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FRENCH REGAIN LOST POSITIONS

Around Hill 304 of the Verdun Sector by Vigorous Blow.

FIGHTING IN CHAMPAGNE

THE MOST BITTER ALONG THE FRENCH FRONT.

German Attacking Waves Withered by French Fire—All French Gains of Last Saturday Have Been Held.

(Special to the Whig.)

Paris, July 17.—German forces made further desperate assaults last night in the Champagne, seeking to drive the French from their newly-won gains around Mont Teton, but were repulsed, to-day's official statement asserted.

The War Office also announced a vigorous offensive blow by the French around Hill 304 (Verdun sector), which resulted in the recapture of positions which were lost to the Germans in the great attack of June 28th and 29th. Many prisoners were taken in this battle, the number not yet having been counted.

Champagne fighting, during the past three or four days, was the most bitter anywhere along the French front. The Germans have been fruitlessly trying by every means of attack and every weapon to break the French hold on the dominating heights there. To-day's official attacking waves were withered in our fire and their troops fled back to their trenches, leaving many dead. All of the French gains achieved Saturday were held inviolate by our forces."

The statement said there was active artillerying around Cerny and Courcy.

HUN CATHOLIC PEACE APPEAL NOT FAVORED

British Catholics Say Peace on Entente Lines Is Thing To Strive For.

London, July 17.—Judging by an article which appears in the current number of the Roman Catholic weekly organ, the Tablet, British Catholics will refuse to listen to the appeal which has been made by the German-Swiss Catholic newspaper, the Vaterland, that Catholics of both enutrals and belligerent countries should strive to help forward a peace movement.

The reply of The Tablet is to the effect that the Central Powers have never suggested that reparation should be made for the damage that has been done in the countries invaded by the Germans, and that a peace which restored the status quo ante bellum would but enhance the reputation of Germany.

British Catholics are convinced that a peace proposed by the Entente is the nearest ideal for which Catholics everywhere are longing.

TO REST THE ANZACS.

Holiday for Fighters if Recruits Come Forward.

London, July 17.—A Sydney message says: "To-day, Monday, the first Australian division of original Anzacs complete a thousand days of service overseas. The Government, therefore, proposes to bring them back to the Commonwealth on rest leave, but this is dependent on recruiting, so an especial appeal is being issued for volunteers, who will be permitted to nominate the men they desire to relieve and the men at the front will be told the names of those who are giving them the holiday."

SAYS MONTENEGRO IS BEING DEVASTATED

Fear That Deportations and Hunger Will Extinguish Native Stock.

Paris, July 17.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Rome states that the Tribuna publishes an interview with a "Montenegrin patriot," who says the Austrians are devastating his country more terribly than Belgium, Serbia, and Rumania were devastated.

"The Austrians," the Montenegrin is quoted as saying, "are proceeding with ferocity intended to exterminate the Montenegrin race, whose indomitable fibre cannot be broken."

The population is dying of hunger, he says, the people are perishing by hundreds daily, and so many are being deported to Austria that it is feared the Montenegrin population soon will have disappeared.

BORDEN AND FLAVELLE ARE ATTACKED

Sir Joseph Alluded To As a "Great Big Hypocrite."

Ottawa, July 17.—J. C. Watters, president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, in a speech at Hull, Que., attacked Sir Robert Borden, the Premier, who, he declared, had been guilty of a breach of faith in not consulting organized labor before bringing in conscription. He also asserted that organized labor throughout Canada would oppose the measure, even by a Dominion-wide strike if necessary.

Mr. Watters also attacked Sir Joseph Flavelle, whom he alluded to as "a great big hypocrite," and said that if the profits were taken from the shell manufacturers there would not be a shell manufactured in Canada.

CONFERENCES AT BERLIN REPORTED "UNFRUITFUL."

(Special to the Whig.)

Amsterdam, July 17.—Conferences which Chancellor Michaelis, Field Marshal Hindenburg, Gen. Ludendorff and other military chiefs have been holding with the Reichstag majority leaders were said in Berlin despatches to-day to have been "unfruitful".

CHILD DROWNED AT TRENTON

Eight-Year-Old Girl Fell From Bridge—Body Recovered.

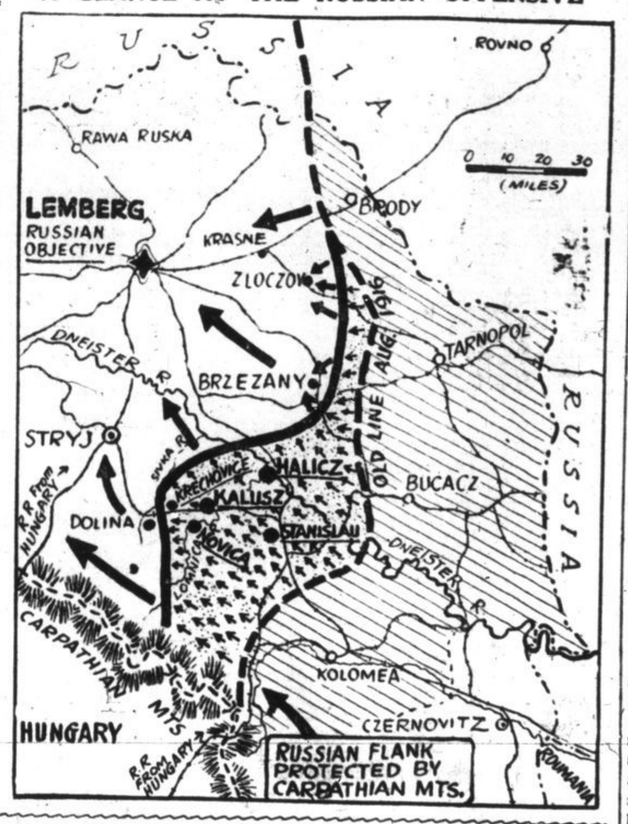
Trenton, July 17.—Saturday afternoon a sad drowning accident occurred in the Trent River, when the little eight year-old daughter of Norman Chase, while playing with other children on the abutment of the Iron Bridge accidently slipped into the water. The alarm was soon given and a large crowd gathered. Several dove into the water in an endeavor to locate the body but it was not discovered until about two hours later. Three doctors were on the scene, but all efforts were unavailing as life was extent.

LANDSLIDE ON WELLAND

A Block of Earth Slips Into an Excavation.

St. Catharines, July 17.—There was a large slide of the bank of the new Welland Ship Canal last night, where the public highway from St. Catharines to St. David's and Queenston crosses the waterway near Homer. Work on the construction of this new canal was abandoned about a year ago till after the war, and the cement embankments have not yet been completed. A block of earth about thirty feet in depth and fifty yards wide slid down into the bottom of the excavation, and has rendered the roadway impassable. Traffic has had to find another course.

A GLANCE AT THE RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE



FOUR GERMAN SHIPS CAPTURED

In the North Sea by British Forces on Patrol Duty.

GUNFIRE DAMAGED OTHERS

WHICH MAKE TOWARD THE DUTCH COAST.

Four Were Intercepted—Two Crews Escaped—The Captured Ships Were Safely Brought Into Harbor.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, July 17.—The capture of four German merchant ships in the North Sea, yesterday, was announced by the Admiralty to-day.

The Germans did their best to make off and two were damaged by gunfire from British boats which sighted them.

Admiralty statement said: "Our light forces on patrol duty sighted a number of German steamers. Our signals were disregarded and the ships made toward the Dutch coast. Two of the rearmost were badly damaged by gun fire. The other four were intercepted and captured. Two crews escaped, and the others were brought into the harbor. The names of the captured ships were the Pelletorn, Brietzig, Marienhorn and Heinz Blumberg.

WHAT COMPROMISE WILL BORDEN OFFER

In Exchange For an Extension of the Present Parliamentary Term.

(Special to the Whig.)

Ottawa, July 17.—This afternoon will finally solve the many speculations which have been abroad concerning Premier Borden's offer in exchange for an extension of term. That his resolution for extension will be accompanied by some compromise, probably a period of voluntary recruiting, is generally expected.

As the details for the administration of the act would take at least a month to complete in any event, Sir Robert may claim that he is not really delaying the bill to any extent by attempting voluntary recruiting in the meantime.

SHOULD END ALLIANCE

Czech Deputy Says Austria Should Break With Ally.

Zurich, July 17.—The Austrian Reichstag was thrown into an uproar last Saturday when the former Czech Minister, Herr Praschek, declared the hate of the entire world was not directed against Austria, but against Germany, and that Austria should detach herself from her ally, says a Vienna despatch.

"How are we to obtain peace" demanded Herr Praschek, "if we cling to the German side? Must we continue to sacrifice our interests to the expansion of Germany? Must we continue to submit to the German militarism that has thrown us into this war?"

The speaker declared that Czech Deputies had been imprisoned for attempting to bring about an alliance of Austria with Russia and France, and added that if they were to be stigmatized as traitors then all Czechs who believed similarly should be stigmatized.

NO BREAK YET.

(Special to the Whig.)

Amsterdam, July 17—A semi-official denial that there has been any break in diplomatic relations between Argentine and Germany was received here to-day. An amicable settlement of the points in controversy between the two nations is hoped for.

DROVE GERMANS BACK.

And Made Some Gains in the Belgium Area.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, July 17.—Field Marshal Haig's British soldiers gained during the night northwest of Warneton (Belgium), according to their commander's report to-day to the War Office.

In the Nieuport sector (close to the sea in Belgium,) he said a British raiding party encountered a large enemy detachment in front of the German positions and after a sharp fight drove them back into their trenches. There the enemy was bombed by the British party.

NEW GERMAN CHANCELLOR.

Here is Dr. Georg Michaelis who has been appointed to succeed Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg. He was the German Under Secretary of Finance and Food Commissioner.

.. OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS ...

Italian.

Rome, July 16.—The official statement issued to-day by the Italian War Office reads:

"On the whole front yesterday we were much more active. In the evening, after having kept the enemy lines under heavy fire from Versic to the Jamiana Valley, we made a successful raid south-east of Hill 247. Despite a violent hostile reaction, the enemy positions were destroyed. We brought back machine guns, war material, and 275 prisoners, including eleven officers.

"On the Trentino and Carnic fronts direct hits were obtained by our artillery on enemy abutments, causing fires and dispersing the working parties.

"On the Julian front, our artillery concentrated on Biglia and Bodrizo. We also shelled with well-directed bursts of fire enemy trenches between Canale and Monfosa, and dispersed motor lorries and supply columns in transit.

"At dawn this morning one of our big bombarding air squadrons, accompanied by escorting aeroplanes, raided the enemy's lines of communication east of Selo, where numerous troops were discovered, and effectively bombed. Our machines flew very low, and all returned safely, notwithstanding the anti-aircraft fire and hostile machines. Of the latter, one was brought down, and the others were driven back.

"This morning enemy seaplanes dropped bombs between the Isonzo and the Carso. There were a few victims and slight damage."

Belgian.

Paris, July 16.—The Belgian War Office report of Monday says:

"There was slight activity on the Belgian front in the neighborhood of Noordschoote and Hetsas, where the bombardment on both sides was quite intense during the course of the night. An enemy aeroplane was brought down on July 13th in the environs of Schoors."

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THE EXTENSION MOTION DELAYED

Premier Borden Consents to Request From Associate Member For Halifax.

MERRIMENT IN COMMONS

UPON THE EVE OF A VERY IMPORTANT DEBATE.

Several Liberal Members Sorry the Resolution Was Held Over—They Wish to Wade Right Into It.

Ottawa, July 17.—Before a representative house yesterday afternoon Sir Robert Borden moved the resolution standing in his name, requesting the Imperial Government to amend the B.N.A. Act so as to provide for a further extension of the term of Parliament for another year ending October 7th, 1918. Sir Robert was accorded a mild mead of applause when he prepared to rise. Much to he surprise of those present, however, A. K. MacLean, junior member for Halifax, rose instead.

"Let me suggest to the Prime Minister," he said, "that consideration of this resolution be postponed for a few days at least. I don't pretend to speak for any other honorable gentlemen on this side of the House, but it is only fair that consideration of the motion be postponed at least until the Military Service bill has been passed. The ultimate decision of the House on that measure may very much affect me in reaching a conclusion on this resolution. This is a fair suggestion and I trust it will receive consideration.

Sir Robert Borden briefly consulted Sir George Foster. When he rose there was no trace of resentment on his face.

"I would have been glad," he said, "if the honorable member had communicated to me earlier the desire which he now makes. I gave notice on Friday last, and I came to-day prepared to go on with this resolution which has been on the order paper for four months. However, in accordance with the request, I am willing to postpone consideration until to-morrow. In the meantime I will consider the request further."

No Sympathy Shown.

Hon. Frank Oliver rose. "So far as I am concerned," he said in a level but emphatic voice, "the suggestion of the junior member for Halifax has no support from me." (Loud laughter from the Conservative side.)

"Make that unanimous," said Geo. Kyte, of Richmond.

Hon. Charles Murphy rose. Mr. Speaker," he said, "I am of the same opinion as the member for Edmonton." (More laughter.)

Dr. Clark, of Red Deer, heaved himself to his feet from a back seat, "I hope," he said, "that the desire of the member for Halifax has not been prejudiced in the eyes of the Government by the observation of honorable members who have taken their seats."

(Cries of hear, hear," from the Government side.)

Hon. Dr. Pugsley rose amid further jeer from the Government side. "I am sorry," he said, "that this resolution should be allowed to stand over. It has been on the order paper for many days. The sooner it is brought down and decided upon the better for the country."

AGAIN PROPHESIES A GENERAL ELECTION

Montreal Gazette Says Opposition Will Seal Fate of Extension Legislation.

(Special to the Whig.)

Montreal, July 17.—Apropos of the Liberal caucus in Ottawa yesterday, the Gazette, Conservative, this morning says:

"The extension resolution will again come before Parliament to-day. It will be supported by all Government members and most of the war Liberals, but will be opposed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his supporters in the Liberal party. This opposition will seal the fate of extension legislation and will make an election assured. The demand for such a contest before conscription is put into effect will lose considerable of its force."

RUSSIANS ENTRENCH

After Austrians Were Driven From Lolziany Village.

Petrograd, July 17.—"On the Landestreu-Lolziany-Krasna front," the War Office statement asserted, "we battled all day. The Austrians were driven out of Lolziany, but pressed us hard on the Lomnica. Owing to the arrival of enemy reserves and in view of our losses in officers, we were compelled to retire, entrenching at Lolziany."

HUNS COULDN'T BREATHE.

Former Chancellor Had Almost Suffocated Nation.

Amsterdam, July 17.—The Deutsche Tageszeitung asserts that the burden of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg's, the late German chancellor, incapacity prevented the German nation from breathing and that danger of actual suffocation was not far removed.

THERE IS ANIMOSITY.

The Bavarians Grow Weary Fighting Prussia's War.

Canadian Headquarters in France, July 17.—An enemy sergeant who was captured three days ago told the correspondent to-day: "The chronic feeling of animosity that has always existed among the Bavarians against the Prussians is becoming more and more acute. The Bavarians are of opinion that they are being worse used than the Prussians. They get shorter periods of rest, and always have to hold the worst part of the line. The Bavarians are tired of fighting the Prussians' war.

War Tidings.

The western part of Lens, particularly that known as the Cite du Moulin, was subjected to a gas attack early Monday morning by the Canadians.

British airmen bombed Zeebrugge and theraiway junctions and sidings at Ostend.

Heavy fighting resumed on the Italian front. The Italians took 275 prisoners and war material.

A Canadian freighter sunk a submarine in the Mediterranean.

MUST PREPARE FOR A DURABLE PEACE.

London, July 17.—An Amsterdam despatch quotes a telegram from the Berliner Tageblatt as follows: "Chancellor Michaelis must guarantee that he intends to prepare for a durable peace and he must also give Parliament full control and responsibility for future events."

RUSSIAN MINISTERS HAVE RESIGNED

And Another is Threatening to Do the Same—New Appointments.

(Special to the Whig.)

Petrograd, July 17.—Minister of Finance Shingareff, Minister of Education Manuiloff and the Minister of Public Relief, Prince Shakhovskoy, formally resigned to-day. All are members of the Cadet party. Minister of Railways Nikrassoff is said be considering a like move, but Premier Lvoff is endeavoring to dissuade him.

M. Prokopovith was to-day announced as the new minister of Commerce Vice-M. Konovaloff, who resigned May 31st. M. Tscharnowsky will succeed M. Manuiloff as Minister of Education.

CROWN PRINCE SUPREME?

Kaiser Refers All Party Leaders to His Son.

London, July 17.—An exchange despatch from Amsterdam says: Speaking to several party leaders of the Reichstag, the Crown Prince asked them for their opinion on Hollweg's resignation. He further explained that the Kaiser had ordered him to receive all party leaders. "My father," he said, "wants me to come independent of opinion about the Chancellor's policy."

Theodor Wolff, commenting upon this, says: "If the Chancellor goes into retirement now, the Crown Prince has apparently taken matters in hand. Our enemies will assuredly say his fall has been brought about by the Crown Prince's party of militarists, which will reduce rather than enhance peace chances, as the Prince is regarded abroad as the very incarnation of militarism.

PREFER CANADIAN CHEESE.

Since the British Government Takes Over Monopoly.

London, July 17.—A large importer informs me that there has been a big demand for Canadian cheese since the Government took over the monopoly of this commodity. The retail price to the consumer is thirty-two cents a pound, while English cheese costs the consumer forty-two cents a pound.

MONSTER SUBMARINES.

Germany Reported to Have Undersea Boats 300 Feet Long.

An Atlantic Port, July 17.—Germany now has 300-foot super-submarines in the Atlantic, according to the captain of a Dutch steamer arriving here yesterday. He said the monster U-boat halted and questioned his vessel June 22nd off the Norwegian coast. The submarine carried guns fore and aft.

SPEEDING THE WORK.

By Threatening to Arrest Men Who Declined Office.

(Special to the Whig.)

New York, July 17.—Threats of arrests for refusing to serve on selective draft exemption boards today promised to speed up the work of organizing local exemption boards, thereby hastening the coming of draft day.

The Dangerous Mosquitos.

(Special to the Whig.)

New York, July 17.—Belligerent mosquitos are driving workmen engaged in constructing the military cantonment at Yaphank, L.I., off the job, thereby interfering seriously with army preparations, contractors in charge of the work declared today.

Death of a Hockeyist.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, July 17.—Tommy Brodison, star forward of the London Junior Hockey team, died in Victoria Hospital last evening. He was twenty-one years old and never recovered from an injury he received while playing.

CANNOT X-RAY GERMAN CRISIS

No Means of Telling What is Going on in That Country.

THE SUSPICION EXISTS

THAT GERMAN AUTOCRACY ENGINEERED CRISIS.

Did Erzberger Lead Hollweg Into a Trap to Play Buelow's and the Pan-Germans' Game.

London, July 17.—In the expressive phrase of J. L. Garvin, one of the authorities on Germany consulted by a correspondent, there are no means of X-raying what is going on in that country, and, while consequently it would be rash to jump to conclusions, one thing seems to be established clearly by such indications as have crossed the frontiers. This is that political disturbances and political changes are responsible to the influence of public opinion and more or less well-defined public desires. There would have been no crisis in Germany if the war had been going well and continued to arouse the enthusiasm of the early stages. Where, however, it becomes impossible to predicate with certainty is when one has reached the question how far will public discontent force the hands of German autocracy. Neither in America nor in England, authorities here say, is it sufficiently understood how strong are the interests upon which German autocracy is founded. Reactionary forces are extremely powerful and, while there is no reliable gauge of volume of the current of popular indications of the strength of forces mobilized for the prosecution of the war.

There exists the suspicion that the crisis has been to a large extent engineered by German autocracy itself. One fact which is rgarded as pointing to this is that Erzberger, of the Centre Party, has been steadily working for Von Buelow, for whom the pan-Germans just now have nothing too kind to say. If the deduction that Erzberger led Bethmann-Hollweg into a trap so as to play Buelow's and the pan-Germans' game, it is a piece of political Machiavellism which would be difficult to beat.

Hon. L. J. Tweedie, former Lieutenant-Governor and a former Premier, died at his home near Chatham, N.B., aged 67 years. His health had not been good of late.

The war Liberals have formed a new party.

Premier Borden has asked for harvest help.

ROYAL HOUSE NAME.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, July 17.—King George dropped his German family name to-day for himself and all the royal family. He announced to the Privy Council, at a special meeting, that hereafter the Royal House would be known by the name of "Windsor". The Germanic family name held by the family was "Saxe-Cobourg and Gotha."

DAILY MEMORANDUM

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The sun rises Wednesday at 4.34 a.m. and sets at 7.37 p.m.

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Familiar Quotations

And God waits for us, for all of us who have the quality to reach Him. He has need of us and we of Him. He desires us and desires to make Himself known to us. When at last the individual breaks through the limiting darknesses to Him, the irradiation of that moment, the smile and soul clasp, is in God as well as in man. He has won us from His enemy. We come staggering through into the golden light of His kingdom, to fight for His kingdom henceforth, until at last we are altogether taken up into His being.

—H. G. WELLS.