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A Substantial Advance by The French Near Soissons

Made Successful Attack on the Enemy on a Front of Sixteen Kilometres ---British Troops Made Further Headway in the Lys Salient

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

Paris, Aug. 19.—Between the Oise and the Aisne French troops attacked last night over a front of fifteen kilometres between Sarlepoint, about four miles east of Ribecourt, and Fontenoy, approximately six miles west of Soissons. They advanced an average distance of two kilometres over the whole front, according to the official statement issued by the War Office today. The French have occupied the plateau west of Nampool, about seven miles northwest of Fontenoy, and the edge of the ravine south of Andignicourt. The tenth army penetrated to an extreme depth of nearly two miles. The enemy machine guns are resisting desperately and the German air service is also very active.

BRITISH TROOPS MAKE PROGRESS IN THE LYS SALIENT; FRENCH MAKE IMPORTANT CAPTURES

LONDON, Aug. 19.—Near Merville, at the Apex of the Lys salient, the British have made further progress, says the statement from Field Marshal Haig today. Fifty prisoners and a few machine guns were captured.

A German counter attack between Outterstein and Meteren was broken up by the British artillery, the statement says.

St. Mard les Triot, a little over a mile southwest of Roye, was taken by the French yesterday, according to reports from the battlefield. The French captured the town of Beauvraign, two and three-quarter miles south of St. Mard.

ENEMY ATTACK COMPLETELY BROKEN UP BY BRITISH ARTILLERY AND MACHINE GUN FIRE

We captured a few prisoners last night in the Ayette sector, and also south of the Scarpe, where our patrols entered the enemy's trenches and penetrated some distance into his position. North of the Scarpe a hostile raiding party was repulsed with losses. During the night our troops made progress in several sectors in spite of the opposition of hostile machine gunners. They captured between 40 and 50 prisoners and a few machine guns. Early in the night the enemy launched a counter attack against our new positions between Outterstein and Meteren. The attack was completely broken up by our artillery and machine gun fire.

A despatch by Reuter's agency says the British attacked the fourth Saxon division holding Outterstein and expelled them from the village and the adjoining ridge.

SPAIN WILL MAINTAIN NEUTRALITY

San Sebastian, Spain, August 19.—Foreign Minister Dato today issued a denial to recent press reports that the neutrality of Spain was threatened. He said the cabinet "would suffer nothing to turn it aside from a policy of neutrality."

"As to the famous Spanish note addressed to Germany, the Minister said, 'It is impossible to publish it, because it does not exist.'"

He denied that Spain had sent a note to Germany about the alleged torpedoed Spanish steamer Serantes. He said sinking was due to a fire in the cargo of petroleum.

MANY GERMANS ARE OPPOSED

Stockholm, Aug. 19.—German intervention in Russia to assist the Bolshevik government is strongly opposed by the German people, which is in close touch with Chancellor von Hertling. The newspaper declares that Germany's sole interest in Russia lies in the restoration of orderly conditions. Germany, therefore, has been friendly to the Soviet government.

Berlin newspapers of all shades of opinion express themselves as opposing intervention in favor of the Bolsheviks.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

Montevideo, Aug. 19.—An attempt was made to assassinate President Viera, of Uruguay on Tuesday afternoon during rioting growing out of the recent general strike, according to a report. The President, it says, was standing on a balcony when fired at, and the bullet missed him by a narrow margin.

DOMINIONS WILL HAVE A GREATER SAY

London, Aug. 19.—The government announces that it has been decided to grant each dominion the right to send a minister to London as a member of the Imperial war cabinet at meetings other than those attended by the Prime Ministers. India also will be represented at these meetings.

The Prime Ministers of the dominions have been given the privilege of communicating direct with the British Prime Minister instead of through the governor general or Colonial secretary as at present. This is looked upon as a step toward giving the Dominions a greater voice in the war and in simplifying communication.

LONDON TRAM WORKERS STRIKE

London, Aug. 19.—The London County Councils tramway service has not been affected by the strike of ten thousand tramway workers, although some of the smaller municipal services have stopped and three thousand vehicles have been withdrawn from the streets.

Efforts to involve in the strike the council tramways and the underground railways have been fruitless, but at a meeting of the strikers executives held Sunday night it was resolved to call out all the provincial workers today.

Although the inconvenience caused by the strike Sunday was less than it had been a work day, there was great congestion on the available means of conveyance. Many persons who are accustomed to take Sunday trips to the rural suburbs had to spend the day in the city.

MASKS FOR PIGEONS.

London, Aug. 19.—The Germans are now using gas masks on their messenger pigeons, says a despatch to the Daily Mail from the British front in France.

BRITISH SHIP TORPEDOED OFF HATTERAS

New York, Aug. 19.—The Associated Press carries the following despatch: Beaufort, N. C. Aug. 17.—The British tank steamer Mirolo was torpedoed by a German submarine off Cape Hatteras last night and according to reports reaching here today nine members of her crew were drowned.

All the other members of the Mirolo's crew were saved by coastguards and have been brought safely to shore. They said the torpedo struck the vessel amidships and that soon afterward the cargo of gasoline exploded setting the fire to the ship and compelling them to jump for their lives. The surface of the sea for five miles around was covered with burning gasoline.

It is presumed that the Mirolo sank, although reports received here did not say so definitely.

HUNS PAVING THE WAY FOR A BIG RETREAT

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Paris, Aug. 19.—The German press is attempting to reassure its public that a general retreat is necessary on the western front to allow Gen. Ludendorff room to manoeuvre and to assume the initiative on a vast scale.

A German retreat the newspapers say, would be a direct result of the recent Allied successes. The newspapers further assert that even if the Germans receive reinforcements from Austria they had lost the power to command events, as Marshal Foch has the initiative and will keep it.

LICHNOWSKY TO BE EXPELLED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Washington, Aug. 19.—The German Emperor has given his sanction to the decision of the Prussian House of Lords in voting to expel Prince Lichnowsky, German ambassador to Great Britain at the outbreak of the war, who in a series of memoirs has declared that the war cannot be laid at the doors of Great Britain, France or Russia, but was the direct outgrowth of carefully laid plans of the German militarist ruling class, according to a despatch received here today. The former ambassador, by this decision, loses his seat in the Prussian house.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. W. D. MacKay of Truro and son Master Donald MacKay, who have been visiting relatives here, leave for home on Thursday.

Woodstock Sentinel: Mrs. Alexander VanWart and son, Walter, went to Fredericton this week to spend a few weeks.

Rev. Charles J. S. McLaughlin of Debec is at the Barker House.

Mr. Alfred Burley of St. John is in the city.

Mr. A. B. Brownell of Portland, Me., is in the city.

Prof. W. F. Ganong of Northampton, Mass., is at the Queen.

Mr. A. E. Freeman of Toronto is a guest at the Queen.

BRITISH TROOPS BEAT OFF A VICIOUS HUN COUNTER ATTACK AND INFLECT HEAVY LOSSES

More Than Five Hundred Prisoners Captured Near the Town of Merris—Position is Now Firmly Held—Intense Shelling of the Enemy Rear Areas.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 19.—British troops, after capturing Outterstein ridge, in front of the town of Merris, have beaten off a vicious counter attack and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. More than five hundred Germans were captured by the British.

The ridge was captured by the British last night and the Germans counter attacked this morning. The position, which overlooks considerable ground held by the enemy in the direction of Bailloul, is now firmly in British hands.

On the new Somme front, local fighting continues, the Entente Allied forces biting off pieces here and there all along the line. Patrol fighting has continued and there are some indications that the enemy has made up his mind to withdraw from the present front, but would rather go back intact with the British as the aggressors, so as to inflict all the casualties possible by the free use of machine guns, and without himself risking many of his own men. Intense shelling and bombing of enemy rear areas continues. At no point has the enemy organized attacks even against the new British outposts.

ALLIES MADE GOOD PROGRESS THE PAST WEEK

British Headquarters in France, Aug. 18.—The actual progress made by the Allies during the past week was comparatively small, but eminently successful. We are now at a period when we might look for a violent enemy reaction, but thus far the enemy efforts at recovery have been minor and unsuccessful affairs. Nor are there any indications that he is prepared to do more than maintain a defensive attitude along the recent battlefield.

The wastage in man power during the campaigns this year seriously prevents the Ludendorff's strategic scope. A large proportion of his available reserves have gone into the melting pot while our front stands massive and unweakened by the brilliant victory won by the fourth army without taxing our reserves.

Fine weather and good ground have enabled the necessary artillery adjustments to be pushed on without check, although the same conditions usually favored the enemy. Our preponderance of batteries is so great that we can usually smother any attempt at infantry concentration.

May we not interpret the movements of withdrawal in Artois and Flanders as direct results of our successes of the past month? The enemy admits he is going back to husband his man power alike by taking up positions he hopes will be less expensive of tenure, and, by shortening his front, releasing line men for reserves. He has lost the initiative and apparently is at present combing out every German available in a desperate effort to buttress the rising tide.

It is said that some German airmen are now using airplane parachutes, with apparent success. On Wednesday last a Fokker biplane was seen to emit smoke while at a great height, burst into flames, and dive. A parachute was noticed to open suddenly on the considerable wide pressure caused by the dive, and drag the pilot clear of the machine.

Another Fokker brought down the same day was similarly fited.

ANOTHER FATAL AUTO SMASHUP

Sherbrooke, Quebec, Aug. 19.—One man was killed and the chauffeur rendered unconscious when their automobile was struck by a G. T. R. freight train at the crossing near Waterville this afternoon. The man killed has been identified as Ex-Governor G. H. Prouty of Vermont State. The ex-governor was on his way from Newport, Vt., to take the train at Lennoxville for Jackman, Me., when the chauffeur failed to observe the approaching engine owing to a dense fog. He was instantly killed, while the driver of the car, J. W. Blay, is in the Sherbrooke Hospital suffering from concussion of the brain.

PROPERTY OF ALIEN SEIZED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, Aug. 19.—The estate of Gottfried Krueger, of Newark, N. J., valued at several million dollars, was taken over today by the alien property custodian. An announcement of the custodian's office here said that although Mr. Krueger was an American citizen, he is classed as an enemy because of his residence in Germany.

Mr. A. E. Freeman of Toronto is a guest at the Queen.

THE FRENCH SOLDIERS PROVING THEMSELVES WORTHY OF GREAT TASK

Fine Fighting Spirit Pervades the Entire Army---Americans on the Vesle Being Harassed by the Huns---Enemy Prisoners Talk About the War

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

With the French Army in France, Aug. 18.—The victories of the French armies on the Avre and at Thiescourt were won by some of the less renowned divisions, which generally are known as "sector divisions," meaning divisions charged with holding parts of the line, while the duty of attacking the enemy was assigned to units that had earned the title of "shock troops." These divisions, without a glorious past to inspire them, and without reinforcements to strengthen them, attacked the Germans with an ardor that shows the fine spirit displayed by these troops pervades the entire army, and that while some divisions are more renowned than others, all are worthy of the great task given them. These so-called "sector divisions" have obliged the Germans to bring up reinforcements and to resort to all expedients to stiffen their resisting powers.

German artillerymen are now provided with hand grenades as a measure against surprise by the French infantrymen. Some of these gunners captured said they preferred to be taken prisoner rather than fight with grenades.

VICIOUS ATTACK BY HUNS ON AMERICAN POSITIONS MEETS WITH BUT LITTLE SUCCESS

With the American Army on the Vesle, Aug. 18.—The Americans who have dug in along the Vesle continually are being harassed by the German artillery and gas projectiles. The Germans made a vicious attack Saturday, which was aimed at those Americans who are situated on the north side of the Vesle. They used artillery first and then followed the fire of their guns with gusts of mustard and d'sneeze gas. These attacks have not met with any apparent success, and the Germans evidently are aware of the fact. This is indicated by their having sent over four airplanes, which by wireless or other means endeavored to direct the firing of their noxious fumes so that they would be more effective.

GERMAN OFFICERS THINK A DECISION IN THE WAR CANNOT BE WON ON THE BATTLEFIELD

With the British Army in France, Aug. 19.—German officers and men taken prisoner seem unanimous in the opinion that a decision cannot be won on the battlefield, but that success must be arrived at by negotiation. They expressed belief that it would be impossible for the Allies to break down a nation with Germany's resources and organizing skill. The officers for the most part have dropped their blustering attitude. As for the men, all express a strong desire that the war should come to an end as quickly as possible, even if peace should have to be a "patched up" one. None of them consider, they say, that Germany can win, but at the same time believe she cannot be beaten. Officers and men agree that the German submarine offensive since the early spring has been a failure when the number of American troops that have arrived in France is considered. They believe that the tide definitely turned against the Germans when they retreated toward the Aisne.

FLOODS IN CHINA

Hong Kong, Aug. 17.—Five thousand persons are helpless and 250,000 are without proper food as a result of a flood in the Tung Kiang river. The American Red Cross is providing temporary relief.

JAPS PUSHING AHEAD.

Vladivostok, Aug. 18.—A Japanese contingent arrived yesterday at Nikolskoe on its way to the Usuri front.

Mr. John Henderson of Minto is at the Barker House.

IMPORTANT



NOTICE

The 24th of AUGUST is the LAST DAY upon which PARDON IS GRANTED to those who are deserters or who have failed to report to the Military authorities.

The EXTREME PENALTY OF THE LAW will be visited upon defaulters AFTER THAT DATE.