Redmond, the Nationalist leader, made public today a memorandum which he sent to Premier Asquith and David Lloyd George, the secretary of war, on Tuesday, in which he declared that the delay in making public the text of the Irish bill, and the irritation caused by Lord Lansdowne's recent speech, had created a very serious situation in Ireland. He adds:

"In my opinion any further delay whatever in producing and proceeding with the bill will make a settlement on the lines laid down in the terms submitted by Mr. Lloyd George quite impossible.

"It is now more than three weeks since we obtained the assent of our friends in Ireland. Since then little or no progress has been made, and the matter, which five weeks ago was so urgent, now hangs fire.

"I therefore feel it my duty to urge upon the government that further delay will be fatal, and place on record my conviction that any proposal to depart from the terms agreed upon, especially in respect to the strictly temporary provisional character of all the sections of the bill, will compel us to declare that the agreement on the faith of which we obtained the assent of our supporters in Ireland has been departed from and is at an end."

A meeting of the Irish party has been summoned for Saturday, when the situation will be taken under consideration.

SHIPMENT OF GOLD ON DEUTSCHLAND?

New York, July 20.—The financial community heard a report today that \$4,000,000 in gold was in the cargo of the German submarine Deutschland, marine insurance on it was said to be underwritten by a New York broker at 5 per cent.

HUNS FORCED TO MEET DOUBLE OFFENSIVE

Allied Armies Strike Simultaneously Delivering Heavy Blows on Each Front.

BERLIN SHOWING SIGNS OF ALARM.

After Days of Fierce Artillery Bombardment French Renew Drive Piercing German Line at Several Points.

London, July 20.—While a strong but unsuccessful German counter-offensive is still being fought out on the British front, the Teutonic armies find themselves again the object of a simultaneous attack on both eastern and western fronts. The recent successful advance having brought the British into line with the French at Hardecourt, the French offensive, which has been for some time in preparation, has been renewed energetically on both sides of the Somme, on a front of about five miles thus far successfully.

Official despatches from the British and French headquarters tonight show a further advance by both armies. The British pushed forward their line about 1,000 yards north of the Bazentin-Longueval sector, and are still fighting fiercely with the Germans in the outskirts of Longueval and in the Delville Wood.

The French, having renewed their offensive, captured a considerable number of German prisoners in the neighborhood of Estrees, and in engagements on both sides of the river have taken nearly 3,000 additional prisoners.

At the same time, according to Rome reports, the violent Russian offensive has been resumed in the Carpathians, at Kovel, Vladimir-Volynski and in the Riga sector. Unofficial despatches from Petrograd say that the second stage of the battle for the possession of Kovel is continuing with extreme violence. General Brusiloff has brought up crushing forces from the Stokhod to the Lipa to attack the Austro-Germans, and anxiety as to their ability to withstand a continuance of the pressure is beginning to be reflected in the Berlin comments on the situation.

Military critics here discuss the new situation which has arisen, pointing out that Germany is now compelled to act on the defensive, and they speculate as to how soon Germany may find herself obliged to make retirements in an attempt to shorten her extensive, but supposedly thinly held lines, especially on the eastern front.

"Yesterday our aeroplanes carried out successful bombing enterprises by day and night. Many tons of explosives were dropped with marked success on railway centres, enemy aerodromes and other important points. One hostile aeroplane was destroyed; several others were forced to the ground in a damaged condition.

"Since July 14 four of our machines have failed to return to our lines."

OFFERING OF PRUSSIAN AND GERMAN BONDS

Special to The Standard.
New York, July 20.—Prussian and German government bonds forwarded from London have been offered for sale here during the past few days. The prices asked are \$140 for Prussian 3 1/2 per cent. 1,000 mark bonds and \$185 for German government bonds. Some of these securities bear the British stamp.

BRITISH PUSH THEIR LINE FORWARD NEARLY 1,000 YDS.

In Face of Stubborn Resistance Make Important Advance North of Bazentin Longueval Line — Heavy Fighting Continues in Outskirts of Longueval and in Delville Woods

London, July 20.—The official statement, issued tonight about midnight from British headquarters in France, says:

"North of the Bazentin-Longueval line we advanced about 1,000 yards in the face of stubborn opposition. Heavy fighting still continues in the northern outskirts of Longueval village and in Delville Wood.

"On the remainder of the main battle front there is no change."

Berlin, July 20.—The statement on operations along the eastern front follows:

"Army group of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg: The enemy yesterday resumed attacks during the afternoon on both sides of the road from Ekau to Kekkau (southeast of Riga) but was unsuccessful. He only increased his great losses. Strong reconnaissances by Russian patrols were everywhere repulsed.

"Army group of Prince Leopold of Bavaria: Russian attacks in the district of Skrobowa (Baronvichl region), following upon vigorous hand-to-hand fighting, were completely repulsed.

"Army group of Gen. Von Linsingen: In the bend of the Stokhod, north of Sokol, Austro-Hungarian troops made a brief assault, ejected the Russians from advanced lines and returned to their positions, according to their plan.

"Southwest of Lutsk German troops pushed farther forward their position along the general line of Greenkowiec-Jellarow. The enemy increased his fire on the Lower Lipa and the district of Werben.

"Army group of Gen. Count Von Bothmer: There have been no important events.

"Balkan front: The situation is unchanged."

FRIEND OF VON TIRPITZ GETS NEW POST

Recall of Von Holtzendorff Likely Means Revival of Submarine Activity.

London, July 20.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Copenhagen says:

"According to German newspapers Admiral Von Holtzendorff, retired, has been appointed to a new administrative post in the naval service, which is regarded as a preliminary step toward an active command. Admiral Von Holtzendorff is a great friend of Admiral Von Tirpitz, and his appointment is being watched in connection with a possible renewal of Germany's submarine activity."

London, July 20.—The body of Charles Etheridge, the victim of the sad drowning accident yesterday, has been recovered and will be taken to McAdam by Mr. Mathew to await instructions from Brooklyn.

RUSSIANS FIGHT THEIR WAY FORWARD 9 1-2 MILES

Teutons Unable to Check Czar's Armies as they Cut Way in Caucasus — Gen. Brusiloff Brings up Heavy Reinforcements to Crush Enemy Along the Lipa River.

Petrograd, July 20, via London, July 21.—The communication issued by the war office this evening says:

"At some places on the Dvina front there have been very heavy artillery duels. Artillery engagements also have occurred at several points in Volhynia. Enemy artillery has energetically bombarded our positions in the region of Zwenitchi, east of Gorobova, and our lines further southeast along the Lipa and the Styr rivers.

"In the Caucasus the offensive of our right wing is making good progress. Some of our detachments have successfully fought their way forward a distance of fifteen verst (about nine and one-half miles) taking some prisoners."

Hard Fighting in Volhynia.

Bulletin—Berlin, July 20, via London.—Hard fighting has been resumed in Volhynia, southwest of Lutsk. German troops, under Gen. Von Linsingen, are on the aggressive here at some points, and have succeeded in scoring advances. The Russians are bombarding the Teutonic lines along the Lower Lipa with increasing intensity.

New York, July 20.—A London cable to the Journal today says:

An exchange telegraph company despatch from Geneva reiterates the report recently sent out from Rome that the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is gravely ill and that the imperial family has been summoned to his bedside at Schenbrunn Castle.

Petrograd, July 20, via London.—Attempts by Teutonic forces to advance against the Russians in the region of the River Stokhod in Volhynia have been repulsed, the war office announced today.

Operations in Galicia are being notably affected by the overflowing of the River Dniester, which is flooding large areas.

Regarding operations on the western front, the statement says:

"On July 18, seventeen enemy aeroplanes made a raid on the station at Zamren, northeast of Baranovichi. Twenty-seven bombs were thrown upon the hospital and lazarette. Three persons on the medical staff were killed and five other men injured. Of the patients in the hospital, ten were killed and twenty-three wounded.

"In the region of the Stokhod the enemy tried to advance near the villages of Outnil and Arsonovitch but were repulsed.

"An advance of the enemy in the region of Zymiatich-Elizarov, southeast of Gorokhov was checked by us.

"The overflow of the Dniester continues. Valleys situated in the neighborhood have been flooded through rivulets overflowing their banks. The slopes of heights are so slippery that it is almost impossible to climb them. At many points bridges have been washed away."

The official statement dealing with operations in the Caucasus says:

"On the front in the region of Dawekik, we have driven the Turks from positions which had been previously prepared by them. During the 15th of July we continued our advance. West of Baburt, Siberian Cossacks, during a counterattack, sabred or lanced many Turks. They also took a few prisoners.

"On July 18 we occupied the town of Kugl, an important junction of roads from Erzerum, Lahput and Khazidjina.

"It has now been ascertained that in battles southeast of Much, at the time when a Turkish division newly arrived from Armenia, was defeated, we took at the entrance to Kutlunge a large collection of military stores.

"In the direction of Mosul, on the night of July 17, the Turks commenced an advance with great forces near Kwanand. Our detachment has retreated to new positions.

"In Persia, in the region of Henne, a lively duel has taken place with the Turks. In the region east of Kerman-shah there have been successful skirmishes with scouting parties. Near Ishapan we defeated and dispersed a considerable aggregation of Persian nomads, who were hostile to us."

London, Ont., July 20.—Mrs. Edgat Fletcher, aged 27, wife of the manager of the Edgat Fletcher Soda Water Company, of Toronto, and Miss Ola Ellis, aged 25, her sister, of 673 Euclid Ave., Toronto, a public school teacher in the Queen City, were drowned at 11 o'clock this morning in the St. Clair river, near Corunna.

ANOTHER SEA FIGHT OFF JUTLAND?

Vessels Arriving in Danish Ports Met German Submarines, Torpedo Boats and Zeppelins.

Bulletin—London, July 21.—Heavy cannonading has been heard off the west coast of Jutland and in the Baltic Sea between Landsort and the Gottaka Sands, by vessel men arriving in Danish ports, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen.

"Those from the North Sea," says the correspondent, "saw a large number of German submarines, torpedo boats and Zeppelins sailing northwesterly from the Jutland coast and then heard firing. The cannonading in the Baltic continued throughout Wednesday night, the returning vessel men said. They added that they saw a small German warship sailing southward and expressed the belief that the Germans had an engagement with the Russians."

IRISH IN CANADA LOYAL TO LAST MAN SAYS FR. M'LAUGHLIN

Canada Delegates to A. O. H. will Fight Resolution Condemning Decision of England in Casement Affair.

Special to The Standard.

Boston, Mass., July 20.—It developed today that a hot fight is practically certain to take place tomorrow at the A. O. H. convention when resolutions condemning England's decision in the case of Sir Roger Casement and the execution of other leaders in the Irish rebellion will be introduced and discussed. The indication is that Canadian delegates to the convention will take the initiative in the fight to prevent the resolutions from being passed. There are about 50 Irish-Canadian delegates attending the convention.

The Rev. C. J. McLaughlin, delegate from St. John, N. B., said today that "the Irish in Canada were loyal to Britain's cause down to the last man and the last dollar." He added: "There are 400,000 British subjects of Irish descent at the front under the British flag. They are prepared to see this thing through to the end. No doubt exists in the minds of the Canadian-Irish that the allies are going to win this war. It is characteristic of the Irish when they start in a thing to see it through."

CONCILIATION BOARD GRANTED TO HEAR TELEGRAPHERS' DISPUTE

Ottawa, July 20.—The Labor Department has granted a board of conciliation in the dispute between the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company and its employees. J. Campbell, of Winnipeg, is the only member of the board named as yet. The dispute is as to the conditions of payment and hours of labor, and affects the whole system in Canada.