

RUSS FORCES ROUTED HUNS BY BAYONET

Germans Round Lake Narocz, as Elsewhere, Could Not Stand Cold Steel.

STEADILY GAINING

Both in Galicia and in the Riga District Ally Forces Are Winning.

Petrograd Cable.—While admitting that it is not yet clear whether the fighting which is in progress south of Dvinsk signifies a general advance of the Russian troops in that sector or whether it is intended as a demonstration to attract German forces from the Franco-German front, the military critics lay emphasis upon what they allude to as the universal success of the attacks during the past few days, the viciousness of which is pointed to as being sufficient to have made an impression upon the German general staff.

The Russian troops are operating in three groups, covering a front of 70 miles, but the heaviest fighting is reported to have occurred in the vicinity of Lake Narocz, where the Russians drive carried them through three lines of German trenches very heavily protected by wire entanglements. The Russians resorted to their favorite method, bayonet-fighting, routing the Germans in spite of desperate resistance and capturing more than 1,000 men, including 17 officers, a dozen machine guns and other booty.

LACK CO-ORDINATION.

The Germans are invariably countering the Russian attacks by advancing at other sections of the line, but from all appearances, according to the military observers, the Teutonic efforts lack co-ordination, and it is evident that in spite of the recent concentration of additional troops in this region the Russians anticipated any plans to be adversaries may have had for a concerted offensive here.

The German strength was estimated last Autumn to be eight corps of infantry and several cavalry divisions in the region, but these have since been considerably augmented.

DEVELOPING IN RIGA DISTRICT.

The official report of Thursday states that the contest is developing in the Riga region. In the Jakobstadt region Wednesday's success was followed up, and the enemy's lines were pierced. It is admitted that south of Lake Dvinsk the Germans in a counter-attack took the Russians captured by the south-west of Lake Narocz Gen. Kutropatkin's forces repulsed a counter-attack and again advanced under a violent bombardment.

The offensive against the Austrians in Galicia is also making progress. Southeast of Lemberg an enemy attack was repulsed, heavy losses being inflicted. Farther south the Russians advanced slightly and fortified the ground gained. A village was also captured on the Dniester.

RUSSIAN REPORT.

Petrograd Cable.—The official communication from general headquarters issued Thursday reads: "The contest is developing in the Riga region. In the Jakobstadt sector we followed up yesterday's success, piercing the enemy's line."

"Below Dvinsk our artillery successfully dispersed German masses near Schischkovo. South of Dvinsk, as far as Lake Dvinsk, there has been a violent artillery and rifle duel. "In the sector of Mintziny-Lake Sokly and south of Lake Dvinsk took the enemy in a counter-attack took part of the trenches we captured the previous night. In the centre of this sector there has been a violent artillery and rifle fire."

"On the south bank of Lake Narocz the fighting continued. Southwest of Lake Narocz we repulsed a counter-attack and again advanced under a violent bombardment."

"On the south bank of Lake Narocz the Germans fired asphyxiating shells. More to the south as far as the region of Polesie, there has been a lively cannonade at various places. "Galicia front: In the region of the Stripa and southeast of Kosloff (southeast of Lemberg) we repulsed an attack, inflicting heavy losses. Farther south we advanced a little and fortified the ground gained."

"On the Dniester, after a fight, we occupied the village of Latachka-Melivka."

"Black Sea: There is nothing to report."

"Caucasus front: We are harassing the enemy."

MOTOR BOATS.

Only One Certificated Officer Needed On Board.

Ottawa, Report.—By an amendment to the Canada shipping act, of which Hon. J. D. Hazen has given notice in the Commons, the regulations with regard to the certification of captains and engineers of motor boats up to sixty feet in length are somewhat relaxed. The law at present requires that on all motor boats of more than five tons burden there must be a certificate both for the captain and for the engineer. Mr. Hazen's amendment will provide that there need be only one certificated officer on motor boats of over five tons and up to a maximum length of 66 feet. The amendment was desired especially by the owners of sea-going motor boats of the fishing fleet on the Pacific coast.

A SPY'S AIDE.

Justice of Arrest of Squire's Daughter Proved.

A London Cable says—(New York Times cable).—An astonishing story of an Englishwoman who was associated with a German spy was related in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Asquith, while discussing alleged high-handed acts of the government, told about an English squire who returned from patrolling shooting to learn that his daughter had been carried off by the police. For a fortnight he was unable to discover her whereabouts. Finally he found that she had been thrown into jail and cross-examined without having any legal aid. She still remains under lock and key.

Many members were much impressed by the apparent injustice done to the woman until Sir F. E. Smith told the other side of the story. This squire's daughter, he said, was an intimate friend of a German spy, who had to flee from England because he was connected with attempts at assassination. Last May, said Smith, she went to Switzerland to meet the spy, and returned carrying a message to one of his accomplices. When she was arrested, literature was found in her possession that advocated revolution and murder.

FATAL SMASH ON G. T. R. LINE

Flyer From Chicago Hit Freight at Port Credit.

Engineer Overend Killed, Fireman Badly Injured.

Toronto Despatch.—The Toronto Flyer from Chicago last night crashed into a through freight about a mile past Port Credit station. The engine of the passenger train dashed into the caboose of the freight train, cutting through the caboose. The impact of the collision was so great that the locomotive was thrown over on its side amidst the wreckage of the splintered car. The wreck claimed two victims. They are:

Harvey Overend, engineer of the Chicago Flyer, instantly killed. James Anderson, fireman of the Flyer, critically injured.

The wreck occurred on the main line of the Grand Trunk Railway. At the time of the wreck the Flyer was running at a high rate of speed. As this train is one of the through trains, the line is supposed to be clear for its passage.

In some, as yet unexplained way the freight train blocked the line at this point and as a result the Flyer dashed into the obstruction at a high rate of speed. So great was the impact that the entire cars of the freight were hurled from the rails and are now lying on their sides crossways on the tracks. Fortunately at the time of the accident the crew of the freight train were in the forward cars and thereby escaped death.

The fact that no passengers traveling on the Chicago Flyer were injured is due solely to the heavy steel cars, operated on through trains. The cars remained upright after the collision, and beyond a severe shaking up none of the travelers were injured. The engine, however, toppled over after crashing into the freight caboose, and Engineer Overend and Fireman Anderson were buried in the wreckage. The train crews at once commenced to search for the two men. The engineer was found crushed beneath the wheels of the caboose, and was so terribly injured that he died within a few minutes.

FOR EXPORTS

What is Being Done by Canada's Export Association.

Toronto Report.—Speaking of the constant decrease in ocean tonnage, which is being brought about by the demands of the Imperial Government for war purposes, Mr. R. J. Young, of Montreal, joint general manager of the Export Association of Canada, Limited, who is here for a few days in connection with the campaign being carried on by the Association to place Canadian industry in a favorable position in the world's markets, said today that while a large volume of immediate business would naturally be prevented, the association is organizing actively and will be prepared to secure the entry of Canadian goods into friendly markets as soon as shipping facilities are released.

More than one hundred of the larger Canadian manufacturers are members of the export Association. The Prime Minister, Minister of Trade and Commerce, Manuland Manufacturers' Association, the railways and the press have all encouraged and assisted the organization. The movement is, therefore, truly national.

The association was being appointed purchasing agent in Canada and the United States for the Crown Agents of the Colonies, and has opened offices in London, England, Auckland, N. Z., Melbourne, Australia. A representative will shortly be appointed in South Africa. Representatives of the Association are visiting France and Russia to pave the way for export to those countries.

Don't cast your pearls before swine, or before a girl who doesn't know the difference between the real thing and imitation.

GERMAN LINE WAS QUIETER ABOUT VERDUN

Artillery Busy Preparing for a Fresh Attack, but the Infantry Idle.

FRENCH CONFIDENT

And Their Big Guns Doing Deadly Work Against the Huns.

London Cable.—Except on the front near Gommecourt and the Bethune-La Bassée road, where the British gained some advantages in fights against the Germans, no infantry engagements have taken place along the line in France and Belgium.

The Germans northwest of Verdun are keeping up their violent shelling of the Malancourt sector and have again trained their guns on the French front of Bethincourt, Le Mort Homme and Cumieres, probably preparatory to fresh infantry attacks in an endeavor to break through the line when the moment seems propitious.

The French have not slackened their bombardment of the Malancourt Wood from positions in the Argonne forest, and are also shelling vigorously German positions and the roads and railways held by the Germans in the eastern part of the Argonne.

The bombardment to the northeast of Verdun as well as in the Woëvre region, to the east of the fortress, has increased in intensity.

SUCCESS FOR FRENCH.

Georges Clemenceau, chairman of the Army Committee in the French senate, says: "Without exaggeration we are now justified in believing success has come to our side at Verdun. Of course, we cannot say the battle is completely finished, but we do know that smashing blows, if they do not succeed right away, leave insufficient resources for a second minor stroke."

"As a matter of fact," a smashing blow that lasts for months is rather than lightning."

"When the German staff accumulated big guns to a number hitherto unheard of to belch unprecedented destruction, and threw huge masses of men into battle, they imagined no human force could resist such pressure. But all has been in vain."

"We do not know the German plans, but it is beyond doubt that the Kaiser still has important reserves. At the same time they do not possess the value of ours."

"As to numbers, the rising tide of the British and Russians gives the allies an uncontested superiority. Wherever the Teutons attack they will find enough men to meet them."

NO INFANTRY ACTION.

The following official statement was issued by the French War Office tonight:

"To the north of the Aisne we directed a destructive fire on the German works on the plateau of Vauclerc. "In the Argonne we carried out numerous concentrations of our fire on the enemy organizations, the roads and the railways of the eastern Argonne and on the Malancourt wood."

"To the west of the Meuse the bombardment persisted in the region of Bethincourt and against our front of Bethincourt, Le Mort Homme and Cumieres."

"To the east of the Meuse and in the Woëvre the artillery action developed a certain intensity. There was no infantry action during the course of the day."

"In the Vosges we bombarded the enemy cantonnements in the environs of Muehlbach."

THE GERMAN CLAIMS.

Berlin Cable.—The text of the official statement given out today by the German headquarters staff says:

"The German success near the forest of Avocourt has been completed by the occupation of the French points of support on the mountain ridge southwest of Hancourt. About 450 prisoners were taken."

"Otherwise the general situation on the western front is unchanged."

SUB. VICTIMS.

Crew of Canadian Liner, Sunk at Rescue, Return.

St. John, N. B., Despatch.—(Montreal Gazette).—Five officers and half a dozen of the crew of the lost Canadian steamer Empress, of Port William, arrived in this city yesterday on the steamer Corinthian. They are on their way to their homes in Quebec and Ontario. The Empress of Port William, which was owned by the Canada Steamship Co., was sunk a month ago off Dover, England, while endeavoring to rescue some of those who were in the water after the steamer Maloja struck a mine and foundered. All those on board the Empress of Port William were subsequently rescued, after a thrilling experience, by a British cruiser. The captain and entire crew of the Empress of Port William were all rescued, but they lost all their effects. The captain and several of the crew afterwards were given positions on other steamers. Those who arrived yesterday will probably join others of the company's vessels in Canada.

ZEP. TO RETIRE.

Chief Air Butcher to Quit Active Labor.

New York Despatch.—A special London cable to the World says:

Count Zeppelin will be retired soon from an active part in the construction of Zeppelin airships, leaving the work to his chief engineers, headed by Herr Durr.

So states a despatch to the London Daily Express from Geneva, which adds that the announcement of Count Zeppelin's impending retirement comes from Friedrichshafen, the great German airship base on the shore of Lake Constance. Count Zeppelin, in his seventy-eighth year, has been in indifferent health for eight months, and his physicians advise him to retire from public life.

The hundredth Zeppelin has just been completed, according to Swiss and Munich newspapers. More than half that number have been constructed at Friedrichshafen, since the war broke out. It is probable that at least a quarter of these airships have been destroyed. The people of Friedrichshafen are demanding that Zeppelin fleets celebrate the building of the hundredth airship by a great raid over London and Paris.

HUNS EXPLAIN VERDUN FIGHT

Say the Attack is Going as Per Schedule.

"Pauses" Are Part of the General Scheme.

Berlin Cable.—Attempts in other countries to interpret the various pauses in the German operations at Verdun as indicative of the waning of the offensive or the exhaustion of German troops denote failure to comprehend German strategy, according to the tenor of discussion in military circles here. Officers say these pauses are only a part of the general scheme of operations, and are designed to prepare for the successive stages of the forward movement.

The method has been to make preparations for every attack so thoroughly as to guarantee success with minimum losses. German commanders have purposely avoided a simultaneous attack on the whole Verdun front and have sought local successes in one section after another.

Neither do these officers admit the Germans are fighting to revive the spirits of the people at home, with only a forlorn hope of victory. It is said these operations are intended to lead to the capture of Verdun and hasten the termination of the war.

The comparative slowness of the movements is based on deliberate choice of the best method of accomplishing the end sought. Reports that the German losses have been unduly heavy in view of the results achieved find no confirmation here. Instead of sending men into battle in close formation for machine guns to mow them down, as is represented in the press of hostile countries, German commanders have been sparing of the lives of their troops.

The results of the operations at Verdun thus far in regard both to the positions gained and the losses sustained have been fully in line with expectations.

Karl Roemer, the correspondent on the Verdun front of the Lokal Anzeiger, telegraphs that the German success in the forests of Avocourt and Malancourt places the French in a precarious position. He says that the German line is now exposed, exposing the communications to flanking attacks.

Regarding the German attack of Monday, the correspondent says terrific artillery fire prepared for the infantry advance, which began at 6 p. m. and continued until 10 p. m., when three French lines were broken.

The correspondent says the German losses were quite moderate. He asked with many French prisoners, whom he quotes as being unanimous in saying that they had been completely surprised by the terrible effects of the German artillery.

The Lokal Anzeiger says that in view of the progress made yesterday by German troops near Avocourt, the French line between Bethincourt and Malancourt is now menaced. It asserts that the French positions are threatened from the east by the German successes in the region of Dead Man Hill and from the west as a result of the German victory in the wooded region northeast of Avocourt.

The newspaper points out that the town of Avocourt is only seven kilometers from the important Verdun-Paris railroad, the intervening distance being covered with woods and hills.

WILL HONOR IT.

Carranza Government Will Take Up Paper Money.

Mexico, City, Report.—Nicolfo Zambrano, National Treasurer of Mexico, in a public statement issued last night, assured the citizens of the country that the present Government will not repudiate the outstanding paper money when new issues are put in circulation. The treasurer's statement says that, whereas the Constitutional Government had found the Treasury empty after the flight of General Huerta, and that the entrance of Villa into Mexico City had again emptied it, the Treasury today contains \$1,000,000 pesos in paper money, \$1,000,000 in Mexican gold and \$2,000,000 American gold.

SHORT ITEMS OF THE NEWS OF THE DAY

Great Food Riots Occurred in Constantinople, Troops Dispersing the Looters.

HARDINGE A K. G.

St. Thomas Man, Memory Lapsed, Returns After 2-Year Absence.

Mr. Robert Davies left an estate estimated at \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

Four-year-old Wilbert Winslow was struck by a motor truck in Toronto, and may die.

Firemen at a Queen street, Toronto, restaurant, took several Chinese from danger to safety.

Toronto City Council tendered a farewell banquet to the officers of the 75th Battalion.

Mrs. Leggett, of Montreal, was run over and killed by a street car in front of her own door.

W. H. Tricker, grocer of Sarnia, was fined \$25 and costs, \$25, for selling maple sugar that was adulterated.

Mr. Robert Proudfoot, father of Wm. Proudfoot, K. C., M.P.P., died at his home in Goderich, at the age of 91 years.

It is announced that Baron Hardinge will be appointed a Knight of the Garter on his retirement as Viceroy of India.

The Dominion Government is starting an extensive advertising campaign to promote thrift and production in Canada.

Joseph Farrell, aged 80, a veteran of the Indian Mutiny, is dead at his home in Kingston, having been taken suddenly ill on the street.

Wm. Chisholm, Superintendent of the W. E. & L. S. Interurban Line, was electrocuted at Windsor. The man he succeeded in the post died in the same way a year ago.

Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, announced in the House of Commons that the British Government was contemplating the prohibition of the importation of hops.

Twenty persons have been killed in an explosion in the Pressens colliery, near Miskowitz, Silesia, says a despatch to the Central News from Amsterdam.

The Odessa correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "Extensive food riots have occurred in Constantinople. Many shops were looted and destroyed, and the houses of Greeks and Armenians were attacked. Troops dispersed the rioters."

William Guy, formerly of Millbrook, died at Cobourg. He was a veteran of the Fenian Raid, the Red River Expedition and the Riel Rebellion, and was well known among military men as Corporal Guy.

After being missing for two years, and during which time he had been under a complete lapse of memory, Malcolm P. Johnson, of the shoe firm of Johnson and McCormick, and one of the city's best known business men, returned to St. Thomas.

The fortunate circumstance of a very heavy fall of snow saved the business section of the village of Wheatley from total destruction by fire. Fire was discovered in Mr. Featherington's livery barn about 9 o'clock, and an hour later it was completely destroyed, with part of the contents.

The Canadian Churchman has been purchased from Mr. Evelyn MacIntyre by a stock company, with Mr. George J. Woods as president, Mr. T. McWhinney, vice-president, and Mr. J. M. McWhinney, general manager of the Union Trust Company, treasurer. Mr. J. W. Allen, M. A., has been appointed managing editor.

HUN FAILURE FOILED PLAN

Germans Formed "Shock Army" to Forestall Allies.

Put French Stand at Verdun Spoiled Scheme.

London Cable.—The Journal De Paris, which has frequently published exclusive war news of importance, states that last September, at a German war council held at a Belgian town, it was decided to form a "shock army" with which to forestall the offensive of the Allies, which was expected before the summer of 1916. This special corps was furnished from the best troops: The 7th corps of reserves was retired from the Aisne, the 15th corps was detached from the Somme, the 16th from Ypres, and a division of the Bavarians from the Meuse-Moselle lines.

It was removed from the front on which it was then stationed and reconstituted, and the munition works of Germany and Austria piled up material for the onslaught. April was the destined month, but Premier Briand's visit to Italy decided the German general staff to launch the attack, despite the bad weather, before the end of February. Verdun was not the sole objective, and another attack was planned for after Verdun had been rushed, but the heroic and successful French resistance foiled the second scheme.

London, Special Cable.—The election Government's candidate, Percy Alfred Harris, won a two-to-one victory over Thomas Gibson Bowles in the by-election held yesterday for member of the House of Commons to represent the Harborough division of Leicestershire.

Mr. Bowles ran as the "marrying men's" candidate, and as the support of the so-called "dinner-party" party, which demands a firmer policy on the part of the Government, particularly as regards recruiting. He had the backing of the Times, Post and Mail.

The voting resulted as follows: Harris, 7,221; Bowles, 2,711.

SCOUTS TO AID.

Details of Plan for Boys to Help Farmers.

Toronto Despatch.—Further details are now forthcoming in connection with the scheme whereby the Boy Scouts of Ontario, with the advice and assistance of the Provincial Government, will co-operate with the farmers of the Province in the harvesting of the crops.

Briefly, the proposals are these: Scout officers in each district will be asked to prepare lists of boys who are willing to assist and whose parents give their consent, care being taken to select only such boys as are physically fit for farm-work and who are over 14 years of age. The venture is not to be looked on from a commercial point of view, and wages will be a secondary consideration, but it is expected that board and lodgings at least 25 cents per day will be allowed for each boy engaged. Every effort will be made to place the lads in congenial surroundings and in localities where they may be regularly visited by their troop-leaders.

The main advantages expected to accrue to the boys are the benefits of a good, healthful outing, combined with the encouragement of an interest in farming, the province's greatest industry, and the inculcation of a better spirit of citizenship resulting from the knowledge that they are rendering valuable service to the Empire. Wherever possible a camp life will be introduced, the troops or districts lending their tents for this purpose.

Care will be taken by those in charge of the scheme to see that the farmers with whom the boys are placed are the right kind of men to be entrusted with the duty of looking after them.

ROUMANIA IN WITH RUSSIA

Special Treaty Binds Balkan Power to Entente.

Date of Her Intervention Soon to be Settled.

London Cable.—The Athens correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs the following, taken from the Athens Patria:

Roumania is bound to the allies by a special treaty with Russia. The date of her intervention is not settled, but will shortly be decided on the conclusion of negotiations closely related to the Russian preparations for an offensive.

According to information from Belgrade, a special train took 100 officers of whom 60 were Germans, to Varna last week. They inspected all the strategic positions on the Roumanian frontier. A German division is concentrated at Razgrad and Shumla, and the two Bulgarian army corps between Plovna and Shumla.

HUN DUGOUTS ARE BLOWN IN

British Make Gains in La Bassée Region.

Grenade Attack North of Arras Repulsed.

London Cable.—Sir John Haig reports that the British carried out two successful raids against the German trenches about Gommecourt and the Bethune-La Bassée roads.

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The British official statement issued Thursday night on the campaign in France and Belgium reads:

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"There has been artillery activity about Fricourt, Gommecourt, Souchez, the Hohenzollern redoubt and Ypres. At one place our artillery fire caused a big explosion in the enemy lines."

SNOWED UNDER.

"Ginger Up" Party Lost British By-Election.

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