

ITALIANS TAKE OFFENSIVE IN NORTH

BRITISH BEAT OFF COUNTER-ATTACKS WITH COMPLETE SUCCESS; HOLD ALL GAINS

Bulgarian Troops Restless at Prospect of Fighting Against Russians

BRITISH TROOPS TOOK SPURS OF THIEPVAL RIDGE WHEN ARTILLERY PREPARATION WAS THOROUGH

Gain Made on a Thousand Yard Front—Fire of Big Guns Wonderfully Accurate as the Shells Dropped Just Ahead of the Advancing Line

With the British Army in France, Aug. 22.—Via London, Aug. 23.—4.30 a.m.—The artillery commander drew his patent curtain of fire and never in all the seven weeks of the Somme battle has the correspondent witnessed anything equal to the "show" as the officers call every action, in the taking of one of the spurs of Thiepval yesterday afternoon.

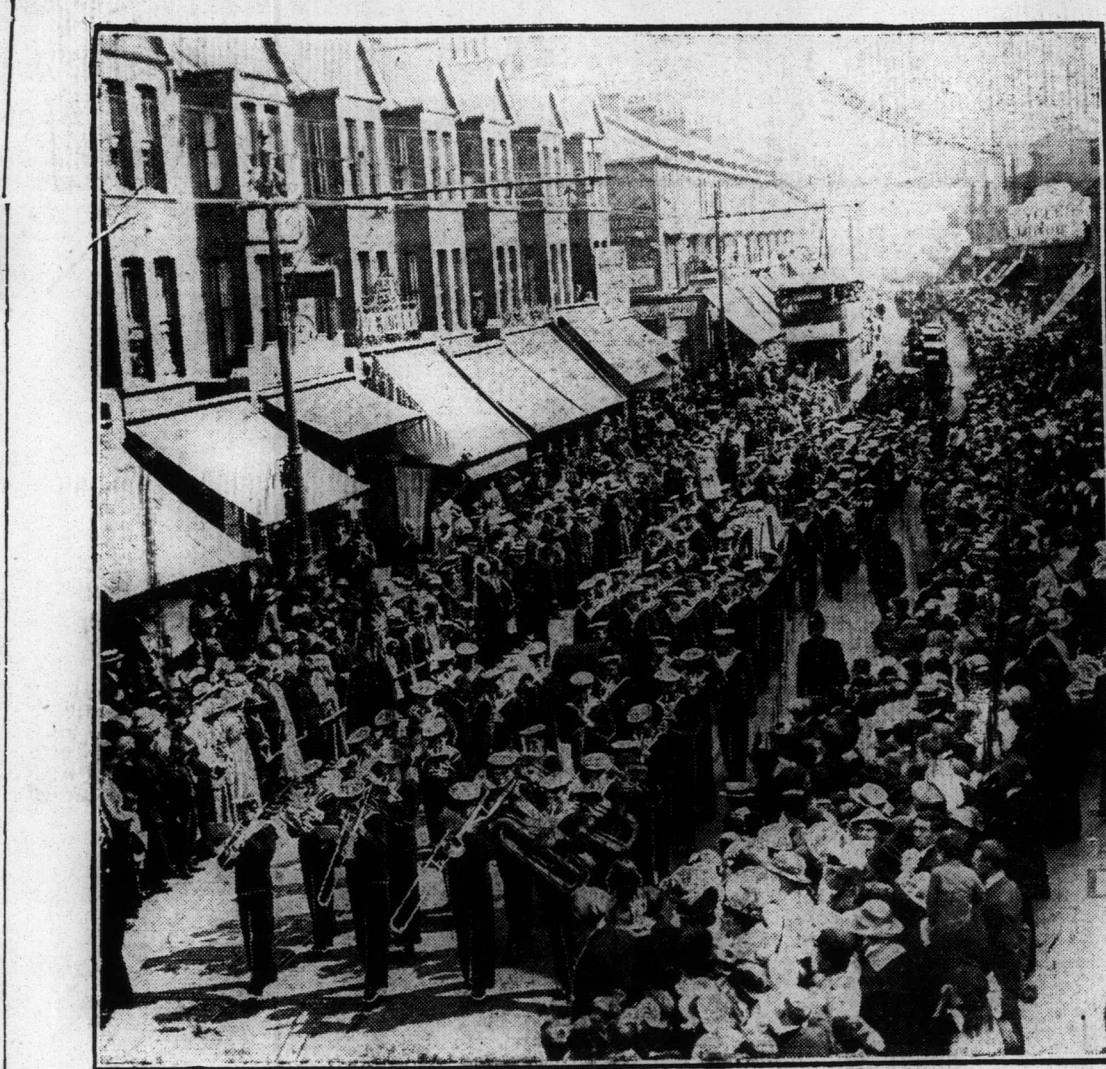
Ever since July 1 when the British failed in their effort to storm it, Thiepval ridge has glared at the British, who had kept hammering it with gun fire. The Germans need to set the same store by it as they did by the heights of Ginchy and Guillemont, on their other flank.

Shelled Out the Enemy. In front of the position conquered yesterday the British infantry had been decimated by machine gun fire on July 1. The trenches were just as strong, then, with deep dugouts, the result of two years building. Prisoners taken early in the offensive said the British never could obtain a foothold on the ridge. Those taken yesterday who had been at Verdun, said they suffered nothing there at all equivalent to the spurs of British shells and that it was impossible for human beings to endure such torments.

Gains on Wide Front. On a thousand yard front, both the first German line and the support trench were taken. One pair of eyes could not see more detail than the correspondent saw yesterday. The British and Germans engaged were outlined as clearly as a play around the second base could be seen from a grand stand. A home company of the National Guard, a "Tommy" drill in camp, could not be more distinct when seen from the side lines. It was the very finess of war.

With the clear air of a bright afternoon sun over his shoulder, one looked across the tiny valley toward a slope. There the bare ground was cut with the slash of a new British trench and beyond that, across an area of dead grass and wayward trees, the old first line German trench. Some Ran Away. A Niagara rush of whishing streams from capsules of concentrated hell tore through the trench, which heaved in L. Their flashes hugged it in an infernal ecstasy, sweeping it with myriads of bullets and fragments, shooting forked tongues of death into the air, pelting and hitting more than once was hopeless as to stand up in a thick hail storm without being hit by an icy pellet. Some Germans who had trusted in flight rather than sticking to a dug-out, when the first dash of projectiles came, were seen running toward the open away from this swath of destruction.

The Charge. Now, out of the British trench appeared a row of khaki tinted mushroom helmets, then the heads and shoulders and full forms as the charge went over the parapet. Every man in full equipment with all his details visible, every figure uniform with all others to the last item, as they moved across the field of dead grass, briskly and steady. No



AFTERMATH OF JUTLAND BATTLE. The funeral of the boy hero of the Jutland Naval Fight, the cortege is seen proceeding through the main street of Eastham.

BALKAN AFFAIRS IN THE PUBLIC EYE

Britain much Interested over Possible Moves of Greece and Roumania. COMING DRIVE IS IMPORTANT. Will Cut Off Turkey from the West, and Cause It to Surrender.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Aug. 23.—Developments in the Balkans take first place in both news and editorial columns of the newspapers this morning. The papers display keen interest, not only in the landing of the Italian and Roumanian governments and in the new Russian offensive which is developing in Bukovina.

According to official despatches, the Russians are pushing ahead with the greatest energy in Bukovina, close to the Roumanian frontier, already have gained "a very brilliant success." The Daily News, in an editorial, sums up the Balkan situation as follows: "The imminent general offensive against Bulgaria is of great importance. One of the first results of a successful offensive by General Sarail would be a complete rupture of Germany's communications with the east and the isolation and capitulation of Turkey. This is a plain geographical fact.

There are also other issues upon which it is wiser to reflect than to enlarge. These affect the fortunes of the two neutrals, Greece and Roumania, as well as the dozen belligerents. The situation in Greece where Greek troops already actually are engaged in hand fighting with their traditional enemies, the Bulgars is rich in possibilities. As to the intention of Roumania, we may be content to draw upon the German press which is authority for the statement that Roumania definitely has joined hands with the Entente, and is preparing to give Russian troops passage through her territory. It is difficult to conceive what motive the Germans could have for circulating such a statement other than the belief that it is true."

SMOKE FROM FOREST FIRES. By Special Wire to the Courier. Odensburg, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Navigation on the St. Lawrence river was at a standstill for several hours this morning because of a blanket of heavy smoke. Vessel captains reported that it came from the forest fires in Canada.

Turk Offensive Checked by Aid of Russian Fleet

Enemy Tried to Advance Along Armenian Black Sea Coast, but Were Repulsed. By Special Wire to the Courier. Petrograd, Aug. 23.—Via London—An offensive undertaken by the Turks along the Armenian Black Sea coast has been stopped and the Turkish forces driven back with the aid of the Russian fleet. The statement regarding the Russian operations against the Turks on the Caucasus front is as follows: "The Turks, who resumed the offensive on the line of the towns of Eren, Sikhohadi and Madena, situated on the coast were driven back to their positions with the co-operation of our fleet. "West of Lake Van (southern Turkish Armenia) our offensive is successfully developing. Three officers and 174 Askaris were taken prisoner. In pursuing the retreating enemy our cavalry columns sabred a large number of Turks."

CAPTAIN GRANT, ONCE OF CITY, DIED IN VANCOUVER

At One Time Prominent Citizen Here, and Member of Council. The death is announced in Vancouver, in his 86th year, of Capt. Grant, for many years a prominent resident of Brantford. For a lengthy period he conducted a large dry goods and tailoring establishment on Colborne street. He had been a member of the city council and also chairman of the Public School board. He was also a Fenian Raid veteran. Some years ago he moved to Vancouver to live with his son, David, and three years ago met with a street car mishap, which had latterly rendered him more or less of an invalid. He was a fine type of citizen.

MAYOR BOWLBY DETERMINED TO SUPPRESS NOISE

Blowing of Factory Whistles Unnecessary and He Intends to Stop It. SAYS BY-LAW MAKES IT ILLEGAL. In Letter to the Press Declares It Is His Duty to Carry Out the Law. His Worship, Mayor Bowlby, has concluded that the blowing of factory whistles is an unnecessary noise in the city, and announces his intention to stop them. In a letter to the Courier, printed below, he claims that authority by by-law is given to the city to suppress these sounds, and quotes the sections of the by-law. The letter follows: Brantford, Aug. 23, 1916. Editor Courier: I wish to call attention to the clauses of By-Law No. 877 which reads as follows: Clause 9.—"It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to ring bells, blow horns, shout or make other unusual noise or noises, calculated to disturb the inhabitants within the limits of the City of Brantford." Clause 12. "Any person or person (Continued on Page 5)

BRITISH AND RUSSIANS BEAT OFF ALL COUNTER-ATTACKS; ITALIANS DRIVING IN NORTH

Newly Won Positions South of Thiepval Vainly Sought After by Enemy—Russians on Hungarian Front Captured Two More Heights. and Cosora Pastorie, on the Inlago plateau, was checked by our fire. "In the Tofana area yesterday after effective artillery preparation, detachments of our Alpine troops and infantry carried strong enemy positions on the western slopes of Tofana III, and in the Travenanzes valley. The enemy suffered heavy loss and left about 40 prisoners in our hands. "In the Gorizia area artillery fighting is in progress. An enemy detachment which attempted to approach Vertobizza stream yesterday afternoon was repulsed by our fire and left numerous dead on the ground." Captured Heights. Petrograd, Aug. 23.—Via London, 2.45 p.m.—The Germans resumed the offensive yesterday south of Brody, where the Russians are attempting to approach Lemberg from the northeast. The war office statement of to-day says the Germans were repulsed. The Russians captured two heights on the Hungarian front. The announcement follows: "In the region south of Krevo (southeast of Vilna) the enemy on Tuesday night launched a gas attack which was repelled with heavy losses. "More than 100 bombs were dropped by enemy aeroplanes on the railway at Manevichi. "In the region of the Sereth, south of Brody, the enemy resumed the offensive at some points. His attacks were repulsed everywhere by our fire. "Near the source of the River Pruth, southwest of Ardjeuz, we captured two heights, north and south of Koverla Mountain on the Hungarian frontier."

Bulgarians are Not Eager to Fight the Muscovites

Interesting Despatch from Saloniki Tells How Drive is Held Until Czar's Troops Arrive—It is Estimated Their Numbers Will Be 80,000. The following despatch was written two weeks before the Russians reached the Balkan front, the news of their arrival on July 31 was passed by the Entente censors for the first time yesterday: By Special Wire to the Courier. Saloniki, July 19.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The offensive of the Entente Allies in Macedonia is being delayed until Russian forces arrive here. The Bulgarians, who constitute the majority of the troops of the Central Powers on the Greco-Serbian frontier, and the French and British are looking forward to the coming of the Russians. The Entente troops await the Bulgarians as brothers in arms, and the Bulgarian common soldier is a racial and religious brother to the Russian soldier. Some 80,000 Russian troops are expected. At least a division will come from France, and the remainder will probably come from the Persian Gulf. The latter having effected a junction with the British troops in Mesopotamia, are now marching towards the Persian Gulf, where they will embark on British and French transports and will come to Saloniki by way of the Red Sea and the Suez canal. It is not thought any very large number of additional troops is required for the Saloniki offensive, the Russian military authorities here say, but the Russian uniform and the Russian flag in the trenches around Saloniki, is expected to have a moral effect upon the Bulgarians. Deserter from the Bulgarian army, a few of whom trickle into the allied lines in Macedonia every day or so, ask first: "Where are the Russians?" When they learn that the expected Russian troops have not yet arrived, they appear to be relieved. Some of the deserters say that the Bulgarian common soldier is by no means anxious to meet his "little brother" of the north on the field of battle. Entente allied aviators, flying over the Bulgarian lines have recently dropped hundreds of thousands of hand bills detailing the successes of the Russian troops in Gallia and Bukovina, as well as the Russian occupation of Erzerum and Trebizond, of which Bulgarian deserters say, the mass of Bulgarian troops are ignorant.

GERMAN SHIP CAPTURED

By Special Wire to the Courier. Stockholm, Aug. 23, via London—The capture of the German steamer, Desterro, of 2,544 tons gross, with a cargo of iron ore, off Heronsand, Sweden, on the Gulf of Bothnia, is officially announced. She was taken into Raumo, Finland.

COMPANY HAS FAILED

By Special Wire to the Courier. Liverpool, Aug. 23.—The Forgan Company, cotton dealers, announced today it would be unable to meet to-morrow's settlement.

Joint Commission Members Chosen

By Special Wire to the Courier. Washington, Aug. 23.—Secretary of State Lansing announced last night that the American members of the joint commission to undertake the settlement of differences between the United States and Mexico would be Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior; Judge George Gray, of Delaware; and Dr. John R. Mott, of Montclair, N. J.

BRANT THEATRE SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS FOR THIS WEEK Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Charlie Chaplin In His Howling Comedy Success "The Fireman." Pathe Presents Tom Moore and Anna Nilsson In the Classic Series. "Who's Guilty" Paramount Features Present Edna Goodrich In "The Making of Madalena." Harry Watson In the Last Episode of Musty Suffer Lamont's Dog and Monkey Circus A Real Trained Animal Treat. Coming Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Brantford Pictures 125th Batt., Carnival, Fire Brigade, Points of Interest Marguerite Clark In "Silks and Satins." Serial Extraordinary "THE IRON CLAW"

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NORMAN ANGELL NOT A PRISONER Story Untrue That Noted Author Was Against Bearing Arms. By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Aug. 23.—There is no foundation for the Berlin report that Norman Angell, the pacifist, has been sent to prison for refusal to perform military service. Mr. Angell is beyond the age limit of liability for service. A despatch from the Overseas News Agency of Berlin on Sunday gave a report that Mr. Angell had been sentenced to 18 months at hard labor because he declined to take part in the war, and that his plea of conscientious objections to military service had been over-ruled by an English court. This report, the news agency said, was published in an Italian newspaper.