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Air Raid by Germans on the Northern Coast of England

Some Bombs Dropped Near the Mouth of the Humber But Official Statement Says Damage was Slight--- British Hold Positions Near Lens.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—German airships made a raid off the Yorkshire coast last night, it is announced officially. So far as has been ascertained, the damage inflicted was small. The announcement follows:

"Enemy airships, in numbers not definitely ascertained, appeared off the Yorkshire coast, northern England, on the North Sea, last night. One of the raiders attacked the mouth of the Humber and was fired on by anti-aircraft guns. She dropped some bombs, then made off to sea. The damage so far reported is slight. One man was injured."

An air raid warning was issued in London this morning. About an hour later the announcement "all clear" was made, indicating that the raiders had been driven off.

NEW POSITIONS CAPTURED BY CANADIANS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF LENS ARE FIRMLY HELD

LONDON, Aug. 22.—In the face of heavy German counter-attacks the British have maintained the newly gained positions on the outskirts of Lens, the War Office announces. Following is the communication:

"South and west of Lens the new positions captured by us yesterday morning on the outskirts of the town have been maintained, and further progress has been made at certain points. Northwest and north of Lens also, as a result of heavy fighting in the course of which German counter-attacks were repulsed by our rifle and machine gun fire, or broken up by our artillery, some additional ground has been secured in advanced positions captured on the 15th. There has been great artillery activity during the night on both sides east and northeast of Ypres."

Meanwhile the conflict continued about Lens, though apparently greatly diminished in intensity, with the Canadians still holding the Germans off from the positions which they had gained in the southwestern part of the city yesterday, and at the same time clinging tenaciously to the numerous new positions in the German lines.

ITALIAN TROOPS MADE IT WARM FOR THE AUSTRIANS IN RECENT GREAT OFFENSIVE

ROME, Aug. 22.—The present Italian offensive is on a vast scale than any previous one. New features were the shortening of the usual period of artillery preparation, which lasted only 24 hours, but was so arranged that beginning lightly, it increased steadily and rapidly until a hurricane of shells was falling. Then, when it suddenly ceased, a squadron of air-planes flew in advance of the assaulting troops forming the first line, using their machine guns on the Austrians at short range. Many prisoners were made deaf by the violence of the detonations. They had believed their positions quite impregnable.

GOVERNOR GENERAL MAY SOON SIGN THE MILITARY SERVICE BILL

MONTREAL, Aug. 22.—An Ottawa despatch to the Star says: "His Excellency the Governor General, who has a summer cottage up the Gatineau, has returned to the city and from the fact the rumor started that he was to come down to sign the Military Service Bill. It has not yet been decided when that formality will be gone through with. The ordinary course, save in regard to urgent money bills, is to await the end of the session. There is a bare possibility that prorogation may come very soon. If this is so, the royal assent to the Conscription Bill will likely be deferred until then. If the session is to be prolonged it will be given earlier."

WOMEN TO FORM A BATTALION

Vancouver, Aug. 22.—Active steps have been taken for the enlistment of an unofficial women's battalion in Vancouver.

The organization will be designed primarily as a national service unit for the purpose of fitting its members to take the place of men who will be freed to go into the fighting lines; but they will receive military drill.

THE WHEAT MARKET TODAY.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—Wheat today continued to be a negligible quantity so far as trading was concerned. The first bid was \$2.10 for September, unchanged from yesterday, and a few trades were recorded with prices sagging to \$2.07.

Mr. C. W. Bell, a veteran horseman of St. John, is here for the races.

Miss Eliza Campbell and her sister, Mrs. J. W. MacNeill of Battleford, left yesterday on a trip to Summerside, P. E. I.

Mr. N. W. Brown of Southampton, was in the city yesterday.

THREATENED RAILWAY STRIKE IS AVERTED

London, Aug. 22.—An understanding has been reached between the government and the associated society of locomotive engineers and firemen, who have been threatening again a railway strike.

The society had demanded the adoption of an eight hour day, but a delegation which visited Sir Albert Stanley, president of the Board of Trade, was informed on Sunday that the government would discuss the question of an eight hour day only when the war was ended. Later, however, the two sides entered into further negotiations and it was believed yesterday that a way would be found to reach an agreement.

Municipal Candidates.

Mr. John Inch of Keswick Ridge, is in the field in the parish of Bright for municipal honors. In St. Mary's parish ex-Coun. John Cowperthwaite and Mr. Douglas Clarkson are to be the candidates.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR MR. GERARD

Former United States Ambassador to Berlin Honored by King George of England.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—The statement that King George has conferred the order of Knight Grand Cross of the Bath on James W. Gerard, former American ambassador to Germany, appears here for the first time in an official announcement in the Daily Mail.

The Mail's announcement says the decoration was given Mr. Gerard in recognition of his unceasing and courageous efforts to ameliorate the lot of British prisoners in Germany. The Mail adds that the decoration was offered Mr. Gerard in February, but he was unable formally to accept it until his retirement from the diplomatic service.

The title G. C. B. (Knight Grand Cross of the Bath) involves knighthood with the prefixed title of "Sir."

TO REQUISITION ORGAN PIPES

Paris, Aug. 22.—Bohemian papers announce, says a despatch to the Havas agency from Basil, that Austrian churches as well as organ builders have been notified that all organ pipes in all churches of the monarchy will soon be requisitioned to fill the needs of war industries.

Woodstock Press: Miss Letitia Moore returned Tuesday from a visit of two weeks in St. John, Hoyt, Fredericton and Fredericton Junction.

ORDERED TO EASE UP ON SHELL PRODUCTION

British Authorities Have Asked Canadian Plants to Discontinue the Manufacture of Certain Lines of Munitions--The Official Announcement.

OTTAWA, Aug. 22.—Towards the close of 1916, the capacity for producing munitions in Great Britain had so increased that the Minister of Munitions advised that it was unnecessary to continue the production of munitions in the United States for British account, except for a few special lines. The production in Canada, however, was continued as before. The minister has now advised that it is unnecessary to continue production in Canada on the present scale. He has directed that certain lines shall be discontinued. Most lines shall be produced in lessened quantities, while some lines are to be continued as at present. The effect of this will be to stop the production of shells and components at some plants which are now producing sizes no longer required.

TO STOP NIGHT WORK.

In other plants where shells are made of sizes of which a reduced output only is required, it will mean working during the day only, thus stopping night work. In other plants, however, where sustained production is required, operations will be continued night as well as day.

These changes have been anticipated by several important firms which have already resumed or are planning to resume their pre-war activities in their own lines, while others are engaged in the production or preparation for production of equipment needed for ships now under construction or to be built during 1918 and afterwards.

TWO GERMAN RAIDERS WERE BROUGHT DOWN

London, Aug. 22.—Three German air-planes approached the English coast in the county of Kent today, the British War Office announces.

Two of the raiding machines were brought down. Bombs were dropped at Dover and at Margate.

Three persons were killed and two injured.

The statement says the raiders were unable to penetrate far inland.

In Casualty List.

The name of N. W. Campbell of Fredericton, N.B., appears in today's casualty list as wounded.

ARGENTINE VESSELS SOLD.

Buenos Aires, Aug. 22.—The French American syndicate has bought a fleet belonging to the Argentine Navigation Co. for 16,500,000 piastres.

Dr. J. B. Gilchrist of Norton, is at the Barker House.
J. R. Devereaux of Montreal, is registered at the Queen.

SYMPATHY OF ISLINGTON LODGE

Letter from District Deputy A. D. Thomas to Father of Late Gunner William Smith.

Islington Lodge, No. 151, Sons of England, has extended to Mr. Edwin Smith, one of its members, its sympathy on account of the death of his son, the late Gunner William Smith, who died recently from illness resulting from the effects of German gas.

District Deputy A. D. Thomas on behalf of the lodge has written the following letter:—

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 8th, 1917.
Islington Lodge No 151,
Sons of England.

Edwin Smith Esq.

Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

I have been requested by the members of Islington Lodge No. 151 Sons of England to convey to you and the Members of your family their sincere sympathy in the great loss you have sustained in the death of your dear son, and to assure you that the hearts of your brothers of Islington Lodge go forth to you and yours with loving sympathy in this time of your great sorrow. We feel that none but those who have been called upon to part with those who are near and dear to them, can fully realize the depth of the sorrow that pervades your home at parting with a son so universally beloved, but we feel that along with that sorrow there must also come a feeling of pride as you think of your dear boy going forth in the pride and strength of his young manhood ready to lay down his life in defence of that great Empire that has taken such a noble stand in defence of the principles of true liberty and the lasting peace of the World.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge,

A. D. THOMAS,

District Deputy.

THE BRITISH BEGIN ANOTHER OFFENSIVE NORTHEAST OF YPRES

Was a Scene of Heavy Fighting a Week Ago---Huns Try Hard to Recover Possession of Hill 70---Heavy Fighting at Verdun.

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Aug. 22.—The British began another operation northeast of Ypres at dawn today on the battle-scarred ground between Langemarck and Frezenburg. No details are yet available from this sector, which was the scene of some of the heaviest fighting last Thursday in the assault by the British.

It now appears from the statements of German prisoners, that the German counter-attack at dawn yesterday, which by a strange coincidence began at the same hour as that of the Canadian attack, was preliminary to a general counter-attack, which had as its object the recovery of Hill 70, possession of which is necessary if the Germans are to continue their hold on Lens. Large numbers of troops had been massed for this attack and these were used freely in the sanguinary struggle of yesterday and last night.

FURTHER GERMAN COUNTER ATTACKS AT VERDUN REPULSED AND PRISONERS NOW NUMBER 6,116

PARIS, Aug. 22.—The Germans made a violent counter attack last night on the Verdun front west of the river Meuse. They penetrated the French lines at points in their attempts to recapture the ground taken from them in the French offensive, but the War Office announces they were driven out.

German attacks east of the river also were repulsed. The number of prisoners taken has reached 6,116.

The official statement says: "Our fire inflicted heavy losses on the Germans and broke up their assaulting waves, which were not able to approach our lines at any point. North of Cauriers wood the attacks, accompanied by the use of flaming liquid, were not so successful for the enemy, and added to his losses. The number of unwounded prisoners we have taken since August 20 has now reached 6,116. Of these 114 are officers. This does not include the prisoners captured yesterday in shelters or 600 wounded prisoners in our hospitals."

RUSSIANS RESUME TRAINING.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 22.—Lieut. General Korniloff, commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, has issued orders for a resumption of strict training for all the military forces. The free time of the soldiers is to be devoted to gymnastics and games, and there must be a cessation of all discussions. The order contains the statement: "Henceforth the only language in the army is command." This is significant in view of the abolition of the use of the word "command" since the revolution.

INTERNED GERMAN SHIPS HANDED OVER BY CUBA TO UNITED STATES

HAVANA, Aug. 22.—President Menocal yesterday signed a decree transferring to the United States government four large German steamers, the Bavaria, Olivant, Adelheid and Constantina, of an aggregate tonnage of approximately 20,000 tons, which were seized as prizes of war by the Cuban government the day this country declared war against Germany. It is announced that the United States minister to Cuba, acting as representative of the United States shipping board, will take possession of the ships immediately. When asked the amount the United States was paying for these ships, the minister replied, "Absolutely nothing."

VANCOUVER CITIZENS PASS A RESOLUTION

Vancouver, Aug. 22.—Conscription of wealth, of man power and the immediate enforcement of that demand, as well as the extension of the life of parliament to avoid a bitterly fought election, the mobilization of the entire national resources and the abolition of profiteering, comprised the resolution passed unanimously by a mass meeting of five thousand held in the horse show arena last night on behalf of the win-the-war movement.

The gathering was the first organized by the new non-political party.

EXHIBITION MANAGER DEAD.

Toronto, Aug. 22.—Dr. J. Orr, manager of the Canadian National Exhibition, since 1903, died last night of heart trouble. He had been in failing health for a long time.

Mr. A. Phillpott of Montreal, is in the city.

Capt. J. J. Blake of St. John, is at the Barker House.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY IN QUEBEC TOWN

Quebec, Aug. 22.—While their mother was away to a neighbor's house, fire caught from the lighted stove in the home of R. Mathieu, at Chaudiere, on the Intercolonial, in Levis county, shortly before five yesterday afternoon, and the three children of Mrs. Mathieu perished in the flames.

Mr. Mathieu is a fireman on the I. C. R., and was away in Montreal on duty when the triple tragedy occurred.

AT THE IRISH CONVENTION.

Dublin, Aug. 22.—An official statement issued last night on the progress of the Irish convention says:

"The fifth meeting entered upon the consideration of certain draft schemes based upon the principle of self-government, and the discussion lasted all through the day."

Mr. J. S. Crandall of Boston, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. W. C. Power of Wallaceburg, Ont., is in the city.

Mr. Edgar H. Fairweather of St. John, is registered at the Queen.

Mr. Edward Ready of Fairville, is in the city.