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## RUSSIANS GIVE UP BREST-LITOVSK, BUT WILL REACH NEW POSITIONS BEFORE OUTFLANKED

### Large Number of Soldiers Killed When British Fleet Attacked Enemy's Submarine Base on Belgian Coast—Submarine Shed Wrecked With Number of Undersea Boats.

### Russians Evacuated Main Fortress on Bug Line of Defenses—Nearing Famous Bielowiez Forest Which Will Enable Grand Duke to Make Good His Retirement to New Defences—With Two More Hours of Darkness in Last Attack on Enemy in Gallipoli Allies Would Have Cut Turks' Communications.

Amsterdam, Aug. 26, via London.—Concerning the recent bombardment of Zeebrugge, Belgium, by a British fleet, the *Tijd* says it has learned that a large number of soldiers were killed by the fire of the fleet, and that ninety severely wounded men were brought to Ghent. The material damage done, it adds, was apparently very great, as a shed built for submarines was completely destroyed, and with it some submarines.

Russians Give Up Brest-Litovsk. Australian officer declared that if the allied forces had had two more hours of darkness they could have covered six hundred yards of ground which separated them from the Sari Bahir Hill, generally known as Hill 971. Once this hill was in the Allies' hands, the officer declared, the Turkish communications would have been cut, and it was for the possession of this hill that the Dominion troops fought so bravely, but fruitlessly.

The Germans now are in possession of the whole line of railway from Cholm to Bialystok. The Russians having already evacuated the latter city, the lesser fortresses of Grodno and Orla are now the only strongly defended positions remaining in the hands of the Russians. Both these are being approached by the Germans and probably will be given up when they have fulfilled their purpose of facilitating the retreat of the Russian armies.

The Russians have not yet entered the vast Bielowiez forest, which runs thirty miles north and south and has a width of from seventeen to thirty miles. The forest is a famous hunting centre and a big preserve, and is protected by the Pripiet marshes, which protect the Russian left, and with plenty of roads and three or four railroads it is expected here that Grand Duke Nicholas will make good his retirement if Grodno and Orla can hold out long enough. Even though they should fall, military observers say the Grand Duke would be well on his way to his new positions before the Germans could reach his flank. There is again talk of Russian preparations for a stand, but no indication as yet where this attempt is to be made.

Aircraft again have broken the monotony of the western warfare. Sixty-two German submarines, variously named, were sunk in the Dordogne, dropping 150 bombs, while a British aviator is reported to have successfully dropped a bomb upon and destroyed a German submarine off Ostend. The German report says that four of the French machines in the attack near Saarlouis were brought down, one of them, however, falling behind the French lines.

In the Admiralty report of the exploit of the British airman in sinking the German submarine it is significantly stated that it has not been the practice of the Admiralty to publish accounts regarding the losses of German submarines, "important though they have been." In cases where the Germans had no other source of information as to the time and place at which these losses occurred, it has been reported, for months, that a large number of German submarines, variously named, were sunk at various places, and that they were captured by the British navy, but today's statement is the only official admission that there were others than those previously announced by the Admiralty as having been destroyed.

The Italians claim further minor successes on all their fronts, but these are consistently denied by Austria. Of the operations on the Gallipoli peninsula, which are now so important to the cause of the Allies, there is no further news.

Stories of wounded men who have arrived at Alexandria tell of how near by the Allies came to gaining a great success in one of their attacks. An

### GREEK PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS WITHOUT DECLARING ITSELF

Inadvisable to Press Venizelos for Statement Regarding Foreign Policy at Present—Resume Sittings August 30.

London, Aug. 26.—Today's sitting of the Greek parliament was devoted to the election of a vice-president and clerks, according to a despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Athens. There were no interpellations, the opposition and independents deciding that it would be inadvisable to press Premier Venizelos to make a statement regarding his foreign policy while negotiations of vital importance were in progress.

Parliament adjourned until August 30.

### TO LIMIT SALE OF LIQUOR IN GERMAN CAPITAL

Forbid Selling After 7 p. m., and on Sundays, Holidays and Days Preceding and Following Them.

Berlin, via London, Aug. 27, 1.05 a. m.—The police authorities are attempting to curtail the consumption of distilled liquors. It is proposed that the government in the Berlin district forbid the sale of these liquors after seven o'clock in the evening on ordinary days, and entirely on Sundays and holidays and the days preceding and following them, and to restrict all sales to brands costing a minimum of four marks (\$1) per liter, which is slightly over one quart. It is understood that the government is unwilling to introduce such a drastic measure, but that it favors some restrictions. The dealers are opposing the proposal.

### CRISIS THREATENS IN TURKISH CABINET

Split Over Treatment of Greeks and Armenians in Turkey—Grand Vizier Threatens to Resign.

London, Aug. 27.—The *Times* Mytilene correspondent says there has been a split in the Turkish cabinet owing to the alleged persecution of Greeks and Armenians in Turkey. The Grand Vizier, according to the correspondent, has threatened to resign unless the reported treatment of the Greeks and Armenians cease. Enver Pasha, the war minister, offered the Grand Vizierate to Rifaat Pasha, president of the Senate but Rifaat declined the office and is now trying to bring about peace in the cabinet.

### SWEDISH STEAMER SUNK

London, Aug. 26.—The Swedish steamer *Disa* has been sunk. Her crew was landed.

There are two small Swedish steamers named *Disa*, one of 804 tons gross, the other of 202.

### U. S. OFFICIALS STOP SAILING OF BRITISH SHIP

Customs Officers at Newport News Refuse Clearance Papers Because Steamer Carried 4-inch Rifle Mounted on Main Deck.

Newport News, Va., Aug. 26.—Customs officials here today refused to grant clearance papers to the British steamer *Waimana*, from Marseilles to Buenos Ayres, after it was discovered that the steamer carried a four-inch rifle mounted on her main deck.

Treasury officials at Washington were asked for a ruling as to whether the *Waimana* was amenable to the agreement between the United States and Great Britain forbidding the clearance of armed British merchantmen for American ports.

The *Waimana* had put into Newport News for fuel coal. Captain Holmes, her skipper, explained that the gun had been mounted as a protection against attacks of enemy submarines.

The *Waimana* is a ship of ten thousand gross tons and carries a crew of 75 men.

Will Decide on the Case Today.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Whether the British steamer *Waimana* shall be allowed to clear from Newport News with a four-inch gun mounted on her after deck will be decided tomorrow at a conference between officials of the Treasury and State Departments.

Under an informal agreement between the American and British governments entered into soon after the European war began, British vessels leaving ports of the United States are not permitted to carry mounted guns.

This arrangement was made to prevent any question arising as to the peaceful character of merchantmen, particularly passenger vessels, plying out of American ports. Officials are not sure, however, that it applies to such a case as that of the *Waimana*, which is bound from France to South America and merely put in at Newport News for bunker coal.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, of the Navy Department, wrote today to John R. Raborn, editor of the *Providence Journal*, urging a reply to Secretary Daniels' letter last week, asking the editor to submit any evidence he might have to support a published statement that a civil employe of the Navy Department was in the pay of the German government.

### N. B. OIL SHALES SUPERIOR TO THOSE OF SCOTLAND

American Expert Making Report on Oil and Gas Resources of the Dominion.

Ottawa, Aug. 26.—A comprehensive report on the oil and gas resources of the Dominion is just being completed by Dr. Clapp, an American expert, who was engaged for this work by Dr. Eugene Hannah, director of the mines branch.

The importance of knowing the petroleum resources of the country is seen from the fact that Canada imports annually 200,000,000 gallons of petroleum and its products, while the production within the country is only 8,000,000 gallons. It is understood that Dr. Clapp found the prospects for petroleum in Alberta very promising, as also the possibility of obtaining oil from the shales of New Brunswick. The latter are said to be better than the shales of Scotland, where oil production is successfully carried on. There is a subsidy of 1 1/2 cents per gallon given by the Canadian government on all petroleum production.

### WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS

Winnipeg, Aug. 26.—Bank clearings for the week ended today were \$14,841,583, as compared with \$17,998,230 for the corresponding week last year, and \$21,422,045 for the same week of 1913.

### BRITISH NAVY HAS BEEN QUIETLY DESTROYING ENEMY'S FLEET OF UNDERSEA BOATS?

### Official Statement Made Yesterday Lends Color to Stories that Large Number of German Undersea Craft Have Been Captured or Sunk—Hunting "Subs" a Not Uncommon Sport Now in Great Britain—Menace Well in Hand, Lord Selborne Says.

London, Aug. 26.—Something in the nature of conscription though the term was not employed was foreshadowed by the Earl of Selborne, president of the Board of Agriculture in an address this afternoon to a deputation of agricultural land owners which visited him in London.

"Many more men have got to join the army, whether voluntarily or by compulsion," said the Earl. The agriculture laborer has done his part nobly in this war, but the responses have been very unequal over the country and I forecast that during the next year men will be taken from districts and from farms whence hitherto they have not gone.

"What I shall aim at, and to which Lord Kitchener has been very sympathetic, is to leave the farmer and his foreman, stockman and carter, but the rest of the work will have to be done by women or men not hitherto engaged in agriculture."

Earl Selborne emphasized the fact that Russia's reverses had imposed a great strain on her allies.

"We have a greater burden on our shoulders at the present moment than six months ago," he said. "The financial strain is going to be very great, and the situation is going to demand from every class greater and greater sacrifices."

The speaker stated that the navy had the submarine menace well in hand.

The Earl of Selborne's statement that the navy now has the submarine menace well in hand, has been repeated in recent official reports to the effect that the British have of late months captured a very large number of these

submersible vessels, and that many others have been sunk. Since the beginning of the war the British official reports, however, have accounted for but one German submarine, besides the one the destruction of which was announced today, although there have been vague references to submarines being rammed or sunk by unarmed ships in the British Channel, and in one instance a reward offered by the Admiralty for the sinking of a submarine has been paid to a British merchantman.

Hunting Submarines a New Form of Sport

There have been no official intimations as to what method, offensive or defensive, has been taken by the British navy against submarines, although the Admiralty previously had announced its satisfaction with these measures.

Returning Americans have described the coastal waters of Great Britain for months. There also have been repeated stories of an extensive system of submarine nets in channel waters, and even of one submarine net that extends entirely across the English Channel, with guard boats at the opening.

It is a notable fact that for nearly a year the Franco-British naval transport service across the channel, by means of which hundreds of thousands of troops have been transported, has been maintained without, so far as is known, one single ship having been sunk by a submarine of these waters.

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In the case referred to above, however, the brilliant feat of Squadron Commander Bigsworth was performed in the immediate neighborhood of the coast in occupation of the enemy and the position of the sunken submarine has been located by a German destroyer.

### BOMB FROM BRITISH AIRSHIP DESTROYS A GERMAN SUBMARINE

### Dairing Airman Within Sight of Enemy's Positions on Belgian Coast, Drops Bombs on German Undersea Boat and Wrecks it Off Ostend.

London, Aug. 26.—A German submarine has been destroyed near Ostend, Belgium, by a bomb dropped by an aeroplane. Official announcement to this effect was made here this evening.

The text of the statement follows: "The Secretary of the Admiralty announces that Squadron Commander Arthur W. Bigsworth, R. N., destroyed single-handed a German submarine this morning by bombs dropped from an aeroplane. The submarine was observed to be completely wrecked and sank off Ostend."

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### AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN PETROGRAD ADDS TWELVE MORE BEDS

Petrograd, Aug. 26, via London, Aug. 27.—Simultaneously with the receipt of news that the American Red Cross units would be withdrawn from Russia October 1, the American colony here voted, at a mass meeting, to increase the capacity of the American hospital in this city from twenty-eight beds to forty at present. Forty subscriptions were raised to cover the cost of enlarging the hospital.

### MUNITIONS MINISTRY NOW CONTROLS ROYAL ORDNANCE FACTORIES

London, Aug. 26, (8.15 p. m.)—An official statement issued tonight says: "Arrangements have been made between the council of the army and the ministry of munitions for the transfer to the latter of the control of the Royal Ordnance factories during the war."

### MUCH DEBATE OVER SUBJECT OF CONSCRIPTION

Press and People Divided on the Question—In Hands of Wrong People, Arnold Bennett Writes.

London, Aug. 26, (Gazette Cable)—The question of national service is daily becoming more acute from the controversial point of view, and though certain papers have striven to dissociate it from politics, the cleavage is on political lines. The Northcliffe organs are waging a strong national service campaign, and receiving more moderately expressed support from the *Morning Post*, the *Standard* and *Express*, while the *Telegraph* leaves the subject alone.

Arnold Bennett in the *Daily News* writes that the conscription campaign is in the hands of the wrong people, and the careful attention from it of the influential Conservative personalities constitutes an almost dramatic phenomenon, and that it is in the hands of people who by inaptitude and vulgarity might be trusted to ruin a far better cause.

President Smille, of the Miners' Federation, the most powerful trade union in Britain, interviewed in the *Manchester Guardian*, declares strong opposition to the abandonment of the voluntary system, and charges conscription advocates with a desire to establish conditions under which organized workers could be exploited by capitalists after the war, concluding with a stated intention of fighting conscription inch by inch, if it is attempted.

With such diversified opinions, the Observer thinks that it is the imperative duty of the ministers to insist that there be restraint in the discussion.

A labor party numbering a dozen parliamentarians will cross to Flanders next week, and probably their visit there will have an important influence upon their attitude in this respect.

### PROMINENT FIGURE IN CANADIAN FINANCE

Montreal, Aug. 26.—Mr. George Hasque, formerly general manager of the Merchants Bank of Canada, and for many years a well known figure in the Canadian banking world, died tonight at his residence in Montreal. He was in his 91st year. He was a native of Rotherham, Yorkshire.

Mr. Hasque was prominently identified with the Young Men's Christian Association.

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