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THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND RUSSIAN FORCES TAKE TURN ABOUT AT WINNING FROM TEUTONS

FRENCH TROOPS NOW FACE IMPORTANT RAILWAY TOWN OF COMBLES IN WEST FRONT

Simultaneous Blow by Allied Forces Wins Substantial Gains on the Somme—Town of Clery Almost Completely Surrounded and Must Fall Soon.

London, Aug. 24.—Striking simultaneously, the British and French have made substantial gains on the Somme front, according to the official statements issued by Paris and London. Maurepas has fallen to the French, who have pushed forward more than two hundred yards beyond that town on a front of a mile and a quarter. The British, on their side, report an advance of 300 yards south of Thiepval, and the capture of many prisoners.

The capture of Maurepas leaves Clery almost completely surrounded, and also brings the French directly in front of the important railroad town of Combles.

Thiepval is in almost the same position as Clery, and the Allied front, as described by Paris and London, now resembles the teeth of a great saw between which the Germans are tenaciously holding the reins of several villages.

Press despatches from the Somme front indicate that the French are preparing for an extension of their offensive for a distance of thirty miles south of the present battle line. They are reported to have opened a tremendous cannonading from Estrees to Lassigny, and the bombardment is said to have reached an unprecedented intensity during the last two days.

On the East Front.

No change is reported on the eastern front, but the Russian offensive in Armenia is apparently assuming powerful proportions. Petrograd reports the re-occupation of the important Armenian town of Mush, and the capture of 2,300 prisoners at Rachtia.

In Saloniki.

The situation on the Saloniki front still remains obscure, but apparently there has been no important change in the positions of the belligerents since the Allied flanks were forced back by the Bulgarians at the open-

ing of the offensive. There have been no further reports as to the attitude of Roumania, and main interest is centered at present on the situation in Greece. Athens news despatches report that Greek volunteers are gushing to Seres from all parts of the country to take up arms against the Bulgarians. In the absence of official information conflicting reports are being received as to whether or not the Greeks and Bulgarians have actually clashed. Reports received at the Greek capital state that fighting has been going on at Seres for some days. The Italians are pushing new offensive on the extreme north of the Austro-Italian line, and claim the capture of several Austrian positions. There has been an increase in artillery activity along the Isonzo, but so far no infantry actions have been reported.

The communication says:

"North of the Somme, about five o'clock in the afternoon, we attacked German positions in the Maurepas region. After carrying, in a single dash, that part of the village which the enemy still occupied, and adjoining trenches, we established a line two hundred metres beyond on a front of about two kilometres, stretching from the railroad north of the village to Hill 121, on the southeast. We took prisoners 300 Germans during this operation, and captured a dozen machine guns.

"South of the Somme the artillery duel continues in the Estrees and Lihon sector.

"On the right bank of the Meuse the enemy launched many hand-grenade attacks against our new front between Thiaumont and Fleury. All these attempts broke down under our fire. We made slight progress beyond the eastern outskirts of Fleury. The day's combats brought the day's total of prisoners in this sector to 300, of which eight were officers."

ITALIANS FERCELY BATTLING FOR VICTORY IN NORTH ALPS

New Positions Taken After Fighting "Above the Clouds."

Rome, Aug. 24, via London, 5.20 p. m.—The Italians are pressing their offensive movements at various points on the Dolomites, along the far northern portion of the Austro-Italian front, and today report their occupation of new positions in the Fassa Alps.

"Small offensive operations by our troops," says the official statement, "gave us possession of some new positions in the rough, mountainous area of the Fassa Alps.

"At the head of the Fossersica Valley we occupied height 2534, south of Cima Di Cece."

Austrians Admit It.

Berlin, Aug. 24, by wireless to Sayville.—"In addition to successful minor engagements there were no incidents of importance on the eastern front," says the official Austrian statement of today.

The official Austrian report of today respecting operations on the Italian front says several attacks were made in the Dolomites, near Coltorondo and Cima Di Cece, by the Italians, who were repulsed.

The announcement follows:

"After violent shelling of positions in the Fassa Alps and on the heights on both sides of the Travignolo Valley, the Italians made several attacks in front of Coltorondo and Cima Di Cece. They were repulsed.

"The statement also records skirmishing along the Lower Vovusa river, in Albania north of Avlona."

Berlin, Aug. 24, by wireless to Sayville.—The Italian artillery is displaying increasing activity along Isonzo front, according to the Austrian headquarters report of August 23. No important infantry engagements are reported along the Austro-Italian front, which follows:

"On the Isonzo front the enemy's

HUNS DRIVEN FROM TOWN IN EAST AFRICA

British Have Entered Kilossa Near Wami River—Sustained but Few Casualties in Attack.

London, Aug. 24.—An important advance in the campaign for the reconquest of German East Africa is reported in a Renter despatch from Nairobi, British East Africa. The despatch says that British troops under Lieutenant-Col. Vanderventer on August 23 entered the town of Kilossa, near the Wami river. The British sustained few casualties.

BRITISH AND FRENCH EACH MADE SUBSTANTIAL GAINS ON WESTERN FRONT YESTERDAY

British Captured 400 Yards of German Trenches and Made Many Prisoners—French Completed Occupation of Maurepas and Carried their Lines Beyond that Town—Heavy Fighting Everywhere.

London, August 24.—The British troops have advanced 300 yards south of Thiepval, capturing a German trench 400 yards in length and many prisoners, according to the official statement, issued by the war office tonight.

The text of the statement follows:

"South of Thiepval this afternoon we made a further advance of 300 yards, capturing an enemy trench 400 yards in length. Many prisoners are being taken in this sector. Yesterday 62, including two officers, were passed back. These are in addition to 164 already reported. Today a further number was taken, the exact number not yet being ascertained.

"A hostile bombing attack against our new trenches north of Bazentin-Le-Petit was easily repulsed last night. There has been considerable hostile shelling this evening along our front, mainly in reply to our bombardment."

What the French Did.

Paris, Aug. 24.—The French troops today completed the occupation of Maurepas, and carried their line 200 metres beyond the town on a front of two kilometres, according to the official communication, issued tonight.

"South of the Somme yesterday evening, after a very lively bombardment directed against Soyecourt Wood, the enemy attempted an attack with grenades, which was mastered immediately by our fire.

"A little later, southwest of this wood, an enemy attack in preparation was caught under our curtain of fire, and the enemy was prevented from leaving his trenches.

"On the Champagne several German surprise attacks on a minor point in the Téhure region were repulsed easily.

"On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the enemy bombarded briskly the positions we captured yesterday between Fleury and Thiaumont Works. We took more than 250 prisoners, including five officers during the course of this attack. There has been a somewhat lively artillery duel in the region of Chenois. Everywhere else the night was relatively quiet.

"Aviation: On August 22, on the Somme front, one of our air pilots was attacked by three enemy machines. He succeeded in escaping his adversaries, one of whom he brought down precipitately to earth near Athies, in the vicinity of Ham. Yesterday an Albatross was brought down by our men in the neighborhood of Epoye, to the northeast of Rheims. It died heading into the enemy lines. Another machine was brought down in the Champagne, and still another in the Vosges region."

OPERATORS WIN VICTORY OVER G. N. W. CANADIANS SPENT VERY QUIET WEEK

Dominion Government Conciliation Board Gives Telegraph Operators Many Concessions Asked.

Ottawa, Aug. 24.—The report of the Conciliation Board that settled the G. N. W. operators' dispute with the company has been received by the labor department. The department, in giving the chief details, does not disclose the rates of salary, but the other chief points in the finding, which has been accepted by both sides, are:

Promotion by seniority where ability is equal; last man on, first off, when staffs are reduced; men filling positions of sub-chiefs for over thirty days entitled to salary of position; no suspension or discharge without investigation; tonight's vacation, with pay each year, after four years continuous service; nine hours to constitute straight day duty, beginning and ending between 7 a. m. and 6 p. m.; eight hours to constitute day's work on all "split tricks," and no trick to be split more than once, seven and one-half hours to constitute early and late night tricks; extra time for Sunday work; on other regular holidays five hours in day, or four and one-half hours at night, will entitle telegraphers to full pay.

It is understood the maximum salary for first class operators will be \$90 a month, starting at \$80, and automatically advancing \$5 a year.

Second class operators will start at \$70 a month, and will continue until they graduate into the first class grade.

The minimum salary for all operators will be \$60.

Ottawa, Aug. 24.—The following communication "has been received from the Canadian general representative at the front:

Canadian Army Headquarters in France, via London, Aug. 24.—There were few outstanding features to the trench warfare of the past week. The bright moonlight interfered with the activity of our patrols.

One night, after a preliminary bombardment, a small party from the Royal Canadian Regiment, under Lieut. Bole, approached the German trenches, but finding that the enemy was alert our party threw bombs among the garrison and returned to their own trenches, with the loss of only one man.

Upon another occasion a dummy raid, in co-operation with the artillery, was successfully carried out by a Toronto battalion. The enemy was led to believe that a raid was about to take place, and when they had manned their trenches in expectation of the attack our guns and trench mortars opened up on them a short but destructive bombardment.

During the week a visit was paid to the Canadian corps by Major-General Sir Sam Hughes. He addressed a number of the battalions on parade, and visited the various points of interest within the corps' area.

On the left wing, in the Struma Valley, we cleared the left bank of the river of the enemy."

"We buried 500 of the enemy yesterday."

South of Drama advanced Bulgarian detachments encountered an English squadron, accompanied by a company of cyclists. After exchanging shots, the English retired in the direction of Orizovo. Having previously destroyed two bridges over the river, we occupied Angista station and the railroad.

"In view of the intensity of feeling over the Bulgarian advance a mass meeting which is being planned for next Sunday, in celebration of the anniversary of the revolution of 1909, is regarded with some apprehension."

The advance of the Bulgarians in Northeastern Greece was made with the sanction of the Greek government.

On Macedonian Front.

Berlin, Aug. 24, via London.—The Bulgarian attack is proceeding against the Serbian positions near Lake Ostrovo, on the Macedonian front. The war office report of today says the Bulgarians defeated Serbian counter-attacks. The announcement follows:

"On the heights west of Lake Ostrovo the Serbians are still offering resistance to the Bulgarian attack. Their counter-attacks against Dramat Jeri failed.

"All reports from the enemy's camp regarding Serbo-Franco-British successes, both here and on the Vardar front, are pure inventions."

The Bulgarian statement.

Sofia, Aug. 24, via London.—Bulgarian troops advancing on the western end of the Macedonia front defeated the Serbians and compelled them to retreat, the war office announced today. They captured several positions. In their advance in the Florina sector the Bulgarians occupied Kostour and Kastoria, the latter place nearly 25 miles southwest of Florina. Southeast of Florina, on August 21, they captured a strongly fortified mountain peak, and on the following day drove against the Serbian positions on the Vardar.

"The official statement says:

"Bulgarian troops, advancing south of Florina, occupied, on August 23, Kostour and Kastoria. The defeated Serbians are returning southward. The Bulgarians operating in the direction of Lerina, Banica and Cornichevo, captured, on August 21, a strongly fortified position on the crest of Mount Malka Nise.

"On the following day they attacked the Serbians on the Vardar in their new positions at St. Spildon Hill 207 and Tchesanski Planina. We captured seven officers and 200 men, and also a number of quick-firers and machine guns and other material. The fighting continues.

"We definitely consolidated our positions on the Djermattzeri Heights north of Lake Ostrovo, in the Molenica Valley important forces attacked the Dukoruz and Kourli sector. All attacks were repulsed with heavy Serbian losses. In the Vardar Valley the day was quiet, except for artillery activity.

"Southwest of Lake Dorian the enemy, at 10 o'clock in the evening, attempted to attack our advanced positions but were repulsed.

"Additional information shows that the Hundred and Seventy-sixth French Regiment, which participated in the fighting on the 21st, lost 50 per cent. of its effectiveness. We found on the field 250 bodies."

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CZAR'S FORCES REOCCUPY TOWN OF MUSH CAPTURING TWO TURKISH BATTALIONS

Successful Result of Campaign in Armenia—Turkish Soldiers Surrounded and Captured with Comparatively Slight Losses.

Petrograd, Aug. 24, via London.—The Russian forces operating in Southern Turkish Armenia have re-occupied Mush, which was captured by the Turks on August 8, says an official communication issued by the war department tonight. The statement says the Russians captured 2,300 prisoners in the battle at Rachtia. The communication says:

"Western (Russian) front: The situation is unchanged.

"Caucasus front: Our troops, pressing the enemy in the region to the west of Lake Van, entered Mush, where they took some prisoners.

"Supplementary information received from army headquarters say that in the battle fought in the region of Rachtia, where we surrounded portions of the fourth Turkish division, we took prisoner the whole of the eleventh Turkish regiment, consisting of its commander, 56 officers and 1,600 of the rank and file, as well as nearly all of the remnants of the tenth Turkish regiment, consisting of two staff officers, several other officers and 650 Askaris. We also captured, in this battle, three cannon and three machine guns."

AN EARLIER STATEMENT.

Petrograd, August 24.—Further advances by the Russians west of Lake Van, in Southern Turkish Armenia, are reported in the official statement, which follows:

"Our offensive west of Lake Van is developing. Northeast of the town of Mush we occupied the region of the village of Arindovank. In the direction of Mousi our gallant troops defeated four Turkish divisions in the region of the village of Bachtia.

"Two regiments were surrounded and taken prisoner. One of these regiments surrendered in a body, with its commander and staff, cannon and machine guns were captured. The counting of the body and the prisoners taken is proceeding."

AMSTERDAM REPORT TELLS OF HEARING SOUNDS OF HEAVY AND CONTINUED GUN FIRE.

Amsterdam, Aug. 24, via London.—Advices received here today from the Dutch island of Ameland, in the North Sea, state that continual and heavy gunfire, from the north, has been audible all through the morning.

A TRANSPORT WRECKED IN GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE

Belgian Steamer Went on Reefs Off Magdalen Islands and Has Now Broken in Two.

Quebec, Aug. 24.—The Belgian transport steamer Indutonaire, which grounded some days ago on the reefs off Magdalen Islands, in the Gulf, is a total wreck. She broke in two last night.

WANT CANADIAN LOAN PAYABLE IN NEW YORK

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Aug. 24.—In connection with the forthcoming Canadian loan many requests have been made that the securities be made payable in New York as well as Canada but it is not likely that these requests will be considered favorably as the loan is a domestic war loan and it is altogether probable that the interest on the bonds will be payable as in the case of the first war loan free of exchange at all banks in Canada and the principal at the offices of the receiver general throughout the Dominion.

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ANOTHER BIG NAVAL BATTLE IN NORTH SEA?

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ANOTHER HUN AIR RAID ON SOUTH COAST

London, Aug. 25.—German airships have again carried out a raid on the east and southeast coasts of England, dropping bombs, according to an official communication issued early this morning. The communication says:

"Several airships crossed the east and southeast coasts of England shortly before midnight. A number of bombs were dropped, but there has been no report of casualties or damage."

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