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ITALIANS AGAIN MAKE PROGRESS

Blew Up Enemy Ammunition Dump and Brought Down Six Captive Balloons.

(Special to The Guardian) ROME, August 7.—The official statement issued by the war office today reads: "On the Asiago plateau in the Mont Grappa region and along the Lower Piave there has been greater artillery activity. Our battery blew up an army ammunition dump near the river."

MAYOR OF TORONTO TO READ RIOT ACT

Proclamation Issued Declaring all Taking Part in Parades and Street Discussions Liable to Punishment. Military Will be Called Out.

(Special to The Guardian) TORONTO, August 7.—"Tomorrow at noon I will read the Riot Act from the City Hall steps," said Mayor Church at midnight last night. "I will also issue a proclamation declaring that all persons taking part in parades, meetings in parks, discussions on the street-side are committing an indictable offense under the Act and liable to penalties up to life imprisonment. We are going to save law and order at all costs."

RIOTS His Honor, the Lieut. Governor, received the following despatch yesterday regarding the riots at Toronto: "Ottawa.—Urgent telegrams are received from His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington stating that he has been advised by the President of the Greek Community at Toronto that anti-Greek riots have broken out and property of considerable value destroyed. The Ambassador asks for full information regarding the riots. (Sgd.) Undersecretary of State, Ottawa."

GEN. FOCH REWARDED BY FRENCH GOVT.

With Rank of Marshall for Services Rendered in Completely Dislocating the Entire German Strategy.

(Special to the Guardian) LONDON, August 7.—France has rewarded Foch for preventing the Germans from snatching a military decision on the western front this summer, which the foe hoped to accomplish before the Allied army of manoeuvre could become an effective weapon. The French council of ministers have given the generalissimo the rank of marshal, that which Joffre holds. In announcing this reward for services rendered the statement was made that 200 villages had been freed from the enemy, 35,000 prisoners captured and 700 guns taken. The new marshal's master stroke on the morning of July 18th completely dislocated the entire German strategy, compelled a foe who had long and carefully planned for an irresistible drive forward to suddenly assume the defensive and has altered the whole military aspect of the war at the beginning of its fifth year.

EARL OF READING ARRIVED IN LONDON

(Special to the Guardian) NEW YORK, August 7.—The Earl of Reading, British Ambassador and High Commissioner to the United States has arrived in London. It was announced here today by the British bureau of information. His mission is to confer with the British War Cabinet, it was announced.

REMARKABLE ESCAPE OF BRITISH OFFICERS

(Special to the Guardian) AMSTERDAM, August 7.—Twenty-nine British officers recently escaped from a prisoners' camp at Hohenhausen, according to the Osnabruck Tageblatt, and they are still at large. They made their escape through a subterranean passage, which it took the officers nine months to dig. A big reward has been offered by the commanding general at Hanover for their capture.

GENERAL GERMAN RETIREMENT FROM ARRAS, SOISSON ANTICIPATED

Prince Ruprecht's Army Has Effected Two Retirements Which are Taken to Indicate Preparation for a Retirement from the Arras, Amiens, Soissons Salient Back to the Line Held Previous to March 21 Offensive

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, August 7.—The French war office last night announced that aside from artillery activity east of Soissons and the Vesle river there was nothing to report from the entire front. The Allied forces hold firmly to their gains along the Vesle and the region of Soissons. At the confluence of the Vesle and Aisne rivers heavy counter-attacks especially against the Americans occupying Fismes were all completely repulsed and heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy. In the Montdidier sector where the Germans have withdrawn from a considerable area west of the Avre, the French made progress reaching the river. Prisoners were captured.

WHAT A GERMAN RETREAT WOULD MEAN

A general German retreat from the large pocket would involve the foe's abandonment of such towns as Bapaume, near the north end of the salient, Peronne, Chaunes, Les Roye and Montdidier, just north of the Oise river and 18 miles northwest of Soissons or practically the resumption, in large measure, of the line the enemy held before the beginning of his great offensive on March 21st.

GENERAL CURRIE'S MESSAGE TO CANADA

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, ONT., August 7.—The following message to the Canadian people has been received by cable from Lt. General Sir Arthur Currie, the Canadian corps commander. "As we enter upon the fifth year of the war I desire on behalf of all ranks of the Canadian corps to express to those at home our profound gratitude for their unflinching and sturdy support. It has strengthened our courage and intensified our resolutions. Without it we could not have endured the strain with it we shall fight on until the purpose for which we came is firmly established. I promise you that your faith in us will continue to be justified. The spirit of our men was never higher. From every section of the corps goes forth to you the triumphant message, "Be of good cheer."

TERRIFIC HURRICANE IN ALABAMA

\$1,000,000 Damage, Six Persons Killed. (Special to The Guardian) LAFFAYETTE, LA., August 7.—A telephone message received here early today from Lake Charles, La., said that the loss in that city from a hurricane last night will exceed \$1,000,000. The wind velocity reached 120 miles per hour and continued for nearly fifteen minutes at that speed. A message received from Dequincy, sixty miles from Lake Charles, says that six persons have been killed in the storm here.

CONTRACT TO CLOTHE 2,000,000 SOLDIERS

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, August 7.—The British government has let contracts to British manufacturers for military clothing to refit two million American soldiers, according to a despatch from Glasgow to the Central News. This order which breaks all records is in addition to contracts under execution for the French and British armies.

SAINT REMY'S CASKET SAVED FROM HUNS

(Special to The Guardian) PARIS, August 7.—The casket containing the bones of Saint Remy, Patron Saint of Rheims has just been saved from destruction by fire as the result of the German bombardment of the city.

INDIA SUPPLIES 50,000 TROOPS

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, August 7.—In the House of Commons today Secretary Montague announced that this year half a million combatants were being raised in India, besides numerous non-combatants. The June figures, he said, reached the record of 50,000. It was remarkable that the provinces from which hitherto came no or few recruits were now supplying their quota. Mr. Montague emphasized the fact that Indian troops were playing the chief part in the Mesopotamia, Palestine and East Africa campaign.

A HIGH TRIBUTE TO CANADIANS

"Canada Has Set the Seal on Her Military Undertaking by Returning Sir Robert Borden in an Election Dominated by Compulsory Service."

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, August 7.—Referring to the telegram of Sir Robert Borden to the Cabinet in August, 1914, pledging Canada's assistance, which was mentioned by the Duke of Connaught at the Canadian Club, the Daily Telegraph says: "It is well to be reminded that this statesman, whose recent speeches among us have clearly rung with a resolve that is still unshaken among the free communities of the Empire, was among the first to proclaim that solidarity of the dominion with Great Britain in which our enemies refused to believe. This was not the least of their miscalculations. The part played by Canada had been completely worthy of the high confidence which dictated Sir Robert Borden's message. Canadians have made for themselves an imperishable name in the history of arms, and there is no Allied force with a richer share in honor. "Only recently Canada set the seal on her military undertaking by returning Sir Robert Borden in an election dominated by the question of compulsory service."

FULL TEXT OF "HOLD FAST" MESSAGE

Circulated Dramatically by Lloyd George on Fourth Anniversary of the War.

LONDON, August 7.—"Hold fast" was the keynote of a message to the British Empire issued by Premier Lloyd George and promulgated in a dramatic way throughout the kingdom at the hour of 9 o'clock Monday. The message was read to the audiences in all theatres, concert halls and other places where people were assembled, including the moving picture houses. Sealed copies of the message had been distributed to the managers of all these places with the request that they open and read it at 9 o'clock. The message followed: "The message which I send to the people of the British Empire on the fourth anniversary of their entry into the war is 'Hold fast!'"

"I say 'hold fast.' Because our prospects of victory have never been so bright as they are today. Six months ago the rulers of Germany deliberately rejected the just and reasonable settlement proposed by the Allies. Throwing aside the last mask of moderation, they partitioned Russia, enslaved Roumania and attempted to seize supreme power by overthrowing the Allies in a final and desperate attack. Thanks to the invincible bravery of all the Allied armies, it is now evident to all that this dream of universal conquest, for the sake of which they prolonged the war, can never be fulfilled. "But the battle is not yet won. The great autocracy of Prussia will still endeavor, by violence or guile, to avoid defeat and so give militarism a new lease of life. We cannot seek to escape the horrors of war for ourselves by laying them up for our children. Having set our hands to the task we must see it through till a just and lasting settlement is achieved. "In no other way can we ensure a world set free from war. "Hold fast!" (Sgd.) "LOYD GEORGE"

REVOLT AMONG GERMAN SUB SAULORS

(Special to The Guardian) AMSTERDAM, August 7.—Rumors have been received here that some of the crews of German submarines at Wilhelmshaven revolted and that a number of sailors were executed.

CANADIAN EDITORS VISITING SCOTLAND

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, August 7.—The Canadian Press delegation now visiting Scotland, under the auspices of the Ministry of Information, arrived at Edinburgh from London today. The editors were accompanied by Sir Robert Borden, General Mewburn and Hon. Valentine.

THE SITUATION IN THE BALKANS

(Special to the Guardian) PARIS, August 7.—The French official statement dealing with the situation in the Balkans, says there has been artillery activity on the Struma Vardara and the Cerna Bend and to the north of Monastir. In Albania the enemy has not renewed his attacks. British aviators have brought down an enemy airplane and also have bombed enemy depots in the Struma Valley.

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