

ATTEMPTS TO RETAKE FLEURY AND MAUREPAS FAIL

GRAND DUKE RENEWS OFFENSIVE--BITLIS EVACUATED

SERBS BENING THE BULGARIAN LINE ALONG WHOLE FRONT

PINCERS ARE ABOUT TO NIP GERMANS ON SOMME FRONT

Haig Makes Further Progress at Delville.

ADVANCES 200 YARDS

Girdle Around Ghinchy and Guillemont Is Being Tightened.

London, Aug. 25, 4:42 p.m.—Official announcement was made today that after hard fighting on the Somme front, the British lines have been advanced several hundred yards in the region near Delville Wood.

The statement follows: "On our right we joined up with the French, who made important progress yesterday through Maurepas. Much hard fighting has taken place in the eastern and northern edges of Delville wood, and we have now advanced our line several hundred yards on the east side of Longueval-Piers road. As a result of these operations eight officers and 179 of other ranks have been taken prisoner by 8 o'clock this morning.

"The length of the enemy's trenches captured south of Thiepval yesterday, reported in last night's communication, extends across the Loos salient for a distance of 700 yards. Still further progress has been made in this sector.

"Near the quarry east of Hulloch we exploded a mine, the crater of which we are now consolidating. Last night we made several successful raids, entering the German lines north of Neuville-St. Vaast, near Hulloch, and west of Aubers, inflicting some loss on the enemy. Near Cuiheny a small hostile raiding party entered one of our saps, but was easily bombed out."

[By Frederick Palmer.] With the British Armies in France, Aug. 24.—Night—Via London, Aug. 25.—There has been murderous work on both flanks in the Somme region where, with every stage of the British progress, the fighting seems to become more bitter and the artillery fire hotter. On the left the Germans hold to Thiepval and on the right still cling to Guillemont, which of all the ruined villages now is most completely pummeled by shell fire.

The repulse last night of a German attempt to drive the British out of the edge of Guillemont and the neighbouring stone quarries, was one of the most sanguine since the war began.

Tightening the Pincers. The British have been making further progress east of Delville wood and further tightening (Continued on Page 11, Column 2.)

SOUTHERN ALBERTA HAS MAGNIFICENT CROPS

[Canadian Press.] Winnipeg, Aug. 25.—Miss Cora Hind, the crop expert of the Free Press, writes that Southern Alberta has a magnificent crop of all grains, especially wheat, and provided frost doesn't come before September 15, will harvest the largest quantity of high-grade wheat in the history of the province. Wheat cutting has started in some districts.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 81; lowest, 48. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 75; lowest, 54.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL. Toronto, Aug. 25.—3 a.m. forecasts. Moderate to fresh winds to north-westerly winds; generally fair and a little cooler today and on Saturday.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Winnipeg	78	52	Clear
Port Arthur	79	48	Cloudy
Port Stanley	81	48	Clear
Buffalo	74	60	Clear
London	75	54	Clear
Kitchener	74	58	Fair
Ottawa	78	58	Fair
Montreal	74	62	Fair
Quebec	74	54	Cloudy
Father Point	74	54	Cloudy

Since yesterday morning showers and local thunderstorms have occurred from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and a few light scattered showers have also been experienced in the Western Provinces.

BULGARIAN CENTRE BENDING AS SERBS PRESS ONWARD PUSHING TOWARDS BORDER

Serbian Army Gradually Occupying Positions Designated in Plan of Allies—All Enemy's Counter-Attacks Have Been Repulsed.

[Canadian Press.] London, Aug. 25.—Successes against the Bulgarians all along the line of the Serbian front in Macedonia, as reported in the Serbian official statement of August 22, the statement declares that the Bulgarian centre was yielding to the Serbian pressure, and that the positions previously designated for Serbian occupation were being seized and held by Serbian troops. The statement follows: "On the right wing there has been an artillery duel.

"Our offensive is developing successfully in the centre, and the Bulgarians are being pushed back gradually toward the frontier. We captured 208 men of the Third Bulgarian division.

"All the enemy's counter-attacks in the vicinity of the frontier and on the left wing were repulsed.

"The positions chosen by our headquarters are being occupied and held."

SCOURGE APPEARS AMONGST INDIANS IN FLAX FIELDS

Three Cases of Infantile Paralysis in Hullett Tp.

ONE CASE PROVES FATAL

Every Effort Being Made To Prevent Spread of the Disease.

[Special to The Advertiser.] London, Aug. 25.—One death and two other cases of infantile paralysis is the record of infantile paralysis told among the children of a party of Indians engaged in pulling flax in Hullett Township. The outbreak of the disease children's scourge was first reported to Dr. Allison of Blith a week ago yesterday. Since that time two other cases have been reported, the third of which proved fatal.

Two Recovered. In the other two cases, a boy of two years old and another of five, recoveries are reported by Dr. Allison. The dead child was five years of age. Whether there will be an epidemic among the Indians is something that Dr. Allison cannot foretell.

"Isolation and quarantine, so necessary for the treatment of infantile paralysis, are something hard to enforce in any Indian reservation or encampment, and it is hard to tell what may happen in this party," said Dr. Allison to The Advertiser. "We are doing what we can to prevent any spread of the disease, and are watching for further symptoms, but it is next to impossible to enforce the requisite isolation."

"It has been reported that there are 25 other young children in the band, which comprises 15 or 16 families, and these will be carefully watched. Whether there will be an epidemic of the disease, there have been no cases among the white population of the district."

BULGARS ORDERED BY GERMAN STAFF TO STOP ADVANCE

Berlin Sends Word Greek Territory Must Be Evacuated.

[Canadian Press.] London, Aug. 25.—A news agency dispatch from London today says: Germany has ordered the Bulgarians to discontinue their advance into Greece and to evacuate Greek territory, fearing that Greece will be drawn into the war, according to an unconfirmed wireless dispatch from Rome today.

Several Greek generals have refused to obey orders to evacuate Eastern Macedonia fronts.

The Greek Government is said to have laid this information before Germany, adding that public indignation over the invasion has increased to such an extent that the Government is no longer master of the situation. Upon receipt of this information Germany ordered the Bulgarian withdrawal, it was stated.

ITALIANS IN DOLOMITES HANDICAPPED BY WEATHER

[Canadian Press.] Rome, Aug. 25.—Via London, 2:30 p.m. The new attack of the Italians in the Dolomites, on the northern part of the front, is being hindered by unfavorable weather conditions, but some further progress is reported in the official announcement of today.

STEAMERS ARRIVED. London, Aug. 25.—Arrived: Pannonia, New York.

Montreal, Aug. 25.—Arrived: Steamer Ansonia, London.

MANY WEAKNESSES FOUND BY EXPERT IN PARL. BUILDING

Architect Russell Says Specifications Were Ignored.

COLUMNS A "POOR JOB"

Declares Contractor Seems To Have Had His Own Way.

[Canadian Press.] Winnipeg, Aug. 25.—Architect J. S. G. Russell's evidence was continued this morning under examination by R. A. Bonnar, for the crown, in the trial of the ex-ministers. Russell testified as to various respects in which he said the specifications were not carried out by the parliament buildings contractor. Concrete filling around the steel window frames was not well put in. Brickwork around the steel columns was a "poor job."

The contractor benefitted in all these respects because he did not put in as much work as was specified. The cases in the outside walls for carrying pipes were omitted. A great many pieces of stone in the building should have been condemned.

The floors were not according to specifications, said Russell.

Plans ignored, "It looked very much," declared the witness, "as if the contractor was allowed to have his own way. Specifications were departed from in almost every particular, and the work as carried out was fairly good work, with the exception of parts of the caissons and some other things, which were absolutely bad."

Russell said the concrete in the caissons was not uniform, and in the bottoms of some caissons was almost pure gravel.

A. J. Andrews cross-examined the witness and showed him the architect's plans for the floors. Russell agreed that the floor apparently had been constructed according to this plan.

Russell claimed the original concrete specifications should have governed caissons in absence of any particular direction for that work.

Russell was cross-examined vigorously and at length on concrete mixtures and Bonnar declared that Andrews was hollering at witness as if this was a "beer garden." Witness said he disagreed in some respects from the evidence of Paul Schoeler, the previous expert witness. Russell was taken over by Andrews, and by point, and the defence counsel sought to secure admissions that the specifications had been followed and that work was well done.

DAMAGE BY HURRICANE. [Canadian Press.] San Juan, Porto Rico, Aug. 25.—Complete reports received concerning Tuesday's hurricane place the damage in excess of \$1,000,000, chiefly to tobacco properties and the grapefruit crop.

CADORNA CLOSE TO TRIESTE; BLASTING OUT THE AUSTRIANS

Italians Within Fourteen Miles of Enemy's Great Port On the Adriatic—Monfalcone Razed by Terrible Artillery Fire and Plateau Is Gashed With Shell Craters.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Aug. 25.—A news agency dispatch published here today is as follows: "With the Italian army near Gorizia, Aug. 25.—Gen. Cadorna has pressed his lines to within fourteen miles of Trieste and is gradually making progress in the difficult mountain country, where the Austrians are clinging to their positions with the utmost tenacity. Southeast of Gorizia the Italians have taken the Austrian second-line trenches, and at some places have penetrated the enemy's third line. For several days there has been no cessation in the terrific hail of shells in this sector.

Monfalcone Razed. Monfalcone, like other villages of the day to avoid snipers' bullets, Carso, has been levelled by artillery fire. Near the city, a 16-inch transatlantic steamer, which was designed for service between New York and Australia, and three torpedo boats, half completed, were blown to pieces.

The Carso plateau is potted with great shell craters. Ruined Austrian trenches and bits of wire entanglements are everywhere. Great fragments of rock, that preceded the capture of the barren peaks of Monte San Michele and San Martino, lie across hell craters filled with bodies, creating great tombs. The opposing lines are so close to together on the Carso plateau that men must be constantly on guard against the daytime to avoid snipers' bullets.

NEW OFFICIALS OF RED CROSS



MRS. A. E. COOPER. Mrs. H. G. KENNEDY. Mrs. Cooper was on Thursday elected treasurer of the London branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society in succession to Mrs. George T. Brown, who was made third vice-president. Mrs. Kennedy succeeded Mrs. E. C. Bowker as honorary corresponding secretary.

BREMEN REPORTED TAKEN IN THE STRAITS OF DOVER

Officer of British Merchant Marine Declares Submarine Was Trapped by Steel Net on August 2, and Thirty-Three of Crew Made Prisoners.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Aug. 25.—The New York City News Association quotes "an officer of the British merchant marine," who arrived here today aboard the White Star steamship Batlio, as authority for the statement that the German submarine Bremen has been captured by the British and 33 of her crew of 35 made prisoners of war. The Bremen, according to the account, was captured in the Straits of Dover in a steel net on August 2. The other two members of the Bremen's crew lost their lives.

RAILWAYS AND MEN STILL DEADLOCKED ON WILSON'S PLAN

[Canadian Press.] Washington, Aug. 25.—President Wilson summoned representatives of the employers and employees involved in the threatened railroad strike to the White House today for conference to discuss proposals which have developed out of his original plan settlement.

Arrangements were made for the representatives of employees to see the president at 10:30 o'clock and for the representatives of the employers later.

The four brotherhood heads said, entering the White House, they did not know why they had been called by the president. It was understood President Wilson wanted to get their views on legislation under consideration to prevent such a controversy in the future.

The four brotherhood heads remained with the president an hour and a half.

The situation, in so far as we are concerned," A. B. Harrison, spokesman for the employees, later said, "is absolutely unchanged. No complete concrete proposition to which the railroad will agree has been tendered to us. Our position is exactly the same as it was when we deviated from it in no way whatsoever."

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BERLIN ADMITS LOSS OF MAUREPAS TO FRENCH

Berlin, Aug. 25.—Via London, Aug. 25, 5:20 p.m.—The capture of Maurepas, on the Somme front, by the French is recorded in the official announcement of today.

MAKE OWN ARRANGEMENTS.—Officers commanding units will, as usual, make their own arrangements with regard to church services on Sunday. Roman Catholic soldiers from the Cove paraded St. Martin's, and those from Carling Camp to St. Michael's.

Russians Start New Big Offensive; Whole Line Advances In Armenia; Ottomans Have Evacuated Bitlis

ALLIED SHELLING OF HUN LINES LIKE FIRE-RAIN

Terror of the German Troops. Declares War Correspondent Wegner.

THEY CANNOT BE DODGED

Shells Drop Like Torrent Into Unprotected Pits of the Enemy.

[Canadian Press.]

Rotterdam, via London, Aug. 25.—Carl Wegner in the Kolnische Zeitung, describing the horrors to which the German troops are subjected on the Somme front by the French and British artillery fire, says that the Germans, having been forced by the first sweep of the Somme offensive to give up their strongly fortified positions, are now holding to a line of positions consisting only of a chain of shell holes.

"What is to be seen now," he writes, "is only that which we have been able to create in haste, under a fearful bombardment of both British and French. The men crouch immovably in these shell holes, with no cover from sun or rain, and not the slightest protection against the shells, dropping like a torrent from straight above."

"The men lie in these pits in the most fearful confusion with the wounded, who cannot be taken away until the approach of night, and will, of course, who cannot be buried at all. In the August heat the bodies begin to decompose quickly. Unluckily the enemy strews the country with sharpnel and blows it up with heavy shells. When the attack begins the terrors of these pits are beyond description. Like the fire rain upon Gomorrah, the drum fire of the enemy comes down from heaven."

Enmeshed in Net. The Bremen, it was said, while enmeshed in the net, was sighted by a British patrol boat, her stern under water and her bow high above the surface. After endeavoring for a time to extricate the wreck from the net the patrol boat steamed away for Dover with her prisoners.

After Another. According to the officer quoted, the British Government has maintained silence in regard to the capture, as another German transatlantic submarine, the Amerika, was said to be on the way here, and it was hoped to capture her also.

AGED MILLIONAIRE WAS ROBBED OF VAST SUMS

Edward Morrison Said to Have Been Swindled by Chicago Gang.

[Canadian Press.]

Chicago, Aug. 25.—Edward W. Morrison, the 80-year-old recluse, whose vanished millions are a subject of investigation before Judge Landis in the United States District Court, was declared today to have lost property valued at \$5,000,000 to a coterie of strange characters within the last 20 years.

Francis J. Houlihan, counsel for Morrison's creditors, declared that unscrupulous lawyers, women and habits of Chicago's underworld, came into the life of the aged man, whose wealth is estimated from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000, to obtain his money. He was taken on trips to other cities, Attorney Houlihan declared, women were brought to see him, and new characters introduced to keep his fortune dwindling.

BRITISH AND FRENCH ARRANGE MONEY PACT AT CALAIS MEETING

Asquith, Viviani and Financial Experts Draw Up Agreement.

[Canadian Press.] London, Aug. 25.—The premiers of Great Britain and France, the finance ministers of the two nations and representatives of their financial and kindred interests, met at Calais yesterday and reached an agreement on important financial matters, including payments abroad and the maintenance of exchange between the two countries, it was officially announced today.

"The French Government was represented by M. Briand, president of the council of ministers, M. B. R. hot, minister of finance, accompanied by M. Pailin, governor of the Bank of France, and M. Marjorie and O. Houdon.

October 25, 1916. Houdon was a member of the Anglo-French financial commission in America in 1915.

"The British Government was represented by Premier Asquith, Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, Edwin Samuel Montagu, minister of munitions, and Thomas McKinnon Wood, financial secretary to the treasury, accompanied by the chief justice, the governor of the Bank of England and Sir Maurice Hankey."

STRUCK OUT CLAUSE TO TAX INSURANCE POLICIES

[Canadian Press.] Washington, Aug. 25.—Democrats of the Senate finance committee today, yielding to protests from all parts of the country, struck out of the emergency revenue bill the proposed stamp tax on insurance policies, which proposed a tax of one-half cent on each dollar of premium on all policies, including life insurance.

EIGHT PERSONS KILLED IN LATEST ZEPP RAID

[Canadian Press.] London, Aug. 25.—5:50 p.m.—Eight persons were killed and 26 injured in the zeppelin raid last night. It was announced officially today. One hundred bombs were dropped. One zeppelin reached the outskirts of London.

Grand Duke Starts His Steam-Roller Again On Asiatic Front—Remnants of Turks Driven From Mosul Are Being Pursued—Germans Fail in Attempt To Seize Offensive in Galicia.

[Canadian Press.]

Petrograd, by wireless to London, Aug. 25, 11:20 a.m.—It is announced that the Russians have resumed their offensive along the entire Asiatic front.

The Turks have evacuated Bitlis.

A NEW OFFENSIVE. [Canadian Press.]

Petrograd, Aug. 25.—Via London, 2:55 p.m.—The new offensive movement of the Russians in Southern Turkish Armenia is being developed energetically. The war office reported today that the Russian troops are continuing the attack west of Lake Van. The recapture of Mush, in this district, was announced last night.

"Our offensive west of Lake Van is continuing," the statement says.

"In the direction of Mosul we are pursuing the remnant of the dispersed Turkish divisions."

FAIL TO WIN OFFENSIVE. [Canadian Press.] Petrograd, Aug. 25.—Via London, 3:30 a.m.—Austro-German forces before Kovel, in Volhynia, attempted to take the offensive yesterday, but, the war office reports, were repulsed. Small actions further to the north, in the sector between Vilna and Baranovich, also are recorded in the statement, which follows:

CLOUDS OF GAS. "In the region of the village of Sablitz, north of the Lida Molodechno Railway line, the Germans on Wednesday evening let loose a cloud of poisonous gas.

"At midnight Thursday in the region south of Telzin (northwest of Baranovich) the enemy, after a fierce artillery bombardment, launched an attack on our trenches. He was stopped by our advanced posts.

"In the direction of Kovel, in the region of the village of Velyk, the enemy made attempts to resume the offensive, but was repulsed."

HEAVY GERMAN ATTACKS FAIL

Counter-Assaults Made at Verdun and Maurepas Last Night Failed To Shake French Hold of Gains.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Aug. 25.—The French gains in the Somme front in the vicinity of Maurepas yesterday were followed by heavy German counter-attacks last night. The official report issued today says the Germans were repulsed with heavy loss.

The German assault was delivered against Hill 121, near Maurepas. Heavy shelling of the German lines continues in the region of Lassigny and Roye.

On the Verdun front the Germans attacked Fleury in the night, but were unsuccessful.

The announcement follows: "On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the enemy's artillery displayed great activity, as did ours, in the region of Thiaumont work. Toward 2 o'clock this morning the Germans made an attempt against the village of Fleury, which failed utterly.

"In the forest of Apremont there was a rather lively bombardment of our trenches. This was followed by an attempted attack, which was stopped by our curtain of fire."

"Near Chauvencourt, an enemy surprise attack against one of our small posts failed under our fire.

"One of our pilots yesterday brought down a German biplane, which fell near Gromy, northeast of Nancy."

NOTED FRENCH M. D. TELLS TREATMENT OF CHILD'S PLAGUE

Serum From Subjects Successful Against Infantile Paralysis.

[Canadian Press.] Paris, Aug. 25.—"Infantile paralysis, the appearance of which in France seems to be feared," says Professor Arnold Netter, a member of the Academy of Medicine, and an authority on the disease, "is a malady as old as the world, and which has long been known in the form of sporadic epidemics, affecting adults as well as children.

"It exists now in England and France. Thousands of persons were affected by the disease in Sweden in 1905, and France suffered in its turn in 1903 and 1910, and even as late as 1914."

As to the treatment of the disease, Professor Netter adds:

"Beginning in 1910 we employed injections of a serum derived from subjects who had been previously affected with the disease, and the results were excellent wherever the subject could be treated at the outset of the attack. The use of the serum may be considered as capable of arresting the progress and even of causing a disappearance of paralysis already developed."

Professor Netter considers a proposed quarantine of vessels from infected ports ridiculous.

CLOSE TO COMBLES. [Canadian Press.]

Paris, Aug. 25.—The complete occupation of Maurepas brings the French and the English advanced lines on the Somme within two miles of Combles, the advance on which is greatly aided by this forward movement. Maurepas formed one of the principal supporting points between the Somme and the highway from Albert to Bapaume, and was an important strategic base by reason of its situation on a plateau dominating the region towards the south.

The Germans have placed on the line against the French between Harcourt and Clerf, the Fifth Division of Bavarian Reserves and the First Division of the Prussian Guards. This guard division is commanded in person by Prince Eitel Frederick, the second son of the German emperor, and took part in the fighting at Maurepas.

Guillemont, where the English have made progress, is being defended by the Kaiser Wilhelm II. Regiment of Wurtemberg.