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## OVER 350,000 AUSTRIANS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED SINCE AUG. 1st

### Violent Bombardment by The Huns on Verdun Front

#### Night Passed Quietly on Other Sectors, Says French Official Retort---Allied Armies Believed to be Clearing the Way For Another Blow.

PARIS, Aug. 16.—A violent bombardment was carried on last night on the Verdun front at Thiaumont, Fleury, Vaux and Chapitre, east of the Meuse. Along the greater part of the front the night passed quietly, the official report issued today says.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—A London cable to the Tribune says:

Sharp thrusts, which won ground both for the British and the French on the western front Monday night have been succeeded by another lull broken only by the incessant artillery combat.

While the Germans insist that the Allied offensive is spent, military critics here declare that the way is being cleared for a greater blow yet.

The earthquake, of which the German seismograph gave insufficient warning, as the French describe it, is still rumbling.

Haig's forces have driven the Germans out of most of the trenches north-west of Pozieres, in which they gained a footing Monday. Further west they forced the enemy's trenches at the Mouquet farm, directly east of Thiepval. By these attacks the loop around Thiepval has been drawn tighter and the town lies now in a pocket.

The Leipsic redoubt is in a similar position. As soon as the British line further east is advanced, the British will be ready to make a new attack toward Thiepval.

#### Squadron of French Aeroplanes Pull Off

##### Raid Near Trieste, and One Was Lost

ROME, Aug. 15 (via Paris, Aug. 16.)—A squadron of French and Italian aeroplanes made a raid near Trieste today, and it is reported they inflicted extensive damage. One of the French aeroplanes was lost.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—A Reuter despatch from Amsterdam says that seven Belgians who were tried before the same court martial that condemned Captain Charles Fryatt of the steamer Brussels, were executed and that the total number of Belgians shot for treason by the Germans up to date is 500.

#### Portugal is Likely to Take a More Active

##### Part in the Great World War Before Long

LONDON, Aug. 16.—"Portugal is on the verge of large co-operation in the world war. She is taking thorough stock of her available military and naval resources, with a view not only further strengthening her ancient alliance with Britain, but with the idea of becoming a considerable factor in the broader arrangements of the Entente."

Dr. Bernardino Machado, President of the Republic of Portugal, made the above announcement of Portugal's future war policy, in Lisbon, in an interview.

#### New Operating in East Africa, But May

##### Soon Lend a Hand on the Western Front

"In accordance with well understood conventions between the two governments," he said, "the military participation of Portugal in the Anglo-Portuguese alliance heretofore has been confined to operations in Anglo-Portuguese East Africa, where at this moment our splendidly equipped troops are engaged along a thinly held and long and difficult front.

"Our help is now asked in the campaign on the western European front. Portugal is ready to undertake whatever measures are necessary to convince the Entente of our sincerity and persistence.

"Our troops will take the field in France at the precise moment that the British, French and Portuguese general staffs decide Portuguese aid is necessary to exert maximum pressure."

#### BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORT.

London, Aug. 18.—With the exception of minor infantry engagements in the vicinity of Pozieres, where our line is being consolidated, there was no change between the Ancre and the Somme, the War Office report of today says. There was some heavy shelling by both sides during the night.

### RETURNED SOLDIERS PUT UP KICK

Montreal, Aug. 16.—A London, Ont., despatch to the Star this morning says:

Returned soldiers at a big meeting here today roundly criticized the Government for what they termed the dirty kick-out given fifteen of their comrades. These men, all permanently injured, some with eyes gone, were sent checks for \$25 and notified they would get nothing more.

They consider their treatment outrageous, especially as they are unable yet to work.

### CANADIANS IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Aug. 16.—Casualties among Maritime Province men in today's list are as follows:

#### Infantry.

Killed in action—John W. Lavers, Halifax; Corp. Marshall Longard, Tantallon, N. S.

Wounded—Louis B. Bayers, Dartmouth, N. S.; Frederick Handley, Halifax; Donald Morgan, Halifax.

#### Grading Has Begun.

The grading of St. John and Moncton under the grading system of the National Board of Fire Underwriters has begun. Experts from New York are doing the work. The grading will result in radical changes in insurance rates. It is probable the experts will next grade Halifax. It will be some months before they will visit Fredericton.

### JAPS SUPPLYING THE RUSSIAN ARMY WITH CLOTHING AND MUNITIONS

#### Military Observer Just Back From the Front, Says Japanese Are Clothing Russians From Head to Foot---Also Supplying Them With Big Guns.

PARIS, Aug. 5 (correspondence).—The extent to which Japan is clothing, shoeing, arming and munitioning the Russian army was forcibly presented to a military observer who has just returned from along the Russian front.

"I was astonished," he said, "to find great numbers of Russian soldiers clothed from head to foot in uniforms made in Japan, not only the tunic and trousers, but even the leggings.

"They carried on their shoulders Japanese arms, their cartridge belts were filled with cartridges made in Japan, their leather belts and buckles were from Japan, and the stout hob-nail shoes they wear are from hides gathered in Korea and made into shoes in Japan, so that there you see a Russian soldier in Japanese clothes, Japanese shoes, with Japanese guns, Japanese ammunition and Japanese accoutrements.

#### Korea, Over Which the Nations Fought

##### A Few Years Ago, is Supplying the Shoes

"It is strange," he went on, "that Russia went to war with Japan over Korea, and now Korea, the source of all the trouble, is supplying Russia with the shoes in which her soldiers are marching to victory. Korea is a grazing country and is proving a great reservoir of raw hides out of which the Japanese are rapidly turning boots, shoes, saddles and leather furnishings."

"How do these supplies get from Japan to the Russian front?" the observer was asked.

"It was noted," said he, "that about the only vital point where the Germans had not been able to send their submarines was in the waters of the East China Sea, the Straits of Korea and the Sea of Japan.

"These are the waters separating Japan from Russia and the Asiatic mainland, and the routes over them, commercial and military, are open and without menace."

#### Getting All Sorts of Arms From Service

##### Rifles to the Monster Twelve Inch Guns

"What sort of arms and munitions is Russia getting from Japan?" was asked.

"All sorts," was the reply, "from the service rifle and small field pieces up to the big 12-inch guns.

"The Japanese 12-inch piece is a terrible weapon, and they are content not to make any of the 14-inch and 16-inch guns, as they consider that from a military standpoint the immobility of the monster gun offsets its advantages, whereas the 12-inch gun is a mobile gun and very deadly."

"It is said that French and Japanese officers are now furnishing the expert direction of the Russian artillery fire, which has made it so effective. Did you see any of these officers?" the observer was asked.

#### Japanese Experts Have Been Sent Along

##### To Explain the Working of the Great Guns

"No, and the report is not correct," he said.

"The Russian artillery officers are directing their own fire and are getting splendid results. The only Japanese and French officers are those temporarily assigned to explain the working of a new piece, just as an expert is sent along to explain any complicated piece of machinery.

Japanese experts accompanied the big 12-inch Japanese guns, not to manoeuvre them in action, but to explain how they were to be manoeuvred. That is the extent of their help, and the Russians should get the full credit for what they have accomplished in operating the artillery. No, the Japanese have done remarkably well in arming, clothing and munitioning the Russians, but they have not had a chance to do the fighting."

### SPIRIT OF THE AUSTRIANS IS STEADILY SINKING

LONDON, Aug. 16.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail with the — army on the Russian front, under date of Aug. 14, sends the following:

"The brilliantly rapid movement of Letchitzky's troops toward Lemberg causes the greatest rejoicing throughout the Russian army. This fresh blow inflicted on the Austrians has sensibly reduced their power of resistance and there is abundant proof that the spirit of their troops is sinking lower every week.

#### Taught the Germans a Lesson Too.

"At the same time the Russians have taught the Germans a severe lesson by handling the troops sent to stiffen the Austrians in a manner so rough that they were glad to surrender in thousands. Nearly all the prisoners were found to be still in complete ignorance of the character of Brusiloff's drive and of the failure of their army before Verdun. They say that when these facts are generally known all hope of victory will die.

#### Prisoners Say There is Talk of Peace.

"Many prisoner officers say terms of peace have already been much discussed among them. Their view is that, failing any great success for her arms, Germany will make peace in the spring by giving back all the occupied territory and possibly paying an indemnity. When told the Allies would never agree to such a peace, they express great surprise. They admit, however, that the whole energies of Prussianism would in such an event, be directed to preparing for another war.

"The view taken by the majority of the officers with whom I talked is that sort of a weakening by the Germans on the western front, or of the German people taking matters into their own hands, the end is unlikely before spring."

#### RUSSIANS CAPTURE HEIGHTS.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 16.—The Russians have captured a series of heights to the west of Vorokhta and Arzemoy, in the Carpathians. The Austrians are retiring to the west.

Between June 4, when the Russian offensive was inaugurated, and August 1, General Brusiloff's forces captured more than 358,000 men, the War Office announced today.