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British Capture Whole of Pozieres Village; Dominate Plateau on Which Germans Occupy

In Desperate Fight, Foot by Foot they Drive Enemy Out Our Troops Now in Commanding Position Overlooking Plain on Which German Lines Extend to Eastward—Enemy Had Regarded Village as of Great Importance

London, July 26—The village of Pozieres has been completely captured by the British, according to an official announcement made today by the war office. The text of the statement follows: "The whole village of Pozieres is now in our hands. West of the village our territorial troops made a further advance and captured two strong trenches and a number of prisoners, including five officers. Elsewhere on the battlefield there is no change."

GAIN OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

London, July 26—The capture of Pozieres in the Somme River region, reported today by Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, the British Commander-in-Chief in France, gives the British troops domination of the highest point overlooking the plateau on which the Germans extend to the eastward.

One of the most stubborn fighting in the recent British offensive which now has lasted nearly a month, has occurred in the streets of this village, which the Germans have fortified until it became one of the strongest points of their line. Every house had to be fought for and taken separately, and the British, after obtaining possession of a considerable portion of the village, were subjected to severe counter-attacks, which they withstood successfully for several days, and then in turn again seized the initiative until the whole place fell before their onslaught.

The German general staff regarded the possession of Pozieres of such importance that they even brought reinforcements from troops which had been fighting in the Verdun sector, and these held cautiously part of the village, until driven out or captured in the hand fighting.

GERMANS PUT SIX BELGIANS TO DEATH

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WAR TREASON IS CHARGE—THOUSANDS TAKEN TO WORK IN THE FIELDS

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JULY RECORD ONE IN BUSINESS OF PORT

London, July 26—The first symptom of the expected Irish revolt in the House of Commons as a consequence of the despatch over the Lloyd George negotiations, broke out in the House of Commons last night on the report stage of a series of votes.

OUTLOOK ALSO EXCELLENT FOR ANOTHER BIG WINTER AT ST. JOHN

The trip which two of the city commissioners took to Ottawa and Montreal this spring seem to have produced good results. They went seeking a big share of summer trade for the port and the increase has been sufficient to more than fulfill their hopes. A new established a new record and from the figures for the month so far, it is evident that July will show a bigger traffic than any other summer month in the history of the port.

While the summer business is important it is the winter months that produce the harvest for the port and it is believed that the coming winter season will show a heavier traffic than the port has ever seen. In his conference with the minister of marine yesterday, Commissioner Russell was informed that the C. P. R. has notified the authorities that they had during the record-breaking season last winter, and that the steamer company are preparing to put on the steamers to handle all the business the railway can offer.

In preparation for the winter business the work of cleaning up the berths in West St. John will be started immediately. There are one or two obstructions, believed to be large boulders, which will have to be removed and the stone-dredge is ready to tackle them. It is expected that the work of actual dredging will be carried on by J. S. Gregory.

MR. HATHWAY CABLES ADVICE

That the war will be followed by an enormous demand for goods which Canada can produce is the word cabled from Paris by W. Frank Hathway, a member of the dominion commission on after-war commerce, which is now touring Europe. Mr. Hathway, in a cable to J. A. Likely, president of the Board of Trade, urges that the local manufacturers and business men should begin now to prepare to take care of their share of the business which will await the enterprising as soon as peace is arranged.

SENT UP FOR TRIAL

In the police court this morning Fred O'Keefe was sent up for trial on a charge of breaking and entering Steves grocery store, Union street, on the night of July 6. Inspector Wickham's testimony concluded the evidence and O'Keefe, when asked by the court if he had anything to say, replied: "I have nothing to say." Two prisoners were remanded on drunkenness charges.

Tyne Slides Off Ledge; Now in Port

Steamship, Believed Total Wreck in Bay, Floats Again and is Brought Here For Examination

There have been cases where men have read their own obituary, but now a steamer which was blown up for lost and reported to be breaking up, floats again in apparently good condition. Such was the case this morning when the Tyne, which ran on the Murr Ledges at 8.30 o'clock on Sunday morning, came up the harbor partly under her own steam and partly with the assistance of the tug Helena. Reports from the scene of the wreck yesterday were that the steamer's back was broken and that she was lying over on her side, so when she hove in sight this morning more than one man along the water front rubbed his eyes to make sure he was not seeing things.

Speaking of the accident, Captain Robson said: "We left Herring Cove on Saturday about 4 o'clock, and had not been out more than half an hour before we ran into thick weather and a dense fog. During the night the buoy off Digby was heard, but after that nothing was seen or heard until the ship struck. When the groundlock, the engines were put back astern, but efforts to pull her off failed."

He paid a tribute to the conduct of his officers and men and to the captain and crew of the tugs which came to his assistance, and to the members of White Head life-saving station, who rendered valuable assistance. That he himself had shown courage and resourcefulness, despite the fact that at times it looked like a hopeless fight, was evident from the tributes showered upon the captain from all sides.

The steamer is a little low in the water at the bow. Her forepeak and No. 1 hold are still flooded with water, and some of the plates have undoubtedly been sprung. An examination will be made and then arrangements will be made to have her repaired.

The schooner Harold B. Cousens, which ran aground on St. George's Monday during a dense fog, was successfully floated yesterday and proceeded to York.

The New Zealand liner Malatua with a cargo of deals from Campbellton and Quebec, referred to yesterday as aground near Cape Race, is now reported a total wreck. She was en route to London.

FIND EVIDENCE OF UNIQUE CRIME

Oney, Ills., July 26—The bursting of a small air bubble in an artery under a physician's knife gave the prosecuting authorities what they consider evidence that Miss Elizabeth Raffell came to her death through a unique crime.

Roy Hintersiter, who brought the girl's body to a sanitarium here on last Friday night, in a buggy, is held by action of the coroner's jury, which found him over to the grand jury without bond.

Hintersiter began calling on the girl about ten months ago, when she came to Oney from Paoli, Ind., to live with her sister, Bertha Fletcher. On last Friday evening they went driving. The girl is said to have died under an old tree, two miles from Oney. Doctors here say she was dead when she was placed in the buggy for the ride to the sanitarium.

"We were getting near town when she said: 'Roy, I feel bad,'" said Hintersiter to the physician, when she fell over in my lap and I rubbed her hands and feet, but could not bring her to.

"At an autopsy no marks of violence were found, but it developed that the girl was soon to become a mother. Examination failed to reveal any external lesions.

The stomach was examined. No trace of poison was found. Then one of the examining doctors stuck a probe into an artery and a bubble burst. It was said by the physicians that only two things known to medical science would cause embolism in the arteries, faulty injection by a hypodermic needle, or a lesion of a lung. The body was examined carefully. There was no needle mark nor lesion of the lung. The brain was also found to be full of water.

Further evidence of the state's theory was furnished when a man from a neighboring town came to State Attorney Moore's office with a package containing an instrument used in performing illegal operations. He said he had seen one of the boys of Hintersiter pick it up under an old elm tree and had taken it from him thinking it might have some bearing on the case.

Sheriff West, who visited the spot mentioned, found where a horse had been tied, marks of a struggle in the sandy soil, the imprint of a girl's hand and of a boy's.

Instead of using the instrument as intended, it is maintained by physicians, it was used as an inflated hypodermic needle and that a small artery was punctured.

It is maintained that the needle of the instrument was removed, and that by blowing through it death was the result.

BREAD TICKETS IN HOLLAND

Amsterdam, July 26—(Toronto Mail and Empire cable)—The "Telegraf" authority for the statement that bread tickets will soon be introduced in Holland.

The Turks Evacuate Erzingan As Men Of Czar's Army Draw Near

Give up Strongly Fortified Town—Retreat Reported Disorderly—Ottoman Forces Being Sent to Galicia to Help Stem Russian Drive

London, July 26—Erzingan, the strongly fortified town in Central Armenia, has been evacuated by the Turks, according to a despatch from Petrograd received here today by wireless telegraphy from Rome.

Recent advices from Petrograd said that the Russians, after beating off energetic Turkish counter-attacks, were converging on Erzingan from three sides, and that the Russian advance guards were within ten miles of the fortified city. The Turks were reported by Russian aviators to be destroying the stores and supplies. Belief was expressed by Russian observers that the evacuation of the place already had begun and that the defence of the fortress was being conducted only with the purpose of giving the Turks time to withdraw to a new base at Stepa, 120 miles to the west.

The Russian official communication of Tuesday said:—"The Turkish armies in the Erzingan region were retreating in disorder before the irresistible pressure of our troops and are abandoning along the road cannon, irreplaceable munitions."

TURKS TO GALICIA TO FIGHT RUSSIANS

Berlin, July 26—Important developments are impending on the southeast front, the Poles will soon be seen on the Danube.

To this cryptic utterance of the chief of the intelligence department at a luncheon to the American correspondents at German headquarters on last Sunday, the Associated Press is now able to add the key. Turkey has placed a force of Ottoman troops at the disposal of the Central Powers, for service in Europe. Those troops are now in transit through the Balkans. The leading detachments are already approaching Galicia, where they will co-operate with the Austro-Germans against Turkey's arch enemy, Russia.

Turkey's timely contribution to the military forces of the Central Powers is granted in return for German and Austrian assistance in the Dardanelles and Mesopotamia.

London, July 26—An official statement issued by the Austro-Hungarian general staff, says that only 100,000 soldiers were taken prisoners by the Russians during their present offensive, according to a Budapest despatch to the Morning Post. The statement brands as untrue the contention of the Russians that they took 365,000 prisoners and declares that on one 300 kilometre front where the actual fighting occurred, the number of Austrians and Hungarians engaged was less than this number.

An Algerian steamer Orléans has been sunk. Her crew was saved.

The Orléans was a steamer of 2,900 tons. Her recent movements have not been reported.

GRAND TRUNK FREIGHTS COLLIDE; CONDUCTOR INSTANTLY KILLED

London, Ont., July 26—Conductor Cuttings of Beldersburg was instantly killed and Brakeman Stone of the same place probably fatally injured in a rear end collision of through Grand Trunk freights early this morning west of this city. Engineer Wrigley and Fireman Webb, both of Port Erie, were painfully hurt but will recover.

The accident is said to have been due to lack of protection being furnished by the first train, which had stopped. A heavy mist was prevailing at the time. The engine of the second train crashed into the caboose of the first train, reducing it to splinters, and throwing four cars into the ditch.

MOTHER AND HER DAUGHTER DROWN

Automobile Backs Off Wharf Into Detroit River

Detroit, Mich., July 26—Two persons were drowned and three others narrowly escaped a similar fate last night when an automobile backed off a wharf at the waterworks park, into the Detroit River. The drowned were Mrs. Gertrude Steadman and her two-year-old daughter, Helen.

THE N. S. CAR WORKS PROPERTY SOLD TODAY

Halifax, N. S., July 26—The property, building and stock holdings of the Nova Scotia Car Works, were sold at auction today for \$167,500 to Canada Corporation. The plant is subject to a mortgage and chattel mortgage held by the City of Halifax amounting to \$119,412.

AUSTRIA'S CHANCE TO RESTORE EMPIRE

Time Yet Allowed to Combine South German States

Must Oust Prussia—Sir E. H. Johnson Suggests New European Map That Will Guarantee Peace

London, July 26—Sir E. H. Johnson, colonial administrator, in an article on Austria-Hungary in New Statesman, says in part: "We realize now that Austria-Hungary was forced, hypnotized, persuaded and threatened into war by Prussia. There is just time for Austria-Hungary to realize this fact and, by withdrawing herself from the war, to save not only the Austro-Hungarian Empire, or confederation of states, but once more to make of Austria the leading power in a regenerated Europe."

"Cannot Austria, while there is yet time, rouse herself from her stupor, cast out the Prussian devil and invite an alliance of the south German—the real German—states and, with their co-operation, make overtures for peace and afterwards restore the German Empire of earlier centuries?"