

FRESH OFFENSIVE BY BRITISH

Russian Situation Today Considerably Improved; Insubordination at an End

Haig's Forces Renew Sweeping Drive Upon Lys Sector of Western Front

Objectives Carried in Early Morning Attack

German Positions Near Lys River Successfully Assailed by British Forces in Conjunction With French; Sweeping Progress Recorded on Wide Sector

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Violent Artillery Fire New York, July 31.—A cable to The Sun from London says: Reports from the front unanimously declare that all of the superlatives which have been hitherto used in describing artillery operations are hopelessly inadequate to impress the magnitude of the present bombardment on the British front.

Such assurances are entirely unnecessary in London, for the reason that the reverberations from the Flanders battlefield are heard every night when the roar of the city's traffic subsides. There are curious debates constantly to be heard as to whether the people really hear or feel the reverberations, which frequently make houses tremble as from the shocks of a far distant earthquake. The effect makes a powerful appeal to the imagination. Most people insist that they feel the shocks rather than hear the reports.

It is pointed out that the people who think they really hear the cannon are probably wrong, for the reason that the sound would probably be dissipated by the flight of 120 miles over the land and sea.

Official Statement London, July 31.—In the mountainous region between the Casin

WEATHER BULLETIN Toronto, July 31.—There have been some heavy thunderstorms in Quebec and a few light local showers have occurred in the Maritime provinces and in the west, while in Ontario the weather has been fine and very warm. Forecasts. Moderate to fresh southerly winds, fine and very warm to-day. Thunderstorms in some localities during the night or Wednesday, followed by cooler weather.

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RUSSIAN SITUATION MUCH BRIGHTER Reports From Front Indicate More Hopeful Trend There, Insubordination Being Put Down With Iron Hand; Petrograd Again Troublous

By Courier Leased Wire. London, July 31.—A despatch to The Times from the headquarters of the Russian seventh army says the situation is rather more hopeful. Panics among the retreaters are suppressed ruthlessly. Three divisions of cavalry have taken positions across the whole front of retreat. Deserters are shot and attempts to spread panic are suppressed by prompt executions. Deserters, spies and agitators who enjoy complete immunity under the committee system lie dead on the highways. A paper pinned on the corpses reads:

"Here lies a traitor to his country." Red badges and other symbols which accompanied the demoralization have almost disappeared.

The Retreat London, July 31.—A despatch to The Post from Petrograd, referring to the Russian retreat in Galicia, says it is conservatively estimated that more than 2,000,000 Russian troops are steadily marching rearward. These constitute the Eleventh and Seventh armies with their reserves. The Eighth Army, which is largely cavalry, and not included in the foregoing figures also is retiring, and its position, says the correspondent, is extremely critical. The Germans are straining every effort to capture while following up the Eleventh and Seventh Armies and it looks as if the Eighth army might be caught in a bag.

fighting in Petrograd last Monday and Tuesday was of considerably greater proportions than admitted for publication, according to information given the Associated Press by a man who has just arrived from there. This informant, whom the correspondent has personally known several years as an impartial and capable observer, said that the reports submitted to the government showed four hundred killed and about a thousand taken to the hospital. Public opinion in Petrograd is highly inflamed against the bolsheviks, whose leaders so far have not yet been arrested, and dare not show themselves publicly. Despite the especial indignation against Nikolai Lenin, he is not generally regarded as a German agent. Guns Taken Copenhagen, July 31.—The Berlin Tageblatt's correspondent at Austrian army headquarters, gives the number of cannon captured by the Germans in the Russian retreat as 70, those taken by the Austrians numbering nearly 200. Gen. Korniloff, according to the correspondent, apparently is attempting to organize a new resistance along the rocky Galician frontier. Kaiser on the Job Copenhagen, July 31.—A dispatch from Berlin says Emperor William left Mittau, 235 miles southwest of Riga, Russia, and went down the river to the Riga front, where he complimented the troops. Prisoners Escape Petrograd, July 31.—The notable growth in the number of enemy war prisoners escaping from Russia since the revolution, is engaging the attention of the military authorities. According to published data from the beginning of the war until March, a total of 5,350 escapes have been registered, whereas during March 735 managed to get away; in April, 2,518, and in May, more than 3,000 escaped.

Dual Objectives in Latest Franco-British Drive are Recapture of Belgian Coast and Aiding of Russians Upon the Galician Front

By Courier Leased Wire. The offensive launched this morning by General Sir Douglas Haig, the British Commander, in conjunction with General Petain, the commander of the French forces, against the German lines on the Belgian front is the culmination of the tremendous big gun bombardment which has been in progress almost continuously in this area for a week.

The intensity of the artillery drum fire with which the Entente Allies had been demolishing the Teuton trenches, preparatory to today's assault has been described by the German general staff as the greatest in the history of warfare, even surpassing the terrific fire maintained at the beginning of the Somme and Arras offensives.

Military observers have attributed two objectives for the Entente offensive—the recapture of the Belgian North Sea coast, which has been used by the Germans as bases for their submarines and to assist the hard pressed Russians on the Galician front.

The battle front north of the River Lys stretches from Warneton, on the Franco-Belgian border, to the North Sea coast, the distance between those two points being about thirty miles. Included in this battle area is the famous Wytshaete-Messines front where the British on June 7, after exploding 1,000,000 pounds of high explosives under the German lines, attacked on a nine mile front and captured the high ridge, several towns, forty seven heavy guns and more than 7,000 prisoners.

SUBMARINE SURRENDERS AT CORUNNA UB-23 Entered Spanish Waters, Damaged, Last Evening

By Courier Leased Wire. Carunna, Spain, July 31.—The German submarine UB-23 anchored in the harbor here late yesterday evening. She entered the roadstead with only her periscope emerging from the water. The submarine had been seriously damaged, but the commander and crew refused to tell the causes of the accident. The underwater boat anchored beside the German interned ship Belgrano. The German submarine UB-23 is of the coastal type. She was built in 1915-16, is 118 feet long and carries a crew of twenty men. Madrid, July 31.—Premier Dato announced today that the German submarine UB-23, which had anchored in Corunna harbor had been taken to Ferrol, the chief naval arsenal of Spain, 12 miles northeast of Corunna. The Premier added that the government intended to keep strictly to the terms of the recent regulation regarding the entry of belligerent submarines into Spanish ports.

War on Children Paris, July 31.—Four hundred small children threatened with death by asphyxiating gas bombs dropped by enemy aviators, were successfully removed yesterday from a small French town near the firing line to a place of safety by the American Red Cross in response to the first emergency call received at the Parisian headquarters. The first word of the children's condition reached headquarters late Thursday afternoon, and the next day the Red Cross sent doctors and nurses and a truck load of condensed milk, clothing and drugs for their relief. The children were bathed, fed and provided with clean clothing. They were given medical attention and finally transferred to a safer locality. As the German aviators are using gas bombs, and because it is impossible to equip children properly with gas masks, it has been considered necessary to take them out of the danger zone. Many mothers, who are busy harvesting crops have been unable to give adequate care to their children, and the Red Cross has now taken them under its control temporarily. Fresh Deportations Havre, July 31.—Deportations of civilians from Mons, Belgium, continue, the German government sending away 123 men on June 26 and 39 on June 28. It is probable they will be made to work on the German front in France.

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