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RUSSIAN COLLAPSE IS APPALLING BLOW TO CAUSE OF ALLIES

**Army of New Republic Was Best Equip-
ped Ever Put in Field by Russia---
British and French Artillery, Armor-
ed Cars and Airplanes Included.**

LONDON, July 26.—An appalling blow is the description of the Russian collapse given in a despatch from Petrograd to the Post. Never in the war has Russia put afield such enormous armies. British and French guns and gunners, flying machines, aviators and British armored cars were added to the unprecedented technical strength of the Russians themselves to make this particular front equal to anything.

The artillery was placed where admirable natural and prepared position amounted to the ideal. There were places where the artillery lay in absolutely dead ground not 300 yards from the enemy trenches. Big guns were ideally placed, thanks to the character of the terrain.

ALMOST STAGGERS BELIEF.

Information regarding the guns of the eleventh army almost staggers belief. It appears that the infantry shot down their own gunners in order to get their horses, or shot down the gun horses in revenge as they retreated, leaving practically all the artillery of the eleventh army in enemy hands.

As far as the artillery and technical appliances of the seventh and eighth armies are concerned, there is also no hope of their being saved.

The Germans were already a couple of days ago across the Dniestr, on the shortest line of retreat. The rate of the enemy's advance on the western wing has accelerated and the gun positions are behind the line now occupied by the Germans. It is becoming an exceedingly anxious question whether the eighth army will succeed in getting away at all; but it is making the best haste eastward.

KORNILOFF'S DRASTIC MEASURES.

LONDON, July 26.—A despatch to the Post from Petrograd says that under General Korniloff's drastic measures to restore order in the eleventh army one whole division thereof was blown to pieces by their own artillery, to avenge the insults which all royal troops, especially the artillery, have been silently enduring for the past four months from these traitorous rascals.

BRITISH COVERED RETREAT.

LONDON, July 26.—Special despatches from Petrograd ascribe to British armored cars a gallant part in covering the Russian retreat in Galicia. The infantry deserted them, hence their stand was unavailing; but the German advance was held up some time. The commander in chief personally congratulated the British commanders and presented 26 crosses of St. George to his men. The British casualties were only five men wounded and the corps later co-operated with the Russian cavalry in front of Tarnopol.

POLOVTZOFF HAS RESIGNED.

PETROGRAD, July 26.—General Polovtsoff, military governor of Petrograd, who recently was severely attacked by Minister of War Kerensky for failing to put down rioting in the capital, has resigned. General Erkelli, commander of the 14th army, has been appointed his successor.

U-BOAT DAMAGE NOT CONSIDERED EXCESSIVE

**No French Ships Lost in Last Week---British Opinion is That Anti-Submarine is Successful Campaign
--Weather Conditions Favor Submarine Hunters.**

LONDON, July 26.—The report of the week's losses of British merchantmen would have shown the low record, except for a couple of days, when the Germans had unusually good luck. Even with this exception the total is considered to have been about normal. The U-boat damage for the previous fortnight had been kept down to a minimum, but for the current week an upward tendency in the curve would not have been unexpected, in view of the vigorous offensive efforts which the Germans are now putting forward on all fronts and which no doubt are reflected in the orders to the submarine commanders to support the land offensive by strenuous efforts on the submarine front. On the whole the navy may be said to be fairly well satisfied with the progress being made against the underwater enemy, and the feeling is that time is all on the side of the Allies, as every week sees anti-submarine methods developing and the co-operation of the various parts of the anti-submarine campaign improving.

In the meantime, the shipbuilding programme is being pressed forward, while in another month the weather and daylight conditions will begin to tell against the submarines.

FRENCH ESCAPE LOSS.

PARIS, July 26.—During the week ending midnight July 22, not a single French vessel either over or under 1,000 tons was lost, according to an official statement issued yesterday. Six French merchantmen were attacked unsuccessfully during that time by submarines. Ships of all nationalities numbering 1,063 entered port and 937 departed.

SINN FEINERS' DEMONSTRATION IS PREVENTED

New York, July 26.—An Associated Press cable from London says: "According to the lobby correspondent of the newspapers the precaution is having Secret Service men placed in the Parliament building and to prevent a contemplated demonstration by Sinn Feiners, who it was reported had come to London especially to make a disturbance in the House of Commons when Laurence Ginnell, Nationalist, announced his resignation of his seat as a Nationalist and his adhesion to the Sinn Feiners. According to one version the Government has been informed of an alleged Sinn Feiner's plot to throw bombs or discharge revolvers from the Strangers Gallery in the House of Commons or blow up the House. Hence the Speaker's reference yesterday to physical violence and his promise to ascertain whether the continued presence of Secret Service men in the build-

C. G. R. Brakeman Injured.

Brakeman Nicholas Osborne of the Canadian Government Railways was injured severely today at Devon while shunting. He was struck in the head by a projection and badly cut.

Miss B. N. Boyer of St. John, is at the Barker House.

CONVENTION OF IRISH PARTIES BEGINS WORK

London, July 25.—An official report of the Irish convention given out tonight says: "After the opening address by Chief Secretary Duke, presiding, a committee was appointed for the purpose of advising the convention on the selection of a chairman. It was announced that the committee unanimously recommended the appointment of Sir Horace Plunkett as chairman, and Sir Richard Hopwood as secretary. The convention unanimously adopted the committee's resolutions, and adjourned until tomorrow. Ninety two delegates were present."

SPAIN RESTORED TO QUIET STATE

Madrid, July 26.—Quiet is being restored throughout Spain which has recently been in a state of unrest due to strikers and other causes. An official despatch from Valencia says martial law has been lifted and that the situation is absolutely normal in the entire region. Striking workmen will begin labour tomorrow in other cities.

THE BALKAN CONFERENCE OPENED YESTERDAY AT PARIS

French Newspapers Discuss Matter--Entire Problem Is That of Reorganization on Balkan Front and Recognition of Position of Greece.

PARIS, July 26.—"There must be no confusion in today's Balkan conference with that proposed by Russia for the revision of war aims," says the Journal des Debates, discussing the session which opened yesterday.

"If any such questions were to be under discussion, the United States would not have been content to send only an Admiral to the deliberations," the newspaper adds. It hopes that eventualities will not make such a conference urgent in the eyes of the Russians, to whom the enemy has spoken vaguely of peace without, however, saying a word about the future of the conquered Russian people.

GREECE'S CHANGED ATTITUDE.

The Journal des Debates places great stress on examining the new situation created by Greece's changed attitude, including the new military situation due to Greece's army of 200,000, and says new methods of provisioning Greece are largely an affair of tonnage, including naval problems.

Dismissing again rumors that the conference would take part in discussing peace aims, the newspaper concludes:

"For the moment it is necessary to win. The Paris conference has for its programme the better arranging of ways and means on the Balkan front. That is all and that is enough."

The Temps points out that the conference falls on the third anniversary of Austria's breach with Serbia, which upset all Balkan affairs, and unleashed a war that cost the lives of millions of men. The paper then sketches in detail events of the outbreak of the war, their far-reaching consequences and responsibility of such men as Count Tisza and Emperor William and the unavenged attitude of nearly all of Germany toward the war.

WORST EXPLOSION IN THE HISTORY OF CAPE BRETON

Sydney, July 25.—The worst explosion in the history of the Cape Breton coal fields occurred at 7.30 this morning in No. 12 colliery of the New Waterford district. An official estimate places the number of dead at sixty-two. These include thirty native miners, twenty-two Newfoundlanders and ten foreigners.

About 270 men were in the mine at the time and colliery officials express surprise that the loss of life was not greater. Up to a late hour this afternoon only a small number of bodies had been taken up. The greater number will lie where they are until tomorrow.

Great crowds of people, including weeping women and children still surround the pit mouth. General Superintendent Tonge and a group of officials, who were early on the scene, went through the colliery this afternoon and report the workings and ventilation are in normal condition. May Reach Eighty.

There was no sign of fire and it is inferred from their report that the damage to the pit is small. Work

is expected to be resumed within a short time.

The explosion occurred between No. 6 and 7 landings about 2,100 feet down the slope, but as to how it happened officials are reticent or profess to be unable to say. Forty or fifty men were working at No. 6 landing when the explosion took place and though there is fear that all will have been killed either by the explosion itself or by the deadly gas fumes, the rescue parties are making superhuman efforts to see if any can yet be saved.

Gallantry of Rescuers.

Glouce Bay, N. S., July 26.—The number of dead remains at 64 today.

Many stories of heroic behavior of rescuers are being told. First there are the two men who gave up their lives, Mack Mackenzie and Phil Nicholson. The young and single men among the miners came forward and insisted that old or married men undertake as little of the danger in part of the rescue as possible. Many of these young men went back into the mine after being carried out unconscious.

VENIZELOS SAYS GREECE IS READY TO TAKE PROPER POSITION

**Increase in Strength of Greek Army Will
Tends to Restore Balkan Force to
Their Role of Defenders---Constitutional Rule at Athens Established.**

ATHENS, Tuesday, July 24.—On the eve of the assembling of parliament Premier Venizelos received a correspondent of the Associated Press and made the following statement:

"The re-assembling of Parliament, which was dismissed by the arbitrary action of Constantine, is the formal resumption of democratic government, and the rule of the people in line with the ideals and principles of which the United States gives a conspicuous example. No longer have we a royal autocrat ruling by the divine right of kings and not responsible to the people, but rather a constitutional monarchy in which authority is exerted within strict limits.

"Greece is now aligned with the Entente Allies. Relations with the Central Powers have been broken and a state of war now actually exists, as Greek troops are fighting against the Central Powers in Macedonia. A formal declaration of war was made by the provisional government; it is unnecessary to renew it. The increase of the Greek army and co-operation with Serbians will restore the Balkan forces to their proper role of defenders of the integrity of the Balkans. France and the other protecting powers are leaving us a free hand and all the Allies recognize Greece's position as a sovereign and independent nation."

GERMANS DEFEATED IN EAST AFRICA BY BRITISH

**Enemy in Full Retreat Southward--Engagement on
July 19th Resulted in Germans Being Driven out
Of all Positions.**

LONDON, July 26.—British troops in German East Africa have won new victories over the remaining forces there, and the main body of the enemy is now in retreat towards the south after having suffered heavy losses, says an official announcement issued today. The text of which reads:

"An engagement on July 19 at Narokombe resulted in the enemy being driven from all his positions. The main body is retreating southwards. The enemy's losses were heavy. A small German column is at large on the north shore of Lake Manyara. We are in touch at Libuka with the enemy retreating toward Mahenge, in the southeasterly section of the colony. In Portuguese Africa we are pursuing the enemy from Mimbwe towards the Rovuma river."

PRODUCTION COMMITTEE

Activities of Agricultural Department Approved--Suggestions as to Surplus Potato Crop.

The following resolution was passed by the provincial committee on increased production at its meeting held here. "That in the opinion of this committee, owing to the probable increased production of potatoes, the department of agriculture be requested to investigate the matter with the idea of making provision for the care of the surplus crops where necessary."

The question of marketing turnips also was considered. Discussion on the conservation of calves also took place but there was no recommendation for action; it was considered practicable to use tractors. The question of remounts was also dealt with. Steps taken by the department of agriculture in various departments were approved.

The discussion of the committee will be forwarded to the food controller, Hon. W. J. Hanna. Those present were E. A. Schofield, B. R. Violette, George Fisher, Charles Shaw, W. W. Boyce, in addition to Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, A. G. Turney and M. A. McLeod.

Sugar Declines Again.

A decline of fifteen cents per hundredweight in sugar of all grades was announced this afternoon.

SENTENCE IS SUSPENDED

**Piper Cameron Permitted to
Rejoin the Kilties on Con-
dition He Goes to the
Firing Line.**

Lt. Col. P. A. Guthrie, officer commanding the 236th Battalion returned this morning from Boston. He was accompanied by a number of recruits and by the non-commissioned officers and men of the battalion who had been left in Boston on recruiting duty. Among the members of the party which arrived was Piper James Cameron, one of the Boston recruits of several months ago, who was sent back to Boston to face a charge of bigamy. Cameron appeared in the Municipal Court at Boston before Judge Creed and pleaded guilty to the charge. Judge Creed imposed a sentence of eighteen months in the House of Correction but permitted the sentence to stand on condition the accused goes to France as soon as possible and takes his place in the firing line. Col. Guthrie was present in court at the time and Cameron was handed over to him.

Eaton Party at Cain's River.

Lady Eaton and Miss Pringle of Toronto, are fishing at Cain's River at one of the camps of Mr. W. H. Allen of Penniac. Mr. Wolf was one of the party. Sir John Eaton spent a short time on Cain's River fishing salmon.