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British Attack Wide Front This Morning Russians Have Stopped Hun Offensive

BRITISH AGAIN TAKE UP THE OFFENSIVE ON WESTERN FRONT

Have Carried German First-Line Trenches From Lens to Kois Hugo--
British and French Make Gains Elsewhere--Russians Have
Everywhere Halted Austro-German Offensive.

BRITISH AND FRENCH AGAIN ON AGGRESSIVE

LONDON, August 15.—The war office statement says that a despatch from General Haig announces that the British early this morning attacked the German positions from Lens to the town of Kois Hugo northwest of Loos. The despatch adds that the German first line was carried at all points on the front attacked and the British are making progress satisfactorily. At the same time British troops made gains northwest of Bixchoote while the French made a considerable advance west of Dixmude east of Cite Stenille, a strong German counter attack thrown against the British was completely crushed.

PARIS, August 15.—The French war office reports that the French troops in Belgium made substantial progress west of the Dixmude road.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE HALTED ON ALL PARTS OF RUSSIAN FRONT.

WASHINGTON, August 15.—Despatches received today at the Russian embassy here announce that the German offensive in Galicia, the southern Carpathians and in Roumania has been halted by the Russians.

BRITISH PRESS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC OVER POPE'S PEACE PROPOSALS

LONDON, August 15.—Some of the morning papers refrain from commenting on the Pope's peace proposals while those which discuss them editorially trace their genesis to Austria and either reject them absolutely or indicate the belief that the text when received will show them to be unacceptable.

HARDEN'S PAPER REAPPEARS

AMSTERDAM, August 15.—Maximilian Harden's suppressed "Zukunft" reappeared today, according to a Berlin despatch and advised the restoration of Alsace to France and Trieste to Italy if a durable peace is to be secured.

PREMIER GEORGE WILL TALK BUSINESS

LONDON, August 15.—The political correspondent of The Daily Telegraph says that if the Labor conference adheres to its resolution to send delegates to the Stockholm conference the premier will instantly advise a general election.

TWO NORWEGIAN STEAMERS SUNK

COPENHAGEN, August 15.—The Norwegian foreign office announces that the Norwegian steamer "Falkland" has been sunk in the North Sea. Ten persons were killed. The steamer "Capella" was also sunk; the crew was saved.

PEACE PROPOSALS IN POPE'S OWN HANDWRITING

ROME, August 15.—The peace proposals of Pope Benedict were written entirely in his own handwriting. The Pope consulted Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, Archbishop Ceretti, Assistant Papal Secretary of State and Monsignor Tedeschini, Papal Under Secretary of State, in formulating the document.

AMMUNITION SEIZED AT DUBLIN.

DUBLIN, August 15.—Military authorities raided the headquarters of Col. Moore's Irish volunteers here today, seizing 120 rifles and 1,300 blank cartridges. No arrests were made.

CROSSING TRAGEDY WAS PREVENTABLE

BOWMANVILLE, August 15.—At 12.30 this morning the

jury under Coroner Dr. A. S. Tilley, Bowmanville, brought in its finding as to the cause of death of the five victims of the level crossing tragedy who met death here on a G.T.R. crossing on Saturday afternoon last. The jury found that Mrs. Frank Walker, 26 Duchess Street, Toronto, and Norman Fletcher, James Connolly, James Normayle, and William Johnston, all of Oshawa, came to their deaths by being struck by a G.T.R. passenger train at Bowmanville, and a rider was added stating the belief of the jury that the accident could have been avoided had the brakeman of the G.T.R. freight train which was standing on the siding, north of the main line west track, warned the driver of the car that the express train was due.

The jury further advised that the coroner drew the attention of the Dominion Railway Commission to the advisability of placing gates or other protection at the said crossing, eleven deaths having already occurred at that place.

LIBERALS DEMANDING FORECLOSURE ON C. N. R.

OTTAWA, August 14.—The Liberals have finally agreed upon a policy in respect to the Canadian Northern railway situation. It was crystallized in an amendment offered by Hon. George Graham in the house of commons this afternoon upon the second reading of the bill. It is, in effect, that the government should foreclose under the legislation of 1914, and pay nothing whatever for the common stock.

BRITISH ESTABLISH POSITIONS ACROSS RIVER IN FLANDERS

LONDON, August 14.—The British troops in Flanders today improved their position on the right bank of the River Steenbeek, northeast of Ypres, and captured some prisoners. The official statement from British Headquarters in France tonight tells of the repulse of several strong raids by the Germans between Ypres and Arras. German aviators have been very active and the British succeeded in bringing down eleven of them, four out of control. Two British air machines were lost in the air fighting.

PEACE MOVE IN INTERESTS OF ENEMY, BRITAIN'S VIEW

LONDON, August 14.—The peace pronouncement of Pope Benedict was an entire surprise to the British public. Whether or not it was a surprise to the government cannot be learned.

The proposal embodies what has been well known here for some time as the terms the central powers would have been glad to offer and relieved to have accepted, being virtually the restoration of before-the-war conditions with a commission to the diplomats to thresh out the questions which have been on the border line.

British pacifists undoubtedly will favor the acceptance of any offer to go into a peace conference, but a great majority of the people will look askance at a proposal which they think is issued distinctly in the interest of the enemy powers. The Pope's offer did not even constitute a newspaper sensation. While some afternoon papers gave it their largest headlines, others printed it merely as a paragraph among the secondary news items of the day. The belief in Whitehall is that any proposals for a status quo peace will have a curter reception in the United States than in Europe.

"The American position in this war has, perhaps been made clearer than that of any of the other belligerents," said the informant of the Associated Press. "From the American point of view any status quo peace is obviously impossible."

"The suggestion for the return of the German colonies is one which we will leave with perfect confidence to the judgment of the American people. Is it unthinkable that hapless natives should be returned to a power which has shown herself so unfit to administer the affairs of subject races? If anything could be worse than Germany's record in Europe, it is her record in the colonies. Is a permanent peace possible in Africa with Germany there?"

THE PROVINCIAL THOROUGHFARE

PROVINCE TO BEGIN ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR NEW HIGHWAY

Ottawa-Prescott Road to be Built—Cost \$10,000 per Mile

Toronto, Aug. 15.—Hon. Finlay MacDermid, Ontario's Minister of Public Works, announces that the Government will proceed immediately to acquire lands along the 60-mile highway from Ottawa to Prescott so as to bring their main artery from New York State to Ottawa up to a uniform width of sixty feet. The Minister has just received a completed report from his engineers who have been working all summer on the scheme. The report shows that in some places the highway is only thirty-five feet wide and in these places considerable land will have to be secured from the farmers. This is particularly the case in Nepean County, near Ottawa.

It is the intention of the Government to put down a permanent pavement along the full length of the highway, and the estimated cost will be \$10,000 a mile. The road will be the same width or almost up to the standard of the New York State roads, with which it will connect.

In making the announcement, Mr. MacDermid pointed out the great benefit the new highway would be to the province and particularly to the districts affected. He expressed the hope that the farmers and property owners along the highway would meet the Government in their effort and not demand excessive prices for the land that will be required. He said that the Government had every reason to believe that in many cases the land would be donated, while in other cases only a nominal charge is to be made.

INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Beginning July 1st, 1917, the rate of subscription to The Weekly Ontario, has been increased to \$1.50 per annum.

The Daily Ontario, where not delivered the same day will be \$2.50 per annum.

HOUSEWIVES INTERESTED

The housewives of Belleville, manifested their interest by their attendance at the city hall on Tuesday afternoon and evening for the demonstrations in preserving and cooking so as to carry out as best they can the program for the organization of resources and conservation of perishable food products, so necessary in vegetable cooking and in the evening in fruit preserving.

MUTILATION OF ZWICK'S ISLAND

Editor Ontario, Permit me through your columns to enter a decided protest any further mutilation at Zwick's Island.

The councils of 1914 and 1915 decided that quite enough of it had already been done, and that the Island should be retained for the benefit of the public.

I understand that this year the cutting of the Island has again been started and that great quantities of gravel have been taken out close to the shore.

In the interests of this and succeeding generations I believe this should be stopped at once as it is the only bit of water front left to the citizens of Belleville, and it is up to those citizens if they are interested to enter a vigorous protest.

W. H. Panter.

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36-in. Flowered Dress Voiles in the new Plaid, Stripe and Spot patterns; all this season's fabrics and regular values up to 76c yard, in a big clearance this week 29c yd.

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Attractive new materials for Summer Dresses, in light and medium grounds, with small flower patterns, 27 ins. wide—special at 15c yd.

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Reg. to \$1.10 yard Several hundred yards of fine Flouncing Voiles at this clean up price Saturday. They are all prettily embroidered and have scalloped edges several different patterns in the lot; and many of them new and have never been cut into 45 ins. wide and a bargain at 69c

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