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Declares Four of Every Five Would Vote Against Him.

AND THE BORDEN GOVT.

Soldiers Are Disgusted by the War Mismanagement.

HUGHES NO KITCHENER

Not a Popular Hero in Old Land, Declares Former B. C. Member.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Aug. 23.—"Fighting Joe" Martin, M. P. for St. Pancras, London, and formerly of British Columbia, arrived at the King Edward Hotel this morning, and will leave for Ottawa tonight to see Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He will then proceed to British Columbia.

Will Mr. Martin return to Dominion politics? He has not decided, presumably, but has the nomination for a federal B. C. seat.

Mr. Martin has not lost sight of Canadian politics. He has followed even provincial matters. For example, he remarked to your correspondent that H. H. Dewar's victory in St. Lawrence, Ontario had followed Mr. Hay's success in North Perth. "I saw nothing in the London Times of the win in Perth," said Mr. Martin. "As a matter of fact anything reflecting on Canadian governments appear to be suppressed. Regarding Sir Sam Hughes, I saw no comment on the Allison investigation, merely that the commission would bring in a report, and, later, that the report had been delivered."

Hughes Not Idolized. Mr. Martin does not admit that the British people look upon Sir Sam Hughes as "Canadian Kitchener."

"He represents Canada," said Mr. Martin, "and the British people are entirely satisfied with Canadian soldiers, but it is not true that British public is making a little god of Sir Sam. The soldiers of Canada do not idolize Sir Sam. I have seen a great many of the boys, and, if there were an election tomorrow, four out of every five Canadian troops would vote against Sir Sam and his government. The war mismanagement, in a Canadian sense, has made a profound impression. Sir Sam insisted on a big review at Beaumont, and many of the boys lost their leave and do not forget it."

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, 96; lowest, 67. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 73; lowest, 59.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARMER.

Toronto, Aug. 23.—8 a.m. Forecasts.

Today—Moderate to fresh northwest to west winds; fair and cool. Thursday—Moderate to fresh to southwest winds; fair, with stationary or slightly higher temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria 22 54 Clear. Calgary 78 49 Clear. Winnipeg 80 54 Cloudy. Port Arthur 76 52 Clear. Parry Sound 72 46 Cloudy. Port Stanley 72 62 Cloudy. Buffalo 78 64 Rain. Toronto 98 62 Cloudy. Ottawa 92 64 Cloudy. Montreal 86 60 Fair. Quebec 80 62 Cloudy.

Weather Notes. The depression which was over the Georgian Bay yesterday now covers the lower St. Lawrence Valley. Thunderstorms have occurred in many places in Ontario and Quebec, with a change to cooler conditions. Elsewhere the weather has been fine.

CONCENTRATED HELL IN BRITISH ARTILLERY FIRE SAYS FREDERICK PALMER

Germans in Trenches at Thiepval Ridge Could Not Stand Up Before Tornadoes of Shrapnel and Bullets That Preceded Victorious Storming by Haig's Troops.

(By Frederick Palmer.) With the British Army in France, Aug. 22.—Via London, Aug. 23.—4:30 a.m.—The artillery commander drew his potent curtain of fire and never in all the seven weeks of the Somme battle has the correspondent witnessed anything equal to the "show" as the officers call every action, in the taking of one of the spurs of Thiepval ridge yesterday afternoon.

Ever since July 1, when the British failed in their effort to storm it, Thiepval ridge has glared at the British, who had kept hammering it with gunfire. The Germans seem to set the same store by it as they did at the height of Vimy and Guillemont, their other flank.

Seemed Impregnable. In front of the position conquered yesterday the British infantry had been decimated by machine gun fire on July 1. The trenches were just as strong as then, with deep dugouts, the result of two years' building. Prisoners taken early in the offensive said the British never could obtain a foothold on that ridge. Those taken yesterday, who had been at Verdun, said they suffered nothing there at all equivalent to the deluge of British shells, and that it was impossible for human beings to endure such tornadoes.

The Finesse of War. On a thousand yard front, both the first German line and the support trench was taken. One pair of eyes could not see more detail than the correspondent saw yesterday. The British and Germans engaged were outlined as clearly as a play around the second base could be seen from a grandstand. A home company of the National Guard, doing skirmish drill in camp, could not be more distinct when seen from the sidelines. It was the very finesse of war.

Concentrated Hell. A Niagara rush of whirling screams from capsules of concentrated hell, tore through the air and began bursting over it. The British hugged it in an infernal ecstasy, sweeping it with myriads of bullets and fragments, shooting forked cones of death into its burrows. To show a head and escape being continued on Page 3, Column 7.

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"An attack on French troops holding Komarjan bridge was repulsed. "Serbian forces are now holding a line in the neighborhood of Lake Ostrovo and Pozar."

The new Bulgarian entrenched line roughly parallels the Struma. Apparently the Bulgarians have sent forces of considerable size to occupy this natural defensive line against attempts of the Allies to invade their territory from Greece or to flank the old battle line by a thrust northeast from Saloniki.

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HEADS HUN ARMIES IN THE BALKANS



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SLAVS DEVELOPING MOVE IN BUKOWINA CLOSE TO RUMANIA

Pushing Ahead There With the Greatest Energy.

IS RUMANIA FOR ALLIES?

London News Believes Bucharest Is Already With the Entente.

[Canadian Press.] London, Aug. 23.—Developments in the Balkans take first place in both news and editorial columns of the newspapers this morning. The papers display keen interest not only in the landing of the Italian and Russian troops at Saloniki, but also in possible actions by the Greek and Rumanian governments, and in the new Russian offensive which is developing in Bukovina.

According to unofficial dispatches, the Russians are pushing ahead with the greatest energy in Bukovina close to the Rumanian frontier, and already have gained "a very brilliant success."

The Daily News, in an editorial, sums up the Balkan situation as follows: "The imminent general offensive against Bulgaria is of great importance. One of the first results of a successful offensive by Gen. Sarail would be a complete rupture of Germany's communications with the east, and the isolation and capitulation of Turkey. This is a plain geographical fact."

Affects the Neutrals. "There are also other issues upon which it is wiser to reflect than to enlarge. These affect the firmness of the two neutrals, Greece and Rumania, as well as the dozen belligerents."

"The situation in Greece, where Greek troops already actually are engaged in hard fighting with their traditional enemies, the Bulgarians, is rich in possibilities. As to the intentions of Rumania, we may be content to draw upon the German press which is authority for the statement that Rumania definitely has joined hands with the Entente and is preparing to give Russian troops passage through her territory. It is difficult to conceive what motive the Germans could have for circulating such a statement other than the belief that it is true."

For seven months the Austro-Hungarian authorities have had in operation a well regulated administration which distributes food and enforces hygienic safeguards, the statement says. "Relief work on a large scale has been undertaken, and an epidemic was stopped. The Montenegrin population is calm and satisfied."

McKENNA TAKES MEANS TO GET ALL SECURITIES

Will impose a Further Tax on Income of All Not Turned In.

[Canadian Press.] London, Aug. 23.—Further measures are contemplated by the Government to bring about the mobilization of such Canadian and neutral securities as have not been turned over to the Government in the House of Commons today the chancellor of the exchequer, Reginald McKenna, said it was the intention of his department to apply to Parliament for the power to impose a further income tax of two shillings on the returns from all such securities which have not been deposited with the treasury. He added that he trusted everyone would realize it was a public duty to deposit securities without delay.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.

Liverpool, Aug. 23.—Arrived: Steamship Irishman from Montreal.

Glasgow, Aug. 23.—Arrived: Steamship Sardinian from Boston.

Liverpool, Aug. 23.—Arrived: Steamship Philadelphia from New York.

TURK DRIVE ALONG COAST HALTED AND TURNED BACK

New Offensive of Foe in Armenia Broken Up.

MANY TURKS SABRED

German Attempt to Take Offensive South of Brody Fails

[Canadian Press.] Petrograd, Aug. 23.—Via London, 2:40 p.m.—An offensive undertaken by the Turks along the Armenian Black Sea coast has been stopped and the Turkish forces driven back with the aid of the Russian fleet, it was announced today by the war office.

The statement regarding the Russian operations against the Turks on the Caucasus front is as follows: "The Turks, who resumed the offensive on the line of the towns of Etilen, Sidiabad and Maden, on the coast, were driven back to their positions with the co-operation of our fleet. "West of Lake Van (Southern Turkish Armenia) our offensive is successfully developing. Three officers and 174 Askaris were taken prisoner. In pursuing the respect of the enemy our cavalry columns sabred a large number of Turks."

GERMANS TRY OFFENSIVE. [Canadian Press.] Petrograd, Aug. 23.—Via London.—The Germans resumed the offensive yesterday south of Brody, where the Russians are attempting to approach the German front from the northeast. The war office statement of today says the Germans were repulsed. The Russians captured two lights on the Hungarian front. The announcement follows: "In the region south of Krevo (southeast of Vilna) the enemy on Tuesday night launched a gas attack, which was repelled with heavy losses. "More than 100 bombs were dropped by enemy aeroplanes on the railway station at Krevo."

"In the region of the Sereth, south of Brody, the enemy resumed the offensive at some points. His attacks were repulsed everywhere by our fire. "Our infantry attack. On the same night an attempt of the enemy to advance between Casera Zingarella and Casera Zebio Pastore, on the Asiatic Plateau, was checked by our fire. "In the Tofana area yesterday, after effective artillery preparation, detachments of our Alpine troops and infantry carried strong enemy positions on the western slopes of Tofana hill and in the Trevenenze Valley. The enemy suffered heavy loss and left about 40 prisoners in our hands. "In the Cortina area, artillery fighting is in progress. An enemy detachment which attempted to approach Verobizza stream yesterday afternoon was repulsed by our fire and left numerous dead on the ground."

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First Overtures Must Come From the Central Powers.

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GERMANY'S CROPS. [Canadian Press.] Berlin, Aug. 23.—The Tagblatt says that favorable crop forecasts are being fully borne out, and that excellent yields of all cereals are being obtained throughout Germany. Potatoes also plentiful. The potato crop, however, probably is inferior to that of last year, owing to the excessive rains. Sugar production has increased.

MARCONI CLUB PICNIC.—The annual picnic of the Marconi Club is being held today at Wonderland.

The club band, under Prof. Venuta, the director, paraded the downtown streets this morning. The usual big crowd and enjoyable time are features of the annual outing.

INQUIRY OPENED INTO SKEFFINGTON EXECUTION

[Canadian Press.] Dublin, Aug. 23.—An inquiry into the shooting without trial of three men during the rebellion in Ireland last spring, was opened today in the Four Courts. The cases are those of F. Sheehy Skeffington, Fred McIntyre and Thomas Dickson. The men were put to death at the orders of Capt. Bowen-Colthurst, who was court-martialed and found guilty, but insane.

TWO HEAVY ASSAULTS OF GERMANS FAIL TO BREAK GRIP OF BRITISH ON THE RIDGE ABOUT THIEPVAL

SOLDIERS' MAIL GETS FIRST CALL AT POSTOFFICE

As a direct result of the publicity given the matter in The Advertiser the London postoffice has received word to deliver immediately all mail coming from men at the front.

Complaint was made that these letters were being laid aside upon their arrival until stamps could be affixed, with the result that sometimes the anxiously awaited messages were held up for more than one mail, and at least for one mail.

Ex-Mayor W. M. Spencer, chairman of the Patriotic Fund, called attention to the conditions of affairs, and an article was published in the columns of this newspaper, with the result that Deputy Postmaster Coulter gave orders to have the mail from France attended to first of all. The letters are not laid aside now, and those who anxiously await word from relatives now receive their precious letters on the first mail after arrival. Business mail takes a second place to the budget from those who are fighting.

ITALIANS CAPTURE STRONG POSITIONS OF THE AUSTRIANS

Make a Successful Thrust Against Foe in Alpine Region.

[Canadian Press.] Rome, Aug. 23.—Via London, 2:30 p.m.—The Italians are making a strong and successful thrust at the Austrian lines in the Alpine region in the extreme northern front, according to today's war office announcement. Italian troops have carried strong Austrian positions in the Tofana region in the Dolomites and in the Travenanz valley.

"In the Asiatic Valley on the night of August 22 the enemy shelled our positions at the bottom of the valley with great intensity, but did not develop any infantry attack. On the same night an attempt of the enemy to advance between Casera Zingarella and Casera Zebio Pastore, on the Asiatic Plateau, was checked by our fire. "In the Tofana area yesterday, after effective artillery preparation, detachments of our Alpine troops and infantry carried strong enemy positions on the western slopes of Tofana hill and in the Trevenenze Valley. The enemy suffered heavy loss and left about 40 prisoners in our hands. "In the Cortina area, artillery fighting is in progress. An enemy detachment which attempted to approach Verobizza stream yesterday afternoon was repulsed by our fire and left numerous dead on the ground."

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Enemy Gains a Footing in British Trenches Only To Be Driven Out at Once—Second Attack Completely Repulsed With Heavy Losses.

(Canadian Press.) London, Aug. 23.—3:02 p.m.—Two heavy assaults on the positions newly won by the British south of Thiepval, on the Somme front, were made last night by the Germans. They gained a footing in the British trenches, but were driven out again, the war office announcement of today says.

The announcement follows: "The enemy made two determined counter-attacks last night on our new trenches south of Thiepval. By the first attack he gained a temporary footing in our trenches, but was driven out immediately. The second attack was repulsed completely. The enemy's losses in these two attempts were very heavy."

Last night there was rather more hostile artillery fire, especially in the regions of High wood and Bazentin-Le-Petit.

Opposite Lens we carried out a small raid successfully. On the other parts of the British front there was the usual trench warfare.

Council Order Changes 'Berlin' To 'Kitchener'

(Canadian Press.) TORONTO, AUG. 23.—AN ORDER IN COUNCIL WAS PASSED TODAY CHANGING THE NAME OF BERLIN, ONT. TO KITCHENER. THE PROCLAMATION WILL BE ISSUED SEPTEMBER 1.

Recapture Some Trenches at Estrees, Recently Taken by Joffre.

REPULSED IN THE VOSGES

Surprise Attack by Germans Broken Up With Grenades.

[Canadian Press.] Paris, Aug. 23, noon.—German troops attacking the French lines south of Estrees, on the Somme front, gained a footing at some points of the trenches that had been captured by the French on August 21. The war office announced today.

The attack in the Estrees region, south of the Somme, was launched after a period of intense artillery operation. North of the Somme the Germans violently bombarded the French first line.

The night was relatively calm on the remainder of the front. "On the Somme front, Warrant Officer Dorne brought down his fifth German aeroplane, which fell in the direction of Meulains, north of Peronne. Four other enemy aeroplanes, fired on by machine guns from our aeroplanes, came down within their own lines severely damaged."

ANGELL NOT IMPRISONED, AS GERMANS CHARGED

[Canadian Press.] London, Aug. 23.—There is no foundation for the Berlin report that Norman Angell, the pacifist, has been sentenced to prison for refusal to perform military service. Mr. Angell is beyond the age limit of liability for such service.

A dispatch from the Overseas News Agency of Berlin on Sunday gave a report that Mr. Angell had been sentenced to eighteen months at hard labor because he declined to take part in the war, and that his plea of conscientious objection to military service had been over-ruled by an English court. This report, the news agency says, was published in an Italian newspaper.

RECALLS INDEXING ORDER-IN-COUNCIL TO PAY FOR DOME

Roblin's Clerk of Executive Council on Stand at Winnipeg.

[Canadian Press.] Winnipeg, Aug. 23.—Sergeant Jas. Christie, D. C. M., returned from the front yesterday and was named by the crown as the first witness this morning in the trial of the ex-cabinet minister.

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