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## STEADY PROGRESS BY ALLIED ARMIES DESPITE STUBBORN RESISTANCE BY THE GERMANS

### RECOVERING LOST GROUND BRITISH ARE NOW HOLDING WHOLE OF MEMETZ WOOD

Throwing Heavy Reinforcements Into Breach Germans Fiercely Attack Allied Front in Northern France, but Thrown Back With Heavy Losses—British Driving Steadily Towards Crest of Ridge Commanding Bapaume Plateau.

London, July 12.—The Anglo-French offensive is maintaining itself as vigorously as ever against the most determined attacks, which the Germans are now delivering against the front in Northern France. The Germans have thrown reinforcements into the breach, having had ample time to recover from the first shock and the unexpected strength of the British and French attacks. There is no doubt the Germans had supposed the French to be enfeebled greatly south of the Somme, because of the number of troops needed in the defence of Verdun against the forces of the German Crown Prince. The fact that the Allies are progressing so methodically and even against German attacks, gives the people of the British and French nations the greatest satisfaction.

No events of a sensational character on the front in Northern France were announced today, but General Haig, in a brief bulletin tonight, recounts the recovery by the British of all the lost ground in the Mametz Wood. The British commander tells also of the repulse of two heavy German attacks against Contalmaison, and of steady progress by his forces in the Trones Wood, the scene of much heavy and desperate fighting during the past few days. Incidentally General Haig comments on the heavy casualties sustained by the Germans in their attacks against the British forces north of the Somme.

From General Haig's bulletin, it is seen that the British are driving steadily towards the crest of the ridge commanding the wide Bapaume plateau. According to the view of French military experts there are no less than 60,000 German bayonets opposing the advance of General Haig's forces.

The Reuters correspondent at the British front reports that two German field guns, bearing the date "1874" have been captured by the British. The correspondent asks, whether, without attaching undue importance to the incident, these guns do not indicate the straits to which the Germans are beginning to be reduced in order to find sufficient armament.

ALL OF MEMETZ WOOD HELD BY BRITISH.  
Bulletin—London, July 12.—The British have retaken the ground lost last night to the Germans, according to the official statement issued tonight, and now hold all of Mametz Wood. Two German attacks against Contalmaison were repulsed. The text reads:

"The day was marked by sharp local fighting in certain areas in Mametz Wood. We recaptured all the ground lost last night, and now hold the whole wood.

"We also made some progress in Trones Wood. The very large number of German dead in this vicinity shows the costliness of their attack last night.

"Two heavy German attacks against Contalmaison completely broke down under our fire."

Quiet Day, Paris Reports.

Paris, July 12.—The official communication issued tonight by the war office reads:

"In the Somme front there was nothing to report during the course of the day.

"On the left bank of the Meuse a further spirited artillery action occurred in the sector of La Mort Homme.

"On the right bank the Germans undertook a strong effort in the direction of Port Souville. About ten o'clock, after intense artillery preparation, a strong attack with effectives of six regiments debouched from the village of Fleury and the Vaux and Chapire woods. Notwithstanding the violence of the assaults, which were launched in massed formation on a front relatively narrow, the enemy succeeded in the cost of enormous losses in gaining only a little ground in the neighborhood of the Chapel of Sainte Fine at the intersection of the Fleury and Vaux woods. The bombardment continued with great violence in the whole region of Souville, Chenois and La Lauffes.

"In Lorraine an attempt against one of our trenches east of Badonvillers was completely repulsed."

Belgian communication:

"Artillery actions were carried out along the whole front, but without great intensity."

French Meet With Check, Germans Claim.

Berlin, July 12, via London.—The official statement this evening says:

"The fighting which began on the afternoon of July 10 on both sides of the Bapaume-Albert road, near Contalmaison and in Mametz Wood, as well as new fighting in Trones Wood and south thereof, is continuing with bitter stubbornness.

"South of the Somme the French suffered a severe check in a great attack which they prepared on the Bellefleur-Soyecourt front. The attack broke down completely under our fire, and weak forces which had been thrown against the Maisonette-Barleux sector fled to their starting point with heavy losses.

"At several points on the Champagne front, east and southeast of Rheims, northeast of Maasnee and northwest of Fleury, partial French attacks were repulsed.

"In the Meuse region there were only small engagements to the left of

the river. On the right of the river we pushed forward our positions nearer Souville and the Lauffes works, capturing thirty-nine officers and 2,100 men. A strong counter-attack was repulsed completely.

"German patrol engagements south-west of Dixmude and southwest of Cerny, in the Aisne region, and also east of Pletershausen, were successful.

"An English biplane was compelled to land within our lines near Athies, south of Peronne. An enemy aeroplane fell to earth near Soyecourt. Another was brought down by our anti-aircraft guns near Chastanourt. In the vicinity of Dombasle, west of the Meuse, a captive balloon was shot down by our airman."

Austrian Report.

Vienna, via London, July 12.—The official statement issued by the war office today says:

"There is no change in the situation on the Russian front. Several enemy attacks on the Lower Stokhod failed.

"On the Italian front we repulsed a strong attack on Monte Rasto, south of the Sugana Valley."

On Italian Front.

Rome, July 12, via London, 5.35 p. m.—The following official report was given out here today:

"In the Camonica, Giudicaria and Ledro valleys the enemy's artillery was active, directing its fire particularly on villages.

"Yesterday in the region of the Adige Valley we made some progress north of the Serra Valley and in the region of Maiga Zugna. On the slopes north of the Passbio we partially re-occupied positions on Monte Corno which we lost on July 10.

"In the Asiagoro Basin and on Sette Comuni plateau we bombarded heavily the enemy's line from Monte Interrotto to Monte Delio. A large number of guns of all calibres replied to this bombardment. In the Tofana region we exploded a mine, which destroyed the enemy's defenses east of Col Del Boia.

"On the Isanzo front there were artillery duels. Our batteries set fire to encampments of the enemy on the favorek, broke up an enemy column in the Irtia, and caused explosions near the church of Santa Maria, in Tolmino.

"Hostile aircraft dropped bombs on Latisana, causing a fire which was extinguished quickly. Our air squad-

### GOETHAL'S RESIGNATION TO BE ACCEPTED

President Wilson Reluctantly Agrees to Appoint New Man as Governor of Panama Canal.

Washington, July 12.—President Wilson today agreed to accept the resignation of Major-General Goethals as governor of the Panama Canal at an early date. General Goethals called at the White House and again urged his desire to resign the governorship and retire from the active list of the army now that his work of building the canal had been finished. Later the president authorized the statement that he reluctantly had left the matter in Gen. Goethals' hands.

Colonel Chester Harding, now engineer of maintenance in the canal zone, probably will be appointed governor.

### 350 EMPLOYEES OF PORTLAND STREET RAILWAY STRIKE

Refusal of Company to Take Back Eight Discharged Men Cause of the Trouble.

Portland, Me., July 12.—A strike of conductors, motormen and linemen employed by the Cumberland County Power and Light Company, which operates the local street car service, went into effect today. According to a statement by the company, 300 car men and about 50 linemen quit work when the company failed to comply with a demand that several workmen who were discharged yesterday be reinstated. It was said that eight men were discharged because of their alleged activity in attempting to form a union of the 700 employees.

Metawan, N. J., July 12.—Lester Stitwell, 12 years of age, was killed by a man-eating shark while bathing in an arm of Raritan Bay, near here this afternoon. Stanley Fisher, 24 years of age, who went to his aid, was so badly injured, in a desperate struggle with the nine-foot sea monster, that he died while being removed to Long Branch hospital. Jos. Dunn, 12 years old, bathing some distance away in the same inlet, was attacked by a shark and one of his legs was so lacerated it probably will have to be amputated.

This is the third time within two weeks that sharks have claimed the lives of bathers along the New Jersey coast. Charles E. Vassant, a youth of Philadelphia, was killed by one of Beach Haven, N. J., on July 2. Chas. Bruder, of Spring Lake, N. J., was attacked and both his legs were taken off by a shark on July 6. He died while men who went to his rescue were carrying him ashore.

The summer population along the New Jersey coast has become terror-stricken, and few persons now are venturing in the water at beach resorts which have not been protected by steel nets. Motor boat patrols, carrying armed men, have been established at various points to hunt the man-eaters.

Lassen Peak, Calif., Again in Eruption.

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### NEWFOUNDLAND TROOPS FACED MOST FORMIDABLE PART OF ENEMY'S LINE

London, July 12.—The Times' correspondent at British headquarters in France, sends the following:

"The Newfoundlanders were the only overseas troops engaged in these operations. The story of their heroic part cannot yet be told in full, but when it is it will make Newfoundland very proud.

"The battalion was pushed up to what may be called the third wave in the attack on probably the most formidable section of the whole German front, through an almost overwhelming artillery fire, and across ground swept by an anti-air machine gun fire from hidden positions. The men behaved with completely noble steadiness and courage."

### KNIGHTHOOD FOR MUNITIONS SECRETARY

Lt. Col. A. H. Lee Honored by King for Work in Connection with Speeding up of Munitions Output.

London, July 12.—Lieut. Colonel Arthur Hamilton Lee, secretary to the minister of munitions, has been created a Knight Commander of the Bath in recognition of his efforts in connection with the supply of war munitions.

Lieut. Colonel Arthur Hamilton Lee was appointed secretary to David Lloyd George, then minister of munitions, last October. He is a former civil lord of the admiralty, and is a member of parliament for the Farnham district of Hants and is a Conservative. Late in June it was reported that Lieut. Colonel Lee would be appointed under-secretary of war.

### SHARKS TERRORIZE SUMMER COLONIES ON JERSEY COAST

Three More Victims Yesterday and Bathers Refuse to Venture Into Unprotected Waters.

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### TOWN OF MAMAKHATUM, FIFTY MILES WEST OF ERZERUM, CAPTURED BY RUSSIANS

### A NEUTRAL MERCHANTMAN CONVOYED THE DEUTSCHLAND?

Washington Officials May be Asked to Investigate Rumors that German Submarine was Convoys from Bremen Almost to Chesapeake Capes by Neutral Steamer which Also Acted as Tender.

Washington, July 12.—Diplomats of the state department, but none of them ever was given credence. One was that a British steamer which put into the Madeira Islands had sighted, on June 23, in the Atlantic a large submarine bound eastward in convoy of a steamer.

The state department already has begun consideration of questions involving the departure of the Deutschland. To prevent violation of neutrality by the forwarding of military information from this country regarding the Deutschland's movements, officials are considering whether the government should prevent dissemination of news of her sailing.

Allied warships are said now to be searching for the convoy ship. Various rumors indicating that the submarine might have had a convoy have reached

### HALDANE IS DROWNED WHILE UNDER FIRE IN HOUSE OF LORDS

Asked to Explain "Past Conduct in Deceiving Great Britain as to German Danger."

London, July 12 (5.11 p. m.)—The campaign which was carried on in a section of the press some time ago against Viscount Haldane, because of his alleged pro-German leanings before the war, broke out in the House of Lords today. When Viscount Haldane arose to speak on national education the Duke of Buccleuch interposed with a reference to the assertions published before the war that he had been high chancellor, in the effect that after his return from his visit to Berlin in 1912, he made speeches in which he stated that Germany felt no hostility towards Great Britain.

"I want the noble lord first to explain his past conduct in deceiving Great Britain as to the German danger," said the Duke of Buccleuch. Viscount Haldane replied that no man desired more than himself that the whole facts as to what had been done before the war should be brought out. He said there had been an extraordinary amount of misrepresentation, untruth and inaccuracy, and that the sooner the truth was brought to light the better.

### SIR JAS. AIKINS LT. GOVERNOR OF MANITOBA?

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, July 12.—Hon. Frank Cochrane left today for St. Andrews, N. B., where he will spend a few weeks with his family. During his absence Hon. Dr. Reid will be acting minister of railways.

It is rumored that Sir James Aikins will be appointed lieutenant-governor of Manitoba.

### NEGRO ELEVATOR BOY CHARGED WITH THEFT

New York, July 12.—Charged with the theft of five pieces of jewelry, valued at \$5,000, the property of Mrs. D. C. MacArow, wife of the president of the Bank of Montreal, John Powell, a negro elevator operator, was locked up in police headquarters tonight. He is held on charges of burglary and grand larceny.

### Turks in Full Retreat Set Fire to Town Before Leaving.

RUSSIAN ADVANCE ON STOKHOD CONTINUES

Huns Bringing Up all Men and Guns Available in Desperate Effort to Save Kovel from Czar's Armies.

London, July 12.—On the Russian front the battle continues along the Stokhod river with the same determination to win animating the opposing forces. The Germans are reported to be bringing up all possible reinforcements and guns in an endeavor to save Kovel, against which the Russians are advancing along two railway lines.

Mamakhatum Taken.

Petrograd, July 12, via London, July 12.—Russian troops have captured the town of Mamakhatum, fifty miles west of Erzerum, on the Turist river, by assault says the official statement given out by the war office tonight. The retreating Turks set fire to the town. Following is the statement:

"Our artillery dispersed Germans who were attempting to bring artillery against the Russian works. In the sector of the Tscherskaya Pass, south of Krevo, the Germans, supported by a violent artillery fire, took the offensive but were repulsed by our counter-attacks.

"On the Stokhod there were artillery duels. In the region of the village of Kachovka the enemy attempted to approach the Stokhod but was repulsed by our fire.

"Caucasus front: West of Erzerum, our troops, having repulsed the Turks, took the town of Mamakhatum by assault. In the course of their retreat the enemy set fire to the town. We took measures to extinguish the flames."

Persistent Fighting on Stokhod Front.

Petrograd, via London, July 12.—The following official statement on military operations was issued today by the Russian army headquarters:

"On the whole front, from Riga to Polesie, there was intermittent artillery and rifle fire. German aviators dropped bombs on the station of Za'miria and the town of Niesvii, where several houses were set on fire.

"Persistent fighting continues on the Stokhod front. Near the village of Grouchivka, north of Hulewicz, the enemy made his appearance on the right bank of the river, but later was ejected therefrom.

"On July 10 we made prisoner 24 officers and 746 German and Austrian soldiers.

"On the Baltic our torpedo boat destroyers, during operations in the Gulf of Bothnia, captured two large German steamers, one of which was loaded with iron ore. They brought both vessels into our ports.

"Caucasus front: To the west of the Erzerum center we made considerable progress and captured a new line of fortified Turkish positions. A great success was scored by one of our regiments, which had already distinguished itself in memorable fighting during the months of January and February (Russian time) at the capture of the fortress of Erzerum.

"Prisoners continue to be brought in. From the 2nd to the 8th inst. 107 officers, 1,884 men, 3 guns, ten machine guns and four bomb throwers were captured. A large quantity of arms and war material was left on the line of retreat followed by the Turks."

### MR. GUTELIUS UNDER THE SURGEON'S KNIFE

Montreal, July 12.—Mr. F. P. Gutelius, general manager of the Government Railways, was operated upon this afternoon in the Western Hospital here and was reported tonight as resting well. The family physician, Dr. Ferguson, accompanied by Mrs. Gutelius, came from Moncton for the operation.

### MANFIELD QUITS IN THE FIFTH

Baltimore, July 12.—Alf Mansfield, of England, quit in the fifth round of scheduled ten-round bout tonight with "Kid" Williams, of Baltimore, champion bantamweight pugilist. Mansfield was badly punished.