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French Troops Repulsed Enemy Attacks Near Verdun

Active Artillery Fighting on Both Banks of the Meuse--The French Penetrated Enemy Positions on the Champagne and Took Some Prisoners

PARIS, Aug. 30.—German attacks on the Verdun front last night were repulsed completely, the War Office announces. The French penetrated German positions in the Champagne, taking prisoners and a machine gun.

The statement follows: "There was pronounced activity by the artillery in the region of Braye-en-Laonnais and in the sector of Craonne. An attack by the enemy on our small post south of Chevreux was repulsed. In the Champagne east of Teton we succeeded without sustaining any losses in a detailed action in the course of which our troops penetrated the enemy line and brought back eleven prisoners and a machine gun. Two German attacks in the same region were repulsed after spirited fighting. There was active artillery fighting on both banks of the Meuse (Verdun front). German attempts north of Caurieres wood and against our small posts north of Vaux les Palameix, met with a complete check."

ITALIANS REPULSE AUSTRIAN COUNTER ATTACKS AND MAKE SOME FURTHER GAINS

ROME, Aug. 30.—Austrian counter attacks in force were made yesterday against the new Italian positions on the front above Gorizia, the War Office reports. Everywhere the Austrians were driven back and at some points the Italians made further gains. The announcement is as follows:

"On the Bainsizza plateau and east of Gorizia the enemy attempted by counter attacking in force to retake positions recently captured. He was driven back everywhere. Our lines were held firmly and advanced at some points. We captured five hundred and sixty prisoners."

GENERAL PETAIN HONORED.

VERDUN, Aug. 29.—President Poincare personally presented today to General Petain, the French commander-in-chief, the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor awarded to him several days ago for the recent successes. The presentation was made in the Place d'Armes.

BRIEF BRITISH OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The enemy artillery was active during the night in the Nieuport sector, says today's War Office statement. The weather was stormy and wet.

THE HUNS PLANNED DECLARATION OF WAR IN 1909 AND AGAIN IN 1913

PETROGRAD, Aug. 30.—Germany's military preparation was known to the Russian war ministry, and it was also known that Germany contemplated a declaration of war in 1909, and again in 1913, according to testimony given yesterday by General Michelson at the trial of Gen. Soukhomlinoff, former minister of war, for high treason. The witness was the military attache of the Russian embassy in Berlin from 1906 to 1911. He swore that he had reported Germany's military activity to the Russian war office. The President of the Court asked General Michelson with what powers Germany proposed to ally herself in 1913 against Russia. The witness asked permission to reply to the president only, and the request was granted.

SEVEN KILLED ON A CROSSING

Aberdeen, Maryland, Aug. 30.—Seven men were killed and two others were seriously injured at a Pennsylvania railroad crossing near here today. The dead men were tomato pickers riding to work in a wagon which was down by a train.

AUTOISTS MET VIOLENT DEATH

Richmond, Va., Aug. 30.—Overton Howard, a prominent lawyer, his brother, Thos. P. Howard, a Federal bank examiner and their brother-in-law, a Mr. Bagby, were killed early today when their automobile was struck by an electric car near Ashland.

The Kaiser still tells his people every now and then how much Germany loves humanity. No doubt the strain of loving it all was so great that the Kaiser had to make some sort of an arrangement to cut it down in quantity.

WINNER OF THE RAMSAY PLATE

New York, Aug. 30.—According to a cable from Newmarket, England, yesterday, published in the Tribune today, the Ramsay Plate handicap, with a value of \$1,500, was won by Hulton's Violinist, ridden by Smith, by four lengths, from Sir W. Tatem's Scatwell with Colling in the saddle, at the opening of the races.

Lady Douglas' Gainsborough, with the veteran Otto Madden up, was third—two lengths behind. Twelve horses went to the post.

PERSONAL

Recorder and Mrs. Colter are enjoying a holiday in St. John.

Rev. Father Murphy returned yesterday after a nine days' mission to Stanley, Tay Creek and other outside districts.

Mr. W. A. Church of St. John, is in the city.

Mr. W. E. Davies of Montreal is a guest at the Barker House.

Miss Gertrude McGivney of Covered Bridge and Miss Madeleine McGivney of Berlin, N. H., are registered at the Barker House.

Mr. A. B. Moore of Montreal, is in the city.

Mr. A. Norton of Moncton, arrived in the city last night.

NELSON A. CLIFF DIED IN ST. JOHN

Former Merchant and Lumberman of Fredericton--Owned Property in State of Florida.

Many friends in Fredericton and vicinity will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Nelson A. Cliff who passed away at the home of his sister, Mrs. Price, at St. John on Wednesday. The deceased was a son of the late Mr. Nelson Cliff of Queensbury, York county and was about seventy years of age. For some years he was in the grocery business in this city and was also interested in lumbering. He sold out about thirty years ago and removed to Florida, where he acquired an orange grove and other property. He always came north during the summer but his winters were spent in southern climes. He was a man of wealth and leisure and travelled a great deal. A few years ago he made an extended visit to Egypt and he spent last winter in California. He visited Fredericton early this summer and then went to St. John to visit his sister.

The late Mr. Cliff was a man possessed of many excellent qualities. He was exceedingly well informed and could converse fluently on almost any subject.

The deceased was a bachelor, his nearest relatives being one sister, Mrs. Price of St. John, and two brothers, Dr. L. A. Cliff of Boston and Mr. James S. Cliff of Sharon, Mass. Mrs. J. B. Gilmore of this city is a sister-in-law by her first husband, the late A. E. Cliff of Kingsclear.

Business trip to Montreal.

Mrs. Charles Chisholm and family are visiting relatives at St. John.

DAWSON CLUB FETE POSTPONED

Will be Held Sept. 8—Interest Increasing in Marysville in Three-Cornered Municipal Contest.

Marysville, Aug. 30.—At a special meeting of the Dawson Club held on Tuesday evening at the club rooms it was unanimously decided to postpone the festival proposed for Labor Day until Saturday, September 8th. The executive of the club was asked so to do by delegations from the I. O. D. E. and the Fredericton Labor Council. The object of the affair is to raise funds for patriotic purposes. The delegation promised the executive to assist in carrying out the affair if it were postponed so as not to interfere with the fete being conducted by them on Labor Day. Committees were appointed to carry out the project and fine weather only is necessary to insure its success. Arrangements have been made to use the club rooms in case the weather proves unfavorable for holding the festival on Baseball Hill.

Considerable interest is being displayed in the forthcoming municipal election. The nomination of Mayor Gilbert will make the contest a three-cornered one, and from present indications there is a possibility of a new representative from the town in the municipal council next session.

Messrs. Joseph Dolphin and P. E. Nickerson left last evening on a business trip to Montreal.

FISHERY PROTECTION DOWN TO A FINE ART UP NORTH

Hon. Dr. Smith Back From Trip to Restigouche--Made a Trip on the Upsalquitch And Killed a Thirty Pound Salmon.

Hon. Dr. Smith, Minister of Lands and Mines, is in the city today on Departmental business, having recently returned from a combined business and pleasure trip to the northern part of the Province. Talking with a representative of the Mail, the Doctor said that his trip to the North Shore had been very enjoyable, and he had picked up considerable information in regard to the inland fisheries, which he felt sure would be of great value to him in the administration of his department. He said he had made a trip through the new Kedgwick settlement and had found the crops looking remarkably well, and the people were apparently prosperous. He saw splendid hay and oats growing on new land from which the stumps had not been removed, and coming from one of the oldest settled portions of the province, it was to him a novel sight. He was surprised at the vigorous manner in which the new settlers are taking hold of their work.

CAUGHT A THIRTY-POUNDER.

Accompanied by Mr. Max Mowatt, Hon. Dr. Smith made the trip on the Upsalquitch river, and enjoyed it very much. The party caught a number of salmon, the doctor having the good fortune to kill one weighing thirty pounds. The major portion of the Upsalquitch is now under lease to Mr. A. Monnell, of New York, a keen sportsman who has established a nice property on the stream.

The Doctor also paid a visit to the Restigouche and was entertained by members of the Restigouche Salmon Club at Metapedia. He declared that the Restigouche is beyond a doubt the greatest angling stream for salmon in the world. It was his privilege to meet several members of the club, and he was very favorably impressed with them. He thinks that they have fishery protection down to a fine art. Between twenty and thirty guardians are employed, and every foot of the stream is patrolled daily. The club members expend an enormous sum of money each year, a goodly portion of which goes to farmers in the neighborhood in exchange for supplies.

TO VISIT SETTLEMENTS.

The Doctor stated that his object in making the trip was to study conditions and procure first hand information for use in his department. The trip had been a success in every way, and he felt greatly indebted to Mr. Mowatt for the valuable assistance given him. It was his intention during September to visit the colonization settlements in the counties of Victoria, Restigouche and Gloucester, and make a study of conditions.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE CONTROL OF COAL INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Federal control of the country's coal industry was again today the subject of discussion by the directors of the National Coal Association, with prospects that an announcement as to whether President Wilson's price scale will be accepted without protest, would be forthcoming before the day is over. The operators are divided into two groups, one counselling acceptance of the government's fixed prices, and the other urging that the case be taken to the courts. The efforts of the first group are being directed toward winning the others over to its side.

ANSWER OF PRACTICAL STATESMAN TO PEACE DREAM OF VATICAN

The London Times Praises President Wilson's Reply to Peace Note---Paris Paper Says That He Has Given the Germans Some Good Advice.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The Times described President Wilson's reply to the Pope as the answer of a practical statesman to a peace dream of the Vatican, and maybe of other courts as well, and suggests that it possibly will discourage similar proposals in the future.

While wholly endorsing the substance of the reply, the Times renews the exception it previously had taken to the President's distinction between the German people and the German rulers. It says the distinction is sound theoretically, but that up to the present it has proved quite negligible in practice. "It is true," says the Times, "that they (the German people) did not choose the war, because the Bismarckian constitution gave them no voice in the matter. But they accepted it with enthusiasm and have supported it throughout, while their press have exulted in its worst atrocities."

"The reply is practically such a document as we could expect from the strong-minded, clear-sighted leader of democracy secure in the knowledge that the great nation and its limitless resources are at his back in the clear-cut issue of right and wrong," says the Daily Telegraph.

ONLY A BRIEF SUMMARY WAS CABLED TO THE PARIS PAPERS, AND COMMENTS ARE WITHHELD

PARIS, Aug. 30.—Only an eighty-word summary of President Wilson's reply to Pope Benedict had reached Paris this morning, and consequently the newspapers withheld comment. The Petit Parisien, however, says:

"As far as it is possible to judge from the indications received, President Wilson does not discuss the Pope's suggestions in themselves. His reply is a re-editing of the thesis familiar to those who have read his message, that as long as German imperial institutions are not modified, as long as the democratic spirit has not penetrated beyond the Rhine, as long as absolutism, based on oligarchy, persists, so long nations cannot have confidence in Germany's word."

"President Wilson thus brings up, just as France and England have done before, the question of Prussian militarism, which is the safeguard of this absolutism and oligarchy."

"In rejecting the Vatican's offer, the President indicates the conditions under which a useful conversation might be taken up. Once more he gives important advice to the German people. Will he be heard?"

FRENCH SHIPPING LOSSES.

PARIS, Aug. 30.—Out of the 920 ships which entered and the 1,013 which cleared from French ports during the week ending Aug. 26, three ships of more than 1600 tons and one vessel of less than 1600 tons, were sunk by submarines or mines, four vessels were attacked unsuccessfully by submarines in the same period.

ARTILLERYMEN PREPONDERATED IN OPERATIONS IN THE VERDUN REGION

PARIS, Aug. 30.—The number of artillerymen employed in the recent operations in the Verdun region was greater than the number of infantrymen put into battalions. This surprising fact is explained by the correspondent of the Temps at Verdun as being due to the difficulty of the gunners' tasks, in addition to the immense number of cannon. Heavy shells had to be carried to the guns for hours at a stretch by men who were compelled to wear masks which rendered breathing difficult and obstructed their vision. The correspondent adds that the object of the artillery now is less directed to destroying enemy guns than to forcing the German gunners to suspend service and seek shelter. For this purpose, he says, gas shells are employed largely.

HUNS GETTING REPLY READY TO PEACE NOTE

Amsterdam, Aug. 30.—The commission appointed by the German Chancellor to consider a reply to the peace note of Pope Benedict held its first session on Tuesday, according to the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin.

Chancellor Michaelis presided at the meeting, which lasted about two hours and a half. The session adjourned until the results of the discussions over the note are available from Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia.

Mrs. L. Lipman of Boston, who has been visiting relatives in Devon, has gone to St. John to visit her brother, of the Royal Hotel staff.

A NEW PARTY HAS BEEN BORN IN ENGLAND

London, Aug. 30.—The birth of an attempt to establish a new political party in Great Britain was announced in a long manifesto signed by twenty-seven persons, members of the House of Commons and others, who have seceded from the Unionist party to take independent action in which national considerations will be the sole concern.

The signers of the manifesto have all been associated with the Unionist tariff government, but although they are prominent and highly respected men, they are not generally regarded as leading statesmen.