

HAIG AND JOFFRE STOP ATTACKS ON THE SOMME

TREMENDOUS BATTLE RAGING TO THE EAST OF GORIZIA

MANY NEUTRAL SHIPS SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINES

HAIG'S GRIP ON POZIERES UNSHAKEN BY ASSAULTS OF FOE IN GREAT FORCE

Powerful Infantry Attack Delivered Last Night by Germans On Somme Front North of Pozieres, But Was Repulsed by British With Heavy Loss.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Aug. 12.—A strong infantry attack was delivered last night by the Germans on the Somme front north of Pozieres. According to an announcement from the war office today this attack was repulsed with heavy loss to the Germans. The announcement follows: "The enemy renewed his efforts to recapture trenches he lately wrested from him on the high ground north of Pozieres by delivering a strong infantry attack yesterday evening, supported by heavy artillery fire. This attack was repulsed with heavy loss, and nowhere did he succeed in piercing our positions. "Elsewhere along the British front there was no change."

FRENCH CHECK ENEMY ATTACK AT HEM WOODS

Vigorous Assault Was Undertaken Last Night by the Germans.

ALONG SOMME FRONT

Foe Frustrated in Move To Storm Town of La Maisonette.

REPULSED AT FLEURY

Artillery Active at Several Points in the Verdun Sector.

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Aug. 12.—12:30 p.m.—A vigorous attack north of Hem wood, on the Somme front, was undertaken last night by the Germans. The war office statement of today says the assault was checked. The Germans sustained appreciable losses in their attack. South of the Somme, after a violent bombardment, the Germans attacked La Maisonette, but the French curtain of fire prevented the assaulting waves of infantry from debouching.

During the night the French organized their new positions north of the river. Reconnoitering parties entered the wood east of Hem station, where numerous bodies of Germans were found. On the Verdun front two German attacks in the vicinity of Fleury were repulsed. The artillery was active in the region of Vaux, Champs and Chemois. The announcement follows: "North of the Somme our troops made use of the night to organize their new front. Our reconnoitering parties penetrated the wood east of Hem station, where they found the bodies of numerous Germans. "Toward 9 o'clock in the evening the Germans attempted to make a vigorous counter-attack on the quarry north of Hem wood, which was captured by us yesterday. Their attack withered under our fire and cost them their appreciable losses."

Curtain Fire Prevails. "South of the Somme, after a violent bombardment, the enemy delivered attacks against La Maisonette. Our curtain of fire caught the waves of men engaged in the assault and forced them back into their trenches. "On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) we advanced during the night in the region south of the Thiaumont work. In the region of Fleury two German attacks, delivered respectively about 9 o'clock at night and 3 o'clock in the morning against our trenches in the village and our positions to the north-west, were entirely repulsed."

PRESIDENT WILSON OFFERS TO MEDIATE RAILWAY DISPUTE

Washington, Aug. 12.—President Wilson sent word today to the mediators attempting to settle the threatened railroad strike that he would like to consult with representatives of both sides before there is a break.

The president was in communication by telephone with the federal mediators and informed them that a strike must be avoided, and that if a deadlock were reached he would like an opportunity to talk to the representatives of the railroad managers and employees.

BATTLE RAGING BEHIND GORIZIA CADORNA WINS

Further Italian Successes Are Indicated by News From Front.

PRESSING AUSTRIANS HARD

Seven Thousand Refugees Were Found Amongst Ruins of Stronghold.

STAFF FLED IN A PANIC

Tragic Scenes in Wake of Austrian Retreat From Gorizia.

(Canadian Press.)

Rome, Aug. 12.—Today's official statement says the Italians have occupied the town of Oppacchiasella on the Carso Plateau. The town of Oppacchiasella is about one mile east of the Vallone line, which the Austrians were reported by the Italians yesterday to have taken up after the capture of Dohedo Plateau by the Italians. This indicates that the Italians have succeeded in pushing back the Austrians a substantial distance further after clearing the Dohedo Plateau. Oppacchiasella is six miles south-west of Gorizia.

London, Aug. 12.—A Daily Mail dispatch from Milan says: "A battle is now proceeding east of Gorizia, and the news which is coming in from the front gives hope of further successes. The capture of the town of Gorizia was accompanied by stirring events. Gen. Zeller, who commanded this part of the Austrian front, had stolen out of town with all his staff, leaving his troops to sacrifice themselves in the last fruitless resistance."

Tragic Scenes. Gen. Zeller, before he took to flight, carrying with him all documents of military importance, gave orders that the civilian population should be removed and sent to Laibach, 45 miles east of Gorizia. He meant the houses to be left empty and in ruins. Non-combatants had attempted to escape toward Tarnova, northeast of Gorizia, driven on by the Austrian military police, but encountering a curtain of fire, they were killed. There were tragic scenes. Old women and children ran across the country seeking for shelter in ruined houses and in dugouts, panic-stricken.

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NOW IN COMMAND OF 3RD ARTILLERY BRIGADE AT FRONT



LIEUT.-COL. WOODMAN LEONARD, late O. C. of the 12th (formerly 6th) Battery, C. F. A.

MINISTERS' PACT.

(Canadian Press.) Fernie, B. C., Aug. 12.—Complete returns of the vote show that the settlement of the difficulties between the mine operators and the miners has been approved by a large majority of the miners, and the labor crisis in District No. 18 is over. The strike has been declared off.

NEW LOAN OF 250 MILLIONS TO BE PLACED IN STATES FOR BRITISH GOVERNMENT

(Canadian Press.) New York, Aug. 12.—Expectation was expressed in financial circles today that within a fortnight of official announcement would be made that negotiations had been completed for a new loan, reported to be \$250,000,000 to Great Britain. This loan would run for two years, according to a summary published here today, with interest at 5 per cent and to be offered at 98, would be obligations of the American Foreign Securities Company, which advanced \$100,000,000 to the British government, and the corporation with which the same interests would be identified.

MIGHTY ARMY OF 700,000 GATHERED IN THE BALKANS

Powerful Anglo-French-Serb Force Ready for Smash.

(Canadian Press.) New York, Aug. 12.—The London correspondent of the Tribune, cabling last night, says: "The battle in the Balkan front has opened. Official advice from Saloniki reports that the Allied forces have operating from the Greek seaport, have captured the Dolan railway station and seized Hill 27, south of Dolan. Army of 700,000 Men. The attack had been expected for the last few weeks. When it was begun the ring of fire around the Teutonic allies would be closed. The Allied forces have been long preparing for the drive that would win back Serbia. They have massed, according to reports from Greece, nearly 700,000 men for the offensive."

Sarrail commands a magnificent Anglo-French and Serbian army, which is likely to make the Bulgarians pay bitterly for their treacherous desertion of Serbia last fall. With the Russian, the French, the British and finally the joint Allied offensives in full swing, the drive from Saloniki would find a weakened opposition. Bulgars Ready to Quit. Bulgaria has all she desires, and its ready to quit the fray. She threw in her lot with the Teutons at a time when victory for them seemed certain. But with the constantly increasing power of the Allies the whole aspect has changed. Reports reaching London lately declared that Bulgaria was "gunning for a separate peace." Dispatches from Athens even declared that Oza Ferdinand was ready to transfer his allegiance to the Allies. But whatever action Bulgaria takes, the offensive through Serbia will have great effect on Greece and Rumania. Situation at Athens. If Venizelos is elected premier, King Constantine will be forced to declare for the Allies. Bucharest has long been wavering, and a show of Allied power in the Balkans, coupled with the Russian victories, may prove the final inducement to bring her into the Allied ranks. Artillery fighting continues along the whole Serbian line, with numerous sharp engagements. Berlin tells of "sham attacks" with weak detachments, which were repulsed, but gives no further hint of an extended offensive. The Dolan station lies five miles east of the town. Reports from the front say that the ground in front of the captured positions was filled with bodies of Bulgarians. Dolan was the scene of costly attacks by the Allies in December, 1915.

THE FAVORED FEW



Policeman. Don't you know the lawn service is cut off this summer—With very few exceptions

FOE SUBMARINES RUNNING AMUCK; SHIPS OF ALL NATIONS SENT DOWN; UNARMED VESSELS ARE SHELLED

(Canadian Press.) Marseilles, Aug. 12.—The patrol boat B-19 landed here last night, the crew of 46 men of the Japanese steamer Temmel Maru, which was sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine which showed no flag. Members of the crew state the vessel was shelled without warning, and that the submarine fired on boats in which they took refuge.

The Temmel Maru, 3,900 tons gross, was 340 feet long. She arrived at Vladivostok May 10 from New York. London, Aug. 12.—2:34 p.m.—A Lloyd's dispatch from Barcelona says the Italian steamship Sebastiano, 4,034 tons gross, has been sunk by a submarine 40 miles off Cape San Sebastian. All the members of the crew were landed at Barcelona.

SIX AT ONCE. (Canadian Press.) Havre, Aug. 12.—Six ships were held up at once by a German submarine on Thursday morning. The commander of the submarine ordered the crew of the French steamer Marie to get into boats and then sank the vessel with bombs in view of the crews of the other five ships. The Norwegian steamers Crolo and Soro were next sent to the bottom, each vessel going down in ten minutes. The other three ships were allowed to continue their voyage after being searched, and their papers examined. The crews of the three sunken ships were picked up by the Danish steamer Robert, and landed at Havre on Friday morning.

SUNK BY SUBMARINE. (Canadian Press.) Madrid, Via Paris, Aug. 12.—The British steamer Antiope, 1,908 tons, has been sunk by a submarine. The crew took refuge in two boats, one of which was picked up by the Greek steamer Nikithanassoula. The other boat is missing.

DANISH SHIP TORPEDOED. (Canadian Press.) London, Aug. 12.—The Danish steamer Danevang, bound from Haparanda, Sweden, for Hull, has been sunk by a submarine in the North Sea, according to a Reuter dispatch from Copenhagen. The crew was saved.

BY SUBS AND MINES. (Canadian Press.) London, Aug. 12.—3:16 p.m.—Delayed—Submarines and mines have caused the destruction of a number of vessels of various nationalities today, according to reports to Lloyd's, emanating from widely separated areas. Among the victims were a number of steamers. F. Stobart, 801 tons, which struck a mine in the North Sea, with the loss of four of its crew drowned; the French steamer San Bernardino, 3,907 tons, which was torpedoed in the same vicinity.

In the Mediterranean the French schooner Neptune was sunk by an Austrian submarine, and Lloyd's says it is believed also that two other unknown sailing vessels were sent to the bottom at the same time and place.

SANK GERMAN STEAMER. (Canadian Press.) Copenhagen, Aug. 12.—Via London.—The Danish steamer Storebelt, bound from Newcastle for Turku, Armenia, was sunk by a submarine. The crew of 2,000 barrels of pork and a large quantity of eggs, has been captured by the Germans and taken into Swinemund, according to the Politiken.

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Impetuous Russian Sweep Carries More Hun Points; Stanislau Left Undamaged

Slavs Take Three More Villages of Teutons in Galicia, Boldly Crossing Rivers and Rolling Back Resistance.

(Canadian Press.)

Petrograd, Aug. 12.—Via London, 2:25 p.m.—Russian troops in Galicia have crossed the River Koropice, and captured two villages. It was announced today by the war office. The statement follows: "In the region of the middle Sereth our troops, pursuing the enemy as he retreats from his fortified position made an advance on Wernia, a village in the vicinity of Buczacz to the north of this town. Our troops are continuing their advance. They have crossed the River Koropice at some places by the middle stream and captured the villages of Slobudkagura and Folvaki. In the direction of Monasterzyska we captured the railway line running between Monasterzyska and Corokoff, and the ground between the Ziota Lapa and the Horovanka from the village of Kraacow up to the village of Usciezelonot, Stanislau Undamaged. "In the region of Stanislau our troops continue to cross the Rivers Bystritsa-Nadbornaskol and Bystritsa-Bolshova to the south. Before evacuating Stanislau, the enemy blew up railway junctions and switches. Otherwise the town was quite undamaged and in perfect order. "On the Caucasian front west of Glumichan, the Turks several times resumed the offensive, being repelled on each occasion by our forces. "North of Hulis obstinate fighting continues. In Persia, in the region of Bokana our troops are pursuing the Turks, who are retreating hurriedly to Salskia."

J. WESLEY ALLISON SHORN OF HONORARY-COLONEL RANK

Hughes' Profiteering Friend Finally Drummed Out of "Service" as a Result of Charges Brought by Kyte, Liberal Member.

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—J. Wesley Allison, has been reduced to the ranks. He is no longer honorary colonel in the Canadian military force. The Government has taken action and cancelled his honorary colonelcy. The Meredith-Duff report is the basis of the action. The Government, after consideration, decided that it could not agree with Gen. Hughes that Allison is the greatest man in Canada, but preferred the Meredith-Duff finding that Allison's word could not be accepted and that he got the money.

Promotion to Brigadier Is Now Confirmed

Major Woodman Leonard Will Command 3rd Brigade With Rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

Confirmation of the appointment of Major Woodman Leonard, O. C. of the 12th (formerly the 6th) Field Battery, to the command of the 3rd Artillery Brigade of the Canadian Field Artillery at the front, has been given in cablegrams received in London today. For some time Major Leonard has been acting as commander of the 3rd Brigade, and the fact that his appointment has been confirmed means that he has been promoted to lieutenant-colonel. Lieut.-Col. Leonard, as he will now be known, has been long regarded as one of the most efficient battery commanders at the front, and his promotion to a brigadier is considered as only his just due, according to officers and men who served with and under the popular London officer at the front.

TURKS NOW ADMIT HEAVY DEFEAT AT HANDS OF BRITISH

Part of Left Wing Attacking Suez Was Captured.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Aug. 12.—The admission is made in a telegram received here today from Constantinople that the Turks were compelled to fall back after the recent battles with the British east of the Suez Canal.

"Turkish forces which advanced for reconnaissance made attacks on strongly consolidated positions of the enemy," the dispatch says. "They occupied the first line trenches and towards evening reached the barbed wire obstacles of the enemy's main position. Blame Sandstorm. "Meanwhile a gigantic sandstorm came up and impeded our left wing, preventing prosecution of the reconnaissance of this area. The enemy, assisted by detachments of troops with camels and by reinforcements drawn from the direction of El Kantara and Duldur, took advantage of this situation. He made a surprise attack on the rear of our left wing, part of which after long fighting, fell into his hands. We left in the position some machine guns which we had rendered unusable. "Owing to this incident we withdrew our troops in the direction of Katia. On August 5 the enemy, with all his forces, attacked our troops encamped in the district of Katia, but was repulsed with severe loss in a counter-attack. We withdrew that night to the line east of Katia."

OFFICERS LOSSES FOR ONE WEEK 1,799; 528 WERE KILLED

Lists Show Heavy Fighting on Western Front.

ENGLISH HARDEST HIT

Total Casualties Since War Began Number 34,857.

(Canadian Press.) London, July 27.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Officers' casualties of the fighting on the western front. The losses for one week, July 15 to 23, were 628 killed, 1,070 wounded, and 201 missing, a total of 1,799. The proportion of killed to wounded, one to two, is rather higher than in the preceding fortnight. Since the beginning of the war the British army has lost 10,105 officers killed, 21,290 wounded, and 2,462 missing.

In the week casualties were heaviest in the Yorkshire regiments, which lost 42 killed, 81 wounded, 11 missing; Lancashire, 29 killed, 73 wounded, 24 missing; Northampton, 28 killed, 41 wounded, and 7 missing; Yorks and Lancashire, 24 killed, 27 wounded, and 14 missing; King's Own Yorks, 30 killed, 37 wounded, and 1 missing; Lincoln, 24 killed, 26 wounded, and 8 missing; London regiments, 14 killed, 23 wounded, 3 missing; machine gun corps, 8 killed, 31 wounded, and 3 missing.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 84; lowest, 58. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 73; lowest, 58.

TOMORROW—FINE AND COOL.

Toronto, Aug. 12.—8 a.m. Forecasts. Moderate to fresh west to north winds, fine and comparatively cool today and on Sunday.

Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria 76 52 Clear. Vancouver 76 40 Clear. Calgary 66 40 Clear. Winnipeg 60 38 Fair. Port Arthur 74 42 Clear. Parry Sound 78 56 Clear. Fort Stanley 54 58 Clear. Buffalo 78 60 Clear. Toronto 82 60 Clear. Kingston 74 58 Fair. Ottawa 76 64 Fair. Montreal 78 54 Fair. Quebec 82 62 Clear. Father Point 78 52 Cloudy. Showers were almost general yesterday over Ontario, while they occurred more locally in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. In the West the weather has been fine and cool.

OTTOMAN REPORT CLAIMS RUSSIANS ARE IN RETREAT

Driven Back Further in the Bitlis-Mush Sector of Armenia.

(Canadian Press.) Constantinople, Aug. 11.—Via London, Aug. 12.—The Russian forces in the Bitlis-Mush sector of Turkey, Armenia, have been driven back further by the Turks, the war office announced today in the following statement: "The Russian force which, owing to bad roads and the difficulties created for us by the weather, established itself on the Bitlis-Mush line has been compelled gradually to retreat, leaving guns, rifles and prisoners in our hands. The Russian retreat was caused by our heavy attacks and the pressure of our right wing on the steep Chaps heights. Advancing On Pass. "The mountains south of Bitlis, which the enemy fortified strongly and defended obstinately were captured. On the night of August 7 we occupied Bitlis and on the morning of August 8 Mush was taken. Our advance continues toward the pass north of Bitlis and Mush. "We took the offensive against positions of the enemy in the vicinity of Bitlis on August 11, Col. 8.

FIFTEEN KILLED IN STREET CAR WRECK AT JOHNSTOWN, PA.

Forty Injured in Accident at the Town of Echo, Pennsylvania.

(Canadian Press.) Johnstown, Pa., Aug. 12.—Fifteen persons were killed and about 40 others injured at Echo, ten miles from here, shortly before noon today in a street car wreck. The injured are being brought to Johnstown.

The accident occurred on the Southern Cambria Electric Railroad, which connects Johnstown with Ebensburg, the county seat, at the foot of a steep hill. One car had just turned a sharp curve when it was telescoped by another car dashing down the hill. The motor car had lost control, and the car, running through a switch, had continued at high speed, crashing into the car from Johnstown, which was also making fast time to reach the switch. All the available doctors and nurses were hurried from Johnstown to the scene of the accident.