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ALLIED FORCES WIN GREAT BATTLE IN AFRICA

RUSSIANS PIERCE FOE'S LINE---CAPTURE 1,000

SEVERE LOSSES FOR HUNS BY HEAVY FIGHTING IN AFRICA; ENEMY IS IN FULL FLIGHT

Allied Forces by Squeezing Operations Compel Germans To Evacuate Many Strong Positions After a Stubborn Defence.

London, July 23.—German troops in German East Africa attempted to make a stand last week against the Allied forces, which are gradually closing in on them. An official statement issued here today says heavy fighting took place, in which the Germans suffered large losses. The announcement follows:

Germans Hard Pressed.

"On July 17 the enemy evacuated Mount Shakama. A portion of his forces retreated southwest toward Tikawage and the main body fell back on Narongombe. Throughout the 17th and 18th our columns pressed the retiring enemy in a most difficult country, capturing a few prisoners and occupying a ridge two miles north of Narongombe by nightfall of the 18th.

Heavy Fighting.

"On the 19th the main enemy positions in the vicinity of Narongombe were attacked. Severe fighting ensued, the enemy offering most stubborn resistance and making numerous counter-attacks, in the course of which, it is ascertained from prisoners, he sustained heavy losses. Our casualties were considerable.

"In the Rufiji area the enemy evacuated Kitope, our column having driven his rearguard toward Madaba on the 21st. In the Songea area the enemy continued his retreat toward Mahenge, offering slight resistance to our pursuing forces. In the northern area a small German column, reported in the Sonjo district, west of Lake Natron, is now moving south through Engar, pursued by Belgian columns from Ikoma."

RUSSIA HITS HARD BLOW ON NORTH END OF EASTERN LINE

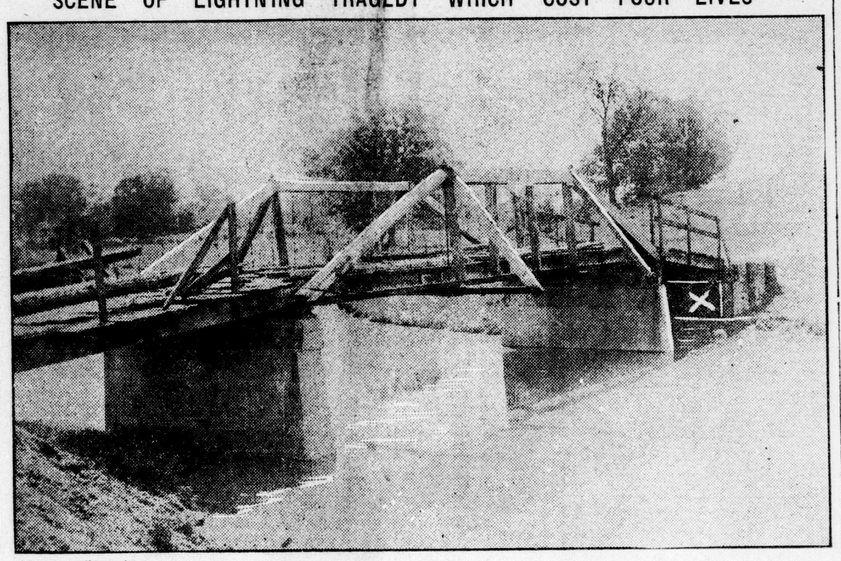
Penetrates Positions Near the Pinsk Marshes For Distance of Two Miles.

Petrograd, July 23. — The Russians yesterday attacked the Germans near Krevo and Vilna, north of the Pinsk marshes, and penetrated Teuton lines for a distance of two miles, according to an announcement made officially here today. The Russians captured more than 1,000 Germans, but the developments of success, the statement adds, are being jeopardized by the moral weakness and instability of certain Russian detachments.

U. S. AND ALLIES HAVE AGREED ON OCEAN RATES

Washington, July 23.—Regulation of ocean steamship rates between the United States and allied nations has been agreed upon in principle by the British and American Governments. Negotiations are now proceeding between the British admiralty officials and United States authorities to devise a program to make the regulation effective and bring down present prohibitive rates. France and Italy have signified their willingness to accept the principle. Negotiations probably will be opened with Japan upon the arrival here of the Japanese mission headed by Vice Admiral Takeshita.

SCENE OF LIGHTNING TRAGEDY WHICH COST FOUR LIVES



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Bridge over Dingman's Creek at farm of Wesley Baker, south of Lambeth, where boys took shelter during storm and were killed by lightning. Cross shows spot where bodies were found.

WHOLE DOMINION GETTING TOGETHER TO TACKLE WAR FOOD PROBLEMS

Government Announces Creation of Six Departments To Deal With Various Phases of Food Distribution, Consumption and Conservation.

Ottawa, July 23.—The collective food experience of the Dominion is to be employed to solve the food problem and secure essential food supplies for Great Britain and the allied armies and nations, according to official announcement today. There is to be the closest possible co-operation between the food controller's office, the Federal and Provincial Government, and national and local organizations of a public character.

The basis of organization of the food controller's office provides for the creation of six departments to deal with various phases of the food problem.

Control Advisory Committee.

There will be a central advisory committee, composed of representatives of the Government, the churches, the labor organizations, educational departments and institutions, urban interests, farmers, rural municipalities and men's and women's organizations. This central body will advise the departments through the food controller.

Provincial machinery is to be established through the creation of special provincial committees to advise upon plans prepared by the departments and approved by the food controller. Each provincial committee will include in its personnel representatives of the Government, the churches, schools, farmers, and men's and women's associations.

Special Committees.

In addition, special committees representing producers, manufacturers, handlers and consumers of food products, will be appointed to investigate and formulate plans for action on individual problemn dealt with by the departments. Action has already been taken in this regard by the creation of the food consumption control committee and the fish committee.

The interior organizations of the food controller's office will include:

Food-saving department.
Food industries department.
Food distribution department.
Information and statistics department.
Business and office department.
Educational department.

Food Saving Department.

The food saving department will deal with such problems as:

(a) Consumption in public eating places, etc.

(b) Instruction in methods of conservation in private houses.

(c) Instruction in preservation of perishable products.

(d) Instruction in substitution of foods to take he place of those required for export.

(e) Securing the co-operation of national, provincial and local organizations.

Food Industries Department.

The food industries department will have charge of:

(a) Matters relating to flour, bread, meat, fish, dairy products, canned and all manufactured food.

(b) Preparation of certain foods in order to encourage their use and to insure plentiful supplies.

The food distribution department will be divided into sections:

(a) To deal with purchase, prices, storage, transport and sale of food for home consumption and export problems.

(b) To advise with British and foreign buyers.

(c) To advise with handlers and shippers.

Gather Statistics.

The information and statistics department will have sub-divisions to:

(a) Gather statistics from Government departments and international sources and tabulate them for use of the other departments.

(b) Ascertain the quantity, location, ownership and sources of food supplies for home consumption and for export.

The business department, in charge of the assistant chief of staff, will handle general office organization, accounting, finances, office supplies and systematic filing of all data and correspondence.

The educational department will be responsible for the dissemination of general news for the information and instruction of the public, and the publication of all educational and other matters supplied to it by other departments.

The personnel of the national and provincial advisory committees, and the heads of the various departments will be announced shortly.

GIVE KERENSKY COMPLETE POWER TO BRING ORDER

Peasants, Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates Back the Premier.

LATTER GOES TO FRONT

Russia's Strong Man Will Endeavor To Crush Out Widespread Anarchy.

Petrograd, July 23.—The Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates and peasants of all Russia voted today, after an all-night session, to grant the Government of Premier Kerensky "unlimited powers" under the title "Government of national safety for the re-establishing of public order, both at the front and at home."

KERENSKY GOES TO FRONT.

London, July 22—(Delayed)—Premier Kerensky has again started for the front at the instance of the central committee of soldiers' and workmen's delegates, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd.

Dispatches from Galicia state that the breach in the Russian line is 8 miles wide and 10 miles deep. The Bourse Gazette says that at a meeting of delegates from regiments at the front it was resolved that it had become imperative to turn over all authority to M. Kerensky.

RUSS RETIREMENT GROWS?

Copenhagen, July 22.—Dispatches received here from Germany seek to convey the impression that the Russian defeat at Zlochoff, Galicia, is developing to even wider proportions. Special dispatches to newspapers from German headquarters say the Russian front north of the Kniester is tottering and that it is officially reported that the Russian seventh army south of the Zlochoff gap, affected by pressure on its flank, is also beginning to retire. The Russians have destroyed the Sereth bridges. Some elements of the Russian rearguard are described as fighting valiantly to delay the pursuit, but it is stated that the German vanguards are pressing on impetuously, recklessly hurling themselves on one defensive point after another. The Germans are using an airplane squadron to throw wagon trains into confusion. Little is being heard, even in the Austrian reports, of the Austro-Hungarian infantry. The blows seems to have been executed by selected German infantry, but with the assistance of all available Austro-German artillery.

A Berlin dispatch says Emperor William has departed for the eastern front.

DISARMING THE WORKMEN.

Petrograd, July 23.—The disarming of workmen, including the so-called red guards, is proceeding systematically in the Vassily Island and Viborg quarters. More than 1,200 rifles and revolvers and some machine guns have been recovered. The majority of revolvers were obtained at the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, where cases just arrived from America had been broken open. According to the Russkia Volia, about a third of the arms stolen since the outbreak have been accounted for. Several carts with shells were stopped on the banks of the Neva. The military authorities knew nothing about them. The drivers were arrested and the carts taken to the arsenal.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW'S—FAIR AND WARM.

Toronto, July 23—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Light to moderate variable winds, fair and very warm today, thunderstorms in some localities tonight and Tuesday.

Temperatures.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather
Victoria	66	48	Clear
Calgary	86	44	Clear
Winnipeg	78	48	Clear
Port Arthur	70	60	Clear.
Parry Sound	82	62	Clear
Port Stanley	82	62	Clear
Buffalo	78	72	Clear
Toronto	92	66	Clear
Kingston	80	66	Fair
Ottawa	88	66	Fair
Montreal	86	70	Clear
Quebec	82	58	Cloudy
Father Point	66	54	Rain

Weather Notes.

Local showers have occurred in the Maritime Provinces, elsewhere the weather has been fair and warm.

BRITISH CABINET TO ASK CREDIT 650,000,000 POUNDS

London, July 23. — In the House of Commons tomorrow the Government will ask for a vote of credit of £650,000,000, the largest single vote since the outbreak of the war. It will bring up the total for the war to £6,292,000,000.

RUSSIAN MUTINEERS BATTLE WITH CADETS; FINALLY SURRENDER

Many Casualties in Clash at City of Nijni Novgorod.

Petrograd, July 23.—A dispatch to the Bourse Gazette from Nijni Novgorod relates that on July 27 a regiment of troops ordered disbanded for insubordination mutinied, took possession of the town and were still in control July 20. Cadets sent from Moscow to subdue them battled with revolvers resulting in casualties to both sides and the surrender of the mutineers, who at last accounts were held prisoners. A parley with the commander of the Moscow garrison after order had been restored resulted in an agreement to surrender control.

British Have Success To South of Avion; Reach All Objectives

Gain With Loss and Send Back Several Score Prisoners.

London, July 23.—"A successful local operation was carried out by us last night south of Avion," says today's war office report on the Franco-Belgian front operations. "Our troops reached their objectives with little loss and captured a number of prisoners, of whom 51 have already been brought in.

"We also raided the enemy's positions during the night south of Havrincourt and in the neighborhood of Bullecourt and Hollebeke. Additional prisoners were secured by us, and a number of the enemy were killed and his dugouts bombed.

"Hostile raiding parties were repulsed southeast of Loos and in the neighborhood of Lombaertzyde."

INGERSOLL MAN HITS COW WHILE CYCLING; DIES OF INJURIES

Thomas Nixon Fatally Hurt by Collision on St. Marys Road.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Stratford, July 23.—While riding along the St. Marys road late Sunday night, Thomas H. Nixon struck a cow near the Half-Way House, and was so severely injured that he died at the General Hospital some time later. He was on a motorcycle.

Nixon was an Ingersoll, man and was with three companions.

COAL OPERATORS OF WEST ANNOUNCE A COMING JUMP OF FIFTY CENTS A TON

Calgary, July 23.—All coal will be advanced 50 cents per ton, according to an announcement from the mine operators' organization. This will be to cover the increased cost of production. Commissioner Armstrong says he has no power to interfere in such matters except in the case of a dispute.

CONTEST NOTES

The work in connection with The Advertiser's $16,000 prize contest has grown to such an extent that more room had to be had at once, in order to keep the work anywhere near up to date. So after today the headquarters of the contest department will be located in the Mailagh bookstore, five doors west of The Advertiser office.

Candidates, cover your territory thoroughly. Secure second payments on the short-term subscriptions. For instance, Mr. A. gave you a six-months subscription to The Advertiser a week ago. This counted you 2,500 votes. If you can get Mr. A. to give you another six-months subscription, thus making a full year, it will count you 4,500 votes, or 7,000 votes in all. If they see that you are in earnest in your efforts to win a prize, they will give you their support. Everyone admires a hustler, and you will find it just as easy to get votes and subscriptions from strangers as from friends.

All votes secured while working for special prizes count toward the regular prizes, consisting of automobiles, pianos, bedroom sets, cabinets of silver, Hoosier kitchen cabinets, sewing machines, cash prizes and any other regular prizes.

"If I win one of the prizes, and do not want it, may I take cash instead?" asks one candidate.

No. The Advertiser has already paid for the prizes, and we will not be able to give cash instead of the prize.

"Are there any candidates working in the contest whose names are not in the paper? I have been told that there are."

No; there are not. The name of every candidate appears in the published list. A number of candidates have given books and supplies to friends to work for them, and it may be that those helpers have been taken for candidates.

There will be no larger vote offer than what has been offered at any time during the contest.

The best advice anyone could give you at this stage of the race is to hustle as you have never hustled before—do not stop until the last minute of the contest. It will be too late to make up for lost time when the judges have announced the winners, and someone else has walked off with the prize you figured you had "cinched." The battle of ballots will wax more furious as the end approaches, and as all candidates are turning in a lot of new subscriptions, the race is far from "cinched" by any one candidate.

Some one district is going to win four of the big prizes, and while District No. 2 held first place last Saturday, it is hard to tell which district will be leading tomorrow.

All subscriptions will date from the time The Advertiser is mailed from the office, and not from the date the subscription is given to the candidate.

CANADIANS RIP THROUGH DEFENCES OF THE GERMANS FOR FIVE HUNDRED YARDS

Fine Success For Central Ontario Battalion At Avion.

(By Stuart Lyon, Special Canadian Press Representative In France.)

Canadian Army Headquarters, July 23.—A remarkable successful minor operation, which resulted in the capture of sixty prisoners and the infliction of serious losses on the Germans in killed and wounded, was carried out early this morning by the Canadians in the region southeast of Avion. The force engaged was a Central Ontario battalion. The German position was penetrated for a distance of 500 yards.

To add to the difficulties of the men, a barrage of gas shells was put on by the enemy as they went over the trench tops and continued as they advanced, which made it necessary for them to wear gas masks during the attack.

Under the conditions prevailing, an advance would have been impossible had the men not been carefully instructed by scouts as to the obstacles they would have to encounter and the means of getting around or over them.

A Clever Attack.

The colonel of the regiment himself assisted before the attack in placing white tape to mark the practicable paths through the enemy wire, which at this point of the Oppy-Mericourt line is very wide. Thus aided, the assaulting waves, protected by an excellent barrage from our guns, had little resistance to overcome until they passed the enemy's first-line trench, where a number of prisoners were taken. Pushing on rapidly, the attacking force encountered fierce resistance and had to fight their way.

GERMANS STORM FIRST LINE OF PETAIN'S POILUS

Succeed in Securing a Footing On the Casemates Plateau.

LATER LOSE PART OF IT

Party of the Crown Prince Guards Are Caught in Death Trap.

Paris, July 23.—Continuing their violent attacks on the Aisne front, the Germans last night stormed French trenches on the Casemates Plateau, the war office announces. Later they were ejected from most of the positions. On the Californie Plateau the French maintained their supporting trenches.

The French Statement.

The statement follows:

"German attacks, accompanied by violent bombardments, continued last night on the plateaux in front of Craonne. On the Casemates Plateau the enemy in new efforts of extreme violence succeeded in penetrating our first line. An immediate and vigorous French counter-attack resulted in the preservation of only a small portion of this line. On the Californie Plateau the fighting was not ended until late at night. In spite of all their efforts the Germans were unable to dislodge us from the plateau. Our troops repulsed all attacks directed upon our supporting trenches, which we occupy in its entirety.

"There was intermittent cannonading at various points on the front."

TRAPPED BY FRENCH.

With the French Armies in France, July 21.—By the Associated Press.—The Fifth Division of the German Guard in its furious attack on the eastern end of the Chemin-des-Dames, on the Aisne front, during Thursday night and Friday morning gained nothing but a death trap in the shape of a trench 500 or 600 yards long on the northern side of the creek between Casemates and Californie plateau above Craonne. The objective of the Germans to obtain possession of observation points was defeated totally. Today hundreds of German bodies lie on the ground and the Germans who supposedly are holding the trench cannot advance or retire.

Cannonade Intense.

The cannonade today was most intense, and the French, who are in a position to observe all movements of the enemy smothered with shells several attempts of the Germans to assemble troops in this vicinity for further operations.

Many Prisoners Taken.

Numbers of prisoners belonging to the famous guard regiments were taken. From them it was learned that the attack had been arranged for several days previously, but the German crown prince decided to await the arrival of special units of shock troops before making the assault. A model of the French defensive system had been constructed behind the German lines, and the troops destined for the attack were instructed therewith before making the assault. They met their masters in the shape of stolid and hard fighting regiments from Touraine, which held the position.

The only point along the whole line of attack from Craonne to Hurtebise at which the Germans succeeded in obtaining any advantage was between the Casemates and Californie plateaux, where the crest is narrowest and where it was impossible for the French to bring much artillery to bear, owing to the configuration of the ground.

Hand-to-Hand.

All through Thursday night and Friday hand-to-hand fighting proceeded with grenades and bayonets, until the exhausted Germans were compelled to seek shelter in shell craters and shattered trenches of the front line formerly held by the French. There they cannot move or see, being under constant machine gun and artillery fire of dominating French batteries, and they still remain on the wrong side of the crest. The few yards they gained are being reconquered gradually by the French.

IS ASSISTANT ADJUTANT.—Lieut. A. T. Byrd, No. 1 Special Service Company, has been appointed to act as assistant adjutant of the Central Training Depot, it is announced in camp orders today.

BOSCHES' NERVES NEAR BREAKING; SCARED BY HAIG

Desperately Attempting To Locate Point of Next Mighty Blow.

(BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, U. P. Staff Correspondent.)

[Special to The Advertiser.]

With the British Armies in the Field, July 23.—Forty German airplanes brought down in five days is one indication of the frenzy of nervousness with which the Prussians are trying to find out what Field Marshal Haig is preparing for them.

The complacency with which German Chancellor Michaelis announced his satisfaction with all things military movement is not apparent today on the west front.

Scared by Haig.

The curiosity of Boche planes is just one indication of a deep-rooted apprehension that Haig is preparing another stroke. Just where this may come is worrying the Germans.

All along the front the Germans are lavishly using up their shells. Barrage fire starts at the slightest movement in the British trenches. Big guns systematically but blindly search out supposed depots back of the lines. Particular apprehension is shown among the sand dunes on the Belgian coast, where Germany recently won a gain. But the same apprehension shows in no neglect of fire through the Lens, Loos, Armentieres, Wytschaete or Ypres sectors.

Prisoners related today that one commander had ordered there would be no further leave granted members of his Bavarian division until his men by raids had fully identified the British troops opposite. One other commander announced a reward of the Iron Cross and a fortnight's leave, with twenty marks as a prize, to any patrol which would bring in a Britisher, dead or alive.

FORMER PASTOR IN CITY. — Rev. Thomas H. Mitchell, pastor of Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, formerly of the New St. James' Presbyterian Church this city, is in London for a short time. He underwent a minor operation on his throat on Saturday, but is making a rapid recovery. Mr. Mitchell will spend a week or two in this city.

BRITISH SUCCESS IN PALESTINE RAIDINGS

London, July 23.—The following official account of military operations in Palestine was issued here today:

"On the morning of July 19, the enemy pushed two cavalry regiments from Beersheba toward the line El Buggar-El Girjeir, about nine miles west of Beersheba. Our mounted troops engaged and drove them back to Beersheba, capturing thirteen prisoners.

"On the night of July 20, our troops successfully raided the enemy's trenches southwest of Gaza. They killed one Turkish officer and 101 men, and brought back prisoners, a machine gun, a trench mortar, a number of rifles and other booty."

ONE OF LAMBETH TRAGEDY VICTIMS

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GLEN SCOYNE, one of four boys killed by lightning yesterday afternoon.

KILLS WIFE, SHOOTS SELF AFTER A QUARREL OVER AUTO OUTING

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Blyth, July 23.—Quarreling with his wife because she had gone for an auto ride with a neighbor, and the latter's wife, James McCrackin, a young farmer of the fifth concession of Forest, early Sunday evening shot his wife with a revolver and then turned the gun on himself. The woman was killed instantly, while McCrackin's wound, which is on the side of head, will not result fatally. He was placed under arrest by Constable Summers this morning, following an investigation by Coroner Dr. Millen, who last night made a post mortem examination of the dead woman.

The tragedy occurred about 7:30 Sunday evening. McCrackin and his wife have not been living together for some months owing to quarrels, it is said, due to jealousy on the part of the young man. Last night he informed his parents that he was going to his own home, and reached there just as his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Carney, neighbors, drove up in the Carney automobile.

The couple at once got into an altercation over the auto drive, and before he could be stopped McCrackin had drawn a revolver and shot his wife through the head, the ball entering the right ear, causing instant death. He then ran into the house and shot himself in the head, the bullet, however, making only a slight surface wound. The constable had no trouble in putting the man under arrest. He appears calm and unconcerned over the matter.

The McCrackins have been married for some years, and have a child.

After the preliminary inquiry this morning the coroner adjourned the inquest until Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

CORN PRODUCTION BILL OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO OLD LAND FARMERS

London, July 13.—The importance that the Government attaches to the debate on the corn production bill, while proposes to pay fixed prices to farmers for cereal crops for a number of years after the war, is shown in a statement by the Government whip, wherein the request of supporters to attend is trebly underlined, and a division on the minimum wage of $6.25 a week it is proposed to pay farm laborers, is declared vital. Supporters and opponents of the measure both profess to believe that dangers will be avoided.

TEUTONS CONTINUING THE GALICIAN DRIVE; RUSS LEADER KILLED

Petrograd, July 23.—Between the Rivers Sereth, Stripa and Zlota Lipa, the Russian statement says, the Austro-Hungarians continued their offensive, occupying villages. The chief of the Russian divisional staff was killed while establishing order among the units on this East Galician front.

VALENCIA IS PLACED IN STATE OF SIEGE

Paris, July 23.—A statement of siege has been proclaimed in Valencia, according to official announcement in Madrid, says a Havas dispatch from the Spanish capital. The action was taken because of clashes between strikers and gendarmes in which many persons were wounded. The announcement said the troops were cheered by the population of the city.

FIVE LEADING SOCIALISTS RECEIVED BY EMPEROR

London, July 23.—According to the Berlin Vorwaerts, the Socialists who attended the conference between the emperor and the Reichstag Friday evening were Friedrich Ebert, Phillip Scheidemann, Dr. Eduard David and Dr. Alberto W. Suedekum.

The Vossiche Zeitung says this was the first time the emperor ever met Socialist deputies as representatives of the Socialist party.