

RUSSIANS DEFEAT TURKS IN THE CAUCASUS

AUSTRIANS CLAIM TO BE WITHIN THIRTEEN MILES OF BIG POLISH FORTRESS

Fate of Kovno in the Balance According to Statement From Vienna — Minor Success Reported in Fighting Against Italians.

Vienna, Aug. 17, via London.—Austro-Hungarian troops pursuing the retreating Russians have advanced to Dobrynya, thirteen miles southwest of the fortress of Brest-Litovsk, according to an official statement issued tonight at the Austrian War Office. The statement says: "The Austro-Hungarian troops are sharply pursuing the enemy, who is continuously retreating. The pursuing troops under Field Marshal Von Arz have advanced to Dobrynya, twenty kilometers southwest of Brest-Litovsk. The Russian rearguard, taking up positions near Pizag, were beaten back by the Hungarian Landwehr. "The forces under command of Archduke Joseph Ferdinand are advancing on Janow (about twenty miles northwest of Brest-Litovsk). General

Von Kovess has beaten the enemy back across the Bug in the region of Konstantynow. "North of the Lower Bug the German and Austrian cavalry are fighting together. On the front near Vladimir-Volynskiy and in East Galicia the situation is quiet. "The fire of the Italian heavy artillery against our Tyrolean defense works continues feeble. Hostile infantry detachments, advancing on Val Surzano to Garzano, northeast of Bolzano, have been beaten back across the Maso Brook. "In the coastal region the Italians continued their attacks with strong forces against our positions between Kra and Tolmezzo, but they were bloodily repulsed everywhere. "Yesterday afternoon the Dobrodo plateau again was under a rather violent gunfire."

S.S. ROYAL EDWARD TORPEDOED BY A GERMAN SUBMARINE

Continued from page 1. have been transported to the Dardanelles, Egypt, South Africa and Serbia. Troops have been brought in from Canada, New Zealand, Australia and India for the defense of the mother country. To guard these vast movements elaborate precautions have been taken. Transports are accompanied by an escort of warships, chief reliance being placed on destroyers for warding off submarine attacks. The

British announcement shows that the Royal Edward was engaged in conveying troops to the Dardanelles front, having been sunk in the Aegean Sea. German submarines sent to these waters to assist the Turks have been very active. One of them, the U-11, under command of Captain Otto Herzog, made the voyage from Wilhelmshaven to the Dardanelles and sank the British battleships Triumph and Majestic.

PREMIER MADE A WISE CHOICE IN MR. MURCHIE

New Superintendent of Lumber Scales Respected by All. Has Been 43 Years in Charge of Big Lumber Operations and Knows Business Thoroughly.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, N. B., Aug. 17.—A. Theodore Murchie left St. Stephen this morning to enter actively upon his duties as superintendent of government scales and in his appointment to this important position the whole community where he has spent his life realize that no better appointment could have been made by his fellow townsmen. Premier Clarke, during the past forty-three years Mr. Murchie has had charge of the big lumber mills and lands of the James Murchie & Sons at Benton, and has managed them with eminent success. That his services could be secured for the province at this time is only due to the fact that the Murchie concern, after a long and honorable career, is retiring from the lumber business and has closed its mills at Benton.

Many Children Die From Summer Complaint

When They Could Be Saved By Using DR. FOWLER'S Extract of Wild Strawberry. Mrs. Guy R. Rhys, Middle Clyde, N.S., writes: "Last summer my little boy Ross, then a year old, had summer complaint. He was so bad the waste matter from the bowels looked as if it had come from a broken bowl. I live some distance from a doctor, but I sent word to him to come as soon as he could. In the meantime I gave him Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry, and he gradually grew better after the first two doses, and after using all the bottle he was cured. I am the mother of three children, and I could not get them through the long summer months without it."

Thousands of families throughout Canada and the United States have used this sterling remedy during the past 70 years and have always found it a "friend in need." "When you ask for 'Dr. Fowler's' see that you get 'Dr. Fowler's.' Don't accept some name, no reputation medicine which some dealer may say is 'The same' or 'Just as good.'" The genuine is manufactured by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont. Price, 25c.

BERLIN ANZEIGER FEARS STIFFENING OF RUSSIAN LINES

Amsterdam Reviewer Predicts Battles of Increasing Intensity in Immediate Future. Amsterdam, Aug. 17, via London.—Warning is telegraphed to Berlin by the war correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger from the eastern war theatre that the resistance of the Russians may be expected to increase as the Austro-German front approaches the Russian line of defense. The correspondent declares that the Russians can dispose sufficiently strong forces to enable them to make a serious temporary resistance, and adds that battles of increasing intensity with perhaps a retardation in the Austro-German advance are to be looked for in the immediate future.

BOYS ARRESTED.

Last night Sergt. Smith arrested Ivan Watters, age 12, and Murray Chase, age 13, on a charge of breaking and entering the warehouse of the Crystal Stream S. Co., Victoria and Elaine, and stealing a quantity of goods therefrom.

Opportunity May be Given to Wealthy Patriots to Help Soldiers Disabled in War.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Aug. 17.—Now that a sufficient number of machine guns have been promised by individuals and public bodies all over the Dominion, it is understood that an opportunity will be given to patriotic and generously disposed Canadians who wish to be of service in the great war, to contribute to a fund for aiding wounded soldiers who are sent home and who are either temporarily or permanently incapacitated. It is felt that the desire to do helpful service which has been so manifest all over the country, could not be better directed than to this object and it is a matter where a large amount of funds will be required. In the case of men who are permanently disabled and unable to earn their living as before, the pension provided by the government is scarcely more than a bare subsistence allowance. In some cases the men will have private means and no additional help will be required, but in a large number of cases the pension allowance will need to be supplemented in some other way if the men and their families are to live in any degree of comfort. The great sacrifice and heroic work of these men will doubtless be fully recognized and a generous response given when the appeal is made.

A CHANCE FOR CANADIANS TO "DO THEIR BIT"

Government Will Allow \$1.75 a Week for Each Canadian Prisoner as Spending Money. OTTAWA, AUG. 17.—The Canadian prisoners of war in Germany are to receive \$1.75 a week spending money. Negotiations between the British and German governments resulted in an arrangement by which the British government will forward seven shillings a week (approximately \$1.75) to each of its soldiers now prisoners of war in Germany. The money will be sent to American Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, who will see that the money reaches the British and Canadian prisoners. The money for the Canadians, while sent with that for the other British soldiers in Germany, will be provided by the Canadian government. This will be good news to the friends in this country of Canadians who were captured. Previous to this arrangement the prisoners in Germany received no money at all, as it is the rule that when a soldier is captured his pay stops. Notice of the arrangement has just been received by the Militia Department. The Canadian boys in Germany will have \$1.75 with which to buy extras each week. Reports received from Germany through the American Ambassador show that the prisoners are being well treated in that country. Their rations are very plain but of a fair quality, and with the weekly allowance their position will not be so bad.

GERMAN LOSSES SINCE WAR BEGAN
Paris, Aug. 17.—The Popolo of the Havas News Agency, prints the following despatch from Basel, Switzerland: "Germany has lost 43,972 officers since the war began, according to figures from German official sources. The dead total 13,893; the wounded 26,527; the missing 2,949; while 993 are numbered as prisoners. Included in the total are 123 generals."

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MUSCOVITES DRIVE TURKS OUT FROM CAUCASIAN CITY AFTER STUBBORN FIGHTING

Petrograd, Aug. 17, via London, Aug. 18.—An official statement issued tonight at the headquarters of the army of the Caucasus said: "The city of Van has been re-occupied by a detachment of our troops who drove out the Turks. "South of Kara Derbent we gained the villages of Seignan and Audark after a stubborn fight." A Turkish official statement, issued Monday, stated that Turkish troops had occupied Van, capital of the Vilayet of Van in Turkish Armenia, which was evacuated by the Russians on August 11. Petrograd, Aug. 17, via London, Aug. 18.—The following official statement was issued tonight at the headquarters of the Russian general staff: "In the region of Riga and in the direction of Jacobstadt attempts of the enemy to progress failed. In Dinak all German attacks have been repulsed. At Kovno there has been fighting of the most desperate character. Sunday and Monday the enemy, having made careful preparation by the use of heavy artillery of all calibres up to sixteen inches, launched a series of violent attacks in full strength with the object of storming the fortifications on the left bank of the Niemen. Towards Monday evening he succeeded in carrying a small fort which had been greatly damaged by artillery fire, and in breaking into intervening spaces between some of the other forts in the northern sector. The fighting continues. "On the left bank of the Upper Narew we repulsed, on Sunday, a series of fierce German attacks in the direction of Bialystok. "One of our submarines sank a Turkish steamer laden with coal in the Black Sea colliery district."

Russians Still Retiring Before Advancing Germans

The Russian retreat from Poland continues, and it is believed probable they will have to fall back further than the Brest-Litovsk line, as Berlin reports today that General Litmann has stormed and taken the forts on the southwest front of Kovno, capturing 4,500 prisoners and 240 guns. This probably means the early fall of the fortress itself, between which and the capture of the Vilna-Warsaw-Petrograd railway there cannot be much delay. Another fort on the northeast front of Novo Georgievsk also has fallen and the cordon is being closed around the fortress. Other armies from the west and south are advancing toward the Brest-Litovsk line. There has been continued activity among the diplomats in the Balkan capitals and among the Balkan representatives in other capitals. The Serbian minister, who has been a frequent visitor at the foreign office, saw Sir Edward Grey again today, while another caller was the Roumanian minister. There have been no developments in the situation, however. The Italians, according to telegrams from Rome, have commenced another general offensive against the Austrians, but there has been no news of moment from any of the other fronts.

EVIDENCE IN "HORSE PROBE" YESTERDAY

Several Witnesses Tell of Sales of Aged Horses—Dr. Chipman, Veterinary, Did Not Flea Hearing.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., Aug. 17.—Dr. Henry Chipman, father of Dr. George Chipman, the veterinary, who examined many of the Nova Scotia horses bought for war purposes, and who is absent from Canada, in a sanatorium in the United States, was the first witness called when the Davidson war contracts commission met here this morning. Dr. Chipman said the last time he heard from his son, he was at Waverly, Mass., suffering from tuberculosis. His son had not left the country because of the meetings of the commission, or the possibility of his having to give evidence. As far as he (witness) knew, the doctor had not been advised to leave and avoid examination. He, as his son's medical adviser, would take the responsibility of warning him not to attempt to appear before the commission, because of the danger of hemorrhage, as the young man's left lung was badly affected. Commission Counsel Thompson said he would ask the doctor to seriously consider getting his son to appear, and give evidence, either at Wolfville or Montreal, because of the serious allegations made against his character. Dr. Chipman said his son was at first refused admission to the United States on account of his condition. Rev. P. S. McGregor was examined as to a horse he sold to the remount buyers for \$145. He said it was sound in every respect, and he only sold it because it was "too lively" for farm work. "That has not been the experience of this commission previously," Robert Foster, Wolfville, received \$165 for an eight-year-old horse. The buyers, he thought were Todd Woodworth and Frank Kever, now in the United States, and the surgeon Dr. Chipman. He did not recollect giving any receipt for the money. Mrs. J. Elliott Smith, Wolfville, who enjoyed the distinction of being the

WASHINGTON LEARNS OF COTTON DECISION

Washington, Aug. 17.—The decision of the Allies to declare cotton contraband was admitted today in the highest official quarters, though a formal statement on the subject is withheld until official notification is received here from London and Paris. It is learned that in a day or two some sort of an official statement will be forthcoming, detailing the reasons of the Allies for declaring cotton contraband. The funeral of Mrs. Mary Hamilton took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late home, 48 Clarence street. Rev. John C. Berrie conducted the services and the interment was in the Church of England burying ground.

IMPERIAL THEATRE TODAY

The Charles Frohman Estate Presents WILLIAM H. CRANE IN HIS GREAT CHARACTERIZATION "DAVID HARUM" By Edward Noyes Westcott MR. WILLIAM CRANE makes his first motion picture appearance in his famous characterization of David Harum. It is doubtful if any American work of drama or fiction has ever achieved such a widespread and instantaneous success as did this book and play. Mr. Crane's wonderful portrayal of the genial and quaint old hero of this masterpiece is one of the best examples of character work ever given on the stage, so that the unusual combination of star and play insure a photo drama of unusual merit. CAST OF CHARACTERS: David Harum, country banker, loves a good horse, etc. - Wm. H. Crane Aunt Polly, his motherly sister, good cook, etc. - Kate Weeks Mary Blake, heiress and village "snob" for someone - May Allison John Lennis, sent to work in David's office - Harold Lockwood Chet Timson, David's clerk, rival in love - Hal. Garsden Deacon Perkins, got the better of David in a bass trade - Guy Nichols One of the Sweetest, Quaintest and Funniest of Modern Stories. RAE ELEANOR BALL—Violinist Fifteen Minute Musicals. FRI.—"By the Kaiser's Orders"—Three Reels

TONIGHT OPERA HOUSE MATINEE TODAY JERE McAULIFFE and HOMAN MUSICAL CO. IN AN ENTIRE CHANGE OF PROGRAM Repeating the Big Musical Hit "O'REILLY AT THE CABARET" There Will Be Another Change on Friday. Souvenir Photo of Jere McAuliffe to Everybody Friday Matinee and Night. SAME LITTLE PRICES

A Contest for Boy Scouts

Valuable Scouting Book as Prize. Here is quite a new contest, and one in which I trust a great number of scouts will take part. Choose the name of any man who has become famous during the war, and make a sentence, the words of which commence with the letters in his name, in their correct order. Here is an example of what I mean: "Admiral Sturdee"—Seeing Troublesome Underwater Raiders, Drove Everyone Eastward. I will give a valuable scouting book to the sender of what I consider the best sentence. Send the scouts' contest coupon, correctly filled in, with your sentence, to Scout Editor, The Standard, St. John, N. B. All attempts must reach this office by August 19th, 1915.

STANDARD COMPETITION For Boy Scouts. Full Name Address Name of Patrol..... Next week I shall announce quite a new kind of contest. Look out for it.

CANADIAN OFFICER HAD NARROW ESCAPE

London, Aug. 17.—Major General John Carson of Montreal, who is in England, attached to the Canadian Record Office as the representative of the Minister of Militia, had a narrow escape today from serious injuries to his eyes. While motoring in London he was struck in the face by a stone thrown by a small boy. The blow inflicted a cut within half an inch of the General's left eye. As the General wears glasses he would probably have suffered the loss of his sight had the stone landed half an inch nearer his eye.

MR. CASGRAIN DID NOT SAY CANADIANS HAD GONE TO DARDANELLES

Vancouver, Aug. 17.—A correspondent writes that Hon. T. Chase Casgrain denies that he stated fifteen thousand Canadian soldiers had gone to the Dardanelles. He says he was misunderstood.

CHOLERA IN AUSTRIA.

Paris, Aug. 17.—A despatch to La Liberte from Vevey, Switzerland, says that the department of Neuchatel has taken measures to establish isolated hospitals and special medical service against cholera, which is believed to be in danger of spreading from Austria to Eastern Switzerland.

IN THE COURTS.

CHANCERY COURT. The monthly sitting of the Supreme Court Chancery Division was held yesterday morning. Mr. Justice Grimmer presiding. No common motions were heard. In the case of Sarah McDermott et al vs. Archie Oliver et al, M. G. Teed, K.C., in behalf of the plaintiff, moved to continue an injunction restraining the defendant from making further transfers of property until judgment, in a suit between the same parties to this suit. Argument was heard on the motion, M. B. Dixon, K.C., being heard in behalf of the defendant.

FATAL TRAIN WRECK.

Charleston, West Va., Aug. 17.—Four persons were killed and seven injured today when a heavy rock, which had been loosened by rains, fell through the top of the smoke of a passenger train on the Coal River branch of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway as it passed through Pinacle tunnel, near McCorkle, West Va. All the killed and injured were in the smoker.

COUNTY COURT CHAMBERS.

Before Judge Armstrong yesterday morning, the examination of Charles S. Philips was heard at the instance of the Bank of Nova Scotia, who had obtained a judgment against him on a note. W. A. Ewing, K.C., appeared for the bank, and H. A. Powell, K.C., for Mr. Philips.