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Special Cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Hilaire Belloc).

London, July 2.—With fresh news the magnitude of the value of the Italian success above the Frenzela valley increases. Not only have our allies now counted 2,000 prisoners, but they have happily succeeded in forcing the summit of Val Bella. The importance of the second success is considerable. Col Del Rosso faces Val Bella. From the other six sides the Frenzela ravine and the two heights between them completely intercept any effort to use the ravine for descent upon the plains. Now the Frenzela ravine is the eastern road out of Asiago on the Brenta Valley. It is the short-cut from the Austrian deployed line upon the Asiago Plateau straight down to the Italian communications.

In Worse Condition.

After Caporetta the enemy made his greatest efforts to force a passage. It was with greatest difficulty that he held even though Col Del Rosso and Val Bella were occupied by him. So even after failure in this last offensive he still has threatened his best gate down to the Italian communications. Now that he has lost two summits he is in a far worse position than before. Most important is the admission of the Austrian loss in the Hungarian peninsula of which we had a full account through Switzerland.

Estimates Too High.

I warned my readers at the time that the first suggestion of 130,000 in losses for the enemy on the Piave was ridiculous. Such losses would have meant that more than half of the Austro-Hungarian infantry had fallen. We now have the admission of 100,000 and as light cases immediately returned are usually excluded in reports of this kind, while the sick in spite of Austro-Hungarian hospitals are excluded.

LUDENDORFF PLANS HIS MASTER STROKE

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Toronto, July 2.—Nursing sister M. E. McKenzie, of Toronto, is known to have been on the Llandovery Castle when it was torpedoed. She was graduated five years ago from the Halifax Military Hospital. She had made one round trip, and was returning from Canada to England on this boat, completing her second round trip.
Montreal, July 2.—The only mother on board the torpedoed hospital ship was Miss Alice Dussault, a nursing sister. Miss Dussault made five trips on the ship.

Vancouver Victim.

Vancouver, July 2.—While a list of those aboard the torpedoed hospital ship Llandovery Castle was John Eaton, a member of the army medical corps, who has served for twenty-eight months at the front when he was gassed and returned. A letter had been received from Mr. Eaton from Halifax by his parents here, which had been mailed just before the departure of the ship.

Two Winnipeg Men

Winnipeg, July 2.—As far as can be ascertained, there were only two people from Winnipeg on the Llandovery Castle. Louis Arthur Shipman and George Harvey, both ordies on the ship. The names of neither has appeared in the list of survivors so far.

Toronto List

Toronto, July 2.—While a list of those aboard the torpedoed hospital ship Llandovery Castle is not yet available, it is already known that Staff Sergeant William Knight, of this city, is one of the survivors. Captain Don McPhail, of Cayuga, Ontario, a son-in-law of Mr. Justice Britton, was on board the boat, but his fate is unknown as is that of Nurse Christine Campbell, of Victoria, B. C., whose father is today at the King Edward Hotel.

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U. S. Ship Delayed

Washington, July 2.—Plans for the sailing of the American hospital ship Comfort, which it was proposed to send through the submarine zone without convoy, has been delayed by the ruthless destruction of the Canadian hospital ship Llandovery Castle. It is not yet decided whether the original plans will be changed.

CANADIANS DO WELL

Ottawa, July 2.—In a report dealing with the work of the British air forces during the past week, the Director of public information cables from London that Canadian pilots did excellent work in the bombing of important military objectives behind the German lines.

TWO STEAMERS ARE TORPEDOED

Many Perish When Danish Ship Indian Sunk—Seneca Ashore—Chilier Submerged.

An Atlantic Port, July 2.—The Associated Press carries the following: "The Danish steamship Indian was attacked and sunk by a German submarine with a loss of 29 members of the crew off the Azores on March 31, it was learned with the arrival here of nine survivors from the Indian.
"The vessel, bound from France to an American port, was sunk by shell fire after the crew had taken to four lifeboats. Three of these boats were lost in a storm. The men who perished included Captain Karlulof.
"An Atlantic Port, July 2.—The steamer Seneca, bound to this port with 1,500 tons of coal, ran aground in heavy fog today. She was being seriously forward, out a wreckage tug sent to her aid tonight, expected to get her off safely.
"The Seneca, formerly a lake steamer, was recently converted into a bulk cargo carrier, and was making her first trip here. She was built in Cleveland in 1889.

Steamer Torpedoed.

Washington, July 2.—The Belgian steamer Chilier, 2,866 gross tons, was torpedoed. The Belgian steamer was sunk 1,400 miles off the Atlantic coast on June 21. The navy department today announced. Twenty-five survivors were picked up by a sailing vessel on June 27.

IMPORTANT GROUND IS WON BY THE AMERICANS AND FRENCH

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Regiment Annihilated.
One entire German regiment is officially reported to have been virtually annihilated in the battle. A thrilling air battle between nine American airplanes and an equal number of German planes is reported in the Chateau Thierry sector. At least three German planes were destroyed, while two American machines have failed to return from the encounter.

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RECORD MACKEREL CATCH OFF KENT

Fishermen Along Richibucto Shore Scoop in Nearly 100,000 Fish.
Richibucto, July 2.—Mackerel fishermen here last week reaped a harvest, the catches being the largest in years. On one day the total catch of fishermen along this shore was between 75,000 and 100,000 fish, being a record catch.

DIG GENERAL STREET RAILWAY STRIKE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Systems in Victoria, Vancouver, North Vancouver, New Westminster, Chilliwack and Inter-vening Points Tied Up By Walk-Out of 1,650 Men For Higher Wages and Shorter Hours.

Vancouver, B. C., July 2.—The British Columbia Electric railway system, which covers Victoria, Vancouver, North Vancouver and New Westminster, as well as Chilliwack, is tied up today by a strike of employees for higher wages and shorter hours, which went into effect at midnight last night. Workers in Vancouver and Victoria walked to work this morning, or were fortunate enough to find places in the few jitneys or in private cars. The strike of the company's electrical workers, which went into effect at the same time, has not had such an apparent effect on the public activities. The company has not had such an apparent effect on the public activities. The company has not had such an apparent effect on the public activities. The company has not had such an apparent effect on the public activities.

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Mrs. R. C. Cruikshank of St. John addressed the Presbyterial on the missionary conference to be held at Wolfville from July 23rd to 30th. The president delivered her address reviewing the work of the Presbyterial past year, showing a period of progress. The Presbyterial is entering upon its thirtieth year.
The first session closed with communion service.
Rev. P. A. Fitzpatrick, retiring pastor of the Wesley Memorial Church who is leaving this week for a new circuit at Trigon, P. E. I., was tonight given a farewell by Wesley Memorial congregation and presented with a purse of more than a hundred dollars.

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Col. Sturdee is expected here Friday to complete organization.
An interesting event at six o'clock this evening when John W. Crandall, a well known C. C. R. employee was married to Miss Edith Geraldine Reece of Dalmania, West Indies.
The ceremony was performed by Canon Simm in the presence of a large number of friends. Miss Doris Grandmaid, maid of the groom, was bridesmaid. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home. Mr. and Mrs. Crandall will reside in Moncton.

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