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Russian Challenge To Great Battle To Stay German Advance

Supreme Effort, on Vaster Scale Than Any Since Drive Began Grand Duke Has Chosen the Ground and is Posted in Region Carefully Fortified and Provided With Communications—Fight Now Beginning

Petrograd, July 23.—(By Hamilton Fyfe)—The Russians are to make a supreme attempt to stay the German advance upon Warsaw. They are to venture a battle, the decision of which will change the character of the campaign in the east. Officers of the general staff in Petrograd say that the battle, which is now beginning after the preliminaries of the last few weeks, is to be on a scale vaster than those of the Dnieper and the San. The situation must be reckoned from all points of view as the most serious since the beginning of the war.

A semi-official statement issued to the newspapers last night declared that the outcome of the engagements now in progress would be chosen by Grand Duke Nicholas for a decisive trial of strength, will mark a change in the whole character of the eastern campaign.

Needless to say, the ground has been chosen with a view to taking the enemy at a disadvantage. The Russian armies are in a region which has been carefully fortified and provided with communications.

This region is the famous three fortresses triangle which has figured prominently in the works of military writers for the last generation. The apex of the triangle is Brest Litovsk, the base extends from Invergorod to Nowo Georgievsk. Already both these Vistula fortresses have been in action. Very large forces have been brought up by both sides. It is not anticipated that the struggle will be long drawn out. Russia awaits the issue calmly, and fervently murmurs "Amen," to the grand duke's message to the people in the order of the day.

Constantinople, July 23.—There has been no change in the situation on the Gallipoli front in the last week. Both the allies and the Turks have confined their efforts to denoumentary small arms fire and sapping operations. The weather has been excessively warm.

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PORTABLE HOUSES FOR THE REFUGEES

Create Towns For Stricken in Belgium and Northern France AN ORDER FOR 20,000

Brooklyn Expects It From Britain, France and Belgium—Homes, Schools, Churches and Business Buildings—Cost Will be Millions

Toronto, July 23.—A New York special to the Toronto Globe says: "Negotiations likely to be concluded within the next few days, will probably bring to Brooklyn the most unusual as well as one of the biggest of the war orders. A contract for the construction of 20,000 portable houses to be used in Belgium and Northern France, is involved and aggregates many millions of dollars. The British government has agreed to purchase as many as 10,000 of these houses for the furnishing of structures suitable for dwellings, churches, schools and business buildings. Entire cities are to be created to house the refugees made homeless by the high tide of the German advance in France. Shipment of the buildings is expected to be completed by winter. It is believed that Great Britain, France and Belgium are acting jointly.

Decline to Give Out Anything—Answers From Those Appointed Expected by Tomorrow

A conference among Mayor Frink and Dr. J. Roy Campbell, R. T. Hayes, W. E. Scully, J. M. Robinson, E. Allan Schofield and T. P. Rogan, six of the seven gentlemen nominated for membership in the new assessment commission, took place at city hall at noon today. At the conclusion of the meeting members of the commission said they were not prepared to say whether or not they would accept the appointments. A further conference might be held before they came to a decision. The council, at the time of making the appointments, asked that answers should be given by Saturday.

Will Repair Same House Council Committee Defers Action on Sale of Lancaster Lot

The council committee on the sale of the Lancaster lot, which was held up by the fact that the house on the lot was in need of repairs, has decided to defer its action until the house has been repaired.

ISLAND LOBSTER MEN WANT EXTENSION OF SEASON TILL END OF AUGUST

Charlottetown, P. E. I., July 23.—At an important meeting of lobster fishermen and packers in Souris yesterday, a delegation was appointed to go to Ottawa to apply for an extension of the lobster fishing season. It closed on June 26. They want extension until the end of August. Late opening owing to ice was the chief argument in favor of extension.

FIRST RACES ON SOUBS TRACK IN 20 YEARS

Charlottetown, P. E. I., July 23.—The Soub's driving park after being closed for twenty years, was re-opened yesterday with good races. The 219 class was won by Dr. Sharper, which took the last three heats out of four. George Crescous was second. Dervish Dorothy and Oakley tied for third money. The best time was 2:30.

TO BE ATTACHED TO THE ROYAL ENGINEERS

In a letter to his brother here, Arthur J. Cotter, of the engineering section of the C. O. R. C., now in England, says that an inspecting general informed them that the corps is to be attached to the Royal Engineers and this is regarded as a high compliment to the Canadians. The corps is now in camp at Longmore and Mr. Cotter gives his address as follows: Apple Pie Hut, No. 29, Longmore Camp, Hants county, England.

WM. M. IVINS DEAD

New York, July 23.—William M. Ivins, a well-known lawyer and for years prominent in politics, died today aged sixty-four. He was recently taken ill after arduous labors in behalf of William Barnes in his libel suit against Theodore Roosevelt.

THE RAZOR COLLECTORS

There has been a fair response already to the request for razors for the soldiers. Emerson & Fisher, Limited, have offered to receive and forward all contributions and any razors will be accepted gladly.

Say He Stole \$3,920; It Was All In Nickels

New York, July 23.—William B. Tanager, chief paymaster at the government sub-treasury Wall street, a government employe for the last fifteen years, was arrested today on a charge of having stolen \$3,920 in nickels from the vaults of the sub-treasury.

Nordica's Will Is Probated

New York, July 23.—The surrogate yesterday admitted to probate the will of Madame Lillian Nordica Young, a singer, who died in May 1914, in the Far East.

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Year Ago Today Austria Sent Her Ultimatum To Little Serbia

Paris, July 23.—One year ago today the Austrian ultimatum to Serbia, which led up to the war, was delivered. The French press commemorates the anniversary with articles voicing the resolution of France and her allies to carry on the war unswervingly. The "Matin" says: "Germany had reached the point of wishing to crush by diplomacy, if not by force, nations unwilling to accept her yoke. She was completely carried away by the desire of domination, as well as the mania which led her to believe she could not exist without uncontested superiority in Europe."

ORDUNA AWAY; HAS WAR SUPPLIES

Cunarder Takes 11,000 Tons From New York For England THREE PASSENGERS LEAVE

Fear German Submarines—Ottawa Girls Just Catch Boat in Rush to Get to Dying Soldier Finnee and Brother

New York, July 23.—The Cunarder Orinda, laden with close to 11,000 tons, chiefly with war materials for England, sailed today for Liverpool with fifteen cabins, seventy-five second cabin, and 108 stowage passengers, including twenty-two Americans. Three first cabin passengers who had booked to sail cancelled their passages, not caring to take the risk of German submarines. One is an American, Miss Lydia Wheeler of Philadelphia.

A few minutes before the Orinda sailed two young women came sprinting down the pier and rushed up the gangplank. They were Misses Grace Jeffrey and Ruth Buchanan of Ottawa, house for the William Albert Finnee of Cliveden, where Lieut. Cassel Buchanan is lying beyond hope of recovery. He was wounded by shrapnel in France and because of the development of a form of cancer his left leg was amputated. The surgeon said he had not more than ten days to live, and his fiancée and sister were called on Wednesday afternoon.

Police Court Two men, arrested for fighting in Chesley street, recently, were fined \$30 or two months in jail in the police court today.

John A. Pollock, arrested last night in Union street on a charge of assaulting a police officer, was charged with violently resisting the police, was fined \$30 or two months in jail for the first charge and \$20 or one month in jail for the second offence. The latter was allowed to stand against him pending his future conduct.

Claude Grant appeared to answer a charge of non-support. He pleaded not guilty and asked time to procure witnesses. The case was set for Monday morning. He was told that he would have to go to jail.

A man arrested a few days ago on a drunkenness charge was given another opportunity to take the pledge until after the war is over. He promised to go west with the Dart list of harvesters.

Another man, arrested on a similar charge, was allowed to go with an \$8 fine standing against him. He said he procured the liquor on last Sunday night from a man on Long Wharf and paid \$1.50 for it. Magistrate Ritchie said that the Long Wharf was under a strict discipline to the police and should be cleaned up of pocket peddlers. He suggested that the police organize and drive the offenders away, and if possible arrest them.

Oscar Roberts, arrested a few days ago charged with assaulting his wife, pleaded guilty and was fined \$10. He explained that he never would have struck his wife if he had not been drinking. He promised to take the pledge.

Mary Rowley, who is charged with stealing William Hanley with intent to defraud, was brought in from jail while the veranda of the Three Mile House. He was unable to identify her.

TO TALK OVER MATTER OF OBSERVANCE OF ANNIVERSARY OF DECLARATION OF WAR

The matter of an appropriate observance of August 4, the anniversary of the declaration of war by Great Britain, will be discussed this afternoon by Lieutenant-Governor Wood and Mayor Frink. Some time ago His Honor wrote to the mayor, laying before him the suggestion of a British association, that each city on that day should hold a mass meeting at which the citizens might express their approval of the conduct of the war and their confidence in the administration and the prospects of ultimate victory.

PROVINCIAL CAMPAIGN FOR AEROPLANE FUND

Mayor Frink is communicating with Premier Clarke today, by telegraph, in an effort to arrange for a provincial campaign to secure funds to present at the exhibition to the imperial government for overseas service.

REGAINING CONSCIOUSNESS

The recovery of Harold A. Lyman is now expected. His physician said this morning he was gradually regaining consciousness.

ITALY AND TURKEY ARE NEAR TO WAR DECLARATION

Recent Developments Make Possibility of Action By Italy Matter of Near Future

Rome, via Paris, July 23.—Diplomatic relations between Italy and Turkey, already strained, are becoming more tense because of the reported refusal of the Turkish authorities to permit Italian subjects to leave the Ottoman empire. It is believed here that a declaration of war by Italy in the near future is highly probable.

Calve reports that a Turkish-German expedition has landed on Italian territory in Tripoli, have aroused the ire of the Italian press. Rome also has heard that a large number of Italian reservists have been detained at Smyrna on the pretense that passenger traffic has been stopped because of the port being closed, while other Italians are similarly detained at various points in Asia Minor, Syria and Arabia.

Although Italy is at war with Austria, there has been no declaration of hostilities against either Germany or Turkey. It is believed that each side is waiting for the other to take the initiative and thus assume the responsibility for extending the scope of the conflict.

Had Been Sporty in Panama and That Led to His Arrest

New York, July 23.—W. T. Ott, who is charged with embezzlement of funds of the Edison Phonograph Agency in connection with the purchase of a Canal Zone policeman and will be taken to Canada. His alleged total loss is said to aggregate \$50,000.

Ott attracted attention in sporting circles about Panama by his free spending. The United States consul in making inquiries about him learned that he was wanted by the Canadian authorities. He heard of the matter and escaped to Guayaquil, but was arrested there and brought back after extradition proceedings.

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RAN AWAY WITH STEAMER WHICH WAS IN CONSTABLE'S CHARGE

Canadians Had Detained Her But She Was Taken Away by Ruse—Referred to Ottawa

Bridgport, Ont., July 23.—On Wednesday Canadian officials seized the U. S. steamer Clarence Fitz of Buffalo for landing picnic passengers on the Canadian shore without giving notice. About two o'clock on Thursday morning three Fitz men boarded the steamer and persuaded the constable in charge that a gathering might presage a heavy storm and asked permission to move the steamer to Fort Erie. The permission was reluctantly granted but they took the steamer to Buffalo and sent the constable home. The matter had been referred to Ottawa.

Quebec, July 23.—With four occupants, an automobile belonging to Dr. A. Lafonde of St. Jacques de Paroisse, Que., jumped a bridge yesterday afternoon and Miss O. Blanchet was instantly killed, while her sister was severely injured.

Doctor Lafonde who was driving the car was slightly hurt, but was also the pastor of the parish, Father Roucaou.

TRAVELERS DO WELL FOR THEIR FUND FOR TWO AMBULANCES

That the commercial travelers have responded in a most gratifying manner towards the sum being raised to purchase two motor ambulances is evinced by an encouraging report from L. C. Armstrong, who is taking an active interest in the movement. He expects to be able to publish a list in a few days showing the generosity and whole heartedness with which the members answered the appeal. This he considers will make each giver feel proud that he carries a grip and is a member of an association that has done a share towards assisting in the common cause.

The hope is expressed that the coming week will show as good results, and that those who have not already had an opportunity of contributing will come forward with the same patriotic spirit manifested so that they, too, may be privileged in saying: "I have helped secure some of my comrades who have fallen in the fight for freedom, and in that way have done all in my power to defeat German militarism although conditions may not allow me to participate actively in the conflict."

BRITAIN APOLOGIZES

Regret at Violation of Norwegian Territorial Waters

Christians, July 23.—The British government, through Sir Edward Grey, has expressed regret to the Norwegian government at British warships' violation of Norwegian territorial waters, especially by the seizure of a German steamer, inside the three mile limit. The note, couched in cordial terms, was in reply to a formal protest lodged by Norway. It announces that the British admiralty has been requested to respect, in future, the Norwegian territorial limit.

The press expresses satisfaction at the terms of the note, although saying that it was considerably delayed. The paper calls upon the government to demand satisfaction from Germany for the torpedoing of Norwegian ships with the loss of the lives of several sailors.

RESCUED THE BOY

There was considerable excitement at the head of Rodney slip last evening, when a small boy named William Burnes, who was sitting on the steps adjoining the wharf, fell overboard. Mark Burns, swimming instructor at the public school, saw the lad and succeeded in bringing him safely back to terra firma.

NO HUDSON BAY 1915 DIVIDEND ON ORDINARY SHARES IS THE REPORT

Winnipeg, Man., July 23.—The Free Press says that "owing to the continued destruction of all branches of the Hudson Bay Company's business through the war, the governor and committee have decided not to recommend payment of a dividend this year on the ordinary shares."

FEED MEN WELL IN BRITISH CAMP

Writing from camp in England, Sydney Briggs of Sussex encloses a sample from diet sheet covering food to be served to the soldiers in camp from June 27 to July 8.

Sunday Breakfast—Coffee, porridge, cold roast beef, bread and butter. Dinner—Tomato soup, roast beef, onions and tomatoes, stewed fruit, custard. Tea—Bread and butter, cheese, pickles, cake, tea.

Monday Breakfast—Omelette, boiled ham, hash, bread and butter. Dinner—Rice soup, roast meat, potatoes, boiled beans, rice, custard pudding. Tea—Cheese, bread and butter, jam, tea.

Private Briggs also says: There are several men in our company from Sussex and district. Pte. Button, who was with Mr. F. Roach, also another Old Sussex man in the person of Pte. H. Kyle. A company of the 8th Battalion arrived today. We are in camp at Newgreen, in Kent, six miles from Folkestone and eight miles from Dover; Dover is where the wounded land from France. I was down last night and it was dreadful to see the wounded come in. The hospitals are over-worked, going night and day. 18,000 Canadians left last night for France.

FROM FRANK KEEFE. A letter received yesterday from Frank Keefe, Douglas avenue, now in England with the Army Service Corps, gives an interesting description of the camp at New Green. He wished to be remembered to friends and hoped that many of them would be found among the recruits.

WEATHER BULLETIN

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

Synopsis—The barometer is comparatively high over the larger part of the dominion, but a shallow trough of low pressure extends from the northwest states. Except for thunder storms in a few localities, the weather has been fine throughout Canada.

Fine and Warm Tomorrow Maritime—Light to moderate winds; fine and moderately warm today and on Saturday. New England Forecasts—Probably fair tonight and Saturday, moderate temperature, moderate northeast winds.

GERMANY NOW HAS AMERICAN NOTE

Berlin, via London, July 23.—The new American note to Germany reached here during the night and was delivered to the foreign office by Ambassador Gerard this afternoon.

Washington, July 23.—With the delivery of the new American note to Berlin today, the United States rests its case for the present.

American Bank Seized. Berlin, July 23.—The American bank Danubius, New York for Stockholm, had been seized by the Germans and taken into Swinemunde.

NO NEED OF TROOPS TODAY IN STANDARD OIL STRIKE

New York, July 23.—Comparative quiet, in marked contrast to the three previous days of the week, prevailed in the Constable Hook section of Bayonne, N. J., today, around the plants of the Standard Oil Company and the Standard Oil Company, which have been closed because of a strike of 1,600 men in the Standard Oil Works, and the resultant disorder whereby three men were killed and scores injured.

Crowds gathered as usual in the streets leading to the works to discuss the situation, but no threatening move was made by the men. Desultory firing occurred during the night, but the police said this was chiefly due to some false alarm among the watchful guards.

Sheriff Kincaid and commissioner of public safety, Wilson, said yesterday that the situation was well in hand and that there would be no need for troops.

Brigadeport, Conn., July 23.—With the arrival today of Samuel Gumpers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and several of the executive of international unions, J. J. Johnston, vice-president of the Structural Iron Workers, announced that he had been informed that the written agreement by which an amicable settlement of all labor troubles in Bridgeport will be secured, had been signed. The text of the agreement would probably be given out for publication this afternoon.

Upper Canadian Bank Clearings. London, Ont., July 23.—Bank clearings for the week ended yesterday were \$1,682,480, as compared with \$1,732,000 for the corresponding week last year.

Ottawa, July 23.—Bank clearings for the week ended yesterday were \$4,230,566, as compared with \$4,144,174 for the corresponding week last year.

HOME FOR BURIAL. The body of Mrs. Catherine Graham, a former resident here, who died in Somerville, Mass., on Tuesday, was brought to the city this morning on the Boston train and was buried this afternoon in the family lot at Cedar Hill. Two daughters accompanied the body here. Service was conducted at the undertaking parlors by Rev. George Steel. Mrs. Graham was the widow of George T. Graham, formerly well known here and a resident of Douglas avenue. At the death of her husband she went to live in Somerville.