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## ST. JULIEN CONTINUES TO BE THE STORM CENTRE ON THE WESTERN FRONT

### Artillery on Both Sides Hammer Away At Opponent's Positions--Allies Hold The Ground Won---German Version Of Recent Battle in Flanders.

British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 3.—The British and French and the Germans alike along the battle front in Flanders still held their positions late today in an iron grip of bogland produced by the torrential rainstorm which has been deluging the battle line from Tuesday evening until today, when it showed signs of moderating.

Beyond artillery operations, which are continuing with great intensity, there is little activity with the exception of one or two points, and the French and British were resting in consolidated and strongly organized positions, commanding the territory which they captured from the Germans in the first few hours' onslaught.

#### THE BRITISH FORCED THE GERMANS FROM A

#### STRONG POSITION NORTH OF FROZENBERG

St. Julien today continued to be a storm centre, the artillery of both sides pounding steadily at their opponents' positions about this place. The British were again in possession of the 030 yard front just north of Frozenberg, which the Germans wrestled from them in a counter attack yesterday.

In a sharp drive last night after heavy artillery preparation, the British forced the Germans from this strong position and have held it since. This was the only counter attack of any consequence delivered by the Germans since late Wednesday.

#### GERMAN CORRESPONDENTS SAW THE BATTLE

#### FROM A SAFE DISTANCE BEHIND FIRING LINE

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 3.—German newspapers of Thursday morning contain no details of importance on the battle in Flanders beyond the official reports. German war correspondents are as yet observing the battle from a safe distance near Charleville, several kilometres behind the front, and endeavor to give the news from the scanty material supplied by the military censors. That the correspondents observed instructions is evidenced in all the newspapers by the heading: "Specials from the front." All state that the German artillery was able to hold its own with the Anglo-French in the preliminary bombardment. All the accounts emphasized the character of the British and French attacks, and all claim the preliminary victory, explaining, however, that the heavy fighting has not ended and may continue for weeks.

#### HUNS CLAIM THAT ONLY IMMEDIATE FRONT

#### LINE TRENCHES FELL INTO HANDS OF ALLIES

A casual survey of the Flanders battle supplied by the German general staff through the Wolff Bureau, mentions that Bixchoote three times changed hands, the French eventually retaining the village at nightfall, but that the German lines gripped the village north and east.

The British, according to the survey, delivered the main thrust before Ypres and succeeded in capturing Langemark in addition to other places mentioned by Field Marshal Haig, but were unable to hold Langemark and St. Julien in the face of a German counter attack and were repulsed.

The report seeks to give the impression that only the immediate front line trenches in any case were lost, and carefully avoids any mention of the depth of the Entente gain.

## FRENCH TROOPS REPULSED CROWN PRINCE'S ARMY

### Violent Attack Along a Frontage of 1500 Yards Near Cerny Was Successfully Met--The Official Statement.

PARIS, Aug. 3.—Troops of the German Crown Prince, after an intense artillery bombardment last night delivered several violent attacks against the French positions near Cerny, in the Aisne region, along a front of about 1,500 yards. The French official statement issued this afternoon says that all the attacks were repulsed. On the Belgian front the bad weather continues. The text of the statement follows:

"Bad weather prevails along the entire front in Belgium. East and south of Cerny, after a bombardment of extreme violence, German forces delivered on a front of 1,500 yards violent attacks, but they all were repulsed by our fire. In the course of the fighting we inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

"Artillery fighting on both banks of the river Meuse, in the Verdun sector, was particularly spirited in the region of wood and Hill 304."

## BOY DROWNED THIS AFTERNOON

Henry Treadwell, Aged Eight  
Years, Son of Mr. and Mrs.  
A. L. Treadwell, Wood-  
stock Road.

Henry Treadwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Treadwell of Woodstock Road, was drowned this afternoon in the St. John river. The little boy who was aged eight years and nine months was fishing from a scow which was moored at the old Aberdeen Mill wharf. His younger brother was with him for a time but it is said left and went to his home, which is not far away. The other boy fell into the water from the scow. He could not swim and was drowned. The accident occurred at about 1.30. An alarm was given and many went to the scene.

The body was found shortly before three o'clock by Mr. Charles Fleet who went to the spot with grappling irons. The body was about one hundred feet below the spot where the boy fell in, the current having carried it down. The water where the scow was moored was about fifteen feet deep. Prior to the finding of the body Messrs. John and Harry Smith attempted to locate by diving at the place where the drowning had occurred.

The little boy is survived by his parents and one younger brother. There is great sympathy for the bereaved parents. The latter formerly resided at Maugeville but removed to Fredericton a few years ago.

## MICHAELIS AT VIENNA

London, Aug. 3.—Emperor Charles of Austria received in audience Dr. Michaelis, the German Imperial Chancellor, on Thursday, says a despatch from Amsterdam to the Central News Agency.

#### BERLIN CAFE HAS BEEN CLOSED

Berlin, Aug. 3 (via London).—Victoria Cafe, which is situated at the corner of Unter den Linden and Friedrich Strasse, and probably the most popular and heavily patronized of all Berlin cafes, has been closed for violating the food regulations.

## LIGHTNING DID DAMAGE IN BOTH YORK AND SUNBURY

### Three Barns owned by Ernest Hay of Upper Queens- bury Burned--Three Head of Cattle Killed by Lightning at Dorn Ridge--Ashley Dykeman of Upper Maugeville Met With Loss, Barn and Con- tents Burned--His Son Stunned by Lightning.

York and Sunbury counties were visited by another violent electrical storm last night which did great damage in the central sections of both counties. At Upper Maugeville, Sunbury county, the barn of Mr. Ashley Dykeman was struck by lightning and entirely burned with contents and the son of the owner, aged nine years, was stunned by the same bolt. At Upper Queensbury, York county, Mr. Ernest Hay lost three barns and their contents by fire caused by lightning. At Dorn Ridge three head of cattle owned by a man named Boone were killed in the farmyard by lightning. Fredericton and the district immediately surrounding escaped any heavy damage although visited by two storms during the night.

At Upper Maugeville. The Dykeman barn at Upper Maugeville was struck at 8.40 o'clock last night. The same bolt stunned Mr. Dykeman's little son, George, as he stood in the yard. He did not recover for some time. Mr. Dykeman had been haying and had unhitched his horses from a wagon load of hay and taken them from the barn just before the lightning struck. The wagon stood on the barn floor and was consumed with other contents of the building among which was six tons of hay. The fire attracted neighbors from some distance around and a fight was made to save the dwelling and other buildings. Fortunately the wind dropped and this circumstance con-

## Morale of the Russian Army Shows Some Improvement

### TWENTY-SIX DAYS IN JULY

Hon. P. J. Veniot's Record  
"On the Road"—Facts for  
the Uninformed and  
Knockers.

Speaking of editorial criticism levelled at the Provincial Government on account of its members not devoting sufficient time to their duties, Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works, who has been in Fredericton for some days stated this morning that he had been "on the road" twenty-six days during the month of July on business connected with the affairs of the province and his department. Authors of criticism of the nature referred to did not know the facts concerning the matters of which they complained.

Hon. Mr. Veniot stated that much work was being done on the highways and bridges of the province in spite of the excessive rain of the early summer and the scarcity of labor. Near towns and cities it had been very difficult to secure labor and in the rural districts the haying season had produced similar conditions. Demands still are being made for work on the highways, York county being one of the most insistent.

## STATE OF SIEGE IS DECLARED

London, Aug. 2.—A state of siege has been declared in the whole Greek department of Attica, including Athens and Piraeus, according to a despatch from Athens to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

#### SWISS CEREALS SEIZED

Berne, Aug. 3. — The Swiss government has issued an order sequestrating the entire cereal corps with the exception of the quantities required for the personal consumption of the producers and forced purposes.

## The Political Crisis, However, Remains Unsolved---Country May Divide Into Two Sharply Defined Camps---Social- ists Blamed For Military Disaster.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—The Times correspondent at Russian headquarters on the southwest front, under date of July 31, confirms reports of improvement in morale in the Russian army as a consequence of measures against desertions and panics.

The correspondent says that disaffected Russian regiments have returned to the front.

Emperor William and Field Marshal Von Mackensen, according to the same despatch, made a triumphal entry into Tarnopol. The weight of the German offensive, the despatch adds, appears to be directed toward Kamnetz Podolsky, en route to Odessa.

#### LANDED AND INDUSTRIAL CLASSES ARE LINING UP AGAINST THE SOCIALISTS AND AGITATORS

The political crisis, which is still unsolved, is taking a new form owing to the growing tendency of the country to divide into two sharply defined opposing camps. In the first camp are the educated, especially the landed and industrial classes, led by members of the Duma and Moscow manufacturers, while the second is composed of socialists of all shades of opinion.

The opposition between the moderate socialists and the Bolshevik group, which reached its height during the July revolt, is declining as a result of a fear in both camps that the Dumas' industrial movement aims at a reactionary counter revolution. The chief evidence of this division is an unofficial session of the Duma at which the moderate progressive party combined with the old reactionaries led by Vladimir Purishkevich, vice-president of the Union of True Russians, in attacks on the socialists and the socialistic policy of the cabinet as influenced by the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers and Peasants' Delegates.

#### SOCIALISTS DESCRIBED BY A PROGRESSIVE LEADER AS MAD AND FANATICAL ADVENTURERS

Paul M. Milukoff sharply assailed the Council for trying to dictate to the non-socialist members of the cabinet in the manner in which they already dictate to the socialist ministers.

A sensational speech was made by a member of the progressive party, M. Maslennikoff, who ascribed the military disasters and internal anarchy as due wholly to the socialists. He referred to the socialists as a crowd of mad, fanatical adventurers, "who call themselves the executive council of the workmen's and soldiers' department."

M. Maslennikoff declared that the Duma alone could save Russia, but to do so it must cease being afraid of its own shadow and meet in regular session and demand that the ministers appear before it and render an account of their stewardship. The constitutional democrat, Nicholas Lvoff, also declared that the Duma must act boldly.

Against this idea the official organ of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' and Peasants' Deputies raised the cry that the Duma aims at a counter revolution. In this other organs of the party of the left agree. The Don asserts that the time of the Duma is ripe to re-establish a despotism in the interest of property, particularly landed property.

#### A CONSPIRACY AGAINST FREEDOM.

The Novaja Zhsyn attacks the Duma meeting as having been a giant conspiracy against freedom. It declares that as after the July revolt, when citizens were appealed to to suppress the conspirators, they will have to fight and arrest members of the Duma.

At yesterday's session of the Duma all the speakers repudiated the accusation that their aim is a counter revolution. They asserted that the councils and the government, under the influence of the councils, would ruin Russia irretrievably, and that the Duma's only aim was to prevent such ruin.

## NOTED GENERAL HAS RESIGNED

Peraograd, Aug. 3.—General Radko Dimitrieff, commander of the Russian troops on the Riga front, has resigned his command of the Twelfth Army. General Parsky will succeed him.

Gen Dimitrieff, who was a Bulgarian at the beginning of the war, represented his council as Minister to Russia. Immediately upon the outbreak of hostilities he telegraphed his resignation to Sofia and tendered his services to the Russian war office. Dimitrieff had been commander in chief of the Bulgarian army in the latter part of the first Balkan war, but resigned his commission when Bulgaria, at the instigation of Austria, attacked her former allies, Serbia and Greece.

In Bulgaria, Dimitrieff, who is as much a politician as a soldier, was known as "Bulgaria's Little Napoleon." During the present war Dimitrieff has commanded Russian armies on various sectors, and in April of the present year, was made commander of the forces on the Riga front.

## HUN U-BOAT DISMANTLED

Ferroll, Spain, Aug. 3.—Several parts of the German submarine UB-31 which is interned here have been dismantled and stored in the arsenal. The UB-23 recently entered the roadstead of Corunna in a damaged condition, and was sent to Ferroll, escorted by a Spanish torpedo boat. The sailors are being housed aboard a cutter and the officers at a hotel. The captain of the submarine left today for Madrid accompanied by the German naval attaché.

## MORE SOLDIERS REACH QUEBEC

Quebec, Que., Aug. 3. — Close to six hundred invalid soldiers and officers arrived here from overseas and will disembark today.