

RUSS OFFENSIVE IN FULL SWING

Monarchy Restored in China; Chang Hsun Places Boy Emperor Again on the Throne

Six Thousand Prisoners Taken by Russ Forces Today During Drive in Galicia

Reorganized Army Strikes Body Blows at Foe

Sweeping Drive Launched in Galicia Resulted in Capture of Enemy Positions, Several Towns and Large Numbers of Captives; Offensive Developing Very Successfully

By Courier Leased Wire.

Petrograd, July 3.—The new Russian offensive has resulted in the capture of 6,000 more prisoners. The Russians are advancing towards Zlochoff, Galicia, the War Office announces.

Twenty-one guns and several mine throwers were captured. Prisoners continue to be brought in. The number of prisoners taken in the fighting southeast of Brzezany on Sunday is given as 53 officers and 2,200 men.

Russian troops have occupied the Galician villages of Presovec, Zbroff and Korshiduv. The Austro-German forces have retreated westward across the little Stripa River.

Huns Admit Russ Gains

Berlin, July 3.—via London—Russian troops have broken forward across the heights on the western bank of the Stripa in Galicia and succeeded in extending northward the gap they made in the Teutonic lines the previous day, army headquarters announced today.

The Russian progress was halted with the assistance of German reserves, the statement adds.

Finnish In Fight

Petrograd, July 3.—Details from an authorized source of the victorious Russian attack in Galicia state that a Finnish division participated in the victory at Koniucky. All enemy trenches on the slopes of Mount Sredniaya Goura, east of Koniuchy, were occupied. Besides the village of Koniuchy, the forest west thereof as far as Kolef was taken. All German trenches south of Koniuchy and the wood west of the village of Schibalim were occupied. Three lines of enemy trenches north west of Zoloukhi and similar positions southwest of Potoutory and east and southeast of Nitchischou fell into the hands of the Russians.

Still In Progress

Petrograd, July 2.—Up to the hour of telegraphing the advance of the Russian army in Galicia was still in progress. A despatch received by the war ministry, but unpublished, says that the staff of the Russian army in Galicia is more than satisfied with the progress made.

Never was an offensive so auspiciously begun. The local army staff was pleased with the speed of the advance as the operation which the staff had expected would take two days, was executed yesterday between the hours of two and nine.

All of the latest telegrams to the war ministry agree that the soldiers are in excellent spirits and the ministry authorizes the statement that preparations as regards munitions and equipment are in better shape than in any preceding period of the war.

The new chief of the war ministry information department is Lieutenant Perun, who is also a member of the executive committee of the committee of deputies. Lieutenant Perun has just returned from the front, where he witnessed War Minister Kerensky's crusade in favor of an immediate offensive. The lieutenant told the Associated Press that the very eloquence of Minister Kerensky was largely responsible for the change in the army's mood. The lieutenant was present when Kerensky, having told the soldiers that if they would not attack he would march toward the enemy's trenches alone, was embraced and kissed by the soldiers.

Army Reform. Lieutenant Perun mentioned one division especially known for its unwillingness to fight, which after the

minister's speeches became the most militant on the front.

"The army," said the lieutenant, "was reborn under my eyes."

The minds of the soldiers, he said, are thoroughly permeated with Russia's new political program. War Minister Kerensky's merit, the lieutenant declared, is that he first realized that the Russians will fight only if they are convinced they are fighting not for imperialism but for freedom at home and international peace. The war minister, he added, has accomplished the almost impossible task of convincing the soldiers of that fact. Lieutenant Perun declares that deserters are returning more rapidly than ever, and says that the condition of the army is markedly better than Petrograd thinks.

Victory Cheered. Crowds of enthusiastic citizens marched through the streets of Petrograd to-day carrying portraits of War Minister Kerensky and General Brusiloff, while others thronged the sidewalks and filled balconies and windows, cheering and waving flags and handkerchiefs in celebration of the first victory of Russian arms on the western front since the revolution. The demonstration started with a score of men who got the first news from the war office of the Russian advance and grew rapidly to large proportions. Large portraits of the war minister and the chief of staff were obtained and carried in the parade, exciting the greatest enthusiasm since the capture of Przemyel.

British View. London, July 3.—The reawakening of Russian activity on the battle front is conspicuously featured by morning newspapers, but few comment on the event. The Times says: "We shall not indulge in premature congratulations." The Times, however, and two other papers assume Russia that their comrades who have borne the brunt of this year's fighting, are greatly cheered and inspired to fresh hope by a renewal of the Muscovite offensive. It points out that much severe fighting awaits the Russians before they can hope to capture Brzezany, with its strong defences.

Delighted. Paris, July 3.—The Russian offensive shares with the American army in France, the honors of the day in French newspapers. The splendid news from General Brusiloff's headquarters, coming on the heels of the arrival of the American vanguard, fills France's cup of joy to overflowing. The temporary wobble

of despondency and impatience which found an outward manifestation in two dozen interpellations of the government in the Chamber of Deputies, has vanished.

The reappearance of the Russian army on the scene of the war drama had been discussed in France for some time past, but the general

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FOURTEEN DAYS UNDER THE BRITISH SHELL FIRE

Extracts From German Letter Vividly Depicts Feelings of Enemy Troops—Hope To Be Taken Prisoners, Or Shall Go Mad

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, July 3.—(By Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Reuter's correspondent at the front gives extracts from a German letter found at Messines Ridge, dated from "A shell hole in hell." It vividly depicts the feelings of the German troops. "We have been fourteen days under a hellish fire day and night," states the writer. "We crouch together in holes awaiting our doom with dead piled up here. All night we lie with gas masks on as the British fire gas shells. Hundredweight of aerial torpedoes thrown at us make trench work impossible. So far our division, composed of three regiments, has lost 3,400 men in barely three months. We are quite helpless against the British. We cannot sit or lie down. These big British shells would wreck the heart of a lion. Our artillery dare not fire in the day time owing to the great activity of the British airplanes. We all hope to be taken prisoners; otherwise we shall go mad."

SIR HERBERT TREE QUITS EARTHLY STAGE

Noted British Actor Makes Last Exit; Died of Sudden Heart Attack at Eight O'clock Last Night, In London, England.

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, July 3.—According to the morning newspapers, the sudden death of Sir Herbert Tree last night was not caused by a recent operation, but it was a case of collapse so sudden that he died within a few moments. Sir Herbert had discussed business affairs daily with Mr. Dana, his business manager, during the last few days. They were thus engaged for some time Monday afternoon, and when Dana left, Sir Herbert was in a cheerful mood, as he expected to leave his bed soon. Sir Herbert had a slight accident on June 16. He slipped while descending a staircase and strained the ligaments of his right knee. He underwent an operation on June 21, which proved to be somewhat serious, but was expected to lead to his complete recovery. The attending surgeons, however, insisted upon the cancellations of all Sir Herbert's engagements, so that he could enjoy complete seclusion and rest. A friend who visited Sir Herbert yesterday, found him, as he described it, "as well as ever." In the evening, however, he had a heart attack, and the end came very quickly, the famous actor dying at 8 o'clock.

Imperial Emblem Everywhere Displayed Throughout Peking; Boy Ruler, Restored by Chang Hsun to Power, Issues Edict to People—Constitutional Law to be Adhered to

By Courier Leased Wire

Peking, July 1.—Delayed—The Imperial emblem is everywhere displayed, marking the restoration of the Manchu monarchy. There has been no disorder. In a long edict Emperor Hsuan Tung, who was restored to the throne today, explains how, being youthful, he was forced to relinquish sovereign power to Yuan Shi Kai, late president of the Chinese Republic. The country being threatened with disintegration and party strife and the people appealing to him to take over its administration to save the people from suffering, the young Emperor says he was compelled to take action. China's future government will be based on the following:

The country shall be administered according to the constitutional laws promulgated by the late Emperor.

Expenses of the Imperial household shall remain the same as those fixed by the republic.

Blood princes shall not be allowed to interfere in politics.

There shall be no differences between Manchu and Chinese. Marriage between them is allowed.

Li Yuan To Quit

Peking, Sunday, July 1.—(Delayed)—Early to-day, Hsuan Tung, the boy emperor, was taken into the imperial palace under the protection of General Chang Hsun and placed on the throne. The legation quarter of the city is under a heavy guard, and the troops of General Chang Hsun are intermingling freely with the Peking soldiery.

General Chang Hsun is maintaining the strictest order, and no trouble in Peking is feared.

It is expected that President Li Yuan Hung will resign to-morrow.

Peking, Sunday, July 1.—(Delayed)—According to an edict issued in the name of Hsuan Tung, the young emperor, who was put back on the throne to-day under the protection of General Chang Hsun, President of the Republic, Li Yuan Hung has submitted to the monarchy. The edict follows: "Li Yuan Hung memorializes us to take over the government, stating that he was forced by the troops during the first revolution to become the nation's head. He bemoans his defects as head of the republic and asks us to punish him. We recognize his mistakes and also his merits. We hereby appoint him a duke of the first class."

SAD DOUBLE DROWNING TAKES PLACE ON THE HOLIDAY

Fred McGowan Valued Member of the Courier Staff and Earl Broun Manager of C. P. McGregor Store Meet Death in the Grand River—Had Started out to Join Others in a Canoe Trip

A double drowning accident, in which two popular and well known young men of this city were the victims, brought deep sorrow to their relatives, friends and acquaintances on the holiday.

The victims were Fred McGowan and Earl Broun, the former a valued member of the Courier staff and the latter manager of the C. P. McGregor store.

McGowan bought a canoe some three weeks ago and kept it in a boat house at the foot of Murray Street, near the power house. He and Broun took the craft out at about 10.30 and paddling up the canal portaged at the dam and took the water near the Grand Trunk bridge, below the dam.

The river is a racing torrent after the recent rains, in fact nearly at flood height, and almost immediately the swiftly flowing current had seized the frail craft and the occupants evidently lost control of it. They were swung into the centre of the stream and in spite of their efforts to direct its course, the canoe crashed broadside into the second pier of the Lake Erie and Northern bridge. Mrs. Hayden of Aberdeen Avenue, Mr. Tracey and a railway watchman, saw the catastrophe and state that the canoeists were thrown out. Both were seen to swim for several yards, but the current proved too much for them and they disappeared.

The two were to form part of a canoeing party of six to run down the river as far as the Bow Park ferry and then portage into the canal. The others they were to join at the foot of Baldwin Avenue. When time passed and they did not appear, the fact was reported to Mr. McGowan, who became suspicious. Meanwhile Mr. Tracey phoned the Fire Hall and firemen rushed hurriedly to the scene of the fatality. The life boat was launched and the grappling irons used, but in the swift current that was running and in the willows, it was absolutely impossible to work to any advantage. Several of the best ironers were lost, but nothing daunted the firemen, worked for over an hour in a search that was vain. At length the task was given up after prolonged and exhaustive effort.

Early in the afternoon, shortly after two o'clock, Mr. McGowan was notified that a canoe had become lodged at the root of a tree near the end of Eagle Avenue, and he informed the firemen without delay.

Captain Kingwell, accompanied by three assistants, went to the River Road, where the boat was caught, and with the aid of a number of men who had gathered, worked for about an hour to secure the canoe from the foot of a tree in which it had become entangled, below the surface of the water. The current again impeded their efforts, but they were finally successful in landing the boat, which was identified by Mr. McGowan. (Continued on Page Four)

Semi-Centennial Event Crowned With Success

Golden Jubilee of Confederation Fittingly Observed in Brantford on Sunday and Monday—Patriotic Services in all City Churches, Spectacular Pageant of the Great Dominion's Founding

Right fittingly did Brantford commemorate Canada's fiftieth birthday, the golden jubilee of Confederation, by a celebration which will live long in the annals of the city, and be looked back to by many.

Despite the inclement weather, which intervened to prevent the outdoor song services, planned as a consummation of the religious observance of the occasion, on Sunday afternoon, the celebration was indeed of two days duration, for in churches of the city, regardless alike of denomination and sect, united in a psalm of praise for the fifty years of prosperity and happiness accorded the fair Dominion which is the home of all of us, while a fitting pageant yesterday commemorated the signing of the treaty of Confederation upon July 1, 1867. With the sole exception of the weather man's lack of sportsmanship, and even upon that count no charge could be brought against him for his behaviour on Monday, the entire celebration passed off without a solitary hitch, thanks to the thorough and capable administration of affairs by the executive committee. A feature of the celebration yesterday was the presence of the popular Klities Band from Galt, old favorites in Brantford, who were called upon for the occasion and responded nobly. An admirable selection of characters for the pageant was made, the representation both in feature and costume

ing to the originals being in all cases most noteworthy. Particularly praiseworthy was the share taken throughout by the school children, who discharged their parts in a manner reflecting the highest degree of credit upon themselves and their indefatigable teachers and trainers alike. The celebration, in fact, was successful to a degree satisfactory to the most sanguine, and will live long in the memory of all who witnessed or participated in any way in its consummation.

Despite the record attendance at Agricultural Park, both afternoon and evening, an unusually large number of counter attractions were offered in the city, especially houses being drawn by all the local theatres, while the Brant County Bowling Turf proved a source of interest and recreation to many. A pall over the festivities of the holiday was cast by the untimely catastrophe resulting in the drowning of Fred McGowan and Earl Broun, deservedly two of the city's most popular young men.

The Parade. The influx of visitors into the city was such as to exceed even the most sanguine expectations, large crowds being transported by both steam and electric railways for the occasion, while many more made the trip by motor or carriage. To visitors and citizens alike, Brantford was an

on the momentous occasion of the Dominion's fiftieth birthday, as testified by the wealth of flags, streamers and other patriotic decorations adorning private homes throughout the city, festooning the places of business along the central streets and everywhere proclaiming to all Brantford's loyalty and enthusiasm for the cause of the Dominion. Early Monday morning the streets were filled with holiday makers, and as the day wore on and time drew near for the commencement of the main procession from the market, the central streets were thronged as almost never before in the city's history. The market square, and the former Tea Pot Inn building, temporary headquarters for the performers in the celebration, became naturally the centre of interest, and impatience was manifest until the procession got under way at two o'clock. Thanks to the able marshaling of Mr. J. A. Powell and Chief Lewis, not a hitch marred the entire parade, which was carried out with the utmost precision and regularity. Heading the parade, marched the Lads' Brigade of Grace Church, in full uniform and with the single band in attendance for the occasion. Followed then the royal coach, drawn by eight horses, and a second four horse coach for the Prince of Wales. The returned solo-

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Weather Bulletin

Toronto, July 3.—Light local showers have occurred in eastern Quebec and the Maritime provinces, also in northern Ontario and Alberta, while in southern Ontario and Manitoba the weather has been fair.

Forecasts. Fresh west and north west winds, fair and moderately warm to-day and on Wednesday.



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