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PROBS Scattered thunderstorms at first, but generally fair; not quite so warm.

BRITISH REPEL ATTACKS French Take Trenches Between Hem Wood and Somme TURKISH PRETENSIONS IN EGYPT Germans Fail in Five Assaults In Stubborn Effort To Regain Control of Plateau of Pozieres

RUSSIANS WIN MORE GROUND BELOW BRODY

Slav Troops Capture Strongly Fortified Positions From Teutons.
FOE'S ATTACKS FAIL
German Attempts Along Line of Stokhod Suffer Repulse.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.
PETROGRAD, Aug. 7.—Pursuing the advantages previously won in the region of the Graberka and the Sereth Rivers, Russian troops captured strongly fortified positions in the vicinity of the Villages of Zvyin, Kostin, and Beniy, and fought fierce bayonet encounters with the Austrians in the woods of this region, according to today's official communication from Russian general headquarters. A further capture of 13 officers and 3,000 men was made in this fighting on Sunday.
The Germans claim that Russian attacks northwest and west of Tal were repulsed.
Counter-attacks made by the enemy were repulsed. Fighting is proceeding on this front under difficult conditions. Uninterrupted rains have converted the country almost into a morass, making the going exceedingly slow.
Their successes to the south of Brody bring the Russians within 15 miles of the Tarnopol-Lemberg railway. It is reported that the Austrian forces at Tarnopol already are retiring in the direction of Zlochoff.
The Russians also won a success on the Stokhod River by driving the Germans out of a section of trenches in the region of Zareze without firing a single shot. Two hundred Germans and twelve of their officers were taken in this assault, as well as a machine gun, and the captured positions were occupied.
The Germans took the offensive at several places along the Stokhod River.

NEW ZEALAND CADETS ARE BEST MARKSMEN

Canadian Associated Press Cable.
LONDON, Aug. 7.—Col. Rose of the National Rifle Association announced today the result of the competitions held in the various schools of the empire for the Prince of Wales Challenge Cup and Naital Challenge Cup. The matches, which are open to pupils under 20 years of age, are held for every year. New Zealand takes first place, Australia sixth, and Canada (Calgary Collegiate) seventh. In the junior section, New Zealand again leads. The rifle used was the Lee-Enfield type, except in the case of the Canadian schools, who used the Ross rifle.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

COMFORTABLE to the general staff plan of the grand alliance, an Italian offensive on the lower Isonzo has just been declared. This is the real, active theatre of Italian operations, for the offensive in the Trentino was undertaken for the purpose of clearing Italian territory of Austrians. The initial stages of the Italian Isonzo attacks have won for them several lines of trenches in the Montafone sector, with the taking of 3600 prisoners, including 100 officers. The advance is upon Hills 85 and 121, and material progress has been gained in the direction of these eminences. As three heavy cannon were captured by the Italians, as well as a colonel and staff major, it is certain that the Italians have penetrated into the enemy lines for a depth of at least two thousand yards, for guns and colonel are usually stationed a considerable distance behind the front lines. In the Tofano zone the Italians also won an important success by capturing strong positions that command the Austrian communications between the Travenzen Valley and the Sare torrent in the Valley of the Gader. According to the Austrians the Italians lost part of their Isonzo gains to a counter-attack.

The effect of this extension of the combined allied pressure against the Austrians will ultimately be felt in the weakening of the enemy on every front. It is probable that the operations from Saloniki have been reserved for a month hence, altho the Serbians have begun the campaign against their inveterate enemies, the Bulgarians, by assaulting and driving them from Greek villages. It is not improbable that the Austrians in their anxiety to meet the Russian threat in the Carpathians have weakened their forces on the Italian front.

BRITISH RETAIN GROUND WON DESPITE FURIOUS ONSLAUGHTS

Germans Gained Footing at Two Points in Fighting Around Pozieres, But Were Speedily Driven Out—Five Attacks in All Beaten Off.
FRENCH SHOW FINE DASH IN CAPTURE OF TRENCHES
Number of Germans and Ten Machine Guns Taken in Attack Between Hem Wood and Somme River—Progress South of Thiaumont.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.
LONDON, Aug. 7.—British troops repulsed early this morning two strong and determined German attacks on their newly won positions north and northeast of Pozieres, driving out hostile detachments which had made their way into the British trenches at one or two points, and also repulsed two further strong attacks in the same manner about four hours later, and in the afternoon they speedily disposed of a feeble attack. This makes five attacks in all beaten off by the British on the Somme front today. Some prisoners were taken.
The Germans also made several small attacks east of Pozieres last night and these were all summarily dealt with. The foe continued to bombard the front and back areas of the British positions between the Ancre and the Somme.
Had Temporary Footing.
The text of the night British communication reads:
"North and northeast of Pozieres the enemy delivered two determined attacks on our new lines between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning. After a heavy bombardment he entered our trenches at one or two places, but was driven out again, losing many in casualties and leaving some prisoners in our hands."
Two further strong attacks were made at 8.30 in the morning with exactly similar results. Soon after 4 in the afternoon another feeble attack was repulsed; more prisoners were taken.
In front of Souchez the enemy exploded a mine, and a few minutes later some of his parties entered our trenches over the crater. They were immediately bombed out again.
At Zwartelen the enemy sprang another small mine without effect. The enemy artillery has been active near Bethune, Le Bassoe Canal and Loos. The result in casualties and damage was negligible. Our guns retaliated vigorously.
Small Counter-Attacks.
The British communication, issued this afternoon, follows:
"The situation is unchanged. Hostile artillery bombardments continue between the Ancre and the Somme, both on the front line and back areas."
"The enemy made several small counter-attacks east of Pozieres, all of which were repulsed with loss to the enemy. We retained the ground won yesterday."
"Last night we carried out a successful raid on the enemy's trenches east of Neuville St. Vaast. South-east of Bois Grenier the enemy entered our trenches, but was driven out again."
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TWO GERMAN SUBS OFF MAINE COAST?

Strange Vessels Reported Close to Canadian Waters Yesterday.
WATCHERS ON ALERT
Craft May Prove to Be Bremen and a Consort.

PORTLAND, Maine, Aug. 7.—Every point along the Maine coast was being watched sharply today and last night for two submarines, believed to be foreign vessels, and possibly the long-expected German merchantman Bremen and a consort.
The strange vessels were reported five miles off Cross Island, near Machias, and close to Canadian waters today by a coast guard lookout, but no word had reached here tonight but the emphatic declaration from that station that they were undersea craft. The vigil along the coast extended as far east as Halifax, N.S., and St. John, N.B., both of which ports reported that British naval authorities had no information regarding the presence of submarines in those waters.
During the afternoon a thick fog moved in from the sea and made extended observation impossible.

FEARS FOR SAFETY OF KUT PRISONERS

They Had to Cross Desert at Worst Season of Year.
LONDON, Aug. 7. 3.55 p.m.—Apprehension exists as to the fate of the British prisoners taken at the time of the surrender of Kut-el-Amara to the Turks. Lord Robert Cecil said in the House of Commons today that repeated inquiries had been made through the American embassy at Constantinople to ascertain the whereabouts of these prisoners, but he had no reply had been received from the Porte. This, he said, inspired considerable misgivings, as the prisoners were compelled, after the fall of Kut-el-Amara, to cross the desert at the worst season of the year.

TURKS' ROUT IN ROMANI BATTLE CRUSHING BLOW

More Than Three Thousand Taken Prisoner and Losses Heavy.
CLEARED FROM KATIA
Enemy's Attempt to Impress Rebellious Arabs Proved Most Disastrous.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—The most recent attempt of the Turks to reach the Suez Canal has proved an even greater failure than the earlier reports indicated. Lieut.-Gen. Sir Archibald James Murray, commander of the British forces in Egypt, reports today that besides taking more than 3000 prisoners in the battle with the Turks at Romani, his forces inflicted very heavy losses on them and had continued the pursuit of the retreating troops for 18 miles, clearing the Turks from the Katia basin.
Military writers are unable to fathom the reason why the Turks ventured upon their attack. The only conclusion reached is that the Turkish military authorities were misled as to the British preparations for the defence of the canal and hoped to make an impression on the rebellious Arabs, who are extending their hold on important places in Arabia.
The Turkish advance as far as Romani was made in the face of the greatest difficulties, their six-inch guns being fired from the rear.
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FOE'S END NEAR IN EAST AFRICA

General Botha on Scene to Witness Last Phase of Campaign.
SERIES OF TRIUMPHS
Germans Driven From Line of Central Railway at Several Points.

LONDON, Aug. 7. 1.45 p.m.—Gen. Louis Botha, premier of the Union of South Africa, has arrived in German East Africa to witness what is believed here to be the last phase of the operations against Germany's one remaining colony. Gen. Botha was present at the recent fighting north of the German Central Railway, which resulted in a British advance to and occupation of the lines at Kilimatindio and other points.
Meanwhile, with the occupation of Ujiji by the Belgians and of Sudan and other coast ports by the British, the Germans apparently are afforded only the opportunity of retreating into the southeastern corner of the colony, where the Portuguese, in their East African possession, are awaiting them.
Rapid progress in the southwest drive of the British thru German East Africa is reported in an official communication.
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AUSTRIANS HEAVILY ENGAGING ITALIANS

Claim Recovery of Greater Portion of Lost Territory on Isonzo.
VIENNA, via London, Aug. 7.—The Austrian official communication, issued here today, says:
"Heavy fighting is taking place in the region of the Gorizia bridgehead and on the Dobardo plateau. Stubborn battles on Monte Sabotino and Monte San Michele lasted throughout the whole night and have not yet been concluded. Counter-attacks by the Austrians resulted in the recovery of a greater portion of the advanced positions captured by the Italians in their first assault. The Austrians have taken 32 officers and 1200 men prisoners."

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