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RUSSIANS IN EMBARRASSING SITUATION

Grand Duke's Whole Strategy Now Called Into Play to Save His Army

Germans Make Big Effort to Cut the Line of Retreat—Country Around Warsaw Has Been Put to the Torch and the City Denuded.

London, July 31.—The Russians are now facing the problem of evacuating Warsaw and surrounding country, without losing their armies, while the German allies are making a supreme effort to get across their line of retreat. The Teutons are said to have met with a partial success in this attempt.

The Berlin official report this evening says that Von Mackenzen has resumed the offensive and has reached the Lublin-Cholm railway about midway between these two cities. South-east of this as far as the Bug River, the Russian front has been shaken. The success of Von Mackenzen in getting across this railway after having been virtually stopped by Russian counter-attacks, denies at least the line of retreat of the Russians who might still be between him and Warsaw, and also places the Germans in a position to move against the Bug River front, should this be decided upon.

British military critics, however, refuse to believe that Grand Duke Nicholas has not provided for all contingencies, or that he was not pretty sure of the safety of his troops before indicating to the world he had decided to take up a new line.

The Berlin official statement says that the Germans have crossed the Vistula south-east of Warsaw, between Pilica and Kozienczy, which leads military writers to believe that the Russians have already fallen back in this region, and that perhaps even the fortress of Ivangorod has been left to its fate.

There is no news of the situation on the Narew River, or General Von Buelow's wide outflanking movement in Kovno province. However, the opinion expressed here is that as the German plans contemplate a series of attacks, rather than a simultaneous one, it is likely they are waiting for

Austrians Balked In An Attempt to Retake Pelagos

Rome, July 30.—An attempt was made by a squadron of Austrian cruisers and a flotilla of torpedo boat destroyers, yesterday, to recapture the Austrian island of Pelagos, in the Adriatic, which was occupied by the Italian naval forces last Monday, according to an official communication issued to-day by the Italian Ministry of Marine. The attack was repulsed.

The statement adds that some members of the Austrian landing party were forced to swim to their ships. It is officially announced that two prisoners, who were charged with espionage, were tried by court martial on the 26th and 27th. They were found guilty and sentenced to death. The sentences having been duly confirmed, were carried out this morning.

U.S. Dispatches Additional Marines To Port au Prince

Washington, July 30.—Two Americans of the landing force from the cruiser Washington, were killed at Port au Prince, according to a message from Admiral Caperton, received to-day. The men were members of a patrol and were shot from ambush by snipers last night. The marines returned the fire. No further disturbances occurred.

Admiral Caperton reported that the town was attacked from the south at 8 o'clock last night. He had been warned, and disposed his forces of defence and repulsed it. He said there was no cause for alarm. The battleship Connecticut, with 500 additional marines, has been ordered to Port au Prince from Philadelphia.

Germans Have New Type of Ship

London, July 31.—A Copenhagen despatch to the Post says, the crew of the steamer Nigill testified before the Marine Court that the steamer was sunk by a German torpedo boat, and not by a submarine. The torpedo boat was one of a flotilla of eight ships of a new type.

The Nigill's sailors said they were told by the German crew that they were returning from a ten days cruise in the North Sea, and that they had no fear of the enemy's fleet because of their speed and unusually heavy armament.

Foreigners and The Strike Troubles In United States

Washington, July 30.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, to-day reiterated the charge that foreign influences have been working to make strikes in the States, and called upon workmen to discontinue any such attempts.

Russian Lines Have Been Pierced At Important Points

Petrograd, July 31.—While Austro-German assaults have been repulsed at several places along the battle-line the admission made in an official statement that the Russian fronts have been pierced at important points.

One is at Radomka, on the Vistula, where pontoons were used in crossing a passage of the Vievpr, also forced at Trawnski, near the fortress of Jovono, in the province of Jovno.

Austrian Cavalry Enters Lublin

Vienna, July 31.—Austrian cavalry entered Lublin on Friday, according to an official statement issued at the Austrian War Office. By the occupation of Lublin, 95 miles south-east of Warsaw, the Austrians have cut the Russians at an important means of communication, connecting the whole Southern Russian front between the Vistula and Bug Rivers.

BAVARIAN PRINCE ADMITS BELIEF IN IMPENDING DEFEAT

Realizes the Race Long Distance One and is Not Always

TO THE SWIFT

England and Her Allies Growing Stronger, While Germany is at her Maximum

London, July 31.—A Central News despatch from Northern France states "I can vouch for the following interview as authentic. The Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, while conversing with a member of the Reichstag, who was visiting the battle line in Artois said:—

"I must confess I am no longer an optimist. It will take some time before the Allies will seriously affect our position in France, but the role subsequently will be reversed. The strength and resources of the enemy are now too well organized. He is in a position to hold the balance in this in his favour, and it must be obvious to our best friends that we are utilizing our maximum resources, while the enemy is in a much improved position. He has important new reserves. The British army has had long training and is presumably an efficient fighting machine.

The Gum that everyone praises—Coca-Cola.

Leyland Liner Sunk by Submarine

London, July 31.—Grand Duke Nicholas has decided, according to Reuters' Petrograd despatch, that no property in Warsaw shall be destroyed unless such step is imperative from the viewpoint of military necessity.

Holland Increases Standing Army

The Hague, July 30.—The Dutch Landsturm Bill was adopted by the first Chamber to-day and became law. The measure provides for the eventual increase of the total trained soldiers of Holland to approximately 550,000 officers and men, instead of 300,000 who were now under arms.

German Aviator Drops Four Bombs On Town of Nancy

Paris, July 30.—A German aviator threw down four bombs on Nancy, yesterday. No casualties or damage.

OFFICIAL BRITISH

London, July 30.—The French Government reports violent German attacks repulsed in the Vosges with heavy loss.

The French submarine Mariotte has been sunk in the Dardanelles and her crew captured.

The Russian Government reports that the enemy suffered enormous loss in attempting to fortify the left bank of the Narew, also between the Bug and Wiprz.

The Italian Government reports enemy counter attacks on Carzo Plateau, with fresh troops, repulsed with serious losses.—BONAR LAW.

Twelve Thousand Austrian Soldiers Fall Before Italians

Geneva, July 30.—A telegraphic despatch to the Tribune from Laibach, says that the Austrians attacked the Italians at Gorizia with 170,000 men, including 30,000 Bavarians, on the night of July 28th, with disastrous results. The Austrian losses are numbered at 12,000.

The following day a fierce Austrian attack on Carzo Plateau was also repulsed.

The Italians hold all the positions they have captured the last five days, except the advanced trenches at Gorizia, which have been evacuated.

Tragedy in Mine When Twelve Cars Break Loose

Pittsburg, July 30.—Eight men were killed and twelve injured in the Patterson mine, Injured Coal Co., near Elizabeth, Penna., fifteen miles from here, this afternoon, when the cable hauling twelve cars up a steep incline parted.

Germany Conveys Troops to Baltic

London, July 31.—All German ferries between Sassinitz on the East coast of the Island of Rugen and Trelberg, the southernmost town of Sweden, are withdrawn, as the ships are being used to convey a large draft of troops to the Russian Baltic provinces, according to a Stockholm correspondent.

Two More Victims Submarine Terrors

London, July 30.—The Norwegian steamer Trondhjemfjord was torpedoed and sunk to-day by a German submarine, and the Belgian steamer Prince Albert was also sunk by striking a mine.

The crews of both vessels were saved.

MOVEMENTS OF SHIPPING

Mr. LeMessurier of the Customs Department had the following message:

"That the schooner Essex arrived at Woods Island from Gloucester.

"The schooner Montanna sailed from Gloucester for Woods Island with a fish cargo.

"The steamer Seal arrived at Channel from Halifax to-day.

"The American yacht Jeanette, Williams master and owner, arrived at Bonne Bay from Shelburne, Nova Scotia, to-day, with a party of three who will do some fishing there.

"The schooner Jennie Hodson arrived at Brigus yesterday from Sydney, coal laden.

"The steamers Sandford and Sonerstad sailed from West Wabana, orc laden, for Sydney yesterday.

"The schooner Lena arrived at Carbonear yesterday from Sydney coal laden."

Try Honeyfruit flavor—Coca-Cola Chewing Gum.

TAG DAY IN NEWFOUNDLAND

In Aid of Those Wounded in Our Defence

August 4th, the anniversary of the beginning of the great war between barbarism and civilization, "Der Tag" the day on which we now know the Huns had planned to land an attacking force on Britain's coast; their transport ships were ready, their fleet moved forward to cover their crossing, but the watchdogs of old England were found waiting at their posts, the mighty bulwarks of Britain's navy stopped the way. Can we realize the feelings of our enemies when they, thinking how easily Britain's "contemptible little army" would be overcome, found that their deep laid plans had been forestalled and they made to shrink back to their hiding places. We know how the few ships of Germany's navy on the high seas menaced our merchant vessels, till Britain's sons and Greater Britain's sons, for we must not forget that one of Australia's ships was almost the first to take toll of Germany's navy, till these, our staunch protectors cleared the seas of all enemy's warships, and only the vicious sting of submarines remains to them.

Can we ever realize the greatness of this Britain's silent power, and dare we let our thoughts imagine our plight had Britain's navy proved less great.

Newfoundland, especially, must feel deep gratitude, that she in her great isolation should have remained so unmolested. And how better can she express her thanks, than by making the 4th a "Naval Day" in aid of those who by their sufferings are enabling us to hold high holidays. Newfoundland's naval ensign which will be sold throughout the day should deck each home, each horse, each car, each fishing rod, and in honor of our colony's Royal Naval Reserve, their badge will be sold, that it may deck each person. We know that the whole loyal people of Newfoundland, will look forward to the day, and see that they secure these emblems of their loyalty, the proceeds of which will go to help supply the means of healing to those wounded in our defence.

Any of the outposts wishing to join in this patriotic movement may communicate with Mrs. John Browning, King's Bridge Road. A stock of Badges and Flags will be sent forward on application and the proceeds of the sale of these emblems will be devoted to the fund mentioned above.

It is to be hoped that every man, woman and child in Newfoundland will make August 4th a day to be long remembered.

SHIPPING

The success left Pernambuco Monday for this port.

The Tobacco is set to sail from Liverpool for St. John's Aug. 10.

The brignt. E. S. Hocken is loading cod at Goodridge's for Brazil.

The Olinda, Capt. Courtney, is now out 21 days from Barbados molasses laden to A. S. Rendell & Co.

The schr. Good Ship Jubilee arrived yesterday afternoon to G. Browning & Sons with a coal cargo from Sydney.

The schr. Medina reached port yesterday from Sydney, coal laden to James Baird, Ltd. On the way she brought part cargo of codfish from Channel.

The banker Donald G. Hollett, which was run down by the Petrel Thursday morning, is having her repairs rushed at the dock premises and will get away to Labrador Tuesday next.

The banker Miriam May of Burin arrived here yesterday afternoon from Burin in charge of Capt. Joyce. She did well on her last trip to the Banks, securing 700 qts. and has 2300 for 7 dories. She goes to Labrador.

LUNENBURG BANKING SCHOONER SUNK

Steamer "Drot" Collides With Her in Dense Fog—She Sinks in Two Minutes—Crew of 18 Saved.

The S.S. "Drot" arrived here this morning with the captain and crew of the Lunenburg banking schr. "Metapedia" on board to the number of 18 souls. The Drot had been in collision with the banker which sunk in 2 minutes off Cape Ballard at 2.10 p.m. yesterday. From Spencer Mason, brother of Capt. Mason of the banker "The Mail and Advocate" to-day got the following particulars of the disaster to the vessel.

A couple of days ago the "Metapedia" arrived at Aquaforte off the Banks, having secured 300 qts cod and stocked 1400 qts for the season for 6 dories. The vessel, which was three years old and 100 tons burden, was a fine one, and left Aquaforte at six a.m. yesterday with a caplin baiting to go back to the Grand Banks.

It was fine and clear up to noon when a thick fog set in, the vessel stood off the land, and after shaping her course for a short while up the shore, stood to sea again and was about six miles off Cape Ballard when the accident occurred. Spenser Mason, the skipper's brother, was at the wheel and Spurgeon Crouse, his watch mate, was on the look-out. The vessel was running by the wind on a Southerly course when the "Drot" suddenly came down on her from the Westward. Just previously the men on watch heard her whistle but did not apprehend any danger and sounded their own fog horn in answer, and not till the big ship loomed up close on board did they realize their peril. The Drot's skipper had just glimpsed the banker and had his engines reversed at full speed, but the ship's momentum carried her on and she struck the vessel with a sounding crash exactly amidships on the starboard side, crashing through the vessel as if she was made of so much tissue paper and splitting in pieces three dories packed on the deck and ripping fully half way through the vessel which was cut down well below the water line.

Besides the skipper and the watch on deck mentioned above, all were below but tumbled up immediately the accident happened. The hull of the

ship tumbled 25 feet from the water line above the schooner and the men ran up in the rigging, that distance, one helping the other and each in turn jumped on the steamer's deck to safety. Capt. Mason being the last to do so. One boy aged 12 is among the crew, and he was helped up the rigging by Spencer Mason and the cook and dropped by them in on the steamer's deck.

The schooner sank into the waves at the side of the steamer in exactly two minutes after the accident had occurred and it was fortunate that the occurrence happened in daylight and with calm weather, otherwise all would have been drowned. When the ship struck her, she backed off a few feet as her engines were reversed, but the captain instantly sent her a head again and her stem fitted the hole made in the schooner's side, so that she remained above water long enough for the crew to climb to safety.

When the steamer struck her the "Metapedia" heeled over towards her, her topmast ball breaking on the ship's rail as she sank. The vessel with her fish and gear was valued at \$19,000 and is only partially insured.

The crew when they came on deck were, many without hats, coats or shoes, and were glad to get on board the "Drot" as they were anything but well treated having been put to sleep in the rope lockers last night and being given the worst of food served up on the deck hatches.

Capt. David Backman in hospital here, whose hand was amputated by reason of an accident on the Banks sometime ago, is part owner of the vessel.

The captain lost with his vessel \$400 cash held for bait purchases and \$75 worth of nautical instruments, besides his clothes, &c., and the men lost all they possessed.

They were fitted out with clothes at 1 p.m. at Bowring Bros. and are staying at the Seaman's Institute.

ANOTHER GRAND BANK BANKER MISSING

She Carried a Crew of Twenty-two Men

We learn to-day from other bankers who arrived here yesterday that S. Harris' banker "Bessie McDonald" of Grand Bank has been missing for the past five weeks. They say that she has not been heard from since her first caplin baiting, about five weeks ago. She carries a crew of 22 men all told.

S.S. "SUSU" SAILS

The S.S. Susu, Capt. Howard, sailed north at 10.30 to-day, taking up the Fogota's route, with a full freight and as passengers: Miss A. Rendell, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Norman and child, Miss B. Harding and Miss Clarke.

Ask your dealer for Wallace's Souvenir box chocolates. Three pictures of 1st Nfld. Contingent on cover—quality "Most excellent."

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FATHER AND SON ARRESTED

People having complained that they were held up by an old man named Woodley and his son for money and ladies especially having been roughly treated by them in their soliciting, Sgt. Byrne arrested both on the street this morning. The boy has a jail record for theft. The father will be sent to the poor asylum as he has no home.

GOT 6 MONTHS

The man who last week criminally assaulted a little girl at Bell Island and was arrested here was tried before Magistrate Power at the Island yesterday and sentenced to six months hard labour. Const. Morrissey brought him to the penitentiary to-day.

Songs & Music

G. KNOWLING'S STATIONERY DEPT.

- There Never was a Coward Where the Shamrock Grows12c.
- March on to Berlin12c.
- Be a Soldier, Be a man12c.
- Sister Susie's Sewing Shirts for Soldiers12c.
- Tubal Cain12c.
- We have a full assortment of New Music just opened at prices from 2c. to 60c. per sheet. Come soon and get your choice.
- Other high-class pieces such as—
- Land of Hope and Glory . 60c. (Sung by Madame Clara Butt.)
- We're all Plain Civilians . 60c.
- I'll Make a Man of You . . 80c. (Sung by Miss Gwendoline Brogdon.)
- Our Saxon Fathers5c. (Part song for 4 voices.)
- The Battle Prayer5c. (Part song for 4 voices.)
- There's a Land80c. (Sung by Madame Clara Butt.)
- Come Along, Can't You Hear, 25c 2 cents extra for postage.

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