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French Obtain Objectives To The North of Verdun

Nearly All Lost in Last Year's Great Battle Re-Gained—Artillery Fire Envy of the Enemy—Austrians Admit Further Loss

Paris, Aug. 23.—The French objectives north of Verdun appear to have been attained. If the offensive were continued fresh artillery preparation would be necessary.

The German counter-attacks yesterday against dominant positions such as Dead Man Hill and Hill 344 proved to be costly failures, leaving the French masters of the points they held before the beginning of the great battle of Verdun last year with the exception of Hill 304, which as yet is in the enemy's hands.

These who believe in the theory that cannon fire brings on rain always refer to the offensive of the allies in support of their contention, as they have frequently been hampered by downpours after a day or two of fighting. In the present instance, however, the argument has failed. Although the firing on the Verdun front has never been equalled there has been no rain since Friday.

Projectiles fired by a French battery which was silencing enemy batteries at a depot of asphyxiating gas. It burst, silencing three batteries. "No troops could have got through our barbed wire," said one.

Paris, Aug. 23.—The number of prisoners taken by the French in their offensive on the Verdun front has been increased to 7,688. The French last night captured a fortified German position north of Mortfont Farm. The prisoners included 186 officers and 600 men. The captured material listed includes twenty-four cannon of all calibres and more than 20 machine guns, in addition to nine cannon which were destroyed.

Germany's Lying Report Berlin, via London, Aug. 23.—The supplementary report from German headquarters today reads: "In Flanders the British attacked east of Ypres, which began this morning extending over a fifteen kilometer front. The German army suffering heavy losses.

Before Verdun up to the present time there has been no fresh infantry fighting. The artillery firing remained strong. "Bomb attacks by our aviators on fortified towns on the English coast today were successful. In the east there is nothing of importance to report."

Battalion Commander Prisoner Paris, Aug. 23.—Among 600 prisoners made in the hollow recesses of Dead Man Hill was a battalion commander with his staff, including Count Eugene Bernstorff, nephew of the former German ambassador to Washington.

Further Austrian Admission Vienna, via London, Aug. 23.—The war office communication issued last night says the Italians have captured the village of Vrb, east of Cassole, but that the Italians were repulsed in their efforts to move further eastward in this region. East of Gorizia the Italian attacks also were halted. On the Carso Plateau a titanic struggle is in progress.

Rome, Aug. 23.—Furious fighting continues on the Isonzo front. The war office announces further gains for the Italians on both the northern and southern wings.

Austria Loses Very Heavy Udine, Italy, Aug. 23.—Enemy losses during the first two days in the new Italian advance are calculated at 30,000 in killed, wounded and prisoners.

PERU MAY ENTER THE LISTS AGAINST GERMANY Ultimatum Over Sinking of a Sailing Vessel Amsterdam, Aug. 23.—The Berlin Vossische Zeitung announces that Peru has sent an ultimatum to Germany. The Hamburg prize court recently refused damages to the owners of the Peruvian sailing vessel Lorton, which was sunk by a German submarine on the February 5 off the coast of Spain. The reason assigned by the court was that the Lorton, when stopped and asked for her nationality, hoisted the British flag. It is also alleged that the Lorton was carrying contraband for England.

The Vossische Zeitung says that, in view of the threatening tone of Peru's note the imperial German chancellor has ordered the Hamburg decision referred to the upper prize court at Berlin for final adjudication.

GERMANY'S DOOM FROM HUN LIPS

Maiden Speech of New Foreign Secretary POLICY TOWARDS NEUTRALS

Amsterdam, Aug. 23.—"A policy based on might alone and not on right is doomed to failure from the beginning," was the interesting admission made by Dr. Richard Von Kuehlmann, German imperial foreign secretary in his maiden speech to the main committee of the Reichstag yesterday. The new secretary, according to a telegram from Berlin, dwelt on the tremendous responsibility in assuming office "when the country is beset by the mightiest of enemies without aid and grave difficulties within."

Dr. Von Kuehlmann said the following program: "First the maintenance of cordial relations with her allies and, second, with the neutrals whose rights and necessary conditions of existence we shall be most careful to respect as far as is compatible with our military and our own military needs." To arrest further defection of important neutrals is an extremely serious and important task confronting us. We can solve it successfully only by observing the principle that in politics might counts but also right, and that only if we base our confidence on both can we both hope to achieve lasting results.

Dr. Von Kuehlmann eloquently emphasized the necessity of studying enemy psychology so that "when the other side holds a trump card, on the other hand no hard words should be uttered when there are indications that the ice was breaking on the other side and more conciliatory feelings became manifest with respect to the property loss in an appeal for truce in the army and navy."

Further Evidences of Part in Heavy Fighting of August 15—News of Wounded Received Today

That officers of famous New Brunswick 20th Battalion, other than those before noticed, have suffered wounds in the heavy fighting of August 15, is now known. Lieut. W. A. MacDougall, of Debec, N. B., and Lieut. R. A. Major, of Halifax, reported wounded, are of this battalion. Both officers went overseas with New Brunswick unit, Lieut. MacDougall going with the 140th, and Lieut. Major with the 55th. It is also reported that Major Bull of Ontario, another officer with New Brunswick's unit, is on the casualty list as wounded.

N. B. Officers. Ottawa, Aug. 23.—Wednesday night's casualty list: INFANTRY. Killed in Action. Lieut. G. D. Osgood, Ashcroft, N. B.; Joseph Boudreau, Dalhousie, N. B.

Missing, Believed Killed. Lieut. Acting Captain, Francis B. Winter, St. John, N. B.; Lieut. S. S. McLean, Campbellton, N. B.

Wounded. L. B. Stewart, Chatham, N. B.; Corporal G. W. Glendonings, Canobie, N. B.; P. N. McFarland, Moncton, N. B.; Joe Chasson, Cheticamp, N. S.; Acting Captain J. D. McNell, Whitney Pier, N. S.; Acting Captain W. A. Livingston, Big Bras d'Or, N. S.; Lieut. R. M. Keswick, Buctouche, N. B.; Lieut. E. J. Lounsbury, Fredericton, N. B.

Byron Murray, St. Peter's, N. B. ARTILLERY. Killed in Action. Sapper D. McIntyre, Reserve Mines, N. S.

Wounded. Acting Sergt. Saddle L. D. Weir, Annapolis, N. S. SERVICES. Accidentally Killed. Acting Staff Sergt. A. F. Cameron, New Glasgow, N. S.

ENGLISH PAINTER DIES IN POVERTY IN LONDON London, Aug. 23.—Matthew Maris, painter, died in London yesterday in poverty. He was born in 1839.

Lower Rates and a Cash Discount on Water Bills

Water Assessment, Filed Today, Shows Total of Ten Per Cent Less Than Last Year and Citizens May Save Another Ten Per Cent by Paying Before October 3

The amount to be collected for water taxes this year will be ten per cent less than last year's total. This has been accomplished by the reduction of the rate from one-fourth to one-fifth of one per cent. In addition to this reduction there will be a saving of an extra ten per cent to all citizens who pay their bills before October 3, the recommendation for a discount of that amount having been passed by the common council.

Table with 3 columns: Valuation, 1916, 1917, Increase. Rows include Real Estate, Stocks, Assessment, Real Estate, and Supply.

THREW DOWN BOMBS AS TOWN OF SALONKI BURNED

Details of Sunday's Fire Show More Enemy Brutality—60,000 People Homeless

London, Aug. 23.—The first detailed account of the disastrous fire at Salonki on last Sunday is contained in a Reuters' despatch from that city, which says that 60,000 persons are homeless and that the property loss is enormous. Insurance companies are interested to the extent of £2,000,000 to £3,000,000. The military authorities are all possible aid but the scarcity of water made it almost hopeless to attempt to subdue the flames.

JOHNNY DUNDEE AND TOMMY GIBBONS VICTORS Philadelphia, Aug. 23.—Johnny Dundee, a New York lightweight, easily outpointed Tommy Mealy of this city in a six round bout here last night.

BRITISH STEAMER ASHORE OFF NEW ENGLAND COAST An Atlantic Port, Aug. 23.—The British steamer City of Lahore, carrying 53 passengers and a general cargo of freight from an Ontario port for a North Atlantic port, ran ashore on a ledge off the coast of Newfoundland during a heavy fog on Wednesday. Coast guard steamers were reported on the way to assist the steamer or to remove the passengers if necessary.

WEATHER REPORT Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

WASHINGTON BARS SULPHUR FROM CANADA; PULP MILLS AFFECTED Washington, Aug. 23.—An embargo has been placed on exports of sulphur to Canada, so that the supply for war needs of the United States may not be unduly depleted. Canadian wood pulp mills, furnishing supplies for about three-fourths of the newsprint paper used in the United States, will be seriously affected.

BURIED TODAY The funeral of George M. McLeod took place this afternoon from his late residence, 26 Celebration street. Services were conducted by Rev. J. A. MacKeigan, and interment was made in the cemetery. The floral offerings were numerous and testified to the esteem in which Mr. McLeod was held in the community. Mr. and Mrs. John Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grant, Alexander Grant and Mrs. Frank Armstrong, all of Moncton, arrived in the city this morning to attend the funeral.

BRITISH VICTORY, IN DOUBT YESTERDAY, ASSURED THIS MORNING

British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Definite success can be recorded this morning for the latest British operations east and northeast of Ypres, on the Belgian front, which yesterday were surrounded by much uncertainty, owing to the fierceness of the resistance by the Germans.

Savage Teutons Bomb Two Hospitals On Verdun Front

Ten Wounded Men, a Woman Nurse and Nineteen Male Nurses Killed; Wounded Germans Were Among Patients

On the French front, Aug. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Incendiary bombs dropped by two German aviators on two hospitals behind Verdun on Sunday evening killed ten wounded men, one woman nurse and nineteen trained male nurses. They wounded forty-nine male nurses and inflicted further injuries on patients suffering from wounds received in battle, many of whom rushed naked into nearby fields in an attempt to find shelter from the bombs which were being rained down. Meanwhile the German aviators circled about in the air for half an hour, firing their machine guns at hospital orderlies who were endeavoring to extinguish the flames. The nurses had just finished bandaging 180 wounded Germans who

had been brought direct from the battlefield and had gone to bed when the bombs were dropped from a height of only 800 yards. The dead Cross signs were painted prominently on the roofs and the Germans knew of the hospital, which had been in existence for more than a year. The correspondent, after inspecting the hospital, visited a camp at which German prisoners are assembled, many of whom are considered considerably more than 600 officers and men. The correspondent was permitted to interrogate a large number of the prisoners, many of whom are eighteen or nineteen years of age. They all declared themselves most contented at being out of the war. On the way, other smaller camps containing hundreds of prisoners were passed.

AUSTRIANS SAID TO BE PREPARING TO GIVE UP TRIESTE INVITE JAPS TO SEND TROOPS TO AID OF RUSSIA

New York, Aug. 23.—The New York World has the following special cable dispatch from London: "Telegraphing from Milan, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says information has been received there that the Austrians for weeks have been preparing to evacuate Trieste. All the state archives and the most valuable objects of the museums have been removed and sent away, mostly to Vienna.

PIRATES FAIL TO SEIZE BRITISH SHIP Chinese Desperados Among Passengers on Laertes Are Overpowered

Amoy, China, Aug. 23.—The British steamer Laertes, bound from Singapore for Amoy, reports a piratical attempt to seize the ship. The Laertes carried 900 Chinese passengers, among them unknown to the officers forty-one desperadoes who had been deported. These criminals attacked the European officers, but after a hard fight were overpowered by the Europeans with the help of the Chinese crew.

NEWFOUNDLAND COLLECTS FURS FOR ALLIED AIRMEN

St. John's, Nfld., Aug. 23.—The need of furs for the equipment of airmen in service in Europe and of the men in the trenches during the winter has resulted in the despatch of a Newfoundland sealing steamer to Hudson Bay. The steamer chosen for this purpose has been employed by the admiralty during the last two years conveying munitions to Europe. It is now on its way with supplies for the fur trading companies on Hudson Bay and it is expected that it will bring back a large stock of furs, before leaving for the various missions in northern waters. A missionary ship which plies along the Labrador coast will collect furs gathered in the various missions posts there and bring them to this port.

ROT STRIKES POTATOES IN EASTPORT SECTION Eastport, Aug. 22.—Many of the farmers in this part of the country find that a severe rot has struck the potatoes on account of the continued wet weather and have commenced digging in order to save the crop. Beans have also suffered from the wet season as the leaves have turned white.

AMERICAN BANKERS WILL MEET IN ATLANTIC CITY Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 23.—It is announced that the American Bankers' Association will hold its annual convention here during the week beginning September 24. There had been doubt as to where the convention could be held this year, owing to the war conditions.

Probable Fate of H. H. Davies, English Dramatist London, Aug. 23.—Hubert Henry Davies, dramatist, who had been recuperating on the Yorkshire coast after a long illness following a hard period of hospital work in France, has disappeared. Mr. Davies' overcoat and cane have been found on top of a cliff, and the belief is that he fell over the cliff into the water and was drowned.

Lineman Electrocuted in North Sydney, C. B. North Sydney, Aug. 23.—Charles Dixon, a lineman in the employ of the Cape Breton Electric Company, was electrocuted while at work on the company's wires at the corner of Pleasant and Peppert streets. Upwards of 2300 volts went through the unfortunate man's body and when brought to the ground he was dead and badly burned. Dr. J. W. McLean was summoned, but Dixon was beyond medical aid when taken from the wires. He was hanging by a strap for some minutes before his body was lowered to the ground. Mr. Dixon was twenty-nine years of age and is understood to belong to Mansfield. An inquest has been ordered by the coroner.