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THE TORONTO WORLD BELGIANS REPULSE FRESH ATTACK ON DIXMUDE BRIDGEHEAD Greece, Bulgaria and Roumania Are About To Enter War AUSTRO-GERMAN FORCES DRAW CORDON AROUND BREST-LITOVSK

DRIVE TOWARD BREST-LITOVSK STILL UNSTAYED

Vienna Claims Troops Are Only Thirteen Miles From Fortress.

CORDON BEING CLOSED

Forts on Southwest Front of Kovno Are Reported Taken.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—In their retreat from Poland, the Russians may have to fall further back than the Brest-Litovsk line. Vienna tonight reports that Austro-Hungarian troops have advanced to Dobrynka, 13 miles southwest of the fortress of Brest-Litovsk, while Berlin reports today that Gen. Littmann has stormed and taken the forts on the southwest front of Kovno, capturing 4,500 prisoners and 240 guns.

Another fort on the northeast front of Novo Georgievsk also has fallen and the cordon is being closed around the fortress. Other armies from the west and south are advancing toward the Brest-Litovsk line.

HEAVY TURKISH LOSSES IN THE LATEST BATTLE

Casualties Reached Nearly Thirty Thousand While Six Hundred Sank With Transport.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. ATHENS, Aug. 17.—It is learned from an authoritative Turkish source that the Turkish losses in the latest Gallipoli battle reach a total of 27,000, and that 600 men were drowned in the sinking of the Hafr-Ed-Din Barbarossa.

How To Sell Our Wheat

Canada will soon have 250,000,000 bushels of wheat for export. The United States has 300,000,000 more. Argentina has 100,000,000 more. The world's wheat supply is enormous. The Canadian farmer cannot afford to hold his wheat indefinitely; he needs the money. His duty as a British subject prevents his selling a bushel to any country in the world except Great Britain, France and Italy. Of course he might sell to Russia, but the point is that the country he goes to will be eager to find a buyer at almost any price. France grows more wheat than she consumes as a rule, but this year she will be in the market as a purchaser, and so will Italy. These last two countries, however, have been supplying their needs to the present in the United States, where they have established lines of credit. They will not come to Canada to buy wheat, but they would no doubt be glad to purchase from the British Government.

England is therefore practically the only market open to us, and we think that England should buy our entire export surplus at a fair price. In no other way can the Canadian producer dispose of the entire crop within a reasonable time and get a fair return.

But you may ask how is this to be accomplished? The British Government will scarcely send an army of buyers over here to make the deal, and it certainly cannot afford to send over any gold. The United States has been holding up the mother country, and according to The Financial World, is saying to Britain and France alike: "Gold or American securities and you can have all the goods you want that we have to sell, but your credit is not much while you are spending \$15,000,000 to \$25,000,000 daily on war equipment. We are not going to let you take until the point of bankruptcy is reached, and we do not want to take any chances."

But Canada will not demand gold, and the Canadian Government will do the work of purchasing the grain. It can even help Britain to finance the transaction. Let the British Government purchase wheat to take our wheat and flour output or whatever we may offer up to a certain date at a minimum price. Let her then send to Ottawa securities such as British consols or short-time treasury bills issued by the French and Italian Governments. Or she might acquire from British investors and deposit at

GERMANS BENT ON CAPTURE OF VERDUN

"Then War Will Be Finished by December," Says Army Order.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Aug. 17, via Paris.—The correspondent of The Journal la Suisse de Geneva at the front in the Vosges, states that in an army order recently issued by the German Crown Prince and found on prisoners taken by the French, occurs the following phrase: "We shall take, we must take, Verdun. Then the war will be finished by December at the latest."

COTTON TO GO ON CONTRABAND LIST

Cabinet Expected to Reach Final Decision at Sitting Today.

APPROVED BY ALLIES

Cancellation of Mass Meeting Yesterday Regarded as Significant

LONDON, Aug. 17.—It is believed in official circles that the cabinet, at its meeting tomorrow, will make a final decision declaring cotton contraband of war. It is no longer denied that the government has intended to take this step, and the delay is attributed to its desire to obtain the formal consent of Great Britain's allies, as this matter intends that the full burden of the responsibility for making the declaration shall not fall on her shoulders, which, it is felt here, have been compelled to bear more than their share of the blame for interference with neutral ships.

Under Raking Fire. After attempts by the Germans had abandoned direct efforts to occupy the trenches, but kept up a fire from three sides. Every evening at the hour of relief German field guns and machine guns, attracted by the exposed Belgian position, frequently have attacked in mass formation, and it is estimated they lost 3000 men there from October to Aug. 1.

Moved Enemy Down. At the hour of relief yesterday no relief was sent, but the occupying detachment evacuated the trenches under the protection of artillery and machine guns. The Germans waited for the attack, which came in the early morning. The Germans were permitted to advance to the trenches, and the occupying detachment evacuated the trenches until they came within range of the machine guns, which opened fire, supported by the trench mortars. Most of the attacking force fell before they reached the trench of the Avenue of Maples, and the Belgian guns in the absence of those who got into the trenches were obliged to abandon them.

BRITAIN MAY SOON BORROW FROM U. S.

Loan of Five Hundred Million Dollars Has Been Suggested.

WOULD WORK WONDERS

By Paying for Huge Supplies of Food and Munitions.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Aug. 17.—The Daily Mail in its money article says: "That the government has long had in its mind the possibility of the issue of a loan abroad—which means in the United States, for in what other country could the government borrow?—was indicated in a war loan prospectus. In that document there was definite mention of the possibility of issue made abroad. The officials seem to be a long time in arranging such an issue, which in the opinion of practical financiers in this city, has now become imperatively necessary. It is not that we want money for general purposes; it is that we want means for paying in the United States for the huge amount of foodstuffs and munitions that we have been buying there and which we are about to buy there in heavily increased volume. A loan of, say one hundred million pounds in the United States would work wonders."

It is the intention of high financial authorities in this city that the government is playing dangerously with the situation. After a month of warning there is no indication even yet that the government is doing anything. Early in the war it was arranged that an arrangement to rectify the difficulty arising bankers of this country and the United States should come to an arrangement to rectify the situation. The time for carrying this out is long overdue, and yet the bankers have not been asked to do anything."

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POCKET MONEY FOR CANADIAN PRISONERS

Seven Shillings a Week Will Be Allowed for Extras.

OTTAWA, Aug. 17.—The Canadian prisoners of war in Germany are to receive \$1.75 a week spending money. Negotiations between the British and German Governments resulted in an arrangement by which the British Government will forward seven shillings a week (approximately \$1.75), to each of its soldiers now prisoners of war in Germany. The money will be sent to American Ambassador Gurn at Berlin, who will see that the money reaches the British and Canadian prisoners.

BUMPER YIELD ASSURED OF NUMBER ONE GRAIN

Crop Reports From Alberta Show That Cutting is General and Conditions Good.

The following telegraphic advice from the department of agriculture of Alberta at Edmonton was received at the head office of the Canadian Northern Railway here yesterday: Southern district—Ideal harvest weather past week; cutting commenced and will be general by end of this week.

Central district—Weather warm, with local showers; cutting commenced and will be general next week; five crops in splendid condition.

Northern district—Reports good harvest weather; wheat and oats turning, barley harvest started.

Peace River district—Harvesting general this week.

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League to Be Reconstructed Under Quadruple Alliance's Direction.

VENIZELOS OPENS WAY

Attitude of Roumania and Bulgaria is Becoming Clear.

BY GORDON GORDON-SMITH. MILAN, Aug. 17.—In political and diplomatic circles of Italy the conviction today prevails that the deadlock in the Balkan situation is at an end and that the reconstitution of the Balkan league under the auspices of the quadruple alliance is only a matter of days. The Venizelos victory in the chamber was the first contributory factor. The Bulgarian premier's clear statement of the condition of Bulgaria's active intervention on the side of the allies brought forth in the government inspired and semi-official Serbian journal, Samoupravna, an article in which he declares his confidence that the quadruple alliance would succeed in re-establishing the Balkan situation, and that the Balkan states, may be consequently expected within the next few days when Germany and Austria will find themselves face to face with a solid Balkan block from the Black Sea to the Adriatic with Turkey completely cut off from communication with the outside world.

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HARD TO GET COAL UNLESS ORDERED AHEAD

French Manufacturers Warned That Delivery Will Be Difficult Owing to Car Shortage.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—Albert Thomas, under secretary of war, has issued a warning to manufacturers working on war material, informing them that a scarcity of railroad rolling stock will make difficult the delivery of coal unless it is ordered considerably in advance of the time it actually is needed. He advises the use of waterways for the transportation of fuel.

AVENUE OF MAPLES IN HONOR OF CANADIAN DEAD

They Will Bear Testimony to the "Undying Glory and Courageous Self-Sacrifice" of Men Who Fell at Langemarck.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, Aug. 18.—At a special meeting of the Overseas Club yesterday it was decided to give immediate effect to a proposal of Mr. Fane Sewell to plant maple seeds around the graves of the Canadians who have been buried at Langemarck. It was further proposed, at the conclusion of the war, to plant there what is to be known as the Avenue of Maples, "to bear testimony to the undying glory and courageous self-sacrifice of the brave Canadian regiments that took their place willingly and spontaneously in the fighting line of the empire."

Sir Robert Borden has written warm expressions of sympathy with the project, adding, "Relatives of those who have fallen will appreciate greatly your efforts to beautify the graves of those who have given their lives to the empire."

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GERMAN OFFICERS' CASUALTIES HEAVY

Nearly Forty-Four Thousand Lost Since War Began.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—The Popolo d'Italia of Rome, according to the Havas News Agency, prints the following despatch from Basle, Switzerland: "Germany has lost 45,872 officers since the war began, according to figures from German official sources. The dead total 13,883, the wounded 26,827, the missing 235, while 933 are numbered as prisoners. Included in the total are 123 generals."

TERRIFIC CONFLICT RAGING AT KOVNO

Russians Admit Germans by Violent Attacks Made Some Gains.

DEFEATED AT DVINSK

Enemy Using Guns of Largest Calibre to Batter Way Thru.

PETROGRAD, via London, Aug. 17.—An official statement was issued tonight: "In the division of Dvinsk stubborn fights continue, but all German attacks have been repulsed. At Kovno there has been fighting of the most desperate character. Sunday and Monday the enemy, having made careful preparation by the use of heavy artillery of all calibre up to 16 inches, launched a series of violent attacks in full strength, with the object of storming the fortifications on the left bank of the Niemen. Towards Monday evening he succeeded in carrying a small force which had been greatly damaged by artillery fire, and in breaking into intervening spaces between some of the other forts in the northern sector. The fighting continues.

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ROYAL EDWARD LOSS SERIOUS AT THIS TIME

Men It Carried Were Reinforcements for Twenty-Ninth Division.

WILL NOT CAUSE DELAY

Necessity for Definite Achievement at Gallipoli Growing Greater.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The British transport Royal Edward has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. Announcement to this effect was made officially today: six hundred men were saved out of 1350 troops, 32 officers and 220 other persons on board. This would make the loss 1002.

The Royal Edward was sunk in the Aegean Sea Saturday, presumably while en route to the Dardanelles.

The Royal Edward, sister ship of the Royal George, was a Canadian Northern triple-screw ship, formerly running from Montreal to Bristol. She was equipped with electric passenger elevator, Marconi wireless submarine signalling system, and other improvements. The ship was 526 feet long and 60 feet beam. Her speed was 19 knots. She was built in 1908. Her gross tonnage was 11,117 tons.

The sinking of the Royal Edward with heavy loss of life has shattered the record of the British navy of having transported hundreds of thousands of men across the seas without the destruction of one troop-laden ship.

On two previous occasions transports carrying hundreds of thousands of men were torpedoed by a submarine in the Irish Sea, but the vessel was not sunk and only five lives were lost. The Marlborough was attacked by a Turkish torpedo boat in the Aegean Sea and, although the ship was not damaged, 64 lives were lost through the breaking of a davit as a boat was being lowered.

A Serious Loss. The loss of the Royal Edward is a serious one at this moment. The men it carried were not part of a new expedition, but were reinforcements for the 29th division, which has been on the Gallipoli peninsula since the first landing and which received such high praise from Gen. Hamilton in his report on the initial and subsequent operations. The news came as a shock to the British public, who believed the submarine menace in the Aegean had been dealt with successfully. This is the first occasion since the sinking of the battleship Majestic on May 27 that the German submarines, which made the long trip to the Dardanelles, have scored a success.

No Delay Caused. The Royal Edward's destruction is not likely to delay operations recently undertaken, for, with the Russian reinforcement to the east and the continuance of the Balkan negotiations, the necessity for achieving something definite in the assault upon the Dardanelles, is growing greater.

The text of the admiralty announcement is as follows: "The British transport Royal Edward was sunk by an enemy submarine in the Aegean last Saturday morning. According to the information at present available, the transport had on board 32 military officers and 1350 troops, in addition to the ship's crew of 220 officers and men. The troops consisted mainly of reinforcements for the 29th Division and details of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

"Full information has not yet been received, but it is known that about 600 have been saved."

FRENCH CAPTURE RIDGE IN FIGHT IN VOSGES

German Counter Attack Failed—Artillery Duels at Many Points.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Beyond news contained in an official French report tonight of a minor success in the Vosges, the situation on the western front is little changed. German positions in the region from Ling to Reich Ackerkopf and on the ridge between Gondranch and Landerbach were viciously shelled, and at the latter point French infantry secured a footing on the ridge and dug themselves in. A German attack was repulsed.

Artillery fighting on the larger part of the front, without important results, is reported.