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## BRITISH COUNTER-ATTACK REGAINS LOST GROUND

### RUSS COMMANDER RESIGNS ■ GERMANS NEAR RIGA ■ INVALID SHIP STRANDS

#### SHIP FILLED WITH WOUNDED FAST ON ROCKS AT HALIFAX; ALL HANDS SAFELY REMOVED

Vessel Bearing 546 Canadian Wounded Soldiers Plunges On Boulders While Entering Port—Mine Sweeper Lands All Wounded.

Halifax, Aug. 2.—Attempts to save the steamer which yesterday stranded at the harbor mouth with 546 wounded soldiers on board were begun today.

The ship had been coming dead slow since just after daylight. Shortly after ten she was picked up by one of the Halifax pilots. When the pilot went on the bridge, more speed was given to the ship. One of the ship's officers declares she was given full speed ahead. In about ten minutes, dead ahead through the dense fog was seen the glimmer of land.

Runs on Rocks.  
Instantly the "stop" order was telegraphed to the engine room, followed by "Full speed astern" but it was too late. The headway of the ship was great and she plunged headlong, her bow resting not 50 yards from the rocky shore. The bow of the ship was stuck in the rocks. The bow of the ship was stuck in the rocks. The bow of the ship was stuck in the rocks.

IGNORE THE PACIFISTS, PROSECUTE THE WAR; LLOYD GEORGE'S REPLY TO THOMAS' THREAT

No Sectional Conference Will Be Permitted To Dictate Terms of Peace.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—James Henry Thomas, Labor member in the House of Commons, warned the government yesterday that if the Labor members were prevented from discussing peace, a refusal of passports to countries where it is proposed to hold conferences would be the result. He said he would step in and force the government's hand.

Premier Lloyd George assured the House that the government had not in the least altered its view on the only possible conditions of peace consistent with the honor and security of the country. The debate was on the question whether the government was acting constitutionally in refusing to issue passports to countries where it is proposed to hold conferences.

Proceeding to London, Henderson's dual position, the premier, after paying a tribute to Mr. Henderson's war work on munitions and recruiting, said there were similar dual positions in Paris, where Henderson was a great administrative war work, and before he considered what had been criticized as anomalous, he would like to discuss with his French colleagues, who are in the same position, and the French premier would be here within 48 hours. On the main question the government had to pay no attention to pacifists but devote its whole time to prosecuting the war.

After hearing Mr. Henderson's explanations of his mission, which strongly emphasized his views that the proposed conference should be merely consultative and cannot in any way be binding, and Lloyd George's reply, which affirmed on Mr. Henderson's valuable services, and his plea to the House not to pass hasty judgment or insist on an immediate explanation as to why certain courses had been taken, a motion of Viscount Dunsannon, Unionist member for Dover, to consider whether the government was acting constitutionally in permitting Mr. Henderson to accompany the mission was talked out.

WIND, RAIN AND BOLTS DO HARM 'UP THE BRUCE'

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Wingham, Aug. 2.—A heavy rain and wind storm swept over the Bruce peninsula Wednesday from Ilderton to Elgin. Damage was done to cut and standing crops.

Mr. E. Hicks of Centralla lost a valuable cow by lightning, and a large willow tree was struck about 20 rods from the residence of Mr. C. Fairbairn. Much low land is under water, and the grain is lying in some places. It is headed out heavily, and will be hard to harvest if it rains.

#### ALLIES ASSURED RUSSIANS STAND FIRM FOR FIGHT TILL HUN BEATEN

Whole Force of Revolution To Be Thrown Against Teutons.

Petrograd, Aug. 2.—Foreign Minister Terestchenko has sent the following telegram to Russian diplomats accredited to the Allied powers: "At a moment when new and grave misadventures are threatening Russia, we consider it our duty to give our Allies, who have shared with us the burden of this war, a firm and definite explanation of our point of view regarding the conduct of the war. The greatness of the task of the Russian revolution corresponds to the magnitude of the danger which it faces. The revolution is in the face of the enemy of the entire governmental system could not be effected without serious disorders. Nevertheless, Russia, convinced there is no other means of safety, has continued in accord with the Allies' common action on the front."

The New Offensive.  
"Fully conscious of the difficulties of the task, Russia has taken up the burden of conducting active military operations during reconstitution of the army and the government. The offensive of our armies, which was necessitated by a strategic situation, encountered insurmountable obstacles on both fronts and in the interior of the country. At the same time, the troops on the front were seduced by the same propaganda, forgot their duty to the country and facilitated the enemy's piercing our front."

Russia Stripped.  
"The Russian people have been stirred by these events. Through the government created by the revolution and an unshakable will the revolution crushed and its originators were brought to justice. All recent steps have been taken at the front for restoring the combative strength of the armies. The government intends bringing to a successful end the task of establishing an administration capable of meeting all dangers and guiding the country in the path of revolutionary regeneration. Russia will not suffer herself to be deterred by any difficulty in carrying out the irrevocable decision to continue the war to a final triumph of the revolution proclaimed by the Russian revolution."

"In the presence of an enemy menace the country and the army will continue with renewed courage the great work of restoration as well as the preparation of the threshold of the new era of the war for the coming campaign. We firmly believe that Russian citizens will not only support the government in its efforts to fulfill its sacred task of defending the beloved fatherland, but will also join in the fight in their own right, a flame of faith in the triumph of liberty will direct the whole invincible force of revolution against the enemy who threatens the country."

RUSSIANS RETREATING  
AFTER FIERCE BATTLE,  
IS AUSTRIAN REPORT

Vienna, Aug. 1.—Via London, Aug. 2.—The official statement from Austrian headquarters issued today says: In the eastern theatre, north of the Carin Valley, violent enemy attacks again broke down. In the region of the Three Lad Angles, our troops delivered a surprise attack against a height occupied by Russian troops and were successful. "We are advancing toward Kimpulung in Southern Bukovina. Southwest and northwest, of Cernowitz fresh resistance effected by the enemy supported by a counter-attack was broken after a bitter battle. The Russians are retreating."

DIPLOMACY OF BRITISH IS MORE CLEVER THAN FOE'S

German Paper Says It Means Many New Allies Against Teutons.  
Zurich, Aug. 2.—The military critic of the Munchener Neueste Nachrichten regrets that British diplomacy has been more clever and successful than the German. He says it had been constantly making new allies until now there are 1,350,000,000 foes against Germany's 150,000,000, and declares that Great Britain's greatest gain in this respect is America. "Nothing is more foolish than arrogantly to underestimate America's entry into the war," he says. "Economically, politically and financially an Anglo-Saxon circle has now been formed, and threatening to rule the world unless we oppose a central European and Asiatic combination against it. The military importance of America is equally great. She requires only time to become effective."

MICHAELIS' PROMISE

Amsterdam, Aug. 2.—Dr. Michaelis, the German chancellor, yesterday told the Munich Neueste Nachrichten that the Prussian parliamentary question, which was a leading subject of discussion in the recent political crisis, will receive solution as soon as the emperor returned from the front, but it was impossible to proceed hastily. The chancellor further intimated that he would soon address a political gathering.

ALLIED COMMANDERS  
EXCHANGE TRIBUTES

Paris, Aug. 1.—Sir Douglas Haig and General Petain, commanders of the British and French armies, yesterday exchanged telegrams of congratulation at the Franco-British success in Flanders. The former paid a tribute to the effort of the French troops under General Antoine. He sketched the irrefragable chain which the French army had gained the object set for them, but surpassed these objectives, thereby covering and assuring the Allied flank and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, while sustaining "only really very light losses."

General Petain replied with thanks to the felicitation of the British commander. Speaking for the French he declared the success of the attack illustrates anew the glory of the British flag and binds closer the two armies. He congratulated the British troops in the name of all French armies.

#### TWO HAPPY LONDON SOLDIER LADS



Drummer Ed. Vinen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Vinen of Lorne avenue, brother of the late Victor Vinen, killed in action, and Bugler Vic. Faulkner. They are both stationed at Kitchener Hospital, Brighton, Sussex, England.

#### GOOD BAGS IN FLANDERS OFFENSIVE OF THE BOSCHES AND THEIR GUNS; MUCH FINE WORK BY BRITISH FLIERS

PRISONERS TAKEN ..... 4,039  
FIELD GUNS ..... 8  
MACHINE GUNS ..... 32  
TRENCH MORTARS ..... 53  
London, Aug. 2.—The official war office statement on the battle in Flanders issued yesterday says: "In spite of the weather which made flying almost impossible our airplanes kept in contact with our advancing infantry throughout the day. The enemy's aeroplanes, transport and infantry were also successfully attacked with bombs and machine-gun fire. The few enemy machines that attempted to fly were shot down and six were brought down. Three of our machines are missing."

"The number of German prisoners captured was 4,039, of which 38 were officers. These figures include such of the prisoners as were captured in the operations which reached the collecting stations by 8 p.m. The captured material includes eight field guns, 53 machine guns and 22 trench mortars."

#### STRUGGLE WILL BE PROLONGED BECAUSE OF RUSS SITUATION

Director-General Maurice Says the Allies Can No Longer Depend On Great Material Assistance From Russia—Means U. S. Must Get Into Field as Soon as Possible.

London, Aug. 2.—"Looking from the broadest aspect at the events of the past fortnight in Russia," said Major-General Maurice, chief of the military operations at the war office, in his weekly interview today, "it will necessarily mean a prolongation of the war. We cannot longer rely on the great material assistance from Russia. This means a greater burden on the Entente Allies, and for this reason it is most important that we must come into the field as soon as possible and with the greatest possible force."

#### EMPEROR SUMMONS GRAND WAR COUNCIL

William To Confer With His War Lords at Brussels.

Amsterdam, Aug. 2.—Emperor William has called a war council of the high military and naval leaders in Germany to meet at Brussels, Belgium today. Field-Marshal von Hindenburg, chief of the imperial general staff; Gen. von Ludendorff, the quartermaster-general; the German crown prince, commander of the German forces in the Champagne; Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, in command on the Belgian front; Grand Duke Albrecht of Wurttemberg, and Vice-Admiral Eduard von Capelle, minister of the imperial navy, and others will be present.

#### EL PASO MAN AMONG FIVE FOUND FIT

Five men were attested as members of the C. E. P. at the armories yesterday, and all were found fit for service. A. F. Oliver came from El Paso, Texas, and the others were: C. D. Boulton, Stratford; F. T. Neuss, Sarnia; L. Peters, and W. R. Nickle (Lieut.), London. In addition several members of the 7th Guard Battalion were examined by the medical board for purposes of classification as to their physical fitness. Today a half dozen men reported from recruiting offices across the border.

#### HAIG HOLDS ALL FIRST GAINS: COUNTER-ATTACKS DRIVE FOE FROM POINTS WON WEDNESDAY

#### STEADY RAIN OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE FOR PRUSSIANS

Haig Hammering New Positions Now Held by the Germans.

#### HUN SHELLING IS ERRATIC

Prisoners Taken by the British a Miserable, Dejected Lot.

British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 1.—(By the Associated Press).—"The situation is virtually unchanged." This sums up the day's news from the wide zone along which the British and French yesterday hurled Prince Rupprecht's forces back to the supporting defences at a depth varying between one and three miles. Artillery activities continued with great intensity, the British pouring a steady stream of high explosive shells into positions which the Germans now hold, but there was comparatively little infantry fighting.

Busy Consolidating.  
The Allies today were busy consolidating the positions they captured yesterday. Heavy German counter-attacks had been looked for, but no serious attempts to regain positions these did not materialize. This was perhaps due partly to the heavy rain which continued without cessation since last night, filling shell holes with water and turning the ground into a deep mud over which it is difficult to fight.

The German guns, however, many of which had been withdrawn to positions further back before the rain began, have been carrying on a steady bombardment, especially against the territory captured by the Allies on the northern side of the Ypres salient, but their firing has been more or less erratic because of the storm, which blocked the work of the observation officers. In usual, the Germans are employing great quantities of gas shells.

Casualties High.  
Due to the complete preparation made for yesterday's assault, the British casualties have not been excessive despite the condition of the battlefield, and statements by prisoners indicate that the German losses were exceedingly heavy. The British medical corps has again evinced a most complete organization. At 8 o'clock last night all British wounded had been collected and brought back to emergency stations. More than 4,000 prisoners with some sixty officers were taken by the British in the Ypres salient alone.

Prussians' Defeat.  
Prussians, Belgians and Saxons have given of their men to swell the total captured and no more deleted appearing men have been seen since the prison stations, since the beginning of the war. Particularly noticeable was the scarcity of veteran non-commissioned officers and the large number of youths from the 1918 class, who are nothing more than raw recruits. One veteran of many battles freely expressed his contempt of these youngsters, who, he said, lacked stamina to stand up under the hardships of war, and could not be depended upon in a tight place, such as they found themselves facing yesterday.

Sorry Looking Lot.  
Most of these prisoners were a miserable, sorry-looking lot, many of them suffering from internal complaints caused by exposure and the majority from hunger. Few of them have any hope of Germany winning the war, and one officer ventured the opinion that the time of the Netherlands' downfall was near. He based his opinion largely on the scarcity of men, and certainly boys, faces now in prison cages appear to be indicative of a lack of human material.

#### FRENCH LINES PROVE UNBENDABLE AGAINST FOE'S MANY ATTACKS

Assaults Near Rheims and in Forest Sectors Fall—Bad Weather Rules.

Paris, Aug. 2.—Bad weather continues in Belgium, says the official statement issued this afternoon by the French war department. The Germans last night made two attacks on the right bank of the Aisne, but both failed. On the left bank of the River Meuse there was a violent artillery duel. The Germans last night attacked in the sector of Avescourt Wood, without success, and several attacks in Apremont Forest southeast of St. Mihiel, utterly failed.

#### A "GREAT SUCCESS"

Berlin, Aug. 2.—Via Copenhagen.—Emperor William, according to an official statement today telegraphed to Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria his congratulations on the great success of the German fourth army, July 31, "whereby the vehement Anglo-French attack intended to conquer the coast of Flanders failed."

#### British Troops Completely Re-establish Former Lines Near the Roulers-Ypres Railway.

London, Aug. 2.—British forces last night launched a counter-attack against the German positions in Flanders. Sir Douglas Haig reports that the British troops completely re-established their former line in the neighborhood of the Roulers-Ypres Railway, some territory in which area the Germans yesterday had regained.

THE OFFICIAL REPORT.  
The text of the official statement reads: "A heavy incessant rain has fallen throughout the past forty-eight hours. In the neighborhood of the Ypres-Roulers Railway, where the enemy yesterday afternoon had succeeded at great cost in gaining a foothold in our advanced positions, our counter-attack launched late in the evening drove back the German infantry at all points, and completely re-established our former lines. On the remainder of the Ypres battlefield there was no change. Southeast of Hargicourt, on the right of the British line, our troops successfully raided the enemy's position and secured prisoners."

PERFECT CO-OPERATION.  
The French army's Ottawa correspondent at headquarters of the French army in Flanders telegraphs: "British and French troops are today co-operating as they did on the Somme yesterday, in what may be a conflict as eventful as that of the Somme. The battlefield is mainly a British one, and the fighting ground between the Yser and the Lys, which has been trampled with so much British blood since 1914. French and British are fighting side by side as they did in the first battles of the Yser and Ypres, and French valor and French guns contribute their part to the first day's success. Today's battle proves as nothing yet has proved, during the war the absolute union of the armies of France and Britain. The Allies today were busy consolidating the positions they captured yesterday. Heavy German counter-attacks had been looked for, but no serious attempts to regain positions these did not materialize. This was perhaps due partly to the heavy rain which continued without cessation since last night, filling shell holes with water and turning the ground into a deep mud over which it is difficult to fight.

MUCH HARD FIGHTING.  
London, Aug. 2.—Telegraphing from the British headquarters in France and Belgium the correspondent of Reuters, Limited, says: "Despite the weather there has been much hard fighting during the past twenty-four hours. The Germans were manifestly perturbed at our gaining so much ground along the Pilleken ridge, and they launched several desperate counter-attacks, although these were repeatedly checked by our artillery. Yet, in places, they reached the stage of hand-to-hand fighting of a ferocious character."

THEIR BEST TROOPS.  
The Germans are throwing in their best troops to retrieve the situation, and their losses must be colossal. Our preponderance of gunpower enables our artillery to maintain a steady barrage upon the rear of the new German line so that reliefs have to be brought through this before they can organize for attack. The enemy artillery has been concentrated in the vicinity of the Pilleken ridge, and the weather prevents our airmen directing counter battery work to any extent."

#### BRUSILOFF RESIGNS SUPREME COMMAND OF RUSSIAN ARMIES

Generals Tell Kerensky That Political Interference Must Cease.

Petrograd, Aug. 2.—Gen. Alexis A. Brusiloff, commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, has resigned. Gen. L. G. Korniloff, commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, has been appointed to succeed Gen. Brusiloff. Gen. L. G. Korniloff, commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, has been appointed to succeed Gen. Brusiloff. Gen. L. G. Korniloff, commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, has been appointed to succeed Gen. Brusiloff.

COMMANDERS' ULTIMATUM.  
London, Aug. 2.—According to a Petrograd dispatch to the Post, Russian army commanders had a conference at headquarters recently and virtually sent an ultimatum to Premier and War Minister Kerensky that unless the army was kept outside politics and treated merely as a machine, they would resign. The ultimatum was accepted by the government. The ultimatum was accepted by the government.

#### U. S. TO COMMANDER ALL AMERICAN SHIPPING

Washington, Aug. 2.—Plans for taking over for operation all American ocean-going merchant ships soon will be announced by the shipping board. The official statement of the shipping board, which was issued today, says that the government is authorized to take over all American merchant ships for the duration of the war.

#### THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.  
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:  
Stations High Low  
Victoria ..... 72 50  
St. James ..... 72 50  
Windsor ..... 72 50  
Port Arthur ..... 72 50  
Belfast ..... 72 50  
Glasgow ..... 72 50  
Kingston ..... 72 50  
Ottawa ..... 72 50  
Montreal ..... 72 50  
Quebec ..... 72 50  
Foster Point ..... 72 50

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL.  
Toronto, Aug. 2.—8 a.m.  
Moderate to fresh west and northwest winds, fair and cooler today and on Friday.

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THE WEATHER.  
The weather has been warm with local thunderstorms from Ontario eastward, and in the western provinces it has been cool with showers in some parts of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

#### QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

Candidates may take subscriptions for The Advertiser anywhere in Canada. The Advertiser has not raised its subscription price as yet. All persons subscribing for The Advertiser during the contest will be protected against any increase in price, should The Advertiser later on decide to raise its subscription price. Fifty thousand extra votes is the best offer that will be given during the contest. Miss Gladys Gower has not dropped out of the contest, but on the other hand, is making every minute count in getting new subscriptions. The "Two Free Trips" offer will close at 8:30 p.m., August 7. Twenty-five thousand extra votes will be given for every \$15 worth of old subscriptions turned in by August 7.

#### BAUBIEN THREATENED WITH DEATH IF VOTES FOR COMPELSION BILL

Stick of Dynamite and Message Found Beneath His Balcony.

Montreal, Aug. 2.—A stick of dynamite accompanied by a note threatening death if he voted for conscription, was this morning found under the balcony of the home of Senator Baubien in Outremont.

Senator Baubien is one of the best known French-Canadian advocates of conscription in Quebec. Yesterday he spoke in the House of Commons in support of the conscription bill, but advised that it be not applied until after an election.

#### RAIN IN THE WEST.

Winnipeg, Aug. 2.—Rain fell at many points throughout the west yesterday with great benefit to the crops.

#### CONTEST NOTES

One of the first prize cars in each of the eight districts in The London Advertiser's \$16,000 Prize Contest is scheduled to arrive in Aylmer at 8:15 this morning; Tillsonburg, 10:30; Delhi, 1 p.m.; Simcoe, 4 p.m., and Port Dover at 6 p.m.

The Advertiser's prize automobiles were the centre of attraction at the picnic held at Lakeside yesterday afternoon. The grand prize—a five-passenger McLaughlin car—made many new subscribers for The Advertiser, as nearly every person at the picnic was working every minute for his favorite candidate, with greater enthusiasm, after seeing for himself just what kind of an automobile was being given as the grand prize.