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## ITALY'S HARDEST BLOW AGAINST AUSTRILIANS

### From Adriatic to Alps Meets Success in Initial Stage--British Gains in Ypres Sector--British Airmen Bomb Ghent, Thourout and Bruges.

(Special to the Whig.)

Rome, Aug. 20.—Italy is continuing a determined offensive against the Austrian lines from the Adriatic to the Alps. Fighting of great magnitude is in progress. The blow is probably the hardest the Italians have yet struck, and early reports tell of initial successes gained by Gen. Cadorna's troops.

#### Further British Gains in Ypres Sector.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, Aug. 20.—Further gains in the Ypres sector were announced by Field Marshal Haig today as the sequel to vigorous fighting last night in the Flanders sector.

"Our line was slightly advanced south east of St. Janshoek," he declared.

The British commander-in-chief also related the repulse of a German counter-attack against new British positions southeast of Epehy. There was violent fighting in this sector. South of Lens the British troops made a successful raid.

#### British Bomb German Railway Stations.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, Aug. 20.—Many tons of bombs were dropped on the Ghent railway station and sidings, Thourout station and dump and the Bruges docks last night by British sea-planes, an Admiralty statement announced today.

Yesterday morning the Germans attacked the aerodrome at Snellingham and in the ensuing battle one enemy machine was downed. All British machines were uninjured.

## TERRIFIC BATTLE AROUND VERDUN DEVELOPS IN FRENCH'S FAVOR

(Special to the Whig.)

Paris, Aug. 20.—A new and terrific battle was reaching a climax today around the bloody ground near Verdun. Today's official statement declared the fighting had "developed in our advantage."

The conflict was over a front of twelve miles, extending from Avocourt Wood to Behonvaux. For a week now guns on both sides in the Verdun sector have been violently active.

The roar approached drum fire yesterday and the infantry came into action immediately afterward. Front despatches today told of desperate fighting in these clashes.

"On both banks of the Meuse, the French this morning attacked magnificently," the official statement asserted. "A new battle of Verdun, extending over a front of twelve miles, from Avocourt Wood to north of Bezonvaux is developing to the advantage of the French."

"Numerous prisoners have already been taken. The bravery exhibited by the French troops is incomparable."

The War Office also detailed a violent continuation of the artillery duel in Belgium. In the Champagne sector the French efficaciously bombarded German positions and took many prisoners in the ruins. Around Badonvillers a German raid was repulsed. In Upper Alsace the statement reported considerable artillery activity.

#### Berlin Tells of French Offensive.

(Special to the Whig.)

Berlin, via London, Aug. 20.—Occupation of Talon Ridge by French troops, without fighting, was admitted in today's official statement.

A violent French assault is in progress over a front of more than fourteen miles, according to the War Office.

## OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

### French.

Paris, Aug. 19.—The official communication issued by the War Office Sunday night reads:

"The artillery fighting has taken on marked activity in the region of Bray and Cerny, as well as on both banks of the Meuse, particularly in the sector of Bezonvaux. There was no infantry action.

"Six hundred shells were fired on Rheims, one civilian being wounded."

Sunday afternoon's report said: "There were artillery actions on the Alsace front notably in the sector north-west and east of Rheims. Enemy surprise attacks on our advanced posts north of Bray, in the region of Bermericourt and at Pampelle failed under our fire."

"On both banks of the Meuse (Verdun sector) the artillery duel continued very active."

"In the Bois de Preste, and in the region east of Badonvillers and north of Celles our Plane we repulsed successive German attempts made under violent artillery bombardment. The enemy suffered important losses and left some prisoners in our hands."

### Italian.

Rome, Aug. 19.—"Since dawn yesterday," reports the Italian general headquarters staff, "our artillery has been shelling the enemy positions from Mont Nero to the sea. Our flights of aeroplanes and airships have bombarded troops massed behind the enemy lines."

### TWELVE BOATS DAMAGED BY FIRE IN BROOKLYN

Blaze Believed To Be Of Incendiary Origin—Damage Over \$1,000,000.

(Special to the Whig.)

New York, Aug. 20.—Two steamers laden with sugar and ten smaller vessels docked at the foot of Congress street, Brooklyn, were seriously damaged by fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, early today. The damage to the vessels is estimated at upwards of \$1,000,000. The fire followed two explosions.

The Russians have taken the offensive on the Caucasian front, and have occupied a series of villages, the War Office announces.

## GRENADIERS THROWING BOMBS FROM TRENCHES



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This modern grenadier is holding the pineapple bomb in his right hand. A little smoke indicates that the deadly missile is fully alive and working and in a moment or two will explode. If it is thrown too soon it may be picked up by the enemy and thrown back with disastrous results. The photograph shows how carefully the soldier is watching the bomb. These bombs have created great havoc in the German trenches.

## DOCTOR VICTIM OF FOUL PLAY

Body of Dr. D. G. MacRobbie, Hamilton, Found in a Storeroom.

### THREE MEN ARE ARRESTED

AS THEY WERE IN COMPANY OF DECEASED.

Deep Gash on Back of Doctor's Head—The Deceased Had a Large Fracture—He Was Thirty-eight Years of Age.

(Special to the Whig.)

Hamilton, Aug. 20.—Answering an accident call at one o'clock this morning, ambulance constables found Dr. D. G. MacRobbie, aged 38, dead, and apparently the victim of foul play. The body was in a store room. There was a deep gash on the back of the head, and he had been dead for several hours.

Detective Sayer, after a short investigation, placed the following men under arrest: Harry Smith, manager of the Crescent Oil Co.; J. J. McAllister, real estate operator; Walter Scott, architect. These men had been seen in the company of Dr. MacRobbie during the day.

McAllister was found in the company's yard intoxicated with one boot off. Herbert Asselstine, caretaker, noticed a light burning above the office at 10.30 o'clock, and upon investigation found the body, but did not notify the police immediately.

Dr. MacRobbie had a large practice. Besides his wife, two small children survive. An inquest has been ordered.

### ALLIES TO CONFER

Before Replying to the Pope's Peace Plan.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, Aug. 20.—The Allies will confer before a reply is made to the Vatican on Pope Benedict's peace plan.

Lord Cecil, Minister of Blockade, made this announcement in the House of Commons today.

General Korniloff promised that his troops would resume their offensive at an early date.

### 12 MISSIONARIES RESCUED

Women and Children Too, Besieged by Chinese Bandits.

Pekin, Aug. 20.—Twelve American missionaries and a dozen other foreigners, mostly women and children, who were besieged by Chinese bandits at Tabul, a town about 160 miles northwest of Peking, have been rescued by officers of the U. S. Marine Corps.

## HON. ROBERT ROGERS HAS RESIGNED HIS POSITION IN CABINET



HON. ROBERT ROGERS. (Special to the Whig.)

Ottawa, Aug. 20.—Hon. Robert Rogers has resigned as Minister of Public Works for Canada. The reason given is that he objected to further delay in carrying out of conscription.

### TAKE 7,500 PRISONERS

The Italians Have Crossed the Isonzo River.

(Special to the Whig.)

Rome, Aug. 20.—The Italians in their offensive on the Isonzo front, begun yesterday, have crossed the Isonzo river and already have taken 7,500 prisoners. It was officially announced by the War Department today.

Henry F. Ficke, a big German spy, is under arrest in the United States.

## CASUALTY LIST PROVES LIGHT

As the Result of Destruction of Plant at Dragon, Que.

### CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT

WAS OVERHEATING NITRIC ACID MACHINERY.

Financial Loss Will Total Millions—Houses Caught Fire After Detonations—Death List Shows One Killed and Six Injured.

Rigaud, Que., Aug. 20.—The great plant of Curtis and Harvey, Limited, explosives manufacturers, in which a number of explosions occurred Saturday morning is a total wreck. Only one man is reported dead and six men are injured. These casualties are miraculously light considering the fact that several thousand employees, male and female, employed in the plant were in the danger zone for hours.

The greatest loss will be in the value of the buildings and stock, placed in the millions.

The first explosion was caused by the overheating of the machinery in the nitric acid building. The flames leaped along through the building and another explosion occurred. The workers had ample time to get from the first building affected and the alarm was sounded, which enabled many others in other buildings to make their escape.

For the next hour, explosions occurred every five minutes or so, altogether fifteen detonations being counted.

One of the explosions blew down a number of houses in Dragon where most of the employees lived, and farm houses in the vicinity also caught fire.

The C.P.R. tracks run close to the plant and as a precautionary measure the train service was suspended for a while. The relief train made up in Montreal, bringing doctors and nurses reached the scene soon after noon, but nobody could approach the ruins

because of the tremendous heat for hours.

Provision was made by the people of Rigaud for accommodating the homeless employees.

### Loss Runs Into Millions.

The monetary loss will be particularly heavy, estimates running at from five to ten million dollars. The Curtis plant covers about five acres and there were upwards of one hundred and fifty buildings. There was a huge stock of costly materials used in the manufacture of the explosives, as well as a large quantity of stuff all ready for shipment.

In addition, the damage to the homes of the workmen, as well as to the village itself, will add appreciably to the total.

Two army divisions instead of one, comprising a total of at least 38,000 men, probably will make up the first contingent of the National Guard to go to France.

### U. S. GOVT. TO REDUCE PRESENT COAL PRICES

President Wilson Will Take Some Action Early This Week.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Government control of coal is near today. Mine owners who appealed to President Wilson for a last chance to increase production and lower prices are understood to have been told that in event they fail to act immediately the Government will take over the coal supply as it was planned to do with wheat.

The president's intention, it was learned authoritatively, is to reduce the present prices, not only at the mines, but of jobbers and retailers.

### May Seize Coal Mines.

Chicago, Aug. 20.—The middle west is uniting in the fight against excessive coal prices. Steps were taken in three states and were about to be taken in two others, toward state control of mines.

In Illinois Governor Lowden called on Attorney-General Brundage for the proper procedure to seize Illinois mines which employ 80,000 men. A special session of the legislature may be called.

### ENGLISH WITH IRISH IN LANGEMARK FIGHT

Germans Ran Without Attempting to Fight—Surrendered Whenever Possible.

British Headquarters in Belgium, Aug. 20.—The troops engaged in the capture of Langemark were almost entirely English with some Irish. The Germans, in many places ran without attempting to fight, as well as the mud would let them. The story is told both by our men and prisoners that in the morning a German battalion was ordered to counter-attack, but of one battalion only 40 men came on to the assault. In some cases, our men declare, the enemy only stayed to fight from fear of our guns, because after the barrage had passed and they survived, they were less afraid to wait and surrender to our infantry than to attempt to escape by getting through the curtain of shells again.

In the neighborhood of Langemark, in advance of our infantry, our airmen came down and silenced machine gun posts with their fire.

### COMPANY SOLD TO ENGLISHMEN

Foreign Capitalists Take Charge of Ogdensburg Coal and Towing Concern.

Ogdensburg, N.Y., Aug. 20.—The Ogdensburg Coal and Towing Company, operating huge plants here and in Montreal, has sold out to English capitalists.

English capitalists have taken over the control of the company and Dr. Wilfred Laurier, McDonald, Montreal, will be made president, John T. Hannan retiring in his favor. Hannan and McDonald are brothers-in-law.

The local end of the business is to be continued as heretofore. The company was organized by the late John Hannan and has plants in Ogdensburg and Montreal. It operates a large fleet of vessels.

### TO GOVERN THE UKRAINE.

Provisional Powers at Petrograd Approved.

Petrograd, Aug. 20.—The Provisional Government has approved a secretariate-general for the Ukraine which, until the constituent assembly decides the whole question of self-government, will be the organ of administration. Members of the secretariate will administer the Provinces of Kiev, Volhynia, Podolia, Poltava, Tchernigov and others of the Zemstvo desire. It will be composed of secretaries-general for finance, agriculture, public instruction, commerce, and industry, home affairs, labor, national questions. Bills for administration—in these departments will be drafted and submitted for the Government's approval.

### To Give Service Mark.

London, August 20.—The Government proposes to give soldiers a distinctive mark for each six months of service. While the exact form of the mark has not been determined, it has been suggested that a sleeve chevron be used.

Aliens to the number of 15,768 were naturalized in Canada during the twelve months ended December 31st, 1916.

## MILITARY BILL IS NOW READY

For the Governor-General of Canada to Append His Signature.

### THE PENALTIES EFFECTIVE

WHEN THE DUKE SIGNS THE CONSCRIPTION DECREE.

Commons Passes the Senate's Amendments Without Division—Criminal Offense to Incite Against the Provisions of the Bill.

Ottawa, Aug. 20.—After over a week's absence the Military Service bill reappeared in the Commons Saturday afternoon with amendments appended by the Senate. For the most part these amendments are interpretative and unimportant. Only one is of importance, namely, that which provides that no conviction on account of criminal jurisdiction for infringement of provisions of the Act shall be made without the approval and consent of the Attorney-General of the Dominion.

"What is the reason?" asked W. E. Knowles, "why this measure has not come up before this? It is nine days since it left the Senate. Why the delay?"

"I was not aware," replied Sir Robert, "that there was any particular reason. Other business was engaging the house. In any case, there is no particular delay, because it has to be assented to by the Governor-General."

The first two amendments were carried without much discussion. On the third important amendment, John Sinclair thought the word "prosecution" should be substituted for the word "conviction." A man might be apprehended and held in jail, and might even have to go through the bother of prosecution while waiting for the consent of the Attorney-General.

Sir Robert stated that it was important that in some cases a man might be immediately apprehended. The amendment was carried without division and Parliament has now finished with the measure.

It is now only for his Excellency the Governor-General to affix his signature.

After that, all the penalties provided for incitation against its provisions will immediately become effective.

### DAILY MEMORANDUM

Division Court, 9 a.m. Tuesday. See top of page 2, right hand corner, for probabilities. The sun rises Tuesday at 5.10 a.m. and sets at 6.55 p.m.

### BORN.

NELSON—On Aug. 15th, 1917, to Sergeant and Mrs. L. C. Nelson (nee Marguerite Villard), a son.

### DIED.

LANOR—In Kingston, on Aug. 19th, 1917, Jules M. Lanor, Lieutenant and Honorary Major 14th Regiment, Professor of French at Royal Military College, Canada. He resided at 425 St. Mary's street at 8.30 on Tuesday morning at St. Mary's cathedral, where a solemn requiem will be sung at 9 o'clock for the happy repose of his soul. Friends and acquaintances will kindly accept this intimation.

MANGAN—In Kingston, on Aug. 18th, 1917, at his residence, 14 Ordinance street, Michael Mangan, aged sixty-two years. Funeral took place this morning at 9.30 to St. Mary's cemetery.

### IN MEMORIAM.

In loving memory of our darling baby, Verena Agnes Donoghue, who died August 18th, 1917.

When we see the precious blossom, That we tended with such care, Rudely taken from our bosom, How our hearts almost despair! Round the little grave we linger, Till the setting sun is low, Feeling all our hopes have perished, With the flower we cherished so, —Father, mother and sisters.

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### Familiar Quotations

If the rose in the garden over the way, Beckons and nods the livelong day, If only to you its beauty has shown, If only to you its beauty has grown, What do you care what the world may say, If your heart owns the rose just over the way? —ANONYMOUS.

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