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PROBS: Friday—Thunder Storms ONE CENT.

ITALIAN TROOPS CROSS THE ISONZO

NUMBER OF PRISONERS GATHERED IN WHEN GORIZIA FELL IS ESTIMATED AT 20,000

French Advance North of Hem Wood; Rain and Mist Halt Operations

CADORNA'S TROOPS CROSS THE ISONZO AND CONTINUE PURSUIT OF RETREATING AUSTRIANS

20,000 Prisoners Were Taken by the Italians When Gorizia Fell, and Italy is Overjoyed at the Result—Story of the Great Victory

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, Aug. 10.—9.20 a.m.—A Havas despatch from Rome says that the Duke of Aosta's army having passed the left bank of the Isonzo, continues the pursuit of the Austrians and that heavy losses, particularly in respect of prisoners, are being inflicted on the Austrians.

20,000 Prisoners Taken.

Rome, Aug. 10.—About 20,000 prisoners were captured by the Italians at Gorizia, according to an official announcement by the war office. The statement says an accurate estimate is impossible at present as numbers of prisoners are being brought in hourly.

Great Celebrations Throughout Italy.

Rome, Aug. 10.—The capture of Gorizia was celebrated last night in every city in Italy. Great parades, bands and shouting crowds testified to the enthusiasm of the people over General Cadorna's victory. Rejoicing is intensified by reports that many thousands of additional prisoners have been captured by the Italians at other points along the Isonzo in addition to Gorizia.

GORIZIA ITSELF WAS NOT BURNED

But was Deserted Save By Wounded and Dying When Victors Entered.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Rome, Wednesday, Aug. 9, via Paris, Aug. 10.—Notwithstanding the desperate fighting around Gorizia, the city itself was not burned by the Austrians or destroyed by the Italian artillery fire; nor were the inhabitants, these to number of 20,000 having previously evacuated the city. It was the desire of the Italian commander, General Cadorna, to save Gorizia from destruction by the retreating Austrians and to that end he employed strategy.

Attacked From All Sides.

After taking the mountain tops of San Michele and Sabotino, the enemy then attacked Gorizia from the front and sides and rear. When the Duke of Aosta, commander of the third army, who was present at the capture of Gorizia, entered the city after forcing the bridge across the river at the head of cavalry and bicycle corps, Gorizia was found to be deserted save by great numbers of wounded and dying Austrians on the outskirts. The Duke was accompanied by his cousin, the king. The only damage done by the Austrians was that occasioned by their attempts to destroy military buildings filled with large quantities of supplies.

The Fighting at "Death Pass."

The fighting at the bridge across the Isonzo at Podgora, leading into Gorizia, was among the most sanguinary episodes of the war. Before this encounter the bridge had been named "Death Pass." After the Italians had obtained command of Gorizia from the heights of Sabotino, San Michele, Monte Fortin, Monte Santo, and Basso Fortin, Italian infantry advanced toward the bridge. After the fiercest fighting, in which one hundred Austrians were drowned, the bridge was taken. Entrance to the city was then comparatively easy.

TERRIFIC STRUGGLE AT BRIDGEHEAD.

Success on the Carso

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Rome, Wednesday, Aug. 9, via Paris, Aug. 10.—The operations which led up to the capture of Gorizia by the Italians are described in the following official narrative given out here to-day.

"The attack began on August 4th in the Montalcane section, against the Austrian positions. We stormed a very powerful enemy works there, taking 143 prisoners, but the adversary had placed in abandoned trenches quantities of bombs which exploded, giving off clouds of poisonous gases, just as our troops entered the captured lines. Heavy masses of the enemy then made counter-attacks, and our troops stumped or asphyxiated by the gas were forced to fall back to their own trenches.

The Preliminaries.

"On August 5, the artillery sounded the enemy's whole front with the object of distracting his attention and fixing the ranges accurately. On the morning of August 6, our batteries opened fire simultaneously on the rocky barrier which from Sabotino to Cavario defends the Isonzo and Gorizia to the west, and against Monte San Michele, which forms the northern edge of the Gorizian Carso. The artillery action of the day, long and carefully worked out represented a perfect example of concentrated fire against fortified lines.

Range Was Perfect

"Thanks to our aviators and to the observations of battery officers, the positions of the enemy had been marked off clearly on target maps and ranges for the extension and lengthening of the fire had been carried with the greatest nicety. Thus at the appointed time a veritable tempest of shells fell in a wholly unexpected manner on the positions of the enemy, demolishing everything systematically.

Infantry Dashed Forward

"Infantry columns then advanced with customary dash, well supported by a curtain of fire of our artillery, and carried the entire formidable Sabotino rampart, the point which forms the base of the Gorizia bridgehead. On the heights which cover the crest and the line southeastern slopes of the heights and stormed innumerable trenches, gradually driving the defenders before them, notwithstanding repeated counter attacks.

The Results of the Fight

"As a result of all these continuous efforts all the heights on the right bank of the Isonzo, forming the bridgehead of Gorizia, were captured and are securely held by the Italians. The line of the Isonzo, below Tolmino is assuredly in their hands and their guns dominating them and their guns dominating the three day fight covers with success of the third army, Hill 206, which command Grafburg. On the plain they drove in

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Conditions are Getting Better

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Aug. 10.—The general condition of affairs in Persia has recently shown a decided improvement. Lord Robert Cecil, minister of foreign affairs, in the House of Commons to-day. The arrival of British troops in the country, he added, gave good reason for hoping that the improvement would be maintained.

Lord Robert said he hoped that arrangements on financial and other questions would shortly be arrived at with the Persian Government. Anglo-Indian officers were being engaged in offering guarantees in southern Persia.

Another Contingent of Russians Arrive at Brest

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Brest, Aug. 10.—1.05 a.m.—Another contingent of Russian troops has been landed here. The soldiers were given an enthusiastic welcome.

The first Russian troops to land in France arrived at Marseilles on April 20, having sailed half way round the world from Vladivostok. They were followed by three other contingents and after a short rest were sent into the trenches in Champagne. Nothing has been made public officially as to the numbers of this Russian expeditionary force, but unofficial estimates have placed the strength of the first contingent at not less than 20,000 men.

CHANGE IN PRICE

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 10.—Another change in the price of all grades of crude oil, but Ragland, was announced by the principal purchasing agencies to-day. Five cents a barrel was the posted reduction, making the new prices as follows: Pennsylvanian crude, \$2.95; Cabot, \$1.87; Mercer Black, Corning and New Castle, \$1.85; Somerset, \$1.70. Ragland remained at 75 cents.

Russians Keep on Advancing

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Petrograd, Aug. 10, via London.—The capture by the Russians of the railway station of Krypin on the Stanislaw-Nadvorna railroad was announced officially to-day.

Indian Struck on Head and Died To-day

Early this morning Dr. Chapin, Wellington street, was called in consultation by Dr. Mott of Mt. Pleasant to attend Mr. James Powless, an Indian and a single man, who lives on the Sour Springs Road. Mr. Powless was found suffering from a blow on the head, and although whether he had been struck or had sustained it accidentally, could not be determined.

Mr. Powless was brought to the hospital at noon, in order to receive better attention and died a few minutes after getting there.

It is thought that the blow was given in a fight at a garden party on Tuesday night. An inquest will be held to-night at 9 o'clock.

CORP. J. SIMMONS IS REPORTED ILL

Admitted to Hospital With High Temperature, According to Letter.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Corporal Jack Simmons, Clarence St., has been admitted to hospital with a temperature of 104, was the word received by Mrs. Hetherington from her son on the firing line. Corp. Simmons' people have heard nothing of his illness, nor has his name appeared as yet in the casualty list, although, according to the news in the letter, he is in hospital, but, at latest, July 20th.

Corporal Simmons went overseas about a year ago, and served in the artillery. He expected to take a course for a commission. He would make a good officer, as he is a graduate from the Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto, and has had an advanced technical training.

QUET ALONG WHOLE FRONT

Raid by British South of Arras— Mine Exploded at Loos.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Aug. 10, 2.01 p.m.—Last night was generally quiet along our front, except for heavy hostile shelling of our lines southeast of Tross Wood." says the official statement issued here to-day. "Northwest of Pozieres we made further progress, gaining all our local objectives, which are now being consolidated. Seventy-two prisoners were taken.

"South of Arras we raided a sap of the enemy and inflicted several casualties. A similar attempt by the enemy against our trenches northwest of Hulluch met with no success. "The enemy exploded a mine southwest of Loos with no effect."

PLACED ON RESERVE

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, Aug. 10.—Seventeen brigadier-generals were placed in the reserve section of the army yesterday by order of the minister of war. Their places were filled by the promotion of an equal number of colonels.

Brigadier-General Dumetil, under secretary of munitions, has been promoted to a general of division, replacing General Desaix, who has been placed on the reserve list.

SOCIALIST WRITER PASSES AWAY

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Aug. 10.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Central News reports the death of Frau Lily Fraun, the German writer and Socialist lecturer.

About 150 delegates from all parts of the Dominion are in attendance at the nineteenth annual convention of the Canadian Horticultural Association in Berlin.

DOLLAR DAY A SUCCESS

Crowds Were on Hand This Morning Even Before the Stores Opened.

Mingling with the crowds of Dollar Day shoppers, one had only to watch and listen to know beyond all doubt, that again Dollar Day has been an overwhelming success.

As early as 7 o'clock this morning thrifty housewives wended their way cityward, and at many stores crowds collected long before the clerks were on hand, or the doors opened. All forenoon the radials added their loads to the throngs of shoppers, and the crowded streets and streets gave positive evidence of the interest taken in the event, not only by Brantford's citizens, but by everybody within reach of the city.

That there will be tired clerks and tired merchants, as well as tired shoppers when the doors close this evening, goes without saying—but that Brantford merchants have shown their ability to secure bargains for their customers, and their desire to please, all will be an established fact.

TEN YEAR FIXED ASSESSMENT FOR STEEL PRODUCTS

Council This Morning Decided to Grant This and also Close Part of Read St.

A special session of the city council was held this morning to provide a fixed assessment for ten years for the Dominion Steel Products Co., and to convey to that firm a portion of Read street, in the Hometown district. Mr. Heyd was present and addressed the members of the council in the interests of the company.

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His Worship Mayor Bowley addressed the council upon the subject of the northern Ontario fire, and asked the co-operation of the members in forming a committee to decide upon the action of the city with regard to the relief of such a calamity. The committee suggested by his worship consisted of Mr. W. C. Livingston, of the W. P. S. and the Women's relief agency corps; Mr. H. H. Powell of the Board of Trade; Mr. C. H. Watrous of the Hospital Board, Ald. Frebourn and himself (Mayor Bowley); the committee was sanctioned and appointed by the council. Following this, and the decision upon daylight saving, the council adjourned at 10.15, to meet regular session on Tuesday, Monday being Labor Day. Those present were His Worship Mayor Bowley, Ald. Ward, Harp, Minshall, Willey, Dowling, Hess.

BIG FIRE

Philadelphia, Aug. 10.—A spectacular fire destroyed the building of the Clawson Company, spice importers here, and spread to the Dr. Jays building adjoining. Other properties were also damaged. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

Belgians Hold All of the Northwest Portion of German East Africa

Many of the Enemy Killed and Wounded in Battle and Forced to Retreat Closely Followed by Belgian Troops

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Havre, Aug. 10.—The northwest part of German East Africa is now completely in the possession of the Belgians, who are closely pursuing the German forces, according to an official statement issued by the Belgian war office. The text of the statement follows:

"General Tombeur telegraphs that the Germans suffered heavily in the fighting on July 13 and 14. Their losses in killed and wounded exceeded 300 and 96 prisoners were taken.

"After the engagement on the 14th in which the bulk of the enemy forces were engaged, the Germans hastily retreated towards St. Michael, abandoning under pressure of Molitor's brigade, positions in the Mariabill region. According to the latest report received the occupation of Ushji and the railroad terminus, announced on August 3, was effected on July 29.

"The northwestern part of the German colony is now cleared of all enemy forces. The latter are retreating in the direction of Tabora, closely followed by the Belgian columns."

ON SUNDAY NEXT AT MIDNIGHT CITY REVERTS TO OLD TIME

Subject Came Up at a Special Session of the City Council This Morning, and After a Short Discussion, Motion to Go Back to Former Time Passed Unanimously

On Sunday evening next, at midnight, Brantford will revert to standard time, after some two months' experience of daylight saving, which has been tried, weighed in the balance and found wanting.

Such was the determination arrived at this morning at a special meeting of the city council, who voted unanimously for a return to the old time. The daylight saving question, to say, was only a minor reason for the meeting, the real purpose being to deal with the newly founded Dominion Steel Products Co., and its requests of the city. After that matter had been disposed of, Ald. Pitcher introduced the daylight saving question, favoring reversion to standard time.

Ald. Minshall, seconded by Ald. Pitcher, introduced the motion that the city revert to standard time on Sunday next at midnight. Ald. Wiley, although not favoring the daylight saving scheme, advocated the continuation of the new time until the end of August, as before decided upon. Ald. Minshall, Bragg and Pitcher favored reversion at once.

To the daylight saving time, Ald. Dowling attributed the good health which had prevailed in the city recently, in spite of the hot weather, and the alleged impurity of the water supply. With the others, however, he was willing to return to the old time, the vote then taken proved unanimous on the subject.

Agitation Still Against the Sale NEVER STOP MAKING GAINS

French Forces Again Gain North of Hem Wood in Somme Sector

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Copenhagen, via London, Aug. 10.—Agitation against the sale of the Danish West Indies is increasing in force, especially in the Radical, Conservative and Left parties, and evidence of dissatisfaction are beginning to appear in the radical journals and among partisans of the government.

The National Tidende and other papers print communications from prominent persons, inviting the king to refuse to sign the ratification of the Copenhagen Convention, but that the king would do so is extremely unlikely, as according to the Dutch parliamentary system, the king is never supposed to refuse his signature to a measure which the Rigsdag adopts.

There is a marked increase in the sentiment among both the public and the members of the Rigsdag that the sale should be postponed until after the elections.

DIED FROM THE HEAT

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Philadelphia, Aug. 10.—Dr. J. B. Webster, widely known in medical and geographical circles throughout the country, died here last night from heat exhaustion.

Dr. Webster took a prominent part in the relief of Lucknow during the Indian revolution in 1857. He came to America in 1875 from England. He was born in 1836 on board one of the ships of an Eastern India line of which his father was a director. He was an intimate friend of Dr. David Livingstone.

STEAMER SUNK

Malene, Sweden, Aug. 9, via London, Aug. 10.—The Norwegian Steamer Thore Hafte, 3,500 tons gross, has been sunk off Falsterbo by striking a mine.

An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Athens reports that General Callarais, Minister of War in the Greek Cabinet has resigned. While driving his own automobile along a road in the mountains above Grindelwald, Switzerland, Baron Bizutti, an Italian, plunged over a precipice.

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