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British Line On The Western Front Now Is Hundred Miles

From Transports to Trenches so Well Are Soldiers Trained in England

Paris, Aug. 23.—The Petit Parisien states that the British line in Northern France and Flanders has been lengthened to more than 100 miles.

Field Marshal Sir John French is now so well satisfied with the training of his troops that he is now ready to order the new troops to be drafted for the trenches from transports.

JOYFULLY GO TO WAR WITH TURKS

Rome, Aug. 23.—Italy's declaration of war against Turkey has been greeted enthusiastically from the Alps to the Ionian Sea.

General Cadorna, commander-in-chief of the Italian army, says his men received the news with great cheering.

Undine, Italy, Aug. 23.—The fact is now disclosed that joint military action by Italy with England, France and Russia against Turkey was arranged by General Porro, Italian, during his visit to the Anglo-French front in July.

TWO ENEMY VESSELS GONE

Sofia, Bulgaria, via London, Aug. 23.—The Turkish collier Zephanus has been torpedoed by a British submarine.

Hamburg Report Says Arrangements to That End Being Made

Amsterdam, via London, Aug. 23.—A message from Hamburg, Germany, states that a company called the "Swedish American line" is being formed to carry on passenger trade between New York and Swedish ports.

It is said that delegates are negotiating with German companies for the purchase of ships.

They Paid Up Taxes Well in Fredericton

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 23.—Was does not seem to have interfered with tax collections in this city.

Manchester Unity

The annual convention of the I. O. O. F. of Manchester Unity will open in Halifax on next Wednesday.

Cholera in Germany

Amsterdam, Aug. 23.—The Berlin Visits states that bathing places on the rivers near Berlin have been closed by the police.

Weather Bulletin

Issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Depressions exist in the St. Lawrence Valley and the northwest states.

The weather is showery in Quebec and over Lake Superior; elsewhere fair.

Maritime—Fresh southeast to south winds; showers tonight and on Tuesday with local thunder storms.

New England Forecasts—Fair tonight and Tuesday; cooler tonight, moderate southwest wind.

GIVE THE RUSSIANS NEEDED COMFORT

Events of The Last Few Days Have Been Cheering

MAIN LINE INTACT

Loss of Kovno Did Not Bring Breach in Communications—Armies Continue Well Ordered Retreat, Inflicting Great Losses on Enemy

London, Aug. 23.—Telegraphing to the Times, from Petrograd, the correspondent of that newspaper in the Russian capital says:

From official communications and other reliable sources, much needed comfort has been derived, since Friday.

The unexpected brevity of the resistance of the strong fortifications of Kovno has contrasted with the gloomy forebodings, not entailed a rupture of our main line of communications.

The surviving garrison was forthwith reinforced by forces who are staunchly holding the line from the right to Janow and on a bank of the Niemen, south of Janow and Albusan.

Behind the screen of General Schmettow's cavalry masses a huge German concentration is believed to be in progress and making preparations for a drive from Dvinsk to Vilna.

There is no anxiety here at present that the enemy will be able to endanger the retreat of the armies operating between Grodno and Brest-Litovsk.

The rear guards of these armies are holding back the enemy along the line of Ostroweta, Bialystok and Brest-Litovsk.

We still hold the Bialystok, Brest, Litovsk railway and still have four double track trunk lines clear for the movement of our troops north and east.

The German expectations that Grodno would be our Sedan may be treated with equanimity. It is true there is the onslaught on Brest-Litovsk still to be reckoned with, but its eventual loss probably already has been discounted.

Had the Russian armies operating from Grodno and Brest-Litovsk been in direct contact with the central and northern groups the fate of Brest-Litovsk might have exceeded a local act against him.

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LATEST PHOTOGRAPH FROM THE DARDANELLES



Carrying British wounded soldiers through the trenches.

ONLY ONE POINT NOW IN DOUBT

Will Germany Claim That The Arabic, by Changing Course, Invited Attack?

Washington, Aug. 23.—Final reports concerning the sinking of the Arabic still were awaited by administration officials today, pending the receipt of which the attitude of the United States government remains undetermined.

Already the question seems to have been cleared up that the Arabic was torpedoed without warning.

The point now in doubt is as to whether Germany will claim that the change of course of the liner just before she was attacked led the submarine commander to believe that she was attempting a hostile act against him.

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Story of Defeat of German Navy in Gulf of Riga Confirmed

Russians Lost Only One Gunboat and She Went Down Gallantly Fighting—The Enemy Very Hard Hit

London, Aug. 23.—An official Russian communication descriptive of the naval battle in the Gulf of Riga was forwarded from Petrograd today by the correspondent of the Central News. The statement follows:

In the Gulf of Riga, between August 16 and 19, the Russian fleet sank or damaged no fewer than two German cruisers, and eight torpedo boats. At the same time a British submarine sank one of the best German dreadnoughts.

The Russian gunboat Sivutich was sunk in a brilliant fight in the course of which she sank a German torpedo boat, while herself was in flames and sinking.

This statement tallies with previous advice, except that the German losses were given as three cruisers and seven torpedo boats.

Between the 16th and 21st, two enemy cruisers, and no fewer than three torpedo boats, were either sunk or placed hors de combat.

Simultaneously our gallant allies succeeded in torpedoing in the Baltic one of the most powerful dreadnoughts of the German fleet.

This contains no reference to the loss of the Russian gunboat Korsets, which was said in an official German statement of Saturday to have been sunk as well as the Sivutich.

RUSSIANS LOST ONLY ONE VESSEL

Petrograd, Aug. 23.—The little Russian gunboat Sivutich with a crew of 148 men is said by the Petrograd newspapers to be the only Russian warship sunk in the Gulf of Riga.

Commander Tcherassov, who distinguished himself at Port Arthur, was in command of the Sivutich. The number of survivors has not been announced.

Although the president of the Duma announced that the German battle cruiser Moltke had been sunk by a British submarine, there still appears to be some doubt whether it was the Moltke or a vessel of that type which was sent to the bottom.

The only other German warship of the type of the Moltke, according to 1914 naval records, is the battle cruiser Goeben sold to Turkey in 1914 and renamed the Sultan Selim.

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HOME AFTER AUTO TRIP TO NEW YORK

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Trifts returned to the city on Saturday after an automobile trip to New York.

They left St. John on August 5 and took a little more than a fortnight for the trip.

Mr. Trifts said that there is some pleasure in motoring across the border, which is more than he could say of conditions in New Brunswick.

He found the roads on this side of the boundary line in very bad condition while in New England there was vast improvement. He was struck also by the way in which traffic rules were observed and the thoughtfulness of vehicle drivers.

Whenever a vehicle intended to make a change in the direction in which they were going the driver would always signal the direction with his hands in order that those behind might be prepared for the change and avoid collisions.

GERMANS LOSE ANOTHER ONE

French Sink Enemy Torpedo Boat Destroyer Off Ostend

Paris, Aug. 23.—(Noon).—Two French boats encountered and sank a German torpedo boat destroyer off Ostend (Belgium), last night, says an announcement made here today.

"Our boats were undamaged."

Jewel Theft in Toronto

Toronto, Aug. 23.—During Saturday night burglars looted the safe of Chapman Bros. Jewellers, at 261 Yonge street, and got away with diamonds watches, and other jewelry roughly estimated at \$5,000.

GERMANY'S FUNDS GETTING LOW

Amsterdam Aug. 23.—The Dutch newspaper Telegraaf prints the following:—

"At a secret conference of German cabinet members, politicians and influential writers, called by Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg in Berlin before the reassembling of the Reichstag, Kaz Heiferich, secretary of the treasury, explained that the new German loan would exhaust the empire's financial resources and that the increase in exchequer bonds would cause national bankruptcy. Therefore he urged that it was necessary to prepare for an honorable peace."

"Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg declared the difficulties of the empire were increasing and advised his hearers to ally the bellicose inclinations of the 'war party,' and expansionists."

"Dr. Bernhard Dernburg's failure of his mission in the United States made a strong impression upon the conference."

ST. JOHN BOY AND GIRL SENT HOME, TRYING TO GET TO CAPE BRETON

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 23.—Two St. John children, brother and sister, attracted attention this morning on No. 2 train. They boarded it at St. John.

They told Conductor Henderson they were trying to reach the grandparents' home in Cape Breton.

"My name is James Munroe and I am eleven years old," said the boy. My name is Cassie. I'll be ten in September," said the girl.

"I wanted to go down to Bras D'Or and help make hay," said the lad.

"You will be sent back home," said the conductor, dispelling Jimmy's visions of haymaking. It is reported that on Saturday they were taken off a train at Sussex and sent back to St. John.