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French Extend Their Offensive 30 Miles South Somme Front

French and British Forces Have Made Substantial Gains on Somme Front—The French Have Captured Maurepas and Report an Advance South of Thiepval—French now Surround Clerly and Directly Face Important Railway Tower of Combes

NO CHANGE ON EASTERN FRONT

Main Interests Are Now Centred on the Greek Situation—An Athens Despatch Says Greeks Are Rushing to Seres From All Parts of the Country to Take up Arms Against Bulgarians—Greek Official Reports are Very Conflicting

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Striking simultaneously the British and French have made substantial gains on the Somme front, according to official statements issued by Paris and London.

Maurepas has fallen to the French who have pushed forward more than two hundred yards beyond that town on a front of a mile and a quarter. The British on their side report an advance of 300 yards south of Thiepval and to have captured many prisoners.

The capture of Maurepas leaves Clerly almost completely surrounded, and also brings the French directly in front of the important railway tower of Combes. Thiepval is almost in the same position as Clerly, and the Allied front as described by Paris and London now resembles the teeth of a great saw, between which the Germans are tenaciously holding the ruins of several villages. Press despatches from the Somme front indicate the French are preparing for an extension of their offensive for a distance of 30 miles south of the present battle line. They are reported to have opened tremendous cannonading from Estrees to Lasigny, and the bombardment is said to have reached unprecedented intensity during the last two days.

No change is reported on the eastern front, but the Russian offensive in Armenia is apparently assuming powerful proportions. Petrograd reports the reconquest of the important Armenian town of Mush, and the capture of 2000 prisoners at Rachtia. The situation on the Saloniki front still remains obscure, but apparently there has been no important change in positions of the belligerents since the Allied flanks were forced back by the Bulgarians in the opening of the offensive.

There have been no further reports as to the attitude of Roumania. The main interests are centred at present on the situation in Greece. Athens news despatches report that Greek volunteers are rushing to Seres from all parts of the country to take up arms against the Bulgarians. Athens official information is conflicting, as no reports are being received as to whether or not the Greeks and Bulgarians have actually clashed. Reports received from the Greek capital state fighting has been going on at Seres for some days.

The Italians are pushing a new offensive on the extreme north of the Austro-Italian line, and claim the capture of several Austrian positions.

Von Mackenzen

LONDON, Aug. 24.—A wireless press despatch from Berne says that the Vienna paper Allgemeine Zeitung in denying reports that Von Mackenzen is on the Western front, states that he is Commander-in-Chief of the combined Bulgarian-German-Turkish forces operating against the Allies at Salonika.

Belgian Transport Becomes Total Wreck

QUEBEC, Aug. 24.—The Belgian transport steamer Inductionaire which grounded some days ago on the reefs off Magdalen Islds. in the Gulf is a total wreck. She broke in two last night.

Was British Armed Yacht "Zaida"

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The Admiralty announces that the Germans claim to have sunk a patrol boat in the neighborhood of the Gulf of Alexandria, doubtless refers to the British armed yacht "Zaida," which was engaged in destroying patrol stores in the Gulf. According to a Turkish report four officers and 19 men of the crew of the Zaida were taken prisoners. The fate of the remaining two officers and eight men is unknown. It is assumed they are lost. The German claim referred to by the British Admiralty has not been published previously. The "Zaida" was a yacht of 108 tons, and prior to the war was owned by Earl Rosebery, a former British premier.

Three Killed In Air Raid

Several More Are Injured by Zeppelin Early To-day—Raid Was Made Over a South-East Coast Town.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Three persons were killed and several injured by a Zeppelin which dropped a large number of bombs in the neighborhood of a town on the south-east coast of England early to-day, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. Several houses were damaged. At another place on the south-east coast many bombs were dropped, one fell into a railway station yard and demolished some railings, while another bomb completely wrecked a dairy.

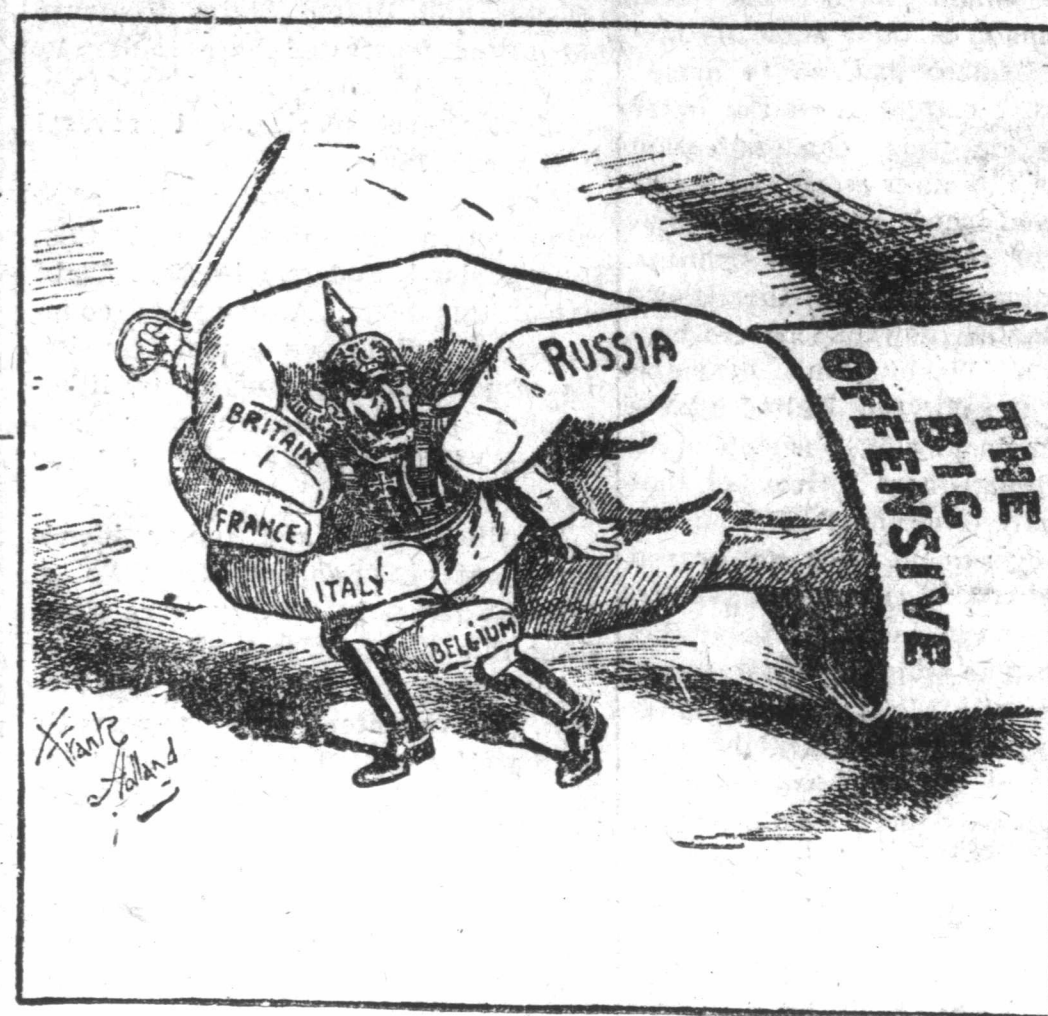
KAISER TO DECORATE SUB'S CREW

Emperor William is Delighted That Deutschland Got Safely Home—Sends Message of Congratulations to Her Owners and Will Bestow Decorations on Members of Her Crew

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 25.—According to a despatch received here to-day from Berlin, Emperor William has sent the following telegram to the owners of the submarine Deutschland: "With sincere pleasure I have just received the news of the safe return of the submarine liner Deutschland. I heartily congratulate the owners and builders of the vessel, as well as the brave seamen under Capt. Koenig's command." The message also expresses the intention of the Emperor to bestow decorations on the members of the crew.

Whole Turk Regiment Surrendered To Russians

PETROGRAD, Aug. 24.—Our offensive west of Lake Van is developing. Northeast of the town Mush we occupied the region of the village of Arindovank. In the region of the village of Bachtia two regiments were surrounded and taken prisoners. One body with its commander and staff, cannon and machine guns. Counting captured booty and prisoners taken is proceeding.



THE FINGERS OF FATE. The grip begins to tighten. —John Bull (London).

Fighting on Somme Front Is Marked by Murderous Work of British Artillery

With Every Stage of the British Progress in Somme Region the Fighting Grows More Bitter and Artillery Fire Hotter—Thiepval Now a Pulverized Mass of Ruins—British 15 Inch Shells Are Having Great Effect on German Dugouts—Spouts of Dust and Smoke Raise to a Height of 200 Feet

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The British progress in the Somme region, where with every stage British progress in the fighting seems to become more bitter and their artillery fire hotter. On the left the Germans hold Thiepval and on right still cling to Guillemont, which of all ruined villages is now the most completely pestle-mixed by shell fire.

The repulse last night of a German attempt to drive the British out of the edge of Guillemont and a neighboring stone quarry was one of the most sanguinary since the war began. To-night the British have been making further progress east of Delville Wood and further tightening of the pincers has taken place on Giechy and Guillemont.

This afternoon they pressed forward in another lap towards Thiepval, and observers witnessed another artillery curtain of fire which utterly silenced the German machine guns. As the British advanced picking its way among the shell craters for four hundred yards up a hill side then entered a German trench and sent back the usual bunches of German prisoners.

All was seen as clearly as if on a stage and viewed from a gallery, even to the detail of men standing on the edge of the trench throwing bombs as they might toss biscuits into a basket, clearing out snipers, plodding ahead with their supplies of bombs to carrying their light machine guns. That persistent line of infantry, under cover with continuous blasts from their own guns and in the midst of bursting shells the enemy never faltering, he reached the very top of a ridge at one point for a front of 100 yards, they were within only five hundred yards of the pulverized remains of what once was the village of Thiepval which has become the most respectable of pines to hundreds of thousands of men. Meanwhile the British kept sending 15-inch shells into the Thiepval area and into German dugouts, which lie deep under the wreckage of houses. Spouts of smoke and dust rose to a height of 200 feet and what looked like bodies of men or sections of timbers were tossed about.

Claims Defeat of Serbs Near Lake Ostrovo

BERLIN, Aug. 24.—The Bulgarians attack is proceeding against the Serbian positions near Lake Ostrovo on the Macedonian front, the war office reports to-day and says the Bulgarians defeated the Serbian counter-attacks.

France Raises Another U. S. Loan

A Second Commercial Credit of \$25,000,000 Is Arranged For and Is Secured by Collateral Consisting of French Government Bonds

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Completion of negotiations for the extension of a second commercial credit to France is announced here. The new credit is for \$25,000,000. The new credit runs for 90 days sight drafts. It is secured by collateral consisting of French Government bonds, which are held in New York, and payment in gold at maturity at New York is guaranteed by the Bank of France. Several New York banking houses will participate in the advance.

BREMEN NOW WELL ON HER WAY TO U. S.

Alfred Lesman Head of Company Owning Submarine Says he Has Received a Message From the Bremen That Leads Him to Expect Her Early Arrival in America

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The German submarine Bremen, reported as proceeding to the United States, is well on her way, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen. The despatch adds, Alfred Lesman, head of the Ocean Navigation Co. which company owns the Bremen, says he has received a message from the submarine that it will arrive in America in a few days.

French Complete Occupation of Maurepas

PARIS, Aug. 25.—French troops to-day completed their occupation of Maurepas, and carried their line two hundred metres beyond the town on a front of two kilometres, according to an official statement issued to-night.

The Danish West Indies

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The Danish Landsting has rejected the proposal of the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States, says a Reuters despatch from Copenhagen.

BRITISH MAKE ADVANCE SOUTH OF THIEPVAL

Have Advanced 300 Yards and Take Many Prisoners in Doing so—Hostile Attack Against Trenches North of Bazentin-le-Petit is Easily Repulsed by British

LONDON, Aug. 25.—British troops advanced 300 yards south of Thiepval capturing a German trench 400 yards in length and many prisoners, according to an official statement issued by the War Office to-day. Text of the statement is as follows: "South of Thiepval this morning we made a further advance of 360 yards, capturing an enemy trench 400 yards in length, many prisoners being taken in this sector. Yesterday 62, including two officers, were pushed back, these are in addition to 164 already reported to-day. A further number was also taken, but the exact number has not as yet been ascertained.

A hostile bombing attack against our new trenches north of Bazentin-le-Petit was easily repulsed last night. There has been considerable hostile shelling this evening along our front, mainly in reply to our bombardment."

Hun Attacks Against French Are Repulsed

PARIS, Aug. 25.—The French gains on the Somme front in the vicinity of Maurepas yesterday were followed by heavy German counter attack last night. An official report issued to-day says the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses. The German assault was delivered against Hill 121 near Maurepas. Heavy shelling of the German lines continues in the region of Lassigny and Roye in the Verdun front. Germans attacked Flury in the night but were unsuccessful.

Heavy Gun Firing Heard in North Sea

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 25.—Advices received here to-day from the Dutch island of Amalind, in the North Sea, states continual heavy gun firing from north could be heard all through the morning.

Dutch Firms Blacklisted by German Government

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 25, via London.—The Neutos Van Der Dag says Germany has issued a "black list" of certain Dutch firms which are denied German goods and Dutch merchants who supply with German goods are threatened with a boycott.

Russians Resume Advance Along Entire Asiatic Front

PETROGRAD, Aug. 25 (by Wireless to London).—It is announced that the Russians have resumed their advance along the entire Asiatic front. The Turks have evacuated Bitlis.

Turks Claim Repulse of Russians On Caucasus Front

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 24.—The repulse of a Russian attack on Turkish positions along the Caucasus front, with a loss of 3,400 Russian troops, is reported in the Turkish official statement.

No Damage Resulted

LONDON, Aug. 25.—An official statement dealing with the late air raid says fifteen high explosive and fifteen incendiary bombs were dropped in open fields, but that no damage or casualties resulted.

The Balkan Front

LONDON, Aug. 24.—A statement on the Balkan fighting says that the French and British have repulsed Bulgarian attempts to recapture positions in Doiran sector, while the Serbs have retaken Hill 1506, north-west of Ostrovo.

'Times' Expert Does Not Look for the Ending of War Until 1918

Germans Active South of the Somme

PARIS, Aug. 24.—After intense bombardment of Soyecourt Woods, the Germans attacked with grenades the French positions south of the Somme last night, but without avail, says to-day's War Office statement. Positions between Fleury and Thiaucourt, which had been taken by the French, were violently shelled by the German guns.

British Consul Released

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Col. O'Connor, former British Consul at Shiraz, Persia, together with other residents of Shiraz who were taken prisoners by the pro-German Persian chiefs last November, have been released. O'Connor has reached Bournemouth safely.

Another Raid By Zeppelins

Hostile Airship Crossed East Coast of England About Midnight Wednesday—A Number of Explosive Bombs Dropped in Open Fields

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The east coast of England was visited again last night by a hostile airship which dropped bombs in a field, but did no damage. The British official statement concerning the raid says: "A hostile airship crossed the East Coast shortly before midnight last night, and a number of incendiary, and some explosive bombs were dropped in open fields. No damage or casualties are reported. The airship went to sea again before one o'clock this morning.

HUNGER AND PEACE RIOTS IN HAMBURG

Hamburg Has Been the Scene of Stormy Times the Past Week—Authorities Were Taken by Surprise and Were Unable to Quell the Disturbances—Many Shops Wrecked

LONDON, Aug. 24.—A despatch to the Chronicle from Amsterdam says that for a week past the port of Hamburg has been in a state of revolution. One who has just escaped, as he expressed it, tells an extraordinary story of the gradually rising exasperation of the population, until early last week they broke into hunger riots and peace demonstrations. The authorities appear to have been taken by surprise, for the police were unable, and perhaps unwilling, to quell the disturbances. They were completely overpowered, and before soldiers could arrive angry crowds had forced their way through several principal streets and smashed every shop and business house window. Only vigorous measures were able to restore order.

Russians Reoccupy Town of Mush

PETROGRAD, Aug. 25.—Russian forces operating in southern Turkish Armenia have reoccupied Mush, which was captured by the Turks on August 8, says an official statement issued by the War Department to-night. The statement adds the Russians captured 2,300 prisoners in the battle of Rachtia.

From Lloyds

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Lloyds reports the Norwegian steamer Velox, 177 tons, sunk in the North Sea. The crew are landed. The Danish steamer or Avenit, bound for the Thames with a cargo of wood pulp, has been seized by a German torpedo boat.

Times Military Expert in Optimistic Review of Present Situation Believes the War is Not Yet Near its End—Contents Our Superiority in the Field Not Adequate—Does Not Give That Annihilating Preponderance Necessary For Victory

SOLDIERS DON'T TRUST THE POLITICIANS

Next Spring After we Complete Our Own Supplies and Set to Work With a Will to Arm Russia he Thinks the Allies Will be in a Position to Finally Crush the Most Frantic Efforts of the Central Powers

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The Times military expert in an optimistic review of the present military situation points out his reasons for believing the war is not yet near its end and discusses the arming of all Allied armies for the campaign of 1917 and 1918.

Our superiority in field says the writer is not yet adequate, hence it does not give us that annihilating preponderance which is necessary for victory. Next spring having completed our own supplies, we can set to work and arm Russia with a will. We can then fit out our armies for 1917 and 1918, which must in the end crush the most frantic efforts of the Central Powers and as we can last so long, or longer, if necessary we can be satisfied with nothing but complete satisfaction of our demands. The Allies will end the war as such formidable military powers and so super-abundantly supplied with weapons and material that its failure would be gross negligence on the part of our Governments during peace parleys. Germany will never be able to face a war again in our time.

Many soldiers firmly believe that the politicians will sell out in the end, but this opinion is certainly wrong for the force of public opinion behind the war is so strong that the public would think nothing of taking all the members of the Government and hanging them in a row if they showed any inclination to throw away at peace parleys the fruits of our stupendous war efforts.

GREEKS ARE ANXIOUS TO AID ENTENTE

Officers and Men From all Parts of Greece are Flooding to Saloniki to Volunteer With Entente Forces to Fight the Bulgarians—Intense Feeling is Everywhere Manifested

ATHENS, Aug. 25.—From all parts of Greece officers and men are hastening to Saloniki to volunteer with the Entente force to fight the Bulgarians. A corps of Albanians has arrived at Saloniki. In view of the intensity of the feeling over the Bulgarian advance a mass meeting which is being planned for next Sunday in celebration of the anniversary of the revolution of 1909 is regarded with some apprehension. The advance of the Bulgarians in north-eastern Greece was made with the sanction of the Government.

No Report of Any Casualties or Damage Done by Air Raid

LONDON, Aug. 25.—German airships again carried out a raid on the east and south-east coasts of England dropping bombs, according to an official communication issued early this morning. It says several airships crossed the east and south-east coasts of England shortly before midnight. A number of bombs were dropped, but there has been no report of casualties or any damage.

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