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GERMAN PLANES DROP BOMBS ON TOWN 40 MILES FROM LONDON

BRITISH GAIN MORE GROUND ACROSS STEENBEEK RIVER Canadians Discharge Gas into Lens Suburb of St. Laurent

Dead at Southend Are 23 50 Other Persons Injured Property Loss is Heavy

AVIATORS DROPT BOMBS ON FRANKFORT

Intrepid French Airmen Raid Important German City on Main.

HARD AERIAL FIGHTING

British Machines Heavily Engage Enemy in Flanders—Meet Opposition.

Paris, Aug. 12.—Two French aviators yesterday dropped bombs on Frankfurt-on-the-Main, one of the most important cities of the German Empire, having a population of more than 300,000.

It is confirmed that a German aviator was brought down August 9 on the Belgian front, and a German machine was shot down by machine gun fire northeast of Vauxhall.

CHINA TO SEND ARMY AGAINST FOE IN EUROPE

Government Will Make Formal Declaration of War Today.

Peking, Friday, Aug. 10.—(Delayed)—It was rumored today that a declaration of war on Germany will be made next Monday.

RUSS NATIONAL COUNCIL TO MEET NEXT WEEK

Petrograd, Aug. 12.—The provisional government has postponed until Aug. 23 the meeting of the extraordinary national council at Moscow.

NEW SEASON FURS.

Russian seal will again be the vogue in fur garments for the season 1917. The new styles are already in evidence and garments made up during the present month will be the prevailing style throughout the season.

TRAIN HITS MOTOR CAR FIVE LIVES ARE LOST

Mrs. Frank Walker of Toronto, and Four Oshawa Men Meet Death at Level Crossing Near Bowmanville Station—Husband of Victim Escapes.

KILLED. Mrs. Frank Walker, 82 Duchess street, Toronto. Norman Fletcher, Oshawa. James Connolly, Oshawa. James Normoye, Oshawa. William Johnston, Oshawa.

The accident occurred at the wheat road crossing, where a similar accident occurred some fifteen or twenty years ago, when three young persons were instantly killed by a train striking the carriage in which they were riding.

BRITISH RETAIN HALF OF WOOD OF GLENGORSE

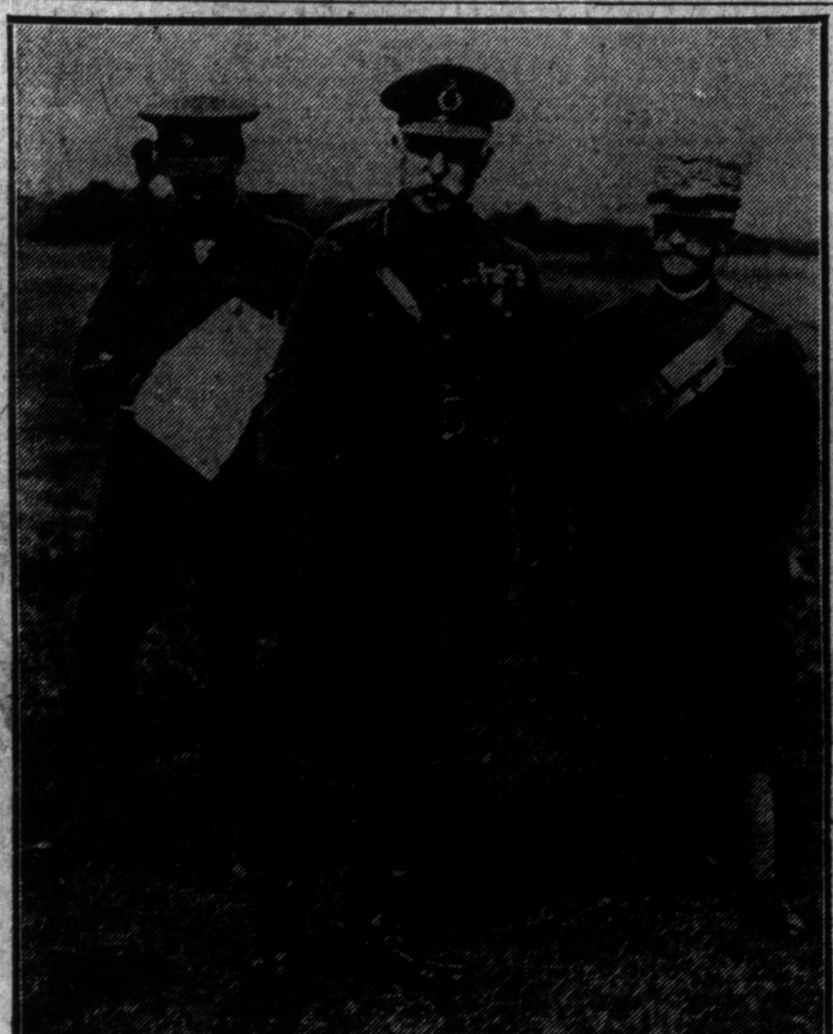
Furious Fighting Results From Desperate Prolonged German Counter-Attacks.

MANY HUNS SUCCUMB

Two Battalions Make Valiant Stand—Westhoek Ridge Firmly Held.

By R. T. Small, Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press. British front in France and Belgium, Aug. 12.—Hand-to-hand fighting of the most furious nature, in which bayonets and clubbed rifles were utilized, developed in the Glengorse Wood yesterday as a result of a German counter-attack by which the enemy took the southeastern portion of this elevation.

TWENTY HUN PLANES IN SOUTHEAST COAST RAID



Field Marshal the Duke of Connaught, former governor-general of Canada, recently paid a three weeks' visit to the several Italian fronts, spending a few days each on the Isonzo, Carso and Trentino front lines.

Forty Bombs Descend on Southend, Where Nine Women and Six Children Are Among Killed—Little Damage at Margate.

London, Aug. 12.—Twenty-three persons, including nine women and six children, were killed, and fifty persons were injured at Southend, in Essex, forty miles east of London, by bombs dropped by German raiders today, says an official statement issued tonight.

RUMANIANS MEET FOE IN DESPERATE FIGHTING

Allies Stoutly Defend Lines Before Fokshani—Russians Begin Counter-Offensive in the Region of Galatz to Ease Pressure.

London, Aug. 12.—In southern Moldavia the desperate fighting between the Russo-Rumanians and the Teutons continues with increasing ferocity. Field Marshal von Mackensen is using strong forces in an endeavor to break thru the entente line toward the railroad junction of Tecuchiu.

TORONTO AIRMEN WIN DECORATIONS

Flight-Lieut. Sharman Engages Many Enemy Machines Single-Handed.

Canadian Associated-Press Cable. London, Aug. 12.—Several Canadian airmen with the naval services were decorated with honors tonight: Flight-Lieutenant John Edward Sharman, Toronto, for courage and skill in attacking aircraft while on patrol on the evening of June 14.

HENDERSON ACCUSED OF BREACH OF FAITH

Lloyd George in Letter to Former Member of War Cabinet, Points Out That Russian Government's Attitude Was Improperly Represented to Labor Congress.

London, Aug. 12.—Premier Lloyd George last night made public Arthur Henderson's letter of his resignation as Labor representative in the war cabinet, and his acceptance, both dated Saturday. Mr. Henderson's letter follows: Dear Prime Minister: At our interview last night, I gathered you had reached the conclusion that my retention of the secretaryship to the Labor party was no longer compatible with my membership in the war cabinet.

BARNES MAY SUCCEED

London, Aug. 12.—George Nicoll Barnes, minister of pensions, who has attended the meetings of the war cabinet since Arthur Henderson started on his mission to Russia, probably will succeed Mr. Henderson as Labor representative in the war cabinet.

U. S. MAY TAKE OVER WHOLE WHEAT CROP

Washington Food Administration Will Attempt to Reduce Costs.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The food administration announced tonight its plan for controlling wheat, flour and bread, revealing that the government is prepared to take over the whole 1917 wheat harvest if necessary to conserve the supply, obtain just prices for America's fighting forces and their allies and reduce costs to the general public in the United States.

CANADIANS USE GAS IN ST. LAURENT SUBURB

Troops From Dominion Release Fumes Against Dugouts Filled With Germans—Air War Continues Successfully for British.

Canadian Headquarters in France (via London, Aug. 12).—Gas was again projected successfully early this (Sunday) morning into the enemy positions in the northern part of St. Laurent, where many dugouts and occupied cellars were known to be. A prisoner, who was captured on this part of the front, says that the recent gas attack resulted in over ninety casualties to the men of his battalion alone.

AUSTRALIA'S DUTIES ON IMPORTS RAISED

Imported Spirits Will Pay Three More Shillings Per Gallon.

Melbourne, Australia, Aug. 12.—(Via Eeeter's Ottawa agency.)—In the house of representatives the minister of customs announced important increases in the customs and excise duties. The principal increase in customs is three shillings per gallon on imported spirits, with a proportional advance in excise. The increased excise tax on beer is estimated to produce 1600,000, which will counter-balance the loss sustained by prohibiting the importation of the following articles: Blenders, perfume, perfumed spirits, jewelry, etc.

Jellicoe to Relinquish Post

London, Aug. 12.—In well-informed circles, says The Sunday Times, a further change in the personnel of the admiralty board is expected shortly, as Admiral Jellicoe, the first sea lord, feels that he is in urgent need of rest.