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BRITISH

London, Aug. 26.—Squadron-Commander Bigsforth to-day destroyed a German submarine, single-handed, by bombs dropped from an aeroplane. The submarine sank off Ostend.

The following is the official statement respecting the Dardanelles:—Operations since August 6th comprised two lines of attack, the first from the old Anzac position, and the second from the new landing at Suvla Bay. Severe fighting and heavy losses on both sides resulted. Our objectives are not yet gained, though the area held by us has greatly increased. The Anzac attack reached the summit of Saribair and Chanakbair ridge, but as the Suvla attack did not make the expected progress, the actual crest is not held. Positions below the crest are effectively consolidated. The ground gained enabled the Suvla-Anzac line to be connected upon a front of over twelve miles. Renewed attack on the 21st advanced the Anzac front. Elsewhere, being unable to occupy the summits, we withdrew to the original front.

No special news from the French or Russian fronts. The Italian Government report the capture of the head of Strino Valley to the Tonale zone.—BONAR LAW.

FRENCH

Paris, Aug. 26.—The French war office statement says that during a part of last night there were artillery exchanges and fighting with hand grenades and other explosives in the Artois district. In the vicinity of Souchez and Neuville and around Roye there has been a continued marked activity on the part of the enemy artillery as well as our own. In the Artois district in the sector of La-fille Morté yesterday there was fairly severe fighting with bombs and hand grenades. Nothing of importance has been reported from the remainder of the front.

Austrians Engage In Duel With Serbs On the Frontier

Nish, Serbia, Aug. 26.—Further skirmishes between the Austrians and the Serbians have marked a resumption of hostilities on this front. The following official statement was issued to-day, Aug. 22: "By infantry fire we prevented the enemy from fortifying himself on the left bank of the Save, in the neighborhood of Oracitz and Drenetz. On the same evening one of our batteries shelled a hostile detachment near Boriza and a battery of the enemy which at that moment was going into action."

Cruiser Augsburg Sunk in Baltic

London, Aug. 26.—A Paris despatch to the Star says confirmation has been received of the report that a Russian submarine on Monday sank the German cruiser Augsburg in the Baltic, north of Danzig.

Songs & Music

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Men Have Got To Join the Army Says Earl Selbourne

To a Deputation of Land Owners Calling on Him

PREDICTS CONSCRIPTION

During the Next Year, Men Will be Taken From the Farms, and Women Must Take Their Places

London, Aug. 26.—Something in the nature of Conscription, though the term was not employed, was fore-shadowed by Earl 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 voluntary or compulsory," said the Earl. "Agricultural laborers have done their part nobly in this war, but responses have been very unequal over the country. I forecast that during 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 to farmers his foreman, stockman and carters, 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 imposed a great strain on the 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. This statement lends color to recent unofficial reports to the effect that the British have of late months captured a very large number of these submarines, and that many others have been sunk since the beginning of the war. British official reports, however, have accounted for but one German submarine besides the one, the destruction of which is announced to-day. 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 sinking a submarine has been paid to a British merchantman, there have been no official intimations as to what method, offensive or defensive, has been taken by the British Navy against the submarines, although the Admiralty previously announced its satisfaction with these measures. Returning Americans have described the new British sport of submarine hunting, and have said that great numbers of small high-powered and very speedy motor boats, mounting guns of small calibre, constantly scoured the coastal waters of Britain for months. There also have been repeated stories of an extensive system of submarine nets in the Channel waters, and even that one submarine net extends entirely across the English Channel which guard boats at the opening.

Mobilization Of Greek Forces Now Imminent

Rome, Aug. 26.—A report from Venice says that general mobilization of the Greek forces is believed imminent.

Swedish Steamer Goes to Bottom

London, Aug. 26.—The Swedish steamer Disa has been sunk. Crew landed.

GERMANS OCCUPY BREST-LITOVSK AFTER ABANDONMENT BY RUSSIANS WHO HAVE RETREATED FARTHER EAST

Enemy Is Now Approaching Last Stronghold of Grand Duke the Minor Forts of Grodno and Olita--No Indications Where Russians Intend to Make a Stand But Probably in the Forest of Vant Bieloviezh

Aeroplanes Activity Break Monotony of the Western Front--Frenchmen Drop Bombs on Dillingen Iron Works--Four of the Machines Brought Down by the Enemy--Wounded Men from Gallipoli Tell How Near the Allies Were to Important Capture, Hill 971 Guard-Turk Communications Almost Within Their Grasp

London, Aug. 27.—Brest-Litovsk, the main Russian fortress and concentration centre for the Bug line of defences was occupied by the Austro-Germans to-day.

While the Russians offered stout resistance to the invaders, during their approach to the fortress, apparently they did not attempt to defend Brest-Litovsk itself, but evacuated it, as they did Ossowetz, in conformity with their intention, as indicated in despatches from Petrograd yesterday to take up new positions farther East. The Germans are now 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 Olita is now the only strongly fortified positions remaining in the hands of the Russians, and both these are being approached by the Germans, and will probably be given up when they have fulfilled the purpose of facilitating the retreat of the Russian armies.

The Russians have not yet entered the Vant Bieloviezh Forest, which runs thirty miles north and south,

and has a width of from seventeen to thirty miles. This forest is a famous hunting centre and bison preserve. South of it are the Prepet marshes which protect the Russian left, with plenty of roads and three or four railroad lines.

It is expected here that the Grand Duke Nicholas will make good his retirement if Grodno and Olita can hold out long enough. Even though they should fall, military observers say the Grand Duke would be well on his way to those positions before the Germans could reach his flank and there again make Russian preparations for a stand, but there are no indications as yet where this attempt is to be made.

Aircraft have again broken the monotony of the Western warfare. Sixty-two French aeroplanes flew over Dillingen Iron works near Saar-louis, dropping 150 bombs, while a British aviator is reported to have succeeded in dropping a bomb upon and destroyed a German submarine off Ostend. A German report says four of the French machines in the attack near Saar-louis were brought

down, one of them however falling behind the French lines.

Italians claim further minor successes on all their fronts, but these are consistently denied by the Austrians.

Of 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 how nearly the Allies came to gaining a great success in one of their attacks. An Australian officer declared if the Allied forces had two more hours of darkness they could have covered the six hundred yards of ground which separated them from Sari Bahr, generally known as Hill 971. Once this hill was in the Allies' hands the officer declared, Turkish communications would have been cut.

It was for the possession of this hill that the Dominion troops fought so bravely, but futilely. Except for the postponement of the statement of the Greek Premier as to the future policy of Greece, there is nothing new in the Balkan situation.

Asked For Help But Finished Work Single Handed

French Destroyer Sinks a German Near Ostend

HELP ARRIVED ONLY IN TIME

To See the German Vessel Go Down With all Hands

Paris, Aug. 26.—Details of the action in which a German torpedo boat destroyer was sunk by a French destroyer on the night of August 22nd, is contained in a despatch from Dunkirk.

The German destroyer was more powerful than the French destroyer, the despatch avows, and the commander of the French boat asked for wireless for assistance. He did not wait for the arrival of help, however, but engaged the German craft.

The French boat fired first and scored a hit. She then launched a torpedo which sank her adversary.

After the first shot took effect, the damaged German vessel limped away toward Ostend where the German coast battery fired at the French destroyer, but succeeded only in preventing the rescue of the crew of the sinking German boat.

The second French destroyer, which came in reply to the call for help, arrived only in time to see the German vessel go down.

Ten Thousand Welsh Miners Go On Strike

London, Aug. 27.—Nearly ten thousand miners struck to-day in South Wales coal fields, according to a despatch from Newport, Wales.

Washington Sees A Rift in Clouds And is Optimistic

State Department is Convinced That no Rupture in FRIENDLY RELATIONS

Between Germany and the States Will Occur Over the Arabic Affair

Washington, Aug. 27.—Two important developments to-day in the relations between the United States and Germany, which further reduced the tenacity of the situation, were taken to foreshadow a declaration from Berlin on the subject of submarine warfare, which would eliminate that source of discord between the two countries.

Coun Von Bernstorff, German Ambassador, called upon Secty Lansing and informed him that the statement presented on Tuesday by direction of the Berlin Foreign Office, saying there was no intent to cause the loss of American lives when the White Star liner Arabic was destroyed, was intended to imply that German submarine commanders had been ordered to attack no more merchantmen without warning.

Ambassador Gerrard reporting from Berlin the substance of the conference with the Foreign Minister von Jagow, confirmed the Associated Press despatch early in the day, Germany, even before the sinking of the Arabic adopted a policy designed to settle completely the whole submarine problem. The State Department did not make public Ambassador Gerrard's despatch, but optimism immediately reflected in the State Department and White House was taken as

German Arrested In New York Had Photographs

And Maps Showing Topography American Forts MYSTERIOUS PERSON

Gustave Kopsch Had a Manner Which Attracted Suspicion of Fellow Boarders, and Led to His Arrest

New York, Aug. 27.—A Washington despatch says, with photographs and topographical maps of Fort Monroe and new fortifications under construction at Cape Henry on the person of Gustave Kopsch, a German reservist, arrested by the Department of Justice and Secret Service last night, was taken to the district jail on failure to obtain \$5,000 bail.

Chief of the Bureau of Investigation said that while he had not had sufficient opportunity to study carefully the papers and films found on Kopsch when arrested, he had identified the photographic films of Fort Monroe and of new fort site on Cape Henry. Kopsch has been living in a boarding house here and had acquired the reputation among his fellow boarders of being mysterious. Several boarders have been so worried by their suspicions that they dropped them to Government officials.

We have heard of the blessings of poverty, but we can't recall having ever seen any of them.

convincing proof that the situation, once threatening to break the friendly relations between the two countries, was on a way to a settlement.

Northcliffe Organs Wage Campaign For National Service

London Dailies Support the Plea in Milder Form

STRONG OPPOSITION TO CONSCRIPTION

Is Promised by President Smillie of Miners Federation, Strongest Labor Union in England

London, August 27.—The question, National Service, is daily becoming more acute from the controversial point of view, though certain papers have striven to disassociate it from politics the cleavage is along political lines. The Northcliffe organs are waging a strong national service campaign receiving more moderately expressed support from the Morning Post, 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. Careful abstention from it of influential conservatives personalities constitute 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 Smillie of the Miners Federations, the most powerful trade Union in Britain, interviewed by the Manchester Guardian, declares strong opposition to the abandonment of the voluntary system, concluding with the stated intention of fighting conscription inch by inch, if it is attempted.

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

The labor party, numbering a dozen parliamentary leaders, will cross to Flanders next week, probably the visit there will have an important influence upon their attitude in this respect.

Aviator Sinks German Submarine Off Ostend

London, Aug. 26.—The Admiralty announces that Squadron Commander Bigsforth, 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 sunk off Ostend. It is not the practice of the Admiralty to publish statements regarding losses by German submarines.

In the present case, however, the brilliant feat of Squadron-Commander Bigsforth was performed in the immediate neighbourhood of a coast in the possession of the enemy, and the location of the sunken submarine has been located by a German destroyer.

Arabic Incident Is Not Likely To Cause Friction

Berlin, Aug. 26.—The Associated press is in a position to state on the best authority that the Arabic incident may be considered as eliminated as any source of discord between Germany and the United States, or, at least, as regarded by the German Government in that light. Moreover Germany, in its desire to continue friendly relations with the United States, had adopted before the sinking of the Arabic a policy designated to settle completely the whole submarine problem, as affecting the United States, on a basis of good will and mutual understanding.

Munitions Minister Takes Control Ordnance Works

London, Aug. 26.—Official announcements have been made between the Army Council and the Ministry of Munitions, for the transfer to the latter of the control of the Royal Ordnance factories during the war.

Greek Parliament Assembled Yesterday

London, Aug. 26.—To-day's sitting of the Greek Parliament was devoted to the selection of vice-president and clerks. According to a despatch to Reuter's Telegram Co. from Athens, there were interpellations by the opposition and independents. Deciding it would be inadvisable to press Premier Venizelos to make any announcement regarding the foreign policy while negotiations of vital importance were in progress, the Parliament was adjourned until August 30th.

Zeppelin Flies Over Vlieland Towards England

Amsterdam, Aug. 26.—According to the Hetvok, a Zeppelin passed this morning over the Dutch Island of Vlieland, flying from the east in a north-west direction to the English coast.

This is the second time in two days that a Zeppelin has been seen over this island, travelling toward England.

To Visit America During the Fall

London, Aug. 26.—Earl and Countess Aberdeen have arranged to visit Canada and the United States during the coming Fall. Besides attending the annual meeting of the National Council of Women in Toronto in October, they have agreed to address meetings in several cities in the United States, in relation to movements in Ireland.

Wreck Commission Suspends Captain Steamer Batican

Montreal, Aug. 27.—The Dominion Wreck Commissioners' Court to-day rendered a decision in the case of the collision between the steamers Batican, of the Dominion Coal Co. and the Bengore Head, of the Head Line off Cape Salmon, August 3rd.

Captain Green, of the Batican is suspended for two years and Pilot Lachance, of the Batican, was fined \$300, while Pilot Raymond, of the Bengore Head, who left the ship after the collision and went on board the Batican, was deprived of his license.

Trouble Occurs In Turk Cabinet

London, Aug. 27.—The Times My-tlenie correspondent says there has been a split in the Turkish Cabinet, owing to persecution of Greeks and Armenians in Turkey.

The Grand Vizier has threatened to resign unless the reported treatment ceases. Enver Pasha, War Minister, offered the Grand Vizierate to Rifat Pasha, President of the Senate, but Rifat declined the office and is now trying to bring about peace in the Cabinet.

The Bombardment Of German Base At Zeebrugge

Amsterdam, August 27.—Concerning the recent bombardment of Zeebrugge, Belgium, by the British fleet, the Tiji says, it has learned that a large number of soldiers were killed by the fire of the fleet, and that 90 severely wounded men were brought to Ghent. Material damage done, it adds was apparently very great, shed built for submarines was completely destroyed and with it some submarines.

Heavy Casualties Among the Colonials On Gallipoli

London, August 27.—The severity of the recent fighting on Gallipoli Peninsula is shown by the fact that during the last eight days, there have been nearly 800 casualties among officers of the British forces, the Australians and New Zealanders bearing the brunt of the losses. The casualty list issued yesterday contained the names of 122 officers and 1350 men.

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