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RUSSIANS THROW BACK TEUTONIC FORCES

BRITISH TIGHTEN LINES ABOUT LENS, TAKING OUTSKIRTS

Canadian Troops Late Yesterday Added Another 600-Yards To Advance Made Saturday.

British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 7—(By the Associated Press).—The British lines continue to tighten about the French city of Lens, north of Arras. Canadian troops, who, on Saturday night pushed their positions forward approximately 200 yards along a front of a thousand yards in the western environs of the city, late yesterday added a 600-yard front of a similar depth to their defences south and west of the outskirts of that mining centre.

The Germans have been showing signs of decided uneasiness in the Lens sector for several days, as has been evidenced by their practice of throwing a curtain of fire on the British trenches each morning at dawn.

Vimy and Farbus, towns behind the British lines south of Lens, also have been shelled daily by enemy batteries.

The rest of the British front has continued in a state of comparative calm so far as the infantry actions have been concerned.

RACE IS TIGHT FOR TWO FREE TRIPS IN ADVERTISER CONTEST

Young Lady in District 7 Leading Last Night.

ALL TALK IN MILLIONS

The Thousand-Mark Is Now a Thing of the Past.

MRS. (CAPT.) HALLAM, District No. 1.

Who will win the "Two Free Trips?" is the question candidates and their friends are asking themselves today. There is only one answer to the question: The candidate who turns in the most new yearly subscriptions for the ten-day period by 8:30 tonight will be the winner. The race was very close yesterday, and had it closed last night, a young lady in District No. 7 would have been awarded the prize.

The young lady who gave up her position of $1.50 a day to enter the contest, writing for more receipt books, says she is working from early morning until 9 and 10 o'clock every night, and is more determined than ever to win the grand prize. She is still looking for the two-year subscription that a certain gentleman near Woodstock promised her some time ago.

Candidates are now talking in the "millions"; the thousand mark is a thing of the past, and this week will see a great many more in the "million" class.

Wants a Thousand Receipts.

Mrs. Mary Saord, Simcoe, writes: "I received the four receipt books, but as the four only have one hundred receipts, please send by return mail six more books, as I will need them this week. I am working every day, and hope to win one of the prizes."

The kitchen cabinets purchased from the Trafford Furniture Company, and which have been offered as special bonuses to candidates who wed during the contest, are in great demand. Below is a request from another candidate, but, unfortunately, the gift of these cabinets are confined to the lady contestants. However, when this young man marches to the altar, the contest manager and his staff will arrange for something that will be just as acceptable to him as a kitchen cabinet. His letter follows:

"August 3, 1917.

"To the Contest Manager:

"Dear Sir,—Seeing in the paper today that you are giving Hoosier kitchen cabinets to the candidates who get married during the $16,000 contest, I write to know if any candidate who marries during the contest may secure one.

"It is my intention to be married this month to a young lady whose father has been a subscriber to the paper for some time. Yours respectfully, Mr. ——."

Mrs. (Capt.) Hallam, who was a close runner-up for one of the cash prizes last week, takes second place in District No. 1 today.

CONTEST NOTES.

Several letters have been received at the contest department during the past week without any names being signed. The contest department does not recognize anonymous letters, consequently many questions asked cannot be answered.

The last ten-ballot coupon will appear in The Advertiser Thursday next.

Candidates outside the city of London may work up to the last minute tonight, then mail their returns to the contest department. All such letters must bear the postmark of August 7.

No agent of The Advertiser has any authority whatever to ask subscribers to keep their subscriptions for him, and not give it to a candidate in the contest. Candidates and their friends will confer a favor on The Advertiser by reporting all such complaints promptly to the contest department.

According to the rules of the contest, subscriptions to The Advertiser may be taken for five years in advance by mail at $3 a year, and three years in advance in the city of London at $5 a year.

A new five-year subscription by mail at $3 a year has a value of 50,000 votes. A five-year subscription (renewal) by mail at $3 a year has a value of 25,000 votes.

A new three-year subscription in the city of London at $5 a year has a value of 50,000 votes. A three-year subscription (renewal) in the city of London at $5 a year has a value of 25,000 votes.

Gasparri Out; Means New Vatican Policy Towards the Huns

Papal Secretary of State Is Reported To Have Resigned.

Rome, Monday, Aug. 6—(Delayed).—Many Italian newspapers and some authorities on Vatican affairs continue to affirm that Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, has resigned. The retirement of the secretary, it is asserted, will permit of the inauguration of a new policy by the Vatican towards Germany.

The official Osservatore Romano is silent on the subject, but the semi-official Vatican organ Correspondenza flatly denies that the papal secretary has retired.

DUTCH NEWSPAPERS EXPOSE HYPOCRACIES OF GERMAN PEOPLE

Print Pastoral Letter On Humanity With Story of Murdered Sailors.

Amsterdam, Aug. 7.—Dutch newspapers print in a parallel column with an account of the murder of the crew of the British steamship Belgian Prince a Berlin telegram giving the following extract from a pastoral letter read in all the Protestant churches of Berlin last Sunday:

"We will comport ourselves as Christians towards our enemies, and conduct the war in future as in the past with humanity and chivalry."

The pastoral letter was read at a service which Emperor William and the German empress attended at a cathedral. It exhorts the people to humanity and recognizes the hands of God in the protection from invasion which the fatherland has enjoyed.

German "Chivalry."

The British steamship Belgian Prince was sunk July 31 by a German submarine. According to survivors who reached a British port, the U-boat shelled the vessel and the German commander then ordered the crew to take to the boats and go alongside the submarine. The Germans, the survivors assert, removed the lifebelts and outer clothing of all the members of the crew except eight, smashed the lifeboats with axes, and then re-entered the submarine and closed the hatches, leaving the men on deck. The submarine traveled on the surface of the water for about two miles and then submerged. Thirty-eight of the crew were drowned. Three others were rescued by a patrol boat.

RETURNED MAN GETS $27 FOR BAND FUND

Previously acknowledged	$100.00
Sergt. Appleby (returned)	27.00

In a remarkably short time on Saturday, Sergt. Appleby, a returned man, collected the sum of $27, to be applied to the fund to help purchase instruments for the 1st Battalion.

Sergt. Appleby, himself a returned man who knows the front well, collected the money from the infantry details, and says that he has a thorough appreciation of the need for music to cheer the men at the front when they get rest in billets. The 1st Battalion has never had a battalion band. It has the musicians, but until now has had no instruments. Recently the original officers of the battlion decided to purchase the instruments of another battalion, which were secured at a sacrifice. On behalf of the officers and the battalion, Capt. W. C. Butler, one of the first officers of the battalion to be wounded, appealed to the citizens of London through The Advertiser, to raise the sum of $350.

Several other Western Ontario places have subscribed to the fund, and when London completes the subscription the officers will have a sufficient amount to secure the instruments.

SHORTAGE OF SALT

Newfoundland Government Has Commandeered All Supplies.

St. Johns, Nfld., Aug. 7.—A serious shortage in salt is causing much inconvenience to the fisheries interests in Newfoundland. Arrangements made some time ago to provide for the needs of the present year have proved inadequate. The Government has now commandeered all ayallable stocks of salt in the colony and arranged for their distribution among the fishermen to the fullest extent possible until additional supplies can be obtained from abroad. Two ships laden with this commodity and bound for this port were torpedoed.

TEUTON ARMY FORCED BACK BY RUSSIANS

Repulse For Austro-German Troops Between Dniester and Pruth.

Kissinev, Russia, Aug. 7.—Austro-German troops between the Dniester and the Pruth have been thrown back on the front ten miles from Chotin, according to news from the battle area reaching here. Chotin is at the junction of the Zbrocz and Dniester rivers on the Galician-Russian frontier.

THE BUKOWINA CAMPAIGN.

Petrograd, Aug. 7.—In the direction of Kimpolung in Bukowina, Austro-German forces, after a battle with the Russians, occupied the heights at Molit, says the official announcement issued today by the Russian war department. In the region of the River Bystritsa two Russian regiments voluntarily left their positions, causing the Russian troops to retire a few miles.

South of Grijmalov, the Russians drove back the Teuton advanced posts. In the region west of the River Zbrocz, on the Russian-Galician frontier, Austro-German troops, the statement adds, are hastily gathering the harvest.

In the direction of Fokshani on the Rumanian front, the forces of the central powers and their allies began an offensive and pressed back the Russo-Rumanian troops across the River Tyrladesus.

ALLIES HOLDING WAR COUNCIL AT EMPIRE CAPITAL

Continuation of Paris Conference Is Under Way at London.

London, Aug. 7.—A conference of representatives of the Entente Allies, a continuation of the Paris conference, was commenced in London this morning, David Lloyd George, the British premier, presiding.

Among those present at the conference were Premier Ribot and Ministers of War Painleve of France; Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister; A. J. Balfour, the British foreign secretary and Arthur Henderson, and the other members of the British war cabinet. All the Entente Allies, in fact, were represented by either ambassadors, ministers or special representatives.

NOTHING OF INTEREST, REPORTS GEN. HAIG

London, Aug. 7.—Field Marshal Haig, in his report on military operations in France and Belgium yesterday, which was given out officially this afternoon by the British war office, says:

"There was nothing of special interest to report."

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—WARMER; MOSTLY FAIR.

Toronto, Aug. 7—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Today—Moderate to fresh easterly winds, fair and cool; local showers in western portion tonight.

Wednesday — Moderate southerly winds, warmer and mostly fair. Thunderstorms in some localities.

Temperatures.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	62	52	Fair
Calgary	70	36	Fair
Winnipeg	76	50	Clear
Port Arthur	74	46	Cloudy
Parry Sound	76	52	Fair
Port Stanley	80	54	Clear
Buffalo	80	60	Cloudy
Toronto	84	54	Cloudy
Kingston	84	64	Fair
Ottawa	82	54	Fair
Montreal	78	62	Fair
Quebec	76	58	Fair

Weather Notes.

Pressure is high from the lake region eastward, while a shallow disturbance is centred over Iowa. Showers have occurred in nearly all parts of Saskatchewan and Alberta and in the eastern districts of the Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere the weather has been fine.

STILL IN THE SADDLE

Advertiser Illustrations. —New York World.

NOT THE HOUR TO TALK PEACE, VIEW OF PRESIDENT WILSON AS HURRIES THE WAR BILLS

American Executive Not Biting At Peace Feelers of Central Powers—Does Not Consider Germany Is Sincere — Asks Party Whip To Expedite the Passage of Food Control and Revenue Measures.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 7.—President Wilson had a long conference yesterday afternoon with Senator Lewis, the Democratic whip, urged haste in the final enactment of the food control bill and revenue bills, and is understood to have indicated that he does not consider the present the time for discussion of peace negotiations with Germany.

Senator Lewis would not discuss the latter phase of conference, but it was believed the president indicated that he did not consider Germany's recent peace feelers to be genuine, and that he can be expected to let the country know when he believes the time has come for discussing peace. Senator Lewis declared the president would not allow the American people to lose any rights or suffer any wrongs which "his diligence could prevent." The Illinois senator told the president he believed Congress could adjourn September 1.

EMOTIONAL INSANITY MAY BE DEFENCE OF BIANCA DE SAULLES

Counsel Says She Had No Intention of Shooting Her Husband.

Mineola, N. Y., Aug. 7.—An application for the removal to an hospital of Mrs. Bianca De Saulles, held in the county jail here for the murder of her former husband, John L. De Saulles, is expected to be made today. This announcement was made by her attorney after three physicians had made an examination of his client. Although he would not state specifically just what her ailment was, the attorney said the events of the last few days had accentuated her illness and brought on a collapse. He said also he might go before the supreme court in Brooklyn in an effort to have Mrs. De Saulles admitted to bail on the ground her life was being endangered by being confined in the county prison here.

The mother of Mrs. De Saulles cabled from Valparaiso, Chile, that she was leaving there on Wednesday for New York and was bringing another daughter and her son with her.

The belief that Mrs. De Saulles' defence will be temporary emotional insanity was strengthened today. Her attorney reiterates she had no intention of shooting her husband, whom she divorced on the grounds of infidelity, when she went to his home to demand the return of her son.

De Saulles was a famous football player of Yale some years ago. He married a beautiful and rich Chilian, who later divorced him on charges of infidelity.

CAPT. WILKINS MISSING

Montreal, Aug. 7.—Word has been received here that Capt. H. O. Wilkins, son of F. W. Wilkins, Norwood, Ont., a member of the Royal Flying Corps, is missing since July 28. He graduated from the Royal Military College at Kingston just before the outbreak of war. He was wounded at St. Julien, then he served in Egypt, and a few months ago he joined the air corps.

BIG AUSTRIAN BASE SHELLED FIVE HOURS BY ITALIAN FLIERS; HEAVY DAMAGE DONE

Pola Given Terrific Grilling by Entente Squadrilla.

Rome, Aug. 7.—A detailed report on the air road at Pola, the Austrian naval base, on Friday night, shows that it began at 11 p.m. and ended shortly after dawn. Each machine carried eight bombs and six grenades.

They first arrived over Pola, an hour after departure, and the last at 4 a.m. The squadrilla carried out the task, which comprised a flight of 320 kilometres, 160 of which were over enemy territory, without the loss of a single machine.

D'Annunzio Aboard.

D'Annunzio, the poet, was aboard one of the larger planes piloted by Capt. Gori. The damage effected was most important. In addition to bombing the arsenal a naphtha depot and a seaplane station were set afire and burned like paper. The Italian aviators, who kept at an average height of 2,500 to 3,000 yards, were able to judge of the extent of the destruction by the enormous sheets of flame and columns of smoke which shot up to a height of 500 yards.

All Escaped.

The Austrians were unable during the bombardment to extinguish any fires started by the bombs, but they kept up a furious fire with their anti-aircraft guns, and thirty of their most powerful searchlights threw a dazzling light over the space where the Italians were flying. Notwithstanding, the latter cruised over the city for nearly five hours and escaped unhurt and victorious.

TEUTONS TAKE 1,300 IN MOLDAVIA DRIVE

Berlin, Aug. 7—Via London.—Austro-German forces yesterday began an offensive against the Russo-Rumanian armies in Moldavia, on the Rumanian front. Russian positions north of Fontshani were stormed, according to the official statement issued today by the German general staff, and 1,300 prisoners were taken. Thirteen guns and numerous trench mortars also were captured.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest 83, lowest 64.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest 66, lowest 52.

U. S. STARTS TITANIC BUYING OF SUPPLIES FOR THE ALLIES

Washington, D. C., Aug. 7.—The newly-created war industries board today went to work on its big war-purchasing program for the United States and her allies, after a preliminary conference with President Wilson. Among the first problems to be solved was that of co-ordinating American and Allied purchases. This probably will be done through Bernard M. Baruch, member of the board, who is to be named purchasing commissioner for each Allied Government, and who also will be chairman of the war industries boards purchasing commission for the American Government.

Some difficulty is looked for in the effort to buy for the Allies at the same low prices obtained by the United States Government. Many producers already have entered protests, saying their Government prices are far below the market.

WIN-THE-WAR POLICY URGED BY MANITOBAN PREMIER AS HE OPENS BIG LIBERAL CONVENTION

Most Complete Representation of Western Liberalism Gathered at Winnipeg To Discuss Canada's War Crisis.

MUST NOT BE PARTISAN OR SECTIONAL FOR BEST RESULTS, SAYS MR. NORRIS.

Believes the East Is Looking To the West For a Lead At Present Moment—Pleads For a United Front Against the Enemy.

Winnipeg, Aug. 7.—It was considerably after 10 o'clock when the Liberal convention was called to order this morning by Hon. T. C. Norris, premier of Manitoba, acting as temporary chairman. The hall was well filled and the score or so of women delegates were early on hand.

At 10:30, Premier Brewster of British Columbia announced the convention would proceed with the work of organization. The convention, he believed, represented the very broadest Canadianism, and he thought it was fitting that as temporary chairman there should be one who had done so much for western Liberalism, Hon. T. C. Norris.

A COMPLETE REPRESENTATION.

Mr. Norris said the convention was one of representative thought. Only three or four members of the four western provincial governments were absent, and it was almost impossible to get any more complete representation from the provinces.

"We expect something from this convention," he said. "Consider that you are present to discuss the interests of Canada.

"There had never been a time in the history of Canada when Canada required service of such a high order as was the case today. The convention was not called for merely partisan purposes, and while they represented the west there was no prejudice against Eastern Canada.

MUST NOT BE PARTISAN.

They must have 'Canada at large' at heart. If they started in with the idea not to be partisan or sectional, then they were on the right basis. The House of Commons was standing still in order to watch this convention, and the whole of the dominion looked to the west for a lead. He predicted that this will be the hub where the business of Canada will be conducted.

"One of the most important things I am going to ask this convention today is to create a 'win the War' policy," said Mr. Norris.

UNTIL DEMANDED.

"There has never been a time in the history of Canada when there was such demand for unity. The spirit of 'Win the War' is covering all Western Canada. There will be no difference of opinion as to that, though there may be as to the measures which should be taken. I have found nobody who wants to quit.

"If ever there was a debt that every Canadian owes it is the debt he owes to the soldier who has given his life. Let us pass over sectionalism; don't let our party feelings run too wide."

NO MACHINE IN CONVENTION.

Mr. Norris said there was no machine organization in this convention, which would be conducted on a democratic basis.

S. J. Latta, M. L. A., S[illegible]ated C. M. Hamilton of McTaggart, [illegible]airman.

Capt. Clifford D. R[illegible] Montreal Highlanders, was no[illegible] then closed. The conventi[illegible] be chairman and Capt[illegible]on took the chair. [illegible] convention, Ca[illegible] that he took [illegible] prepared to [illegible] soldiers.

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OTTAWA HAS ALL EYES ON WEST TODAY

"What Is Liberal Convention Going To Do?" Question at Capital.

GETTING BEHIND LAURIER

Indications Are That Four Provinces Will Support Old Chief.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Aug. 7.—All eyes here are turned to the West. The thought in everyone's mind is "What is the Western Liberal convention going to do?"

It is realized that any action which may be taken there will materially affect the whole political situation.

News carried today would indicate that the four western provinces are going to line up solidly behind Sir Wilfrid Laurier. This was more or less contrary to general expectations.

It was thought that the West was going to kick over the traces and kick hard, but instead right from the start they are rooting for the G. O. M. "Now where does this land everything?" is the question asked here.

BIG SHUFFLE OF NAVAL LEADERS; BURNEY IS OUT

Jellicoe's Second in Command Replaced by Wemyss.

ANDERSON IS CONTROLLER

Follows Geddes as Chief of the Shipbuilding Department.

London, Aug. 6—(Delayed).—Official announcement was made at the admiralty tonight that Admiral Sir Cecil Burney, second sea lord, had been replaced by Vice-Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss. Alan Garrett Anderson, hitherto vice-chairman of the wheat commission, succeeds Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, the new first lord of the admiralty, as controller of naval construction.

London, Aug. 7.—The changes in the British admiralty are attracting much attention and are interpreted as the first step in a reorganization which it is supposed Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, first sea lord of the admiralty, was appointed to carry out.

In quarters where the existing admiralty methods are regarded as unsatisfactory the present step is denounced as a "procrastinatory half measure," and it is declared the change ought to have been so completed as to give the country a resolute and energetic admiralty permeated by an offensive spirit.

Special Duty For Burney.

There is no implication of incapacity against Admiral Sir Cecil Burney, whose service as Admiral Jellicoe's second in command of the Grand Fleet are recognized, and an official announcement states that he will be employed on special duty. It is assumed that as his record was made in active command he may welcome the change.

An official statement contains the announcement that an opportunity is to be taken of the appointment of Vice-Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss to rearrange the duties of the second sea lord of the admiralty, who will be relieved of detailed administrative work connected with the personnel of the fleet. This is interpreted as meaning that the second sea lord will not be trammelled by details, which subordinates can handle, but will be associated more closely than was his predecessor with the preparation of war plans.

Graham Greene Goes.

Another change in the admiralty is the removal of Sir William Graham Greene from the permanent secretaryship at the admiralty to a secretaryship in the ministry of munitions under Winston Spencer Churchill. Sir William's departure from the admiralty is regarded as of considerable importance, as the post of permanent secretary, which he has held since 1911, always has been largely responsible for the continuity of admiralty tradition and policy. It is the continuity which is regarded by many as a most dangerous factor, in that it hinders initiative and adaptability to current needs.

FIELD'S HOME BURNED.

Newfane, Vt., Aug. 7.—The boyhood home of Eugene Field, the poet, in this town, was burned yesterday. The house was built by Field's grandfather, Gen. Martin Field, and was one of the landmarks of this locality. The village had difficulty in saving the town hall and a church which were threatened by the flames.