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# BRITISH LINES ON THE WESTERN FRONT BEING PUSHED FORWARD

# The Balkan Front Now the Scene of Heavy Fighting

# Strong Infantry Attacks Delivered by the Allied Forces---Bulgarians Claim That They Were **Repulsed---Heavy** Fighting in the Somme Region.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Heavy fighting on the Balkan front is reported in an official Bulgarian statement received here today from Sofia. The Allied forces delivered strong infantry attacks, which the statement says were repulsed. The fighting occurred in the region of Lake Doiran, and northwest of Saloniki, near the Greek border. Several encounters have to the Red Cross Fund. taken place in this vicinity of late, but the official Bulgarian statement intimates that larger forces are now being used against the Bulgarians.

"On the evening of August 14," the statement says, "the enemy's artillery opened a violent bombardment of our advanced positions south and west of Lake Doiran. Under cover of this fire the enemy's infantry attacks were repulsed. The bombardment continued and on the morning of the 15th enemy infantry again attacked with considerable force, but were repulsed and compelled to fall back in considerable disorder.

The French War Office announced last night that engagements were occurring frequently along the whole front. The capture by the Allies of the railroad station at Doiran and of four villages at other points on the Balkan front, was reported.

### Allies Remove Some of the Barriers of

Germany's Great Defensive System

PARIS, Aug. 17 .- Operations on three different parts /c the Somme front yesterday resulted in the removal of some of the barriers of the powerful German defensive system. A resumption of the methodical drive of the French troops, after disappearance of these obstacles, is expected to bring further gains in the region of Guillemont and Maurepas.

In the actions yesterday, the French attained an ascendancy over their adversaries during the fighting around the Guillesuccess in that vicinity, have a dominating position and besides OPPOSITION CONVENTION POSTPONED.

Many of the farmers who are desirous of attending the Opposition Convention in the County and thus take a part toward obaining better government, have asked, in view of the unusual lateness of the haying season to have the convention called for Saturday next postponed. In view of the urgent request, the local committee has agreed to this. The Opposition convention will, therefore, be postpon-ed, to meet at a date to be anounced later. GEORGE F. BURDEN.

Dated August 17, 1916. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### For Red Cross Fund.

An efficient detchment of the local Nomen's Volunteer Reserve was in charge of the refreshment booth at the Trotting Park yesterday and is on duty again today. Receipts are to go Returned From Motor Trip.

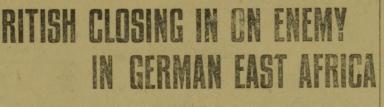
ity, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Sargent and amily, of Plaster Rock, arrived here ast night after a motor tour of the province which occupied upwards of

#### Late Thomas P. Taylor

The funeral of the late Thomas P. Faylor tok place today at Sheffield and was largely attended. Rev. Mr. Peters conducted the service.

#### Fined Fifteen Dollars.

A young Fredericton man who dirves motor car was fined \$15 in Marysville yesterday for exceeding the speed limit Marysville authorities are not as tolerant as those of this city.



LONDON, Aug. 17 .- The ring around the forces defending German East Africa is being drawn closer. An official state- confidence in the Kaiser remains absolutely unabated, and amment received today from General Smuts, commander of the ounts almost to a cult, on the other hand the unpopularity of mont-Maurepas road. The Germans still have a hold in the British forces in German East Africa, reports that the British the Crown Prince has lately reached remarkable proportions. northwest part of Maurepas, but the French, by reason of their have cleared the difficult hilly country and captured several im- The working classes particularly are bitter against him, and portant positions, being separated from the Central railway by firmly blame his egotism for the unavailing sacrifice of more



ONE CENT PER COPY

London, Aug. 17.-The Berne correspondent Mr. and Mrs. M. Atkinson, of this of the London Daily Mail ascribes to an eminent neutral the narration of a conversation he had with a prominent official of the German foreign office. The neutral asked how the official class, those behind the scenes, regarded the situation. The official replied, carefully:

> The situation is not brilliant, but certainly not bad. We cannot be beaten, and the chances of winning are still favorable. We obviously had some disillusionments. We thought we could crush Europe in three months, and we came near doing it.

> There have been miscalculations-diplomatic miscalculations. There have been military errors also, but the situation today is not unsatsifactory.

# Unpopularity of the Crown Prince Has

#### Lately Reached Remarkable Proportions

'It is a sheer physical impossibility to beat us. Mind you, do not say we are going to dictate peace in Paris, or even going to dictate peace at all, but I do say no one shall dictate peace to us.

The "neutral," who was in Berlin in July, said that while German soldiers at verdun. Among these same working classes the desire for peace is The commercial and professional classes share these peace bluff, and little thought is given to them.

South of the Somme, the German trench system around Bellov and Santerre was a real fortified work, which had resisted numerous previous bombardments. Its capture permits further advance in that section.

## Allied Forces Storm and Capture Enemy Trenches Along a Frontage of Two Miles

PARIS, Aug. 17 .- A violent artillery duel is in progres north of Maurepas, in the Somme region, says the War Office

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.- The London correspondent of the

the river they took by storm trenches along a front of more than Zeppelin dropped bombs on the region of Kemern, directly

#### Italians, Roused to Enthusiasm by Recent

Victories, Driving Austrians Before Them

ROME, Aug. 16 (via Paris, Aug. 17).-The Italian army is being held back on the lower Isonzo until the line on the upper Isonzo can be straightened by the capture of the mountains of San Gabriele, San Mario and other positions lying between Tol- "Toby" Hamilton mino and Gorizia. While the capture of these mountains is regarded as imminent, there probably will be no advance upon Trieste until they have been taken.

The Austrians are being forced off the Carso plateau before spirited attacks of the Italian troops, roused to enthusiasm by recent victories. Fierce fighting against heavy guns which have been barring the way to Trieste, is in progress.

#### BRITISH LINE ADVANCES.

LONDON, Aug. 17 .- The British have made another advance on the Somme front. Official announcement was made of William Vamilton, founder of the pling for the body. today that the line had been pushed forward west and south-

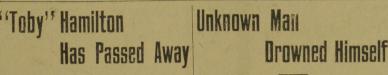
"General Smuts reports that on Tuesday our forces advancing from the Nugurro Mountains, after overcoming slight oppo- widespread, but there is no talk of any revolutionary tendency sition, reached the junction of the principal tracks leading to which might compel the governing classes to make peace. Mogoro and Kilossa. Our columns are now clear of the diffiult hilly country and in this direction are separated from the sentiments. All threats of an economic war are described as entral railway by only 25 miles of open land.

'On Tuesday the important town and military coastal staion of Bagamojo, 36 miles north of Dar-es-Salem, was occuied by naval forces. A naval gun was captured."

#### RUSSIAN ADVANCES DELAYED.

The statemeln says: "The enemy at some places' resumed his counter-attacks. These were frustrated by our fire.

Supplementary reports show that General Brazoff, in the most recent operations captured 198 officers, 7,308 men, 29 ight field pieces, 17 heavy guns, 70 machine guns, 29 homb hrower's and more than 14,000 shells. These are in addition naturally high. What the approximate loss in human material to those reported yesterday.



Baltimore, Md., Aug. 17.-Richard F. (Toby) Hamilton, one of the most fam- board from the Cleveland and Buffalo ous of press agents, died here yester- passenger steamer a mile outside the day of heart disease, after an illness harbor early today. of two weeks.

Barnum & Bailey's circus from 1881

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 17 .- An uniden-

He was about 50 years old and was seen pacing the deck for about an He was born in June, 1847, the son bour. The life-saving crew is grap-

Mr. Harry ("Dutch") Ervin, of the

### **Report From German Sources Says**

## Expenditure of Ammunition is Prodigious

Headquarters of German Army on the Somme Front, Sat-PETROGRAD, Aug. 17.-The Russian advance is still being urday, Aug. 42 (via Berlin to London, Aug. 17).- The exheld up in the face of counter attacks. These assaults, the War penditure of artillery ammunition by the Entente Allies on this Office reported today, have been repulsed. Artillery and rifle front has reached a prodigious volume, often striking the rate of 32 shells a second during drum fire. Not infrequently along the Entire Somme front nearly 90,000 shells have been dropped in an hour, while a conservative estimate puts the average for the 24-hour period at more than 100,000 shells.

# Germans Frankly Admit That Their Losses **On Western Front Have Been Far From Light**

With this rate of fire the financial cost of the offensive is amounts to is difficult to estimate. That the losses of the British in certain actions have been frightful is affirmed by German officers, who on the other hand frankly admit that their own losses have been far from light, though all insist that they were not nearly so heavy as the British.

German expenditure in ammunition has been much lighter than that of the British for the reason that the German artillery concentrates its efforts on special objects such as trenches, fied man either fell or jumped over transports and reserve base, while the British often screen off whole sectors, taking nightly under their fire all the villages and roads behind the German lines within range of their guns.

#### GERMAN STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, Aug. 17.-The sinking of the German sleamship Weser, of Hamburg, 1028 tons gross, by a submarine a fortnight ago, is reported in an Exchange Teelgraph despatch from Copenhagen. The crew was saved.