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German Counter Attacks Repulsed by the Allies

Desperate Efforts Made by the Huns To Recover Lost Positions at Epehy and Verdun---Italians Take 10,000 Prisoners in Big Drive.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—The Germans this morning made a third attempt to recapture positions near Epehy recently taken by the British. The War Office announcement says they were repulsed completely. The statement follows:

"Early this morning the enemy made a third attempt to regain ground recently captured southeast of Epehy. Though supported by flamme-verfer (liquid fire), his attacking troops were repulsed completely. We hold all our positions.

East of Epehy our troops raided the German lines on a wide front in the neighborhood of the St. Quentin canal and brought back prisoners. We improved our positions slightly during the night north of the Ypres-Menine road."

THE GERMANS MAKE DESPERATE EFFORTS TO RECOVER LOST POSITIONS ON VERDUN FRONT

PARIS, Aug. 21.—Counter attacks of extreme violence were made by the Germans last night in an effort to recapture positions taken in the French offensive on the Verdun front. The War Office announces that the Germans were beaten back with heavy losses. The number of prisoners now exceeds five thousand. Attacks also were made by the Germans without success on the Aisne front, near Cerny and Hurbise.

The statement follows: "On the Cerny plateau the Germans made an attack at three different points. On two occasions our fire broke up the assaulting waves, which were thrown back; greatly weakened, to the German lines. The other attacks west of Hurbise monument also were repulsed. On the front north of Verdun the Germans reacted energetically during the night. Their attacks, which were extremely violent, were broken up by our fire. The enemy suffered heavy losses. Our troops maintained all the gains and organized the captured positions. The number of unwounded prisoners taken by us yesterday exceeds 5,000, of whom 116 are officers.

"Last night enemy airplanes bombarded positions in our rear, particularly a collection camp for German prisoners, of whom a large number were hit."

MORE AIR RAIDS OVER BELGIUM.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Another of the series of aerial raids over Belgium which have been made at frequent intervals for some time, was carried out on Sunday night. The following report was made today by the Admiralty: "At about midnight August 19-20 the Royal Naval Air Service dropped many tons of bombs on the Middlekerke dump and the Bruges works. All the machines returned safely."

BRITAIN REPLIES TO PEACE NOTE.

ROME, Aug. 21.—The reply of the British government to the peace note of Pope Benedict was handed to Cardinal Gasparri, the Papal secretary of state, by the British minister on Monday. The reply says that the Pope's note would be examined in a benevolent and serious spirit.

ITALIANS TOOK 10,000 PRISONERS.

ROME, Aug. 21.—More than 10,000 prisoners had been taken by the Italians in their new offensive up to yesterday evening, the War Office announces.

HOSPITAL RAIDED AT PETROGRAD HEADQUARTERS FOR GERMAN SPYS

PETROGRAD, Aug. 21.—A private hospital in the centre of the city, which was raided today by order of the military authorities, proved to be the headquarters of a German espionage organization. A patient entered on the records as being a peasant from Novgorod, admitted that he was a German lieutenant. The directress of the hospital, who was supposed to be a Russian woman, was found to be a German subject. Her assistant also gave a false name. A considerable number of the staff of the institution and several of the patients were arrested.

CASUALTIES FOR THE WEEK

London, Aug. 21.—British casualties reported in the week ending today total 14,273 officers and men. Of this number 2,873 soldiers lost their lives. The detailed figures are:
Killed and died of wounds: Officers, 325, men 2,548; total, 2,873.
Wounded and missing—Officers 846, men, 10,524; total, 11,370.
Total casualties, 14,243.

A Mean Thief.

A clothes line thief paid a visit to a dwelling on Smythe street a few nights ago and managed to get away with most of the contents of the clothesline.

Nine More Recruits.

Nine recruits enlisted from among British subjects in the United States arrived here this morning. The 236th Highlanders will get the majority of them.

VERDUN FIGHT STILL GOING ON

Berlin, via London, Aug. 21.—The battle before Verdun has not yet ended, the German headquarters staff announced today.

This morning fresh engagements developed at various places. The statement adds: "Our troops and leaders anticipate a favorable conclusion of the battle."

PERSONAL

Hon. P. J. Veniot of Bathurst, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. T. W. Laskey of Montreal, is registered at the Queen.

Mr. Theo. Dorion of Montreal, is in the city.

Mr. Frank P. Vaughan of St. John, is in the city.

Mr. Fred Wharton of Montreal, is registered at the Queen.

STEEL MEN WERE PLEASED

Were Entertained to an Automobile Ride About the City by Mr. J. S. Neill.

Mr. Robert Hobson of Hamilton, Ont., president of the Steel Company of Canada, and Mr. Ross H. McMaster of Montreal, the assistant general manager of the company spent part of yesterday in the city and left for St. John by the evening train. In the afternoon they visited the factory of the Hartt Boot & Shoe Company and other places, including the hardware establishment of James S. Neill & Sons, Limited, and R. Chestnut & Sons, later in the day in company with President J. S. Neill of James S. Neill & Sons, Ltd., they went for an auto ride about the city and were shown all the points of interest. They drove up the Woodstock road and also visited and inspected the experimental farm. They were delighted with what they saw and so expressed themselves. Before leaving the city Mr. Hobson accepted an invitation from Mr. Neill to accompany him on a salmon fishing expedition to the Southwest Miramichi next summer. Mr. Hobson is a keen sportsman and such an enthusiastic devotee of Izaak Walton as Mr. Neill had little difficulty in making him feel right at home.

Mr. T. A. Sullivan of Boston, is at the Barker House.

WAASIS FARMER DIES SUDDENLY

Orran Howland Stricken After Working in Hay-field--Died Last Night--Funeral Wednesday.

Orran A. Howland, a well known farmer of Waasis, died suddenly at his home yesterday as the result of a stroke of paralysis which occurred just after he had put in a hard morning's work in the hayfield. He had eaten a hearty meal at noon and was preparing to return to work when seized by illness. A physician was summoned and pronounced it paralysis. Death followed at about eight o'clock in the evening. The deceased was aged fifty-seven years. A widow, three sons and three daughters survive. The sons are Walter, Fred and Orran, all at home, and the daughters are Mrs. Dow Bishop of St. John, Mrs. William Arbo of St. Stephen, and Miss Hattie at home. The funeral will take place Wednesday at 2 p.m. from his late home. Rev. Mr. Corey will conduct the service. Interment will be made at Waasis.

FRENCH WIN DECISIVE VICTORY NEAR VERDUN

Enemy Defences on a Front of Eleven Miles Have Been Captured---4000 Prisoners Taken by the French Troops.

PARIS, Aug. 20.—A smashing victory on the Verdun front is recorded in the official report issued by the War Office tonight. The French have captured the enemy defences on both sides of the Meuse, over a front of more than eleven miles, penetrating the German line at divers points to a depth of a mile and a quarter. More than 4,000 unwounded German prisoners have been taken. The text of the report reads:

"On the front north of Verdun our troops captured, on both sides of the Meuse, enemy defences on a front of 18 kilometres and to a depth which exceeds 2 kilometres at certain points. On the left bank of the river we hold in particular the Avocourt wood, the two summits of Le Mort Homme, Corbeaux wood and Cumieres. On the right bank of the river we have occupied Talou Ridge, Champneville, Hill 344, Mormont Farm and Hill 240 north of Louvemont.

"On the right our troops have advanced considerably in the Bois des Fosse and the Bois de Chaume. The number of unwounded prisoners taken is more than 4,000.

Aviators Took Brilliant Part.

The Germans carried out violent counter attacks in Avocourt wood and against Le Mort Homme and Hill 344, but our fire everywhere broke down their efforts and inflicted heavy losses. Our aviators took a brilliant part in the battle, turning their machine guns at a low height against enemy concentrations, and contributing also to the repulse of counter attacks.

"Our pilots brought down eleven German airplanes on the battle front, while two other enemy machines were brought down by special guns."

UNWRITTEN LAW RECOGNIZED BY AN ENGLISH JURY

Verdict of "Justifiable Homicide" Was Rendered in the Case of the Man Who Killed the Seducer of His Wife.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—The "unwritten law" whereby a man may kill his wife's seducer, was recognized by an English jury yesterday almost for the first time within the recollection of the English public. "Justifiable homicide in self-defence" was the verdict rendered by a London coroner's jury in the case of Lieut. Douglas Malcolm, who shot and killed a foreigner, Anton Baumberg, styling himself "Count de Borch."

Lieut. Malcolm, who was a wealthy young merchant before the war, returned on leave from France and found his wife with the so-called Count. He attacked the "Count" and afterwards challenged him to a duel, but the Count ignored the challenge. Malcolm visited the Count's London lodgings and other lodgers testify to hearing a struggle followed by a revolver shot. They found the "Count" dead. After leaving the premises Malcolm surrendered to the first policeman he met. He testified before the coroner's jury relative to de Borch's actions, but he did not suggest self-defence in killing the man.

Malcolm's wife admitted her delinquency. It developed that de Borch was for a brief period in service with the officers' training corps, but that he was under police suspicion of being an international spy, and was listed by the police as a professional spy.

RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT IS FACING ITS TASK WITH CONFIDENCE

American Red Cross Leader Makes a Favorable Report on the Situation--- Thinks People are Behind New Gov- ernment-Fighting on Roumanian Front

PETROGRAD, Aug. 21.—"The new government is facing the present crisis with clearness of vision and sincerity of purpose which, since the formation of the ministry less than two weeks ago has not failed of confidence. While the seriousness of the situation is manifest, there is every reason to hope that the present government will be strengthened by the full confidence of the Russian people for the great task before it."

Th above is the estimate of the situation in Russia made by Dr. Frank Billings, of Chicago, one of the leaders of the American Red Cross experts, after a fortnight's observation in Petrograd since the American Red Cross mission arrived.

RUSSIAN SURGEONS AND HOSPITALS COME IN FOR GREAT PRAISE FROM DR. BILLINGS

Already they have established a big working headquarters in the Hotel D'Europe, and a supply house in Moscow. They also have met and conferred with heads of the government, from whom they report most hearty co-operation. For the technical skill and proficiency of Russian physicians and surgeons, Dr. Billings expressed great admiration, while the hospitals, he said, were "run as well as any in the world."

RUSSIANS AND ROUMANIANS ARE OFFERING VERY STUBBORN RESISTANCE ON SOUTHERN FRONT

PETROGRAD, Aug. 20 (British Admiralty per wireless press).—Austro-German forces are making vigorous attacks on the southern Roumanian front. The War Office announcement of today says that stubborn resistance is being offered by the Russians and Roumanians, who, however, were forced back at several points. On the Caucasian front, where the Russians recently took the offensive, a further large advance has been made, a series of villages being captured.

THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE.

PARIS, Aug. 21.—M. Goldenberg and S. Mirnoff, of Petrograd, representing the Russian Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates, were received today by a committee of the general confederation of labor and extended an invitation to the confederation to send representatives to the international conference of socialists at Stockholm. After considerable discussion the invitation was accepted.

EIGHT PERSONS MEET DEATH WHEN LOCOMOTIVE DASHED INTO AUTO

SAYBROOK JUNCTION, Conn., Aug. 21.—Eight persons were killed when a freight engine running light on the New York, N. H. and Hartford railroad last midnight struck and crushed a crossing automobile owned and driven by Robert H. Rohloff, of New Haven. The only survivor of the party of nine is Louise W. Weyel, aged 9, who was taken to the Memorial hospital, near New London, where this morning she was reported suffering from shock. The persons killed were Robert H. Rohloff, Gustave Weyel and his wife, Mrs. Louis Astorino, daughter of Mr. Weyel, and her three children, and Miss Mabel Wagner. All belonged to New Haven.

TORONTO GLOBE AND BOB ROGERS

Toronto, Aug. 20.—The Globe, on Tuesday will say editorially of Rogers' resignation:

"It will take positive assurances to convince the country that the cabinet episode has not been carefully staged by the prime minister and Mr. Rogers in collusion. The suspicion may do an injustice to Sir Robert Borden, but he can dispense it by providing that Mr. Rogers will not be an agent of the government doing its election work, with the promise of high office in his pocket so he can repeat his success of 1911.

"There are obvious reasons why it would be expedient to disown Mr. Rogers during an election campaign. His name is not an asset.

"Sir Robert Borden must show that the separation is not a temporary make-believe and that the reported disagreement is not a sham fight arranged so as to give the leader of the government the credit of having plucked up a degree of courage. The events of the next few days may demonstrate whether the premier deserves credit or not. If Sir Robert is responsible for the dismissal of his

DR. MACROBBIE WAS VICTIM OF DRUNKEN BRAWL

Hamilton, Aug. 21.—The latest theory of the police in connection with the mysterious death of Dr. D. G. Macrobbe, well known Hamilton physician, who was found dead on the premises of the Crescent Oil Co. Sunday night, is that he was the victim of a brawl.

That Harry Smith, manager of the Crescent Oil Co., Walter Scott, architect, and J. J. McAuliffe, real estate man, who were in the room when the caretaker discovered the dying man, were decidedly under the influence of liquor, is admitted.

Field Crop Judges Out.

The judges in the Field Crop Competition conducted by the Provincial Department of Agriculture are out and have begun their work. No reports have yet been received.

Mr. A. F. Gillmore of Halifax, is in the city.

colleague he has removed one obstacle to the formation of a truly national government. In any event high-minded Canadians are glad that Mr. Rogers is out of the ministry."