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TENSION AT FRONT AS DRIVE AMAINTED

GREAT WORK BY AUSTRALIANS AND PERSHING'S MEN

Further Details of the Capture of Hamel

STIRRING INCIDENTS

Graphic Account of Fight is Given by American Officer—'Scotty' Alone Ceta Five of the Enemy in a Dug-out—Prisoners Recaptured

With the British Army in France, July 7.—(By the Associated Press)—In the German counter-attack against the new positions gained by the Australians and American around Hamel two Americans and five Australians were captured by the enemy. Volunteers were called for and an American party brought back the captured men and a German officer, while twelve Australians brought the number of German prisoners to fifty. The story is told by an American officer who took part in the fighting.

'The Boches did not bother us until Thursday night, when they made their counter-attack, which was repulsed. They did succeed in the rush, however, in getting hold of two Americans and five Australians, whom they carried back. We immediately called for volunteers to go out after these captured men, and all our men at once yelled for the charge. Corporal Raymond Powell was for the work. A squad of men was formed.

'The guns had put down a heavy barrage. The corporal led his charge straight through the fierce fire and charged hot-foot after the retreating enemy. The Germans retired to a strong point but the volunteer party went in after them. The boys were retaken along with the five Australians and the corporal and his party also captured a Boche officer. In the meantime twelve Australians had died around and joined the American with the result that the city German prisoners were brought back.

'That night a Boche sniper caused a lot of trouble for the men in the front line, and one of my men went across No Man's Land alone after him. The sniper got him and left him dead on the field. We were surprised, the officer said, at some of the prisoners taken. Most of them were strapping fellows, but there was a lot of them who, while big, were very young. The Boche put some gas at one time, but it was only a mighty good experience for our men, as they were equipped with the mask.

'I want to say here that those Australians are magnificent fighters. We have been learning the game from them. Our fellows watched the veterans closely and it was a case of imitation without a second lesson. The American Attack. Last night the correspondent slept on the ground with a company of American troops, who played a prominent part in the fighting on Thursday. The story of the fight as related by one of the officers contained many new features.

'The Americans went into the line after a hard march,' he said. 'The Fritzies undoubtedly had no liking that the attack was to be made. At midnight Wednesday we were sent forward to lie out, ready for an advance at 8.10 o'clock Thursday morning. Many of our boys were tired when they reached the position, and despite the fact that they were just embarking on the biggest adventure of their lives, a leap into the unknown, they threw themselves on the ground and slept soundly. It was an encouraging sign to us, for it meant that the men were not jumpy. They never did show any signs of nerves, as a matter of fact.

'For us officers there was no sleep during that three hours wait. There were conferences to be held with the Australians, and then, too, the responsibility was weighing heavily on us. We knew that our lads would come through clean, but we could not help being a bit anxious.

'We had to admire the coolness of the Australian officers, who told stories and laughed as though nothing was going to happen, though we Americans knew that a little while before the kick off the gunners would put down a barrage which would be the signal for all hands on the job. A few minutes before the barrage was due the allied artillery opened with a harassing fire and American officers were out among our men hot foot to keep them steady, fearing they might mistake this for the barrage. Then came the barrage, and we never dreamed there could be such a fire. It was tremendous. The gunners certainly did a wonderful job. The infantry started to advance. My men were headed for Hamel village, and our first trouble was encountered in a broad belt of barbed wire in front of the Boche forward line of defenses. The tanks had opened the way through most of this, but in spots some of our men were held up for a little time. We got through the barbed wire very well, however, and reached the Boche front line trenches. They were thickly held and we cleared them out with our rifles on the jump. We continued on page 2, seventh column.

Renewal of Offensive By Germans Is Expected

BIG GUNS ARE BUSY

London Reports Activity Astride Somme and Elsewhere—German Reported Sending Three Army Corps to Aid of Austrians

With the American Army in France July 8.—(By the Associated Press)—Although the entire front continues in a state of tension in expectation of a renewal of the German drive, the enemy effort has not yet developed. Comparative quiet prevailed in all the American sectors last night and this morning. There has been an increase, however, in the aerial activity, chiefly in the patrolling and scouting branches.

London, July 8.—The German artillery displayed activity in the Somme region during the night. It was similarly active north of Albert, in the vicinity of Beaumont-Hamel, and on the Flanders front in the neighborhood of Bethune. London, July 8.—The text of the statement follows: 'The American army advanced their line slightly on a front of 8,000 yards astride the River Somme, capturing several prisoners. A successful raid carried out by Scottish troops south of La Besace Canal, resulted in the capture of a few prisoners. The enemy's trenches were also entered east of Hasebroeck by Australian troops, a few prisoners being brought back. Hostile artillery has been active astride the Somme, as the result of our operations, and also on the Flanders front in the neighborhood of Bethune.

London, July 8.—Australians troops last night advanced their line astride the Somme slightly on a front of 8,000 yards, says the official report from Field Marshal Haig today. Several prisoners were taken. New Blow at Italian? Paris, July 8.—(Havas Agency)—A new offensive is impending on the Tenthio front. General Lendoroff, says a despatch to the Matia from reliable sources in Switzerland, personally has visited the Austrian headquarters there and has hastened preparations for another blow against the Italian. Considerable reinforcements, it is added, are being concentrated at Innsbruck and Trent.

COLORED AMERICAN SOLDIERS PUT 40 HUNS TO FLIGHT With the American Army in France, July 7.—(Sunday, by the Associated Press)—Henry Johnson and Robert Robinson, colored soldiers from New York, have been cited for bravery while fighting with their units in a sector of the French front. They put to flight in Main's Land a party of Germans estimated to number forty. The citation comes from the French command.

To Aid Austria Paris, July 8.—(Havas Agency)—Germany will send three army corps to the aid of Austria, according to a Rome despatch to the Temps. Italian Gain. Rome, July 8.—Italian troops yesterday advanced their front line in the region of Col di Prato. The Monte Grappa region the Italians gained further ground northward of Misak on Saturday. Eight enemy airplanes were destroyed yesterday in air battles.

CASE UNDER FACTORY INSPECTION ACT Further evidence in the case of John Hodd and Robert London, charged by Factory Inspector John Kenney with operating an engine in the plant of the Maritime Construction Company without having a license, was heard in the police court this morning. Edward John Murphy, machinist and engineer, who installed the boiler of the plant, said that while he did not know whether or not either of the two men had operated the engine, he was of the opinion that a plant of the size of the Maritime Construction Company required two licensed men. At the present time there was only one, Joseph Dryden.

Mr. Kenney said that when he visited the plant on one occasion, he saw Hodd working about the engine. He asked Hodd who ran the engine and he said he did. Hodd, in his evidence, contended that he did not run the engine, he was the freeman. The engine was run, he said, by Joseph Dryden, a licensed man. Robert London said that he was the owner of the plant and did not run the engine. In cross-examination, London testified having started and stopped the engine. Others gave evidence and the case was set over until tomorrow morning, when the company will have legal advice and an expert present.

An Earthquake Washington, July 8.—An earthquake of considerable intensity and centered about 2,600 miles from Washington, probably in South America, was recorded on Georgetown University seismographs this morning. Tremors began at 6.43 a.m., growing in intensity and ending at 8.60 a.m.

WRITS AGAINST COMMANDANTS IN MONTREAL

Archambault, M. P., Says He Will Take Action

Denies Right of Government to Suspend Habeas Corpus by Order-in-Council in Matter of Sending Conscripts Overseas

Montreal, July 8.—Speaking in the Longueuil town hall last night, Joseph Archambault, M. P., for Champlain-Vendeville, said that he intended to apply for writs of habeas corpus directed against the commandants of military units in Montreal, and if when the writs were issued the commandants refused to obey the orders, he would apply for writs to have such officers committed to jail for contempt of court.

Mr. Archambault based his statements on the fact that there has been quoted in the press and he had confirmed the news, that the officers here had received a notification from the authorities not to stay the sending of conscripts overseas because of writs of habeas corpus. This decision from Ottawa follows government's contention that the habeas corpus is suspended by the order-in-council of April 20, 1915, whereas the courts so far, via the supreme court of Alberta and Mr. Justice Branson of Montreal, had ruled this order-in-council to be ultra vires.

TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE HAS BEEN POSTPONED Order for Walk Out of Western Union Men Revoked by President After Conference With U. S. Labor Secretary

Chicago, July 8.—The strike of telegraphers employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company, set for 8 o'clock today, did not take place, it was announced by the company this morning. The strike was revoked by S. J. Koenkamp, president of the Commercial Telegraphers Union, after a one-day telephone conference with Secretary of Labor Wilson in Washington. Secretary Wilson asked the heads of the telegraphers union not to allow interference with the transmission of messages, and the telegraphers agreed to postpone the strike until after the Western Union declined to accept the decision of the national war labor board on the refusal of telegraphers to work on the day of the strike.

LIUT. GOLDING STILL IN HOLLAND Lieut. Kenneth Golding, a Canadian aviator, son of Mrs. Edgar Golding, 25 Padlock street, and brother of Wm. E. and Arthur Golding, whose machine fell inside the German lines, causing his arrest and imprisonment, is still in Holland undergoing surgical treatment for injuries to his back. His most recent letter tells of his being returned to hospital.

PHETIX AND PHERDINAND WEATHER REPORT Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stebbins, director of meteorological service

Synopsis.—The disturbance near the Atlantic coast has increased in energy and the weather continues cool and rainy in the Gulf and maritime provinces and winds have increased to moderate gales. The weather is fine from Ontario west to the coast.

Proposes New League. Dallas, Texas, July 8.—Organization of a new baseball league to be made up from clubs of the disbanded Texas and Western leagues, and to be called the Liberty League, is proposed in a telegram from Jack Holland, manager of the Oklahoma City Western League baseball club, to Hamilton Patterson, manager of the Dallas, Texas, league club.

Grand Circuit Opens. Cleveland, July 8.—The 1918 Grand Circuit harness racing season opened with a five day meeting here yesterday. Practically all the trotting and pacing stars of the country are included among 232 nominations to twenty-two events. They will be driven by America's foremost reinsmen.



Getting Authority To Call a Strike

Situation Relative to Canadian Railways Is More Tense

Montreal, July 8.—Representatives of the federated trades of the mechanical and car departments of the Dominion railways have wired to all local unions asking for power to call a strike if the Canadian railway was held, with which they have been negotiating for substantial wage increases, continues to refuse to grant their demands. Replies were coming in today and union officials announced that it was practically certain that by tomorrow they would be in direct with the power to send out a strike order.

SHOOTING THE FACTS INTO THE GERMAN RANKS Paris, July 8.—Thousands of specially devised rifles for sending propaganda over the enemy lines are now in use in the allied armies, according to James Kerecsey, director of the Franco-American Public Information Bureau. From these rifles, generally discharged by means of which tracts and pamphlets will be scattered along enemy trenches, will be considerable quantities at a range of more than 2000 yards. For greater distances, small balloons, made of cloth, are used. The balloons travel at a height of from 5,000 to 8,000 feet.

WORTH MANY MILLIONS United States Beginning Sale of Alien-Owned Property Washington, July 8.—Allen-owned property valued at millions of dollars soon is to be put on the market. A series of public sales now being arranged by alien property custodian. The first sale will be that of the property of Ornatel Arthur Koppke Company at Koppke, Pa., on August 15.

PERFECTING NATIONAL DEFENCES OF JAPAN London, July 8.—Measures for perfecting the national defenses of Japan were adopted upon a plan for co-operation between the army and the navy was decided by a council of field marshals and admirals held recently in Japan, says a despatch to the Times from Tokyo under date of July 1.

IN WALL STREET. New York, July 8.—Oil shares led the firm opening of today's stock market, Mexican Petroleum and Texas Company each gaining a point. Equipments, coppers, Marine Preferred and American Sugar were fractionally higher, but representative industrials and rails were irregular. Reactions occurred before the end of the first half hour on the hearsay of U. S. Steel, and a three point break in Samatra Tobacco. Liberty bonds were steady.

BURIED TODAY The funeral of William Bell took place this morning from Messrs. Chamberlain's undertaking rooms. Services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Appel, and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

THE TROOPS THAT WERE ON THE CITY OF VIENNA Ottawa, July 8.—The chief press censor permits the following announcement for publication regarding the composition of the troops on the stranded City of Vienna, all of whom were rescued and brought safely to a Canadian Atlantic port by various vessels: The troops are made up of railway operating and railway construction units from Ontario, Royal Canadian Engineers and infantry reinforcements from Ontario, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

SOME BODIES STILL ON SUNKEN STEAMER Peoria, Ill., July 8.—Every effort is being made to fix responsibility for the disaster to the excursion steamer Columbia, which sank in the Illinois River on Friday at midnight. The death toll is more than 100 and probably close to 150.

INQUIRY TOMORROW. The inquiry into the charges laid by Dr. J. E. M. Baxter against Hon. William Currie, speaker of the legislature, in connection with stampage collections, will be opened tomorrow morning in Campbellton. The inquiry will be conducted under royal commission, in support of his charges and A. T. Abilene, Hon. Mr. Currie's colleague from Restigouche, will appear for the latter. It is not expected that the inquiry will be prolonged, as the number of witnesses who would have information bearing on the matter is supposed to be limited.

Capt. Pratt And Crew Are Saved

Are In France, Says Cable Today

When Their Steamer, the George L. Eaton, Was Sunk Recently, It Was Feared That Former St. John Man and His Companions Had Lost Lives

(Special to Times) New York, July 8.—A cable received today from Brest says that Captain J. H. Pratt and crew of the steamer George L. Eaton are safe in France.

This news will cause joy in St. John. Captain Pratt was formerly commander of the Dominion fisheries steamer Curlew here. The George L. Eaton was a vessel of 2,000 tons gross. She left an American port for France about three weeks ago and on last Tuesday came a despatch stating that she had been sunk, presumably by a German submarine in European waters. The crew numbered thirty. Evidently, from today's cable, all are safe in France.

CASUALTY LISTS OF SUNDAY AND MONDAY St. John Names Among Them—Major Carter Now Officially Reported Prisoner

Ottawa, July 8.—Yesterday's list of seventy-one casualties reports one Canadian soldier killed in action, five died of wounds, four died, one prisoner of war, forty-nine wounded, one gassed and ten ill. The maritime province names follow: INFANTRY. Died of Wounds: T. Sudworth, New Aberdeen, N. S.; J. R. Greene, Millville, N. S.

Prisoner of War: Major A. D. Carter, D. S. O., Point de Bute, N. B. Wounded: D. W. Hayes, Lower River Inhabitants, N. S.; B. Smith, Patterson, N. S.; J. N. Langille, River John, N. S.; C. E. Brown, St. John; E. J. Egan, Milltown, N. B.; A. W. M. Ross, Newcastle, N. B.; C. A. McPhee, Shubenacadie, N. S.

III. E. M. Lockhart, Palmouth, N. S. Died: A. J. Melanson, Bathurst, N. B. CONSTRUCTION CORPS. Wounded: S. David, Halifax. MACHINE GUN COMPANY. Wounded: W. J. McKensie, Conthath, N. S.; C. H. Parker, Whitehead, N. B.

ARTILLERY. Gassed: E. Q. Jennings, Little River, St. John, N. B.; W. G. Birch, East River, N. S. Monday's List. Ottawa, July 8.—Today's list of ninety-five casualties reports three Canadian soldiers killed in action, one died of wounds, six died, one missing, one escaped, seventy-four wounded, two gassed and six ill. The maritime provinces names are: INFANTRY. Died: K. Brown, Malaga Mines, N. S. Wounded: J. H. Hawley, Glace Bay, N. S.; D. Peters, Lennox Island, P. E. I.; L. J. Hampton, N. B.; F. Arsenault, Maccan, N. S.; J. S. Brown, Alberton, P. E. I.

SERVICES. Capt. R. N. M. Robertson, St. John. IN COURT HANDICAPPED TO SOLDIER OFFICER NEAR WITH REVOLVER London, July 8.—The court-martial of Corporal Jos. Dowling, who landed on the Irish coast in a German collapsible boat two months ago, and who since has been a prisoner in the Tower of London, was begun here today.

Corporal Dowling, in civilian clothes, was brought to the court in an auto ambulance accompanied to a British soldier and accompanied by a non-commissioned officer armed with a revolver. Corporal Dowling pleaded not guilty to these charges—First, that while he was a prisoner of war in Germany he joined a hostile force; second, that he endeavored to induce others to join; third, that he participated in an attempt to land a hostile force in Ireland.

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