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GEN. PAU HAS GIVEN CHECK TO GERMAN ADVANCE ON PARIS

French Troops Take Offensive and Are Driving Enemy Before Them

BRITISH TROOPS LAND AT OSTEND TO ATTACK GERMANS FROM REAR

BULLETIN—London, Aug. 31.—10.05 p.m.—An Antwerp despatch to Reuter's Telegram Co. says: "It is reported here that Gen. Pau has won a brilliant victory over 50,000 Germans near Perennes, in the Department of Somme."

MORE TROOPS AT OSTEND TO ATTACK GERMAN REAR

Large Numbers of Men Marched South From Ostend to Attack the German Rear Thru Belgium and Thus Cut Off Their Line of Retreat.

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ANTWERP, Aug. 31.—The allies, it is reported here, are about to attack the Germans in the rear thru Belgium. It is said troops in large numbers, most probably British, were landed at Ostend thru-out the night. On forming in regiments, they marched thru Ostend in a southerly direction.

The last of the troops, it is added, were ashore at four o'clock this morning. A number of British transports were reported off Ostend today and this may mean that more troops are to come ashore tonight. The landing places and vicinity are closely guarded.

FRENCH RIGHT ON OFFENSIVE GENERAL ACTION IN CENTRE LEFT WING YIELDED GROUND

Official Statement From Paris Reviews Fighting of Past Several Days and Says That in Sections the Germans are Retiring—Morale of Troops is Excellent in Spite of Considerable Losses Which are Rapidly Being Filled.

Canadian Press Despatch.
 PARIS, Aug. 31.—5.55 p.m.—The following official statement was issued by the war office this evening:

"The situation in general is actually as follows:
 First—In Vosges and in Lorraine, it must be remembered our forces which had taken the offensive at the beginning of the operations and driven the enemy outside of our frontiers, afterwards underwent serious checks. Before Sarrebourg and in the region of Mochagne, where they encountered very solid defensive works, our forces were obliged to fall back, and to reform, one part on Couronne de Nancy and the other on the French Vosges.
 The Germans then assumed the offensive, but our troops after having thrown them back upon their positions resumed the offensive two days ago. This attack continues to make progress, albeit slowly. It is a veritable war of sieges, as each position occupied is immediately fortified.
 This explains the slowness of our advance, which is, nevertheless characterized each day by fresh local successes.

Second—In the region of Nancy and Southern Woivre, since the beginning of the campaign this section between Metz on the German side and Toul and Verdun on the French side, has not been the theatre of important operations.
 Third—In the direction of the Meuse, between Verdun and Mezieres, it will be remembered that the French forces took the offensive in the direction of Longwy, Neufchateau and Paliseul. The troops operating in the region of Spincourt and Longeville have been able to check the enemy's army under the command of the German crown prince.
 "In the region of Neufchateau and Paliseul, on the other hand, certain of our troops have received partial checks, which obliged them to retire upon the Meuse, without having their organization broken up. This retiring movement has compelled the forces operating in the neighborhood of Spincourt to withdraw also towards the Meuse.
 "During the last few days the enemy has endeavored to spread out from the Meuse with considerable forces, but by a vigorous offensive counter they were repelled with very great losses. In the meantime, fresh forces of Germans advanced to the district of Roeroy (in Ardennes) marching in the direction of Rethel. Now a general action is taking place between the Meuse and Rethel, and it is still impossible to see definitely the issue of this.

"On our right, after partial checks, we have taken the offensive and the enemy is retiring before us. In the centre we have had alternative checks and successes, but a general action is now being fought.
 "On our left, by a series of circumstances which turned in favor of the Germans, and, despite lucky counter-attacks, the Anglo-French forces were compelled to give way. As yet our armies, notwithstanding a few incontestable checks, remain intact. The morale of our troops is excellent, in spite of considerable losses, which also are rapidly being filled from regimental depots.

Canadian Militia Soon Will Be Mobilized

Department Proposes to Increase Efficiency of Force So as to Be Ready, If Required—Recruiting Also Will Be Stimulated—Officers to Go as Privates.

By a Staff Reporter.
 OTTAWA, August 31.—Probably all of the Canadian militia, but certainly the greater portion of it will shortly be mobilized. This was the statement made at the militia department today.

The object of the department is twofold—to drill the militia and to increase the efficiency of the force in case it is required, also to stimulate recruiting.

Exhibition of Furs at Dineen's.

Visitors to the Fair are cordially invited to call at Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, and inspect the elaborate display of high-grade stylish furs now showing. This old-established house was exceptionally fortunate in securing its new season's stock from Europe before hostilities broke out, so that there will be positively no increase in prices. The quality of Dineen's furs is too well known to need further comment, the selection is particularly choice and varied, and you can confidently rely on getting value that can be duplicated anywhere else in town. Your visit will be appreciated, and courteous attention is always assured.

ANOTHER BATTLE PROGRESSING AUSTRIAN LOSS IRREPARABLE JAPS OCCUPY GERMAN ISLAND

70,000 British Troops Held 200,000 Germans

Special to The Toronto World.
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—War advice from their home government received by neutral diplomats here today are that 70,000 British troops held 200,000 Germans in check for the last three days until they were relieved by French troops this morning. The message did not tell the scene of the battle.

INVADERS HAVE LEFT TRAIL OF DESOLATION

Evidence of Appalling Destruction All Along Road From Vise to Liege—Belgians Are Virtually Slaves of Arrogant Germans in Occupation.

Canadian Press Despatch.
 LONDON, Aug. 31, 12.30 a.m.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Co. from Ostend, says that a small party which has just returned there from a visit to Liege describes the destruction wrought by the war as appalling.
 "All along the road to Vise," said one of the party, "there was nothing to be seen but walls blackened by smoke, the remains of factories burned by fire and mounds of earth freshly dug—the sepulchres of the first Germans to fall."
 "And then comes Vise. What a painful sight for those who knew the city! Many of its citizens are now lying dead. I was told that the natives were put to work building roads for the invaders from Vise to Aix-la-Chapelle.
 "On the way to Argentan we met a procession of abledombed men, marching four abreast and commanded by a non-commissioned officer, all carrying implements for road or trench building. These men have to submit to discipline draconic in severity.
 "Her streets, usually filled with the busy hum of activity in factories, coal mines and workshops, we found plunged into deathly silence.
 "At last we entered Liege. The inhabitants stood at the thresholds of their homes, silent and anxious, but afraid to speak. The streets in the middle of the town wore a deplorable aspect. Many houses had been abandoned.
 "Their doors and windows were shattered and their contents had been removed. None but soldiers were to be seen. The Place de l'Universite, the Rue des Pitteurs and the Quai des Pêcheurs had been burned."

British Warships Seized Germans and Austrians On Board U.S. Steamers

Canadian Press Despatch.
 HONOLULU, Aug. 31.—The American liners Manchuria and China of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co.'s oriental fleet were halted by British warships off Hongkong and forced to surrender 60 German and Austrian reservists bound for the European war from the Philippines. This was the news brought by Capt. Thompson and Purser Landers of the China, which arrived here today, bound for San Francisco.
 According to officers of the China, the Germans and Austrians before starting on their journey asked for and received assurances from Washington that they could not be molested.

Party Rancor is Revived Over Home Rule Question Balfour Warns Asquith

Canadian Press Despatch.
 LONDON, August 31, 7.55 p.m.—For a moment this afternoon the house of commons, turning from its country's danger, reverted to the old controversy over Ireland. Premier Asquith had announced that on reassembling on September 8 the government would proceed with the Home Rule and Welsh Disestablishment Bills, and John Redmond leader of the Irish Nationalists in the house of commons, expressed hope that if the government's proposal did not meet with the approval of the whole house the government would not change its intention in regard to home rule.
 Former Premier A. J. Balfour immediately rose and said that if the government again introduced home rule its course would arouse a torrent of abuse. This pronouncement brought an angry roar from the ministerialists, during which Mr. Balfour stood unmoved. When quiet was restored he said that to introduce the bill while many members were serving at the front could only arouse a most heated controversy.
 Inimitable Raymond Hitchcock.
 Even greater than he was in the "Tanqueray" Constal, Raymond Hitchcock made his appearance at the Princess Theatre last night in the new musical comedy, "The Beauty Shop," which offers an evening of excellent entertainment. The play continues through the week.

German Retreat in North East Prussia is Accentuated as Russians Continue to Progress—General Engagement in Progress On the Vistula River—Japanese Occupy Fortified German Island at Kiauchau—Germans Capture Only 20,000 of 200,000 Tons of British Shipping.

Special to The Toronto World.
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—It became known here tonight that Italy is holding back her assistance against Austria and Germany awaiting only the action of Turkey. As soon as the Ottoman Empire is precipitated into the trouble, not only Italy, but Greece will seize this opportunity to attack their ancient enemy as well as the remaining two of the triple alliance.

AUSTRIAN DEFEAT IRREPARABLE.
 ROME, Aug. 31.—(Via London, 6.15 p.m.)—The Messaggero publishes a telegram from Sofia, Bulgaria, which says the Austrians have suffered an irreparable defeat at Zamosce, in Russian Poland, 80 miles southeast of Lublin.

PARIS RAPIDLY FORTIFIED.
 PARIS, Aug. 31.—(3.15 p.m.)—It is officially announced that the minister of war, M. Millerand, accompanied by Gen. Gallieni, military governor of Paris, today inspected the northeast front of the entrenched camp at Paris and congratulated Gen. Gallieni on the rapid progress of the work on the supplementary defences.

ANOTHER BOMB DROPPED IN PARIS.
 PARIS, Aug. 31.—(6.30 p.m.)—A German biplane passed over Paris at 4.30 o'clock this afternoon and dropped a projectile which, however, did not explode.

SERVIA READY TO STRIKE.
 ROME, Aug. 30.—(Via Paris, Aug. 31, 4.24 a.m.)—A telegram from Nish received in Genoa, Italy, says that Serbia is preparing to invade and conquer Bosnia and Herzegovina.

BRITISH SHIPPING CAPTURED.
 LONDON, Aug. 31.—In the house of commons today David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, announced that the total captures of British shipping by the Germans was only twenty thousand out of twenty million tons.

BRITISH KNIGHT HELD.
 The high commissioner here of the Union of South Africa has appealed to United States Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, to obtain the release of Sir James Stewiart, who is held as a prisoner of war at Nuremberg, Germany. Sir James, who is connected to an important extent with the administration of the Cape Colony, was taking the cure at Nuremberg when arrested.

FOR BRAVERY IN ACTION.
 Rear Admiral Sir David Beatty, who commanded in the recent naval engagement in the fight off Heligoland, has sent a list of officers and men who were conspicuous for their bravery in action. The first decorations from the government for valor will go to the navy. The death of Lieut. Commander Bartlett and Lieut. Eric Westmacotte called forth much regret.

BELGIAN QUEEN IN ENGLAND.
 Queen Elizabeth of Belgium and the royal children, the Princes Leopold and Charles and the Princess Marie Josef arrived in England tonight.

The flight of the queen and her children from Belgium seems to have been quite sudden, as very recent despatches from The Hague quote the queen as having said in the presence of the king and prime minister De Broqueville, that if necessary she would shoulder a rifle and fight in the field against the enemy with all the women of Belgium.

GOVERNMENT IS GRATEFUL.
 The official press bureau in an announcement this morning says: The government has gratefully accepted an offer from the government of Quebec of 4,000,000 pounds of cheese, and from the people of Alberta of a half million bushels of oats for the use of the army.

PARIS, Aug. 31.—The streets of the city were unusually lively all today, people hustling around making their final arrangements for departure and laying siege to the railway station where lines extended on all sides for blocks. Many in the lines had come prepared to wait until 6 o'clock tomorrow morning before being able to purchase tickets. At a large number of points in the line were whole families with a common fear of the approaching enemy and a common desire