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BRITISH DREADNOUGHT WAS BLOWN UP

Internal Explosion Caused Loss of H.M.S. Vanguard. Less Than 100 Survivors of Crew of 870 Some of Whom were Ashore. All but Three on Board Perished.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON.—The British battleship Vanguard blew up and sank on July 9th, says an official statement issued last night by the British Admiralty.

men of those on board survived and one of them has since died. Twenty-four officers and 71 men, however, were not on board at the time of the explosion.

SUCCESS CONTINUES IN RUSSIAN DRIVE

Several More Important Positions Captured by Russians. Drive Continues Along Fifty Mile Front. Roumanian Line is Threatened.

Gaining momentum as it moves westward the great Russian drive along the Dniester in Galicia continues successfully.

Northwest of Halicz on Thursday the Russians enlarged their gains north of the Dniester, capturing important heights between the river and Bukazowice and occupied two villages. This advance is in the direction of Lemberg.

In the centre and on the southern end of the line the Russians have been victorious in heavy battles for the possession of the crossings of the river Lomnica. They have made progress on the road to Dolina and have captured the crossings of the Lomnica at Perehinsko, about fifteen miles south of Kalusz, and four miles west of Bohorozany.

A probable resumption of heavy fighting on the eastern front north of the Pripet marshes and in Roumania is indicated. On the Dvina and Shara rivers and near Smorgon, north of Pinsk, there has been more active infantry fighting. No determined attack, however, has yet developed.

The Russian advance west of Stanislau besides endangering the Austro-German line immediately north in Galicia, also is a threat against the line in Roumania. The Russian and Roumanian artillery has been hammering the Teuton positions there in the past few days and already advance parties have been thrown forward to test the enemy's strength. No attack in force has been reported.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PETROGRAD.—Now that Halicz is in Russian possession the eyes of General Korniloff's Cossack cavalry are turned toward the railway centre of Styrj, a town of 30,000 inhabitants, a section of the line from Lemberg to Lawoczne, and of a branch line to Chodorow.

Military writers describing the defensive, says its chief strength is on the east and northeast and that it is weaker on the south. There is widespread expectation of an important counter-attack on the northern front.

In ten days the Russian offensive has penetrated the Austro-German line at two places, have captured a score of cities, towns and villages, crossed two great rivers, and taken close to 43,000 prisoners, with a vast number of guns and material. Lemberg is now directly menaced.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PETROGRAD.—Attacks yesterday by Russian troops in Lodziany region, southwest of Kalusz in eastern Galicia, resulted in the Austrians losing their positions, 1,000 men in prison.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON.—The King returned Saturday from his fourth visit to the front. On this occasion he was accompanied for the first time by the Queen. He issued a special order to the armies in the field in which he says among other things:

"I leave you with feelings of admiration and gratitude for past achievements and with confidence in your future efforts. There are doubtless fierce struggles still to come and heavy strains of endurance to be borne. But be the road before us, long or short, the spirit and pluck which have brought us so far will never fail and under God's guidance final and complete victory in our just cause is assured.

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BRITISH TRANSPORT WAS TORPEDOED

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(Canadian Press Despatch.) ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D.—The Norwegian steamship Kristiania Fjord, carrying twelve hundred passengers went ashore today near Cape Race, the southernmost point of Newfoundland. All the passengers were landed safely at Portugal Cove and will be brought to this city by train.

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(Canadian Press Despatch.) OTTAWA.—Co-operation preparations between Canada and the United States have been made for the harvesting of the crops. After gathering in the harvest on the American side, the laborers will move across to the Canadian west.

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EACH PARTY WILL HOLD A CAUCUS

Liberal and Conservative Conscriptor Members will Each Hold Caucus Today and Arrange for Future Action. Proposal for Union Government will be Submitted.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA.—Tomorrow the two political parties will hold a caucus. The Liberal conscriptionists will organize and elect a chairman and complete through this representative the negotiations with the Conservatives for union.

Sir Robert Borden has called a caucus of the Conservative conscriptionists for the same time. There is considerable dissatisfaction in their ranks over the exemption of divinity students from military service.

bert will explain why this was done and will also lay before his party the proposals for a union government. The parliamentary extension bill will not be pressed to a vote tomorrow but arrangements will be made to bring it forward again at some future date.

NEW PEACE OFFER PROBABLY COMING

The Situation in Germany is Obscure, Lloyd George's Speech was Taken to Heart by People, but Heads are Tricky.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON.—There are two distinct points of view here regarding the German political crisis. One, that it is altogether genuine; another, that it is largely stage managed.

Both agree in firmly believing that the ferment whether genuine or theatrical, largely originated in Vienna; also that whatever may be the upshot, a new peace offer may be expected from the Central Powers in a few weeks.

Not that such an offer would be of such a nature as to affect the length of the war, but it would be put forward by Germany in the hope of embarrassing the Allies. Here it is generally agreed that the American embargo on exports is an infinitely greater blow, affecting the duration of the war, than the German crisis.

The Times, under the headline, "German Peace Offensive," says: "Overdoing by Berlin may be found accurately to characterize their motives. In considering the value of the Koelnische Volks Zeitung's news that Erzberger dominates this newspaper. One outstanding fact is clear, namely, however much the German Government, realizing the crisis that is impending, decided to advertise and capitalize it, there is behind it all plenty of genuine cause for such a shake-up."

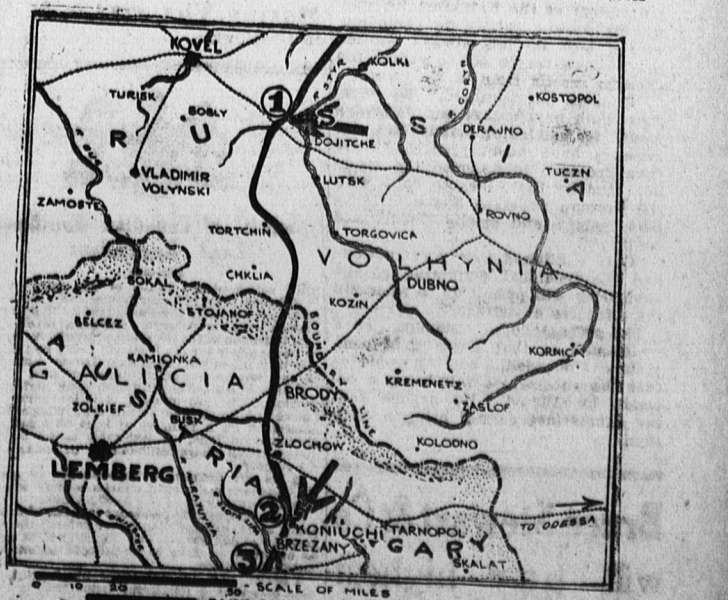
Still More Obscure. A despatch to the Times from Amsterdam says: "The German political situation is

still obscure. Notwithstanding the sensational revelations of the Koelnische Volks Zeitung, nothing definite is yet known concerning the constitution of the coalition ministry or the Chancellor's fate. Germany's political circles continue in a state of fermentation which is reflected in contradictory articles in the press.

Cautious observers, acquainted with German guile, do not accept reported reforms at their face value. Lloyd-George's speech undoubtedly had an immense effect. Almost every Dutchman met since the German crisis has asserted that Germany has taken Lloyd-George's counsel to heart, and is willing to negotiate itself as a condition before negotiations to end the war, which is daily more loathed and is daily eating more deeply into the vitals of the nation.

It is often added, however, that the present situation is complicated by three or four elements—the desire for peace, the desire for victory, the desire for democracy and the desire of the privileged classes for the retention of their privileges.

If all these could somehow be combined so as to delude the Entente into the belief that genuine democratic reform was seriously contemplated it might be easier to negotiate with the enemy. That seems to be the underlying basis of the unity formula which was to declare that Germany is only waging a defensive war.



RUSSIANS CONTINUE BIG DRIVE ON LEMBERG. Continuing with unabated vigor their attacks the Russians have captured the strongly fortified village of Konichy (2). Southwest of Brezina (3) successful attacks were carried out against several fortified positions. The Germans reported the repulse of an attack north of the Kovel-Letsk Railroad (1).

GERMAN COLLAPSE NOW IS UNLIKELY

Belief in Washington is That Popular Unrest Will Force Reforms Soon. Austria Tired of War.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) WASHINGTON.—Germany's latest political difficulties are regarded by officials here as due largely to internal problems and probably of a transitory nature only.

The dismissal of Foreign Secretary Zimmerman, Minister of Finance Helfferich, or even Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg himself, would be considered largely a surface movement, for not until the great army General Staff itself is reached, it is believed, will the real crust of German militarism be broken.

The German Foreign Office, it was pointed out today, has served during the war merely as a means to get the military leaders out of trouble. Decisions have been made without reference to the civil branch and matters brought to the attention of the latter only when it was desired to negotiate a way out of the difficulty.

American officials agree with allied diplomats here that many of the German officials who figure so largely in the news are, in fact, largely puppets being pulled across the stage as a blind to the German people. Their rise or fall, they say, has little significance on Germany's military and foreign policies.

Much Unrest in Germany. Nevertheless it is agreed that there is an enormous amount of unrest in Germany today which, in all probability, will lead to sensational internal changes in personnel of the government and in reform of the obvious abuses of the German governmental system.

The German peace party is very active and the general opposition to the unrepresentative form of government has centered attention on the extreme powers of the Junkers and Prussians, who are being held increasingly responsible for the ills of the country.

Fundamental internal reform in Germany is felt here to be only a matter of time. Those who have most recently been to Germany say that reform is absolutely certain the moment the war is over, and that the chances greatly favor initial steps being taken during hostilities.

Austria's influence is becoming more and more insistent toward a liberal peace. Austria is said to be treated most contemptuously by German officials and given consideration only as the unavoidable weak link in the chain. Nevertheless, it is known that she would make peace tomorrow if possible, and her activity in consulting German statesmen and political leaders is undoubtedly causing worry at German headquarters.

RUSSIANS OCCUPY NOVICA VILLAGE

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PETROGRAD.—Russian troops have occupied the village of Novica, south of Kalusz.

STRAY BULLETS WOUND AMERICANS

(Canadian Press Despatch.) WASHINGTON.—Three Americans were wounded by stray bullets in fighting at the gates of Peking.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

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THE GERMAN REICHSTAG HAS GONE ON STRIKE

(Canadian Press Despatch.) COPENHAGEN. Serious news came from Berlin late Friday. The Reichstag has gone on strike and the members have decided to suspend the labors both of the full house and the main committee until the political situation is cleared up.

NEW CHANCELLOR APPOINTED TO SUCCEED HOLLWEG.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON.—Dr. George Michaelis, Prussian Under Secretary of Finance and Food Commissioner, has been appointed to succeed Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg as Chancellor.

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GERMAN AGENTS SENT TO ASSASSINATE RUSSIAN OFFICIALS.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PETROGRAD.—All militia chiefs have been notified that the Germans have sent agents to assassinate government officials with particular intentions against A. F. Kerensky, the War Minister.

FRENCH CAPTURE STRONG GERMAN POSITION AND 360 PRISONERS.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PARIS.—A strongly organized network of German trenches on a front of more than 800 yards and 300 yards in depth was taken by the French north of Mont Haut. 360 German prisoners were taken.

FRENCH RETAKE A POSITION.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PARIS.—An official report from the War Office states that the French retook a position south of Courcy which was captured by the Germans in the morning.

USUAL ARTILLERY ONLY.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON.—British official statement states that outside of the usual artillery activity on both sides nothing of interest happened during the day.

GERMANS ACTIVE IN BELGIUM.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON.—The German forces on the Belgian front are showing great activity again south of Leobartzyde. All attacks have been repulsed.

CAPTURED 43,000 PRISONERS.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) BERLIN VIA LONDON.—(Official.) In the capture from the French of important positions on the Chemin-Des-Dames on the Aisne front, southeast of Courteen along a front of fifteen hundred metres and three hundred metres deep, 350 prisoners were taken.

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THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

The tide will be high this morning at 7.43 and tomorrow at 8.35; it will be high tonight at 9.41 and tomorrow at 10.34.

The sun sets this evening and tomorrow at 8.01; it rises tomorrow morning and Wednesday at 4.47. The moon sets tonight at 7.30 p.m. The last quarter of the moon was on Wednesday, July 11th at 7.12 a.m. There will be a new moon on Wednesday, July 18th at 10 a.m. The length of today will be fifteen hours and fifteen minutes.

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