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FOCH'S FIGHTERS FORCE FOE TO CONTINUE HIS RETREAT

RAILWAY WAR BOARD CHARGES PROFITEERING IN TEN MANUFACTURES

RAILWAY BOARD THROWS BOMB AT MANUFACTURERS DECLARING WAR PRICES TO BE EXCESSIVELY RAISED

Five Commodities Boosted 100 Per Cent, and Others From 90 Per Cent to 35 Per Cent—President of C. M. A. Says Charges of Profiteering Are Immoderate.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Aug. 2.—Like a bomb falling into a peace conference came the charge of the Canadian railway board today that manufacturers dealing with eleven named commodities have taken undue advantage of the present epidemic of high prices, and have actually increased their rate of profit out of all proportion to the actual increase in their cost of production.

Five commodities, boots and shoes, coal, cordwood, gasoline and hardware, the board claims, have been boosted 100 per cent in price since the war began; flour, 90 per cent; sugar, 80 per cent; pork, 75 per cent; clothing and tobacco, 50 per cent; beef, 35 per cent.

DECLARE IT EXAGGERATIONS.

Manufacturers not only deny they have unduly raised their prices, but even declare that the Canadian railway board's figures are exaggerated. The Canadian Manufacturers' Association have written to the board asking how the figures were arrived at.

"I can speak about gasoline," stated Mr. S. B. Parsons, manager of the British-American Oil Company here, and president of the C. M. A. "That statement with regard to gasoline is ridiculous. Figures show it. Back in June, 1913, gasoline sold at 22 cents wholesale, and it is 23 cents today, an increase of 50 per cent. The statement has the increase 100 per cent."

SAYS THERE'S A REASON.

"If oil has gone up there is a good reason for it," declared Mr. Parsons. "There has been an enormous demand, and there have been few fields of production found of late."

"The United States alone, since last year, requires 500,000 gallons of the highest class of gasoline that can be produced for their air service. The munition industry and the greater number of automobiles have also increased the demand for oils. Higher prices are caused entirely by two things, the great increase in the price of crude oil, over which we have no control, and the big war demand, since the Allies look to the American continent for all their supplies of oil products."

Mr. Parsons did not think the Canadian Manufacturers' Association would, as a body, take up the charges of undue profit-making, hurled by the Canadian railway board against manufacturers of certain commodities. The board's statement was too general, he said.

J. E. Walsh, manager of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, replied thus to the statement of the Canadian railway board:

"The board makes the statement that the increase in freight rates has been about 30 per cent. As a matter of fact, the rates under which general merchandise moves has been increased, effective August 12, approximately 50 per cent, and other rates have been increased proportionately. The demurrage charges, moreover, have been increased from \$1 per car per day to a minimum of \$5 per car per day."

A SLAP AT BOARD.

"The Canadian railway board has, since its formation nearly a year ago, issued bulletins informing the public of how efficient they are, and what they are doing to reduce the cost of operating railways, but entirely overlook the increasing cost to the public, and the loss of millions of dollars, through delays in the movement of traffic. It would be difficult to estimate the increased cost of doing business because of the lack of railway facilities and embargoes, many of which are due to conditions because of the lack of railway facilities and embargoes, many of which are due to conditions in the control of the carriers."

UNION GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS ASK POLICE PROTECTION

Brantford Crown Attorney Is Requested to Act by Scotland Residents.

Brantford, Aug. 2.—Following an appeal to the provincial police for police protection in the neighborhood of Scotland, the county crown attorney, A. J. Wilkes, has been notified and may take steps to have that district policed at the expense of the county.

The appeal was sent out by Union Government supporters, who because of their vote in the last election have been made victims of annoyance, indignities and even arson. Property was damaged, paint applied, and arson reported to, and the reign of terror is continuing.

The local police have no jurisdiction, and the county constabulary is non-existent, save where the county constable can make his fees.

In one case the husband works in the city and the family there is living in fear.

\$750,000 PULPWOOD FIRE. Glen's Falls, N. Y., Aug. 2.—The Union Bag and Paper Corporation suffered a loss of more than \$750,000 in pulpwood as a result of a fire which broke out yesterday afternoon and which was still burning early this morning.

A few scattered thunderstorms are reported this morning from Ontario and in the West, but the weather is generally fair over Canada.

ENTENTE AND JAPAN AGREE TO INTERVENE IN SIBERIA

Joint Action Follows as Result of American Proposal.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 2.—Joint action between Japan, the Entente powers and America in Siberia is assured.

Japan has found acceptable the American proposal which primarily looks to the aid of the Czech-Slovaks, now operating in Siberia, and after exchanges between Tokyo and Washington, which have cleared up all doubtful points and removed any possibility of future misunderstanding, a complete agreement has been reached. The plan of operation will be put into execution at once.

Soon after it had been learned that Japan had accepted the American proposal, President Wilson walked to the state, war and navy building, where he conferred for half an hour with Acting Secretary Polk and with Secretary of War Baker.

Pao Kautchi Ching, the provincial governor at Sei Lung King, has been selected to command the considerable body of Chinese troops which have been gathered in Manchuria, and it is understood that already it has been arranged that this force shall operate in conjunction with Japanese and that it will act under the direction of the Japanese commander-in-chief.

CIERGES, A VILLAGE OF THE DEAD, LIES IN GAS-FILLED CUT

Every Flower and Herb Is Blighted and Burned.

BATTLEFIELD SURROUNDS

Deadly Fumes Left Trail of Poisoned Animals of All Kinds.

London, Aug. 2.—The tide of battle on the American front drifted somewhat eastward on Wednesday, all of the most severe fighting occurring in the vicinity of Clerges, which is some two miles southeast of Serpy, says Reuters' correspondent on the American front, telegraphing Thursday evening.

"Clerges," continues the correspondent, "was for some time a spongy, marshy area, and it is noteworthy that it and the Meuse river formed strong centres of opposition during the first German retreat from the Marne, the havoc wrought during the retreat being curiously intermingled. One stately chateau, whose towers have been freshly damaged by German shells, has in the banqueting hall big bushes of elderberries, which evidently seeded there when the roof was blown off in 1914."

"Clerges" itself is uncoupled by either sides, neither having any wish to be in there, for the village is a deep cut in which the gas lies ten feet deep. So it remains, and so it will remain, while the still summer weather lasts, a village of the dead, of dead cats, rats and mice, with all the herbs and flowers that had blossomed in the surrounding hills, the Americans "reaching towards it up the Curcy Valley and over the high ground north of Ronchereux, and down the hills near Serpy, while the Germans, after filling the village with gas, illustrated what could be done in a deterrent way with machine guns."

SAFE ALL THE TIME



Adapted from illustrations. Kaiser—Did you win the fight, highness? Crown Prince—Gott! No, p.p.a. You were cut to pieces.

THE LONDON LOAN COMPANY.

The Advertiser frequently has commented on the advantages to the city of London, and to Western Ontario, of London being the second city in Canada with reference to loan companies. Within a week it pointed out how these companies had contributed to make London a city of homes. In the hurry of going to press, a very regrettable error was made in the headline referring to an item of news which had been sent by telegraph from Toronto. The item referred to a suit brought by The Trusts and Guarantee Company in which The London Loan Company was a defendant. The item was an ordinary reference to the suit, giving the reason why the action was brought. Nothing whatever affecting the soundness of the London Loan is in issue in the suit.

The Advertiser deeply regrets the error, and earnestly hopes that no harm whatever will result to the London Loan Company. The Advertiser firmly believes the London Loan Company is one of the soundest financial institutions in the city, and that during the many years since its incorporation it has done a great deal of good.

"EVERYTHING WITH US IS GOING WELL" CABLES SIR ARTHUR CURRIE TO KEMP

Says Canadians Have Carried On a Number of Successful Raids and Killed a Lot of Huns.

Ottawa, Aug. 2.—A dispatch from Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, commanding the Canadian corps at the front, to Sir Edward Kemp, overseas minister of militia, has been cabled to the militia headquarters here. It is as follows:

"Everything with us in going very well. We have taken up again our policy of continually worrying the boche, and have put on quite a number of raids with success. We have taken a number of prisoners and machine guns, and have killed quite a lot of Germans. So active have we been that the boche has considerably reinforced his line opposite to us. So that if we are not actively fighting, we are keeping a fair share of his men from taking part in the battle. Prisoners tell us that they suffered quite a lot from our fire and are moving their line somewhat."

TURKESTAN SUBJECTS RISE AGAINST THE BOLSHEVIKI

Basel, Switzerland, Aug. 2.—A revolt against the Bolshevik Government in Turkestan has broken out, according to news received here today from Ukraine sources.

NOTED MONTREAL PHYSICIAN IS DEAD

Montreal, Aug. 2.—Dr. E. P. Lachapelle, who was 73 years of age, was a man of eminent professional standing. He was practically the founder of Notre Dame Hospital, the dean of Laval medical faculty, president of the provincial board of health and president of the Dominion medical council.

FRANCE TO CALL UP 1920 CLASS

Paris, Aug. 2.—The Senate has adopted the resolution providing for the calling up of the class of 1920, the vote upon which in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday was considered an expression of confidence in the Clemenceau Government.

ALLIES TIGHTEN GRIP ON THE HUN AND TAKE SEVERAL TOWNS ALONG RHEIMS-SOISSONS FRONT

RED MICHAEL TELLS GOVT. TO GO SLOW ON IMPERIAL TARIFF

Must Get Consent of People Before Taking Action.

ELECTED TO WIN WAR

And Have No Right to Deal With Other Problems Without Parliament's Consent.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Calgary, Alta., Aug. 2.—Much interest has been created in political circles here through the publication by the Morning Albertan, Liberal Unionist, of an interview with Dr. Michael Clark, M. P. for Red Deer, in which he declares the Ottawa Government must consult the people before entering into any imperial federation or preference schemes.

No Mandate On Other Problems. "It almost looks as if the Government would need the advice of Parliament before the year is out," said Dr. Clark, who went on to say that he had no sympathy with the idea of injecting imperial preference into Canadian political life at the present time. "The Government has no mandate from the people to discuss past war problems. It was elected by the people to win the war, and until we have beaten the enemy these other subjects should be left in abeyance."

Discussing the recent imperial tariff announcement of Walter Hume Long, the colonial secretary, Dr. Clark said he was a left-over of the old school, who was willing to take advantage of any change to push protection to the front.

Not For Lloyd George turning aside for these things," said Dr. Clark. "He is too busily engaged with momentous questions concerning the war to bother with such matters," concluded the Red Deer member.

George Lane, the big stock broker and grain grower, who, like Dr. Clark, is an ardent free trader, endorsed the sentiments of the Red Deer member. Dr. Clark is now on his way to Ottawa.

KING LUDWIG, LIKE THE KAISER, SAYS "IN GOD WE TRUST"

Bavarian Monarch Also Issues War Anniversary Proclamation.

Amsterdam, Aug. 2.—King Ludwig of Bavaria, in a proclamation on the opening of the fifth year of the war, published in the Zeitung of Frankfurt, refers to the exemplary bravery and achievements of the German armies. "It is not our fault that we are entering the fifth year of fighting," he adds. "Our opponents still regard the crushing of Germany as their aim. German, however, thinks of a shameful peace. We must, therefore, continue the struggle and continue to shoulder all troubles and hardships in sure confidence that God will lead our just cause to victory."

Britain Has Furnished 7,000,000 Men For war

Washington, D. C., Aug. 1.—Lord Curzon, member of the British war cabinet, in a speech received here by wireless, which shows the extent of the British effort in man power. Lord Curzon said that Great Britain had given no fewer than 7,000,000 men, and that 5,000,000 Britons were today fighting in foreign theatres of war. Allowing for casualties, and presuming these figures to include the navy, they are taken as demonstrating the fact that the only troops in England today are men on leave and men in depots, either of the supply service or undergoing the reorganization of units.

Ville-en-Tardenois Has Been Encircled By Foch's Forces—Enemy Resisting Desperately and Losing Many Prisoners.

On the French Front in France, Aug. 2.—The French are continuing to advance and have taken additional towns and villages at various parts of the front between Soissons and Rheims. The enemy is resisting desperately and losing in prisoners.

VILLE-EN-TARDENOIS ENCIRCLED. On the French Front in France, Aug. 2.—(By the Associated Press).—The important town of Ville-en-Tardenois, on the side of the Marne salient, has been encircled by the Allied forces.

FRENCH TAKE GOUSSANCOURT. London, Aug. 2.—Goussancourt itself has been taken by the French, the advices add.

The capture of the important ground on the heights to the westward of the line also means that the Germans will not be able to retire in an ordinarily leisurely way, and that they probably will have to go beyond the River Vesle in their retreat.

The situation is regarded as extraordinarily good, being described in the advices as the turning point of the summer campaign and possibly of the whole war.

The importance of the victory, it is explained, lies in the fact that the new Allied positions command the whole area to the northward, and taken in flank and rear the entire western gate through which the Germans have been retreating. This area is a nest of German reserves and field artillery.

Paris, Aug. 2.—On the battlefield north of the Marne the French troops during the night continued to press back the Germans farther toward the Vesle, says the official statement from the war office today.

The text of the statement follows: "During the night French troops made new progress north of the Marne."

GERMANS ON THE RUN. With the French Army in France, Aug. 1.—(By the Associated Press).—Evening.—With the fall of darkness tonight fighting continued between the Allies and the Germans on the western side of the Soissons-Rheims salient. Allied observers reported that bodies of Germans were fleeing precipitately northward along the road leading from Launois, which lies about midway between Soissons and Fere-en-Tardenois.

BRITISH TAKE PRISONERS.

London, Aug. 2.—The British have carried out raids at Festubert, northwest of Lens, and at Albert, in the Pearly sector, and have captured several prisoners, according to a statement issued by the war office today. The German artillery, the statement says, has shown increased activity south of the Somme and south of Ypres while it has been active north of Bethune and east of Hazebrouck, in the Lys sector.

The text of the statement reads: "A few prisoners were captured by our patrols yesterday in the neighborhood of Festubert."

"During the night English troops carried out a successful raid north of Albert, capturing sixteen prisoners and a machine gun."

"The hostile artillery has shown somewhat increased activity south of the Somme and south of Ypres, and has been active at north of Bethune and on our front east of Hazebrouck."

PENETRATED THREE MILES.

London, Aug. 2.—Yesterday's Franco-British attack in the Marne salient was on a front of five miles and penetrated to maximum depth of three miles, according to news received today. It resulted in the capture of the entire ridge which forms the watershed between the Ourcq and the Aisne, the advices indicate.

The French also captured the entire Neijmire woods, on the line to the north of Goussancourt, at about the centre of the salient. The advance by the Allies along the western side of the salient, described as extremely important, possibly the most important since the Allies have accomplished since the Germans retired from the Marne.

DUCHESS AS CANDIDATE. London, Aug. 2.—The Duchess of Marlborough has been accepted as the progressive candidate for the North Southwest division of the London county council. The vacancy, caused by the death of the former representative, will be filled immediately, according to the Daily Telegraph.

ITALIAN KING PAYS VISIT TO AMERICAN. Paris, Aug. 2.—King Victor Emmanuel of Italy reviewed the American troops who have taken positions in the war zone yesterday, according to Havas dispatch from Rome.