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BRITISH

London, Aug. 27.—The Admiralty announces that German submarine losses have been important, though they have not been made public by us, where the enemy has no other source of information.

The French Government report important air raids on various enemy railways, iron works, etc.

The Russian Government report gradual retirement in the direction of Vilna, and on the middle Niemen. German reports claim the capture of Brest-Litovsk.—**BONAR LAW.**

FRENCH

Paris, Aug. 27.—The French War Office this afternoon gave out a statement, as follows:—

"In the sector to the north of Arras the artillery firing last night was less violent, but it was very spirited in the vicinity of Roye and on the plateaux between the Oise and the Aisne."

Admiration Mutual Between Leaders French and Russian

Paris, Aug. 27.—A joint telegram expressing entire confidence in the future, has been sent to Grand Duke Nicholas by President Poincaré, Minister of War Millerand, and General Joffre, the French Commander. The text follows:—

"Our thoughts turn toward your troops who, at the present moment, merit the confidence of the whole world by reason of the struggle they are making. With complete confidence in the final victory of your armies, we beg you to accept our respectful homage, and fervent good wishes, together with the assurance that more than ever before, our armies are happy and proud to co-operate with your Highness and your valiant soldiers."

The Grand Duke replied:—"The sentiments expressed towards the Russian army are reciprocated. The close relations and common accord existing between the Commanders of all the Allied armies are a certain omen of the glorious end, in which with God's aid, we will participate!"

Airmen Active Work Destruction In Reciprocal Way

Paris, Aug. 27.—French aviators continue their activities against certain positions in possession of the Germans, in the eastern portions of the French line, according to an announcement made to-day by the French War Office.

German aviators also are taking offensive measures in this territory. French airmen have bombarded two railroad stations in the Argonne, in German possession, and German aviators have thrown down explosives on Clermont in the Argonne.

A French aviator last night bombarded at Doruch, a plant where the Germans manufactured asphyxiating gases, and this morning a French squadron of airships bombarded the railroad station at Muelheim, in the Grand Duchy of Baden. All the French fliers returned unharmed.

German Invasion Russian Capital Remotely Probable

Petrograd, Aug. 27.—Weighing the likelihood of a German advance on Petrograd, the Retch points out that the Russian retreatment covers the approaches to the capital, and that it is extremely doubtful whether the Germans, without undisputed possession of the Baltic Sea, particularly the Gulf of Riga, could undertake the risks attaching to operations against Petrograd this autumn. Moreover, on the whole front from the Dvina to the Upper Bohr it is noted the Germans have only two armies, that of General von Buelow in Courland, and that of General von Eichorn on the Niemen.

Japan Promises Aid To Allies

Tokio, Aug. 27.—The decision of the Government to utilize all available means for increasing the production of war munitions for the Allies, particularly Russia, has aroused the greatest enthusiasm in the army.

Officers of high rank are arranging details with manufacturers, preparatory to enlarging arsenals and factories. It is understood France and Britain have guaranteed payment for these supplies.

Germany Promises Full Satisfaction To United States

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The Ambassador explained that Germany would make more than a mere disavowal, if it is found that the Arabic was sunk without warning.

Liner Baltic Arrives Liverpool

New York, Aug. 27.—The liner Baltic arrived at Liverpool at 4 p.m. to-day. She sailed from New York on August 18th, carrying a 16,000 ton cargo.

Fall of Grodno Into German Hands Is Now Certain

London, Aug. 27.—The Russians, apparently, have decided to evacuate Grodno, one of the important strongholds in their principal line defences, which they still retain. A message from Petrograd to Reuter's Telegram Company quotes the "Rusky Invalid" as stating that Grodno will be given up when the retreat of its defenders has been covered.

The message indicates that the fall of Brest-Litovsk, announced at Berlin yesterday, was not known publicly at Petrograd at one o'clock this afternoon. At the time of filing the messages the "Rusky Invalid" said that preparations were under way for the evacuation of Brest-Litovsk, adding that five German and Austrian armies were striving to surround it, and cut it off from the Kovel district.

Armed Bands Attack Consuls Russ. and British

London, Aug. 27.—A despatch to Reuter's from Petrograd says:—"A telegram received here from Teheran, Persia, reports that the Russian and British Consuls, with their military escort, have been attacked at Kenghever by an armed band led by M. O. Schunemann, the German Consular agent at Tabriz. The Britishers defended themselves with rifles, but suffered some losses.

"A Cabinet meeting was held with the result that a request was sent to the Commander of the Presian brigade of Cossacks, who were encamped four days' march from Kenghever, to send a detachment there immediately."

Serbia Willing To Make Sacrifice For Future Gain

Nish, Aug. 27.—Commenting on the vote of confidence in the Government by the Serbian National Assembly, the semi-official "Samon Prava" says:—"To realize the sacred ideals of civilized humanity, still further sacrifices must be made. These sacrifices will be agreed to and supported. When it is sought by asking Serbia, Greece and Roumania to sacrifice previous gains, so that they may achieve in the main their national ideals, by the extensive compensation which they will receive, it would be lack of foresight and showing incompetence not to agree to such sacrifice."

Miners Urged By Their Leaders Return To Work

London, Aug. 27.—The Mine Owners' Federation has sent an urgent request to the Welsh strikers to-day, to return to work at once. The executive council of the Miners' Organization adopted a resolution to-day condemning the new strike as unauthorized, and urging the men to remain at work pending further negotiations. A deputation, representing the Council, is on its way to London to attempt to overcome Runciman's objections to re-opening the matter.

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RUSSIANS FORTIFY ANOTHER FRONT WHERE THEY WILL NOW MAKE ANOTHER STAND

Austro-Germans in Full Possession of the Province of Brest-Litovsk, Push the Russians Steadily Back--The French Capture German Trenches, Air Squadrons Very Active--Serbia Ready to Make Concessions to Gain Bulgaria to the Allies--Coal Strike Threatens Wales, Ten Thousand Miners Quit Work

London, Aug. 27.—The Germans are in full possession of the entire Brest-Litovsk provinces, pressing the Russians both in the districts south-east of Mitau and east of Kovno, in the effort to reach the main line of railway which passes through Vilna and Dvinsk to Petrograd. This may, in time, prove the most important of the German operations, although at present they are using more troops in pursuit of the Russians, who are retiring from the Brest-Litovsk line on either side of the fortress. It is expected, however, with the fall of Brest-Litovsk, which has been followed by that of Oita, south of Kovno, the armies of Field Marshal von Hindenburg will be reinforced, and make another attempt to cut off the retreat of the Russians. It is believed here, however, that it now is too late to accomplish this purpose. The Russians apparently evacuated both Brest-Litovsk and Oita before the Germans arrived. The latter make no claim to the capture of guns or booty.

An Austrian official report states

that Archduke Joseph Ferdinand found the town of Kamieniec-Litovsk in flames, when he arrived. There are indications, therefore, that the Russians are still carrying to the rear everything moveable, that might prove of use to the invaders, and burning what they are unable to take with them.

The intimation that the Russians have fortified another front, pending the opportunity of a renewed offensive, has received some confirmation. It is stated that the new line is being strengthened by all the latest methods known to military engineers. The Russian armies still are intact with virtually all their guns, and prospects of a more plentiful supply of ammunition. For this reason, military writers here are of the opinion that Grand Duke Nicholas should be able to make a stand. The Austro-German losses must have been very heavy, especially during the three weeks which intervened between the fall of Warsaw.

The capture of several German trenches in the Vosges is reported in Paris this evening, but what is con-

sidered more significant is the continued activity of the air squadron, which has been bombarding German positions in France, as well as munition factories across the German border.

There has been no further news from the Dardanelles and Balkans, but it now is certain that Serbia is prepared to make the necessary sacrifices to satisfy Bulgaria, and gain her co-operation in behalf of the Allies. It may be several days, however, before the Serbian reply to the representations of the Entente Powers will be received.

The Note of the Serbian parliament was only upon the principle involved in the negotiations now proceeding between Serbia, Greece and Roumania regarding the exact nature of the concessions to be made to Bulgaria.

Wales is threatened with another coal strike, as the result of dissatisfaction among the miners with the way in which the settlement, recently arranged by Lloyd George, has been interpreted by the mine owners. Some 10,000 men already are out, contrary to the advice of their leaders.

Russia Says German Report Was Inexact

Brest-Litovsk Was Not Taken By Any Assault

FORTRESS ABANDONED

And Destroyed After it Had Performed its Function, Which Was to Check German Advance

Petrograd, Aug. 28.—A Russian official statement concerning the Austro-German occupation of Brest-Litovsk is given out as follows:—

"General Hedaquaters declare that the German report that Brest-Litovsk fell after an assault by Austro-German troops is inexact. For some time it had been decided that to retain the garrison of one hundred thousand men in this fortress was no conformable with Russian plans, hence war material useful to the enemy was removed in time and resistance was maintained on the left bank of the Bug solely to enable the army operating in this region to retire eastward. When this retirement was completed the fortifications and bridges were destroyed, and the garrison rejoined the army in the field."

Quite Easy

London, Aug. 28.—The Daily News in an editorial hazards the suggestion that the submarine, which sunk the steamer Arabic has itself been sunk, and that, therefore, Germany's disavowal of the action of the submarine commander becomes comparatively easy.

Canadian Troops Arrive Safely

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—The Hesperian with Canadian troops, has arrived safely in England.

Russia Has Two Million Men In Training

To Be Ready To Take Field in the Spring

PETROGRAD SAFE

Says Minister of War—We Are Confident of Our Ability to Safeguard Petrograd

London, Aug. 28.—The Petrograd correspondent of the "Times" quotes the Russian Minister of War as follows:—"We are confident of our ability to safeguard Petrograd, our armies can stand the winter without inconvenience and everything is ready for that purpose."

"A new force of two million men will be trained far behind the fighting line and will be ready to take the field in the spring. General Russey is Commander-in-Chief of the Petrograd front, with several armies at his immediate disposal. It is my settled purpose to do everything in my power to work in harmony with the Duma and public opinion."

General Polivanoff, the correspondent, characterized the suggestion that the Allies were not helping Russia to the utmost of their power as senseless gossip.

Reichstag Adjourns Till Nov. 30th

London, Aug. 27.—According to a telegram from Berlin, says Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, the Reichstag has adjourned until Nov. 30th.

Pope Benedict Reported Ill

Rome, Aug. 27.—Pope Benedict is suffering from an attack of illness induced by overwork, and has refused all audiences.

Impetuous Irish In Bayonet Fight Route the Turks

Heap of Slain Cumber the Ground all Directions

MACHINE GUNS ADD TO CARNAGE

Wherever Ground Exposed the Fleeing Turks to View of Gunners

London, August 28.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from the Dardanelles dated August 19, says:—"For the moment severe fighting has come to a stop along the front of our new positions after a week of battles which followed the landing at Suvla Bay. The most important advantage secured has been a large extension of territory held by us on the Northern shore of the Peninsula resting upon Suvla Bay with its left occupying the long ridge which follows the coast inland for several miles. Our army holds the Plain. Southward, where the heights of Anzac look down upon it, so that we are in virtual possession from the Cliffs overlooking the Gulf of Saros almost to Gabatepe.

Describing the charge of the Irish Division on the Turkish Hill to the left of Suvla Bay position, the correspondent says:—"The Turks came out to meet them and most exciting bayonet fighting followed in the Saddle between the two crests. Bayonets were flashing and stabbing for several minutes before the Turks began to give way. Then they left the Crest and ran down over the ridge, the Irish standing up firing down on them, while at intervals British machine guns on the hills behind drowned the sound of rifle fire, whenever the gunners were able to get a clear view of the fleeing Turks."

The battle for Sari Bahr Hill, which the Australians and New Zealanders captured, but were compelled to evacuate because the troops on their left

Furnished Guns For Own Command

Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 27.—Major Walter Stewart of the 91st Highlanders, will have the honor of commanding a machine gun battalion, the first of its kind raised in the British Empire. Hamilton has received this honor in recognition of its generous gift of 200 machine guns.

The Junior Major will be Captain Modiole, also of the Highlanders.

New Zealand Raises Tariff

Wellington, N.Z., Aug. 27.—A super-tax of fifty per cent. on all importations from countries hostile to Britain, was announced to-day by Minister of Finance Sir Joseph Ward, when introducing the Budget. A number of tariff schedules are to be raised. Automobiles and chassis bodies are to pay 10 per cent. ad. val.; kerosene and petrol, 8 cents per gallon.

Russians Destroy Turk Blockhouse On Arkhavi River

Petrograd, Aug. 27.—Official statement from the Caucasus:—"On Wednesday our scouts crossing the Arkhavi river, destroyed a Turkish blockhouse by means of hand grenades. One of our motor boats accompanied by a torpedo boat, sank two sailing vessels and their cargoes."

Cruiser Chester United States Navy Carries Refugees

Washington, Aug. 27.—The scout cruiser Chester has left Beirut, Syria, with 450 refugees, from the Holy Land, according to a report to-day by the Navy Department. No details are given. The Chester has previously carried refugees to points of safety.

German War Loan To Bear Interest At Five Per Cent

London, Aug. 27.—A Reuter's despatch from Amsterdam says that a telegram from Berlin states that the new German war loan which will bear five per cent. interest, will be issued at 99, and will not be redeemable until October 1st, 1924.

Monarchist Outbreak Republic of Portugal

Lisbon, Aug. 28.—The Minister of the Interior announces that a monarchist movement has broken out in Northern Portugal. The barracks of a regiment of infantry at Guimaraes has been attacked and many persons wounded.

Canada's Premier Sails For Home

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—Sir Robert Borden sailed from Liverpool on Wednesday, returning by way of New York.

British Steamer Goes To Bottom

London, Aug. 27.—The British steamer Palmgrove has been sunk. The crew were saved.

Schooner Runs Ashore

The S.S. Earl of Devon towed here last evening the schr. St. Bernard which is badly leaking and will have to be docked for repairs. The St. Bernard which a few weeks ago was given extensive repairs at Bishop & Sons' wharf here, was bound to Gambo to load lumber when in a dense fog a couple of days ago she went ashore at Mint Brook, but after some hours was worked off at high tide. On the way here the pumps were kept going the whole time and the keel it is thought is gone and bottom badly damaged.

At 7 p.m. yesterday an old man belonging to Boot Hr., Labrador, who came here by the Sagona, was found wandering the streets by Const. Simmonds. He was homeless and penniless, was taken to the station and will be sent back to his native place. He is over eighty years old.

America Relieved By German Assurance Full Reparation

Washington, Aug. 28.—Germany's situation offering full satisfaction to the United States for the sinking of the liner Arabic with the loss of two American lives was communicated formally to the State Department to-day by Count von Bernstorff, German Ambassador, on instructions from the Berlin Foreign Office.

The Ambassador read to Secretary Lansing a memorandum outlining the position of his Government and promised, if it was found that the Arabic was attacked without warning, that the Imperial Government not only would disavow the act, but would give the United States full satisfaction. This, it is well-known, would have to include reparation for Americans lost, and assurances that such tragedies would not be repeated.

No further developments in the situation are expected now until the submarine commander who sank the Arabic has reported to Berlin.

Meantime, President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, though visibly encouraged and relieved by Von Bernstorff's assurances, and the reports from Ambassador Gerard of his conference with the Foreign Minister, Von Jagow, are in a waiting attitude.

Before the American Government can speak there must be forthcoming a German disavowal and explanation of what all evidence received seemed to prove was an "unfriendly act." It became known to-night that the State Department had been informed that Germany is ready to renew the discussion of the Luitania incident, and to offer reparation for the American lives lost when that vessel was sent to the bottom without warning by a German submarine.

There has been no response to the last American Note on this subject. It is known that the United States would not listen to reparation proposals, with the situation created by the sinking of the Arabic still pending, and with the attack on the Arabic disavowed. However, guarantees are given against repetitions in the German communication explaining that the Lusitania was torpedoed as a reprisal against Britain, under the misapprehension that she was armed, that the killing of Americans was regretted, and not intended. Offering reparation probably would pave the way for an amicable closing of the incident.

Premature Statements

London, August 28.—In view of the discussion which has been going on in the London press in regard to the financial mission to America the Press Bureau to-night issued the following statement. All statements which recently have appeared in reference to the composition of a financial mission to the United States are premature. The matter is under consideration by the Government and the names will be announced in due course.

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