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RUSSIA IS GOING FROM BAD TO WORSE

Trotsky Administration Now Openly Pro German and War May be Declared on Allies at Any Time

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, August 20.—The German troops on the border cities of Russia and the Ukrainians are co-operating with the Bolsheviks and at the request of the Soviet government have occupied the city of Smolensk, an important industrial and transportation centre. Conditions in Russia are going from bad to worse. The railway service between Moscow and Petrograd has been interrupted and the Trotsky administration which has found a new home at Kronstadt, has become openly pro-German. A declaration of war upon the Allies may come at any time. The people of Russia fortunately have taken the measure of the Kronstadt crowd and will make some short work of Lenin and his associates if they attempt to drag Russia into the war on the side of Germany.

CODY AND HENRY ELECTED IN TORONTO

(Special to The Guardian)
TORONTO, August 20.—Electors of Northeast Toronto and West York yesterday by decisive majorities elected as their representatives to the Legislature Hon. H. J. Cody and Hon. George S. Henry. By doing so they endorsed the action of Sir William Hearst in taking these members into his Cabinet and appointing them to the portfolios of education and agriculture respectively.

AMERICANS ARRIVE AT VLADIVOSTOK

(Special to The Guardian)
VLADIVOSTOK, August 20.—The transport carrying the first contingent of American troops arrived here Friday afternoon, after an uneventful voyage of seven and a half days from Manila. The men were in excellent spirits and crowded the rails and rigging cheering and being cheered by the men of the Allied warships in the harbor.



Pte. Alex Jones McRae, Pownal, 26th Sask. Battalion. Killed in action July 18, 1918.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG RECEIVES DECORATION

(Special to The Guardian)
PARIS, August 20.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig was decorated by Premier Clemenceau with the French Military Medal at headquarters in the field today. The award was made on the recommendation of Marshal Foch.

SPAIN'S ULTIMATUM TO GERMANY

(Special to The Guardian)
PARIS, August 20.—The Spanish note to Germany relative to the sinking of Spanish vessels by submarines constitutes an ultimatum, since the Spanish government announces that a German vessel interned in any Spanish port will be seized for every Spanish ship torpedoed, according to a Havas Agency despatch from Madrid quoting the A. B. C. of San Sebastian. This information was given the A. B. C. by a high political personage.

SEA FIGHT OFF CANADIAN COAST

(Special to The Guardian)
A CANADIAN ATLANTIC PORT, August 19.—Heavy firing was heard on the coast a considerable distance east of here. The cannonading commenced at nine o'clock and continued at intervals of about four minutes until noon.

Before one o'clock in the afternoon a thick smoke was seen coming in from sea.

A telephone message from the port referred to said that the weather was clear all morning and that it was possible to see six or seven miles out to sea. No ships were in sight however, and the firing must have taken place beyond the horizon. It is supposed that a submarine and armed merchant ship were fighting and that the U-boat's shells finally set the steamer afire.

A cloud of smoke was seen, but no wreckage found.

ALLIED ADVANCE CONTINUES ON WHOLE WESTERN FRONT

British Troops Captured Railway Station at Roye and the Germans are Evacuating the City. Lassigny is Also Untenable. Whole Railway System in this Section Dominated by Allies Who Have Advanced on Ten Mile Front Far Beyond Their Original Objectives.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, August 20.—The capture of the railway station at Roye by British troops yesterday makes the town untenable for the enemy and evacuation was probably in progress during the night. The enemy's desperate defence of the ruins of the town was due entirely to the importance of the roads converging there, possession of which was essential to the removal of his heavier guns. The German artillery fire began to slacken on Sunday and this was regarded as evidence that his guns here were in process of removal.

Canadian troops have been fighting recently near Goyencourt, the village immediately to the north of Roye, but there is nothing in the despatches to indicate that they were engaged in the operations of yesterday. While these operations were in progress on the outskirts of Roye General Mangin's army which holds the line on both sides of the Oise continued and completed an advance begun on Saturday night along a front of about ten miles from Eubencourt to Fontenoy.

North of the Aisne the French with scarcely any artillery preparation set out to rectify their line as the official despatch put it. They rectified it to such an extent that they advanced over a mile and a half on an average. Upon the west bank of the Oise along which runs the railway from Compiègne to Noyon they captured the village of Primpes and reached the southern outskirts of Dreilincourt. This attack is aimed at Noyon, but a little over four miles distant. These operations resulted also in the capture of Morsain in the region between the Oise and the Aisne. The number of prisoners captured Sunday and Monday was 2,200. Midway between the British battling for Roye and the army of General Mangin striving to reach Noyon on the army of General Humbert operating between the Avre and the wood of Thiescourt on the heavily wooded Lassigny plateau continued to shoulder its way forward in the face of stubborn German resistance.

The eager Frenchmen captured Frenchers and reached the western outskirts of Lassigny. Farther south they cleared the wood of Thiescourt of Germans and advanced into the less densely wooded region to the southeast of Lassigny which, like Roye, has become untenable.

BRITISH CAPTURE MERVILLE

The British advance in the valley of the Lys continues and Merville has been entered by Sir Douglas Haig's troops. The Germans are not giving way readily and the ground won by the British has been captured, only after sharp fighting. The advance is on a front of about six miles, and has carried the British over a number of difficult water courses in the valley of the Lys. There seems to be little doubt that here as in the valley of the Somme and Oise the enemy has reconciled himself to a considerable loss of territory, but is endeavoring to make the Allies pay as high a price for it as he can.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, August 21.—Fair with high temperature.
The tide will be high this morning at 10.07, and tomorrow at 11.05; it will be high tonight at 11.30, and tomorrow at 12.09.
The sun sets this evening at 8.15 and tomorrow at 8.13; it rises tomorrow morning at 6.29 and Friday at 6.30.
The moon rises this evening at 7. The first quarter of the moon was on Wednesday, August 14th, at 7.16 p.m.
The moon will be full on Thursday August 22nd at 3 p.m.
The length of today will be thirteen hours and forty-seven minutes.

GERMAN MORALE WEAKENING

The weakening morale of the German troops makes it difficult to carry out this policy. The enemy ventured one counter-attack yesterday, and made a lodgement in the British lines near Lihons in the Somme valley, but the Germans who penetrated the front were at once driven out and the line was completely restored. Elsewhere the enemy troops appear to have had no scruples about surrendering when cornered. In Sunday's operations east of Merris, for example, on a very narrow front the British took 676 prisoners, who must have constituted a clear majority of the defending troops on the part of the front assailed.

FRENCH PENETRATED GERMAN POSITIONS TO A DEPTH OF TWO MILES

The French tenth army attacked again this morning on a front of ten miles between the Oise and the Aisne and reached a maximum depth of two miles, according to a despatch from the battle front. The advance of the French troops endangers the whole German position at Soissons and on the river Aisne. It is possible that the Germans now will withdraw to the Chemin-des-Dames.

500 PRISONERS BEFORE 9 O'CLOCK

Before nine o'clock this morning the French captured 500 Germans in the sector attacked. North of Roye the French have taken the Braque-mont and Pendu woods and have occupied the greater part of Beauvaisnes. According to advices it is also reported that they have made progress to the southeast of Beauvaisnes.

FRENCH ADVANCE A MILE ON 12 MILE FRONT

LONDON, August 20.—The attack of the French yesterday between the Matz and the Oise was on a front of twelve miles and although the Germans offered a stubborn resistance the French made an advance of about one mile. At six o'clock last evening the battle line ran as follows:—La Pravin farm, which is northwest of Gresniers, Ars de Canny, the western outskirts of Lassigny, La Rue Bou-



LATE LIEUT. ERNEST AULD Of the Black Watch Second Son of Mrs. A. A. Pomeroy, Charlottetown

andes, the southern outskirts of Orval le Hamel, the southern outskirts of Dreilincourt and Pimpres. Though the advance was a small one it is regarded as important as it carried the French line further down the slopes of Lassigny Massif. The French also moved up the valley of the Oise, the line being between five and six miles from Noyon.

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, August 20.—Four German attacks against the British positions at Chilly, about six miles north of Roye, were repulsed during the past night, according to the official statement issued at the war office today. The British lines were advanced in the neighborhood of Vieux Berquin and Ousterstein in the Lys salient, according to the statement, which says that 182 of the enemy were made prisoners.

GERMANS SHEPHERDED TO BATTLE TO PREVENT RUNNING AWAY

The story that German cavalry shepherd the enemy infantry while on route to the front, lest through faint-heartedness they stray away, may have some element of truth in it. We must not forget that before the March offensive the entire German army was put under tribute for its best fighting men who were trained as storm troops. More than half of the million infantrymen chosen to take part in that great effort to smash a way through to victory are dead or too seriously wounded to take any further part in this year's campaigning.

The German divisions now holding the line are far less fighting value than the storm troops who have broken themselves against the impregnable defence of the Allies. That is why the bulletins of Foch and Haig report the capture in partial advance of enemy troops in far greater numbers than at any earlier stage of the struggle. The tide of victory which turned almost imperceptibly in favor of the Allies when Von Quast's army was beaten back from the Belgian ridges at the end of April is now flowing more strongly with them than anyone could have hoped for three months ago.

6,000 GERMANS KILLED IN KRUPP EXPLOSION

(Special to The Guardian)
PARIS, August 20.—Six thousand persons were killed or injured in an explosion at the Krupp works in June, according to letters taken from prisoners captured on the Picardy front, it was learned here today.

FORMER U. S. GOVERNOR KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

(Special to The Guardian)
SHERBROOKE, Que., August 20.—M. H. Proulx, former Governor of Vermont, was killed when the auto mobile in which he was riding was struck by a Grand Trunk train near Waterville, this morning.

DANISH MISSION TO AMERICA

(Special to The Guardian)
COPENHAGEN, August 20.—Denmark is soon to send a naval mission to America, according to the Politiken. The mission will include Prince Axel, a captain in the navy, and a cousin of King George of Great Britain. The mission will pay most at-

CANADA REPRESENTED AT FOOD CONFERENCE

On Request of Sir. Robert Borden Canada Will Henceforth Have a Canadian Representative on Imperial Food Board

(Special to The Guardian)
OTTAWA, August 20.—The news from London that Canada is to be allowed a representative at the Allied Food Conference is regarded in official circles here as highly significant and very important. While there is yet no announcement it is believed that Dr. J. W. Robertson, the well known Canadian at the conference sessions will be the Canadian representative. He will not have a voice in the proceedings, but he will be allowed to be present and to discuss Canada's position on questions affecting the Dominion. The Allied Food Conference decides on how much food is wanted by each country, and which is to be shipped. While Canada as a great food producing country is naturally vitally interested, up to the present Canada has been represented

only through a British member of the Board who is not familiar with Canadian problems and is chiefly interested in food questions from the standpoint of the British consumer. The only representative from this continent has been from the United States. Naturally he is looking after American interests first. The decision to allow a Canadian to be present at the proceedings is the result of representations which Sir Robert Borden made to the imperial authorities. The Allied Food Conference has recently been in session. The food program for the coming year has been under discussion and settled. It is understood that through the intervention of Sir Robert Borden decisions have been made much more to the advantage of Canada than otherwise would have been the case.

GERMAN SUB SUNK BY BRITISH TANKER

(Special to The Guardian)
PHILADELPHIA, August 20.—A German submarine was sunk in a running battle with a British tank steamer last Friday, about 300 miles northeast of Nantucket, according to members of the tanker's crew. The oil ship arrived here tonight from Mexico.

GLORIOUS VICTORY BY CANADIANS

(Special to The Guardian)
OTTAWA, August 20.—In reply to a message of congratulation sent him by Hon. N. W. Rowell, upon the work of the Canadian troops in the recent offensive, General Sir Arthur Currie today sent the following response:—"The victory was the most magnificent which the old corps has yet achieved."

ALIEN ENEMIES REFUSED TRANSPORT

(Special to The Guardian)
BRANTFORD, Ont., August 20.—Some twenty alien enemies resident here have been refused permission to take in the harvest excursions to western points, and the money they paid for tickets has been refunded. Chief Constable Slemin felt that the sudden exodus of so many aliens had some ulterior motive behind it and as a precaution refused permission to travel. There is also plenty of work for these men in this city and district.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

- **Reserve Thursday August 22nd, for the Red Cross festival at North Wiltshire. 973-8-20M21.
- **The MacDonald Women's institute will meet at the McDonald Consolidated School on Thursday August 22nd at 2.30 p. m. 964pd.
- **Reserve Tuesday, August 20 for the Lawn Social at David Mutch's from 7 until 10 in aid of L.O.B.A., Mermaid. 915-8-17M31pd
- **North Wiltshire Red Cross Society will hold their annual ice cream festival and lawn party on Thursday, August 22nd in field by railroad station. If evening unfavorable the first fine evening following. 973-8-21M21.
- **Ice cream cake tea and sandwiches on the grounds of Mrs. Ernest Prowse Brackley Road on Thursday, 22nd beginning at 5 p. m. Good jolly time, lots of fun. Everybody welcome, plenty room for autos. (Weather not fine will be held Friday evening. 983pd. Attention to aviation.

EARL OF MINTO COMES TO CANADA

(Special to The Guardian)
OTTAWA, August 20.—The Earl of Minto, son of the former Governor General of Canada of that name, is expected to come to Canada very shortly as aide-de-camp to the Duke of Devonshire.

STREET CAR STRIKE IN LONDON

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Aug. 20.—Estimates placed the number of omnibus and street car employes out on strike today in London at 14,000.



Major F. B. McRae and brother Alexander Jones McRae who was killed in action.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

- LAST CALL—SALE TODAY AT noon. Water Street Property. See Advt. 978pd.
- **WANTED.—GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. Apply at Guardian office. 976-8-21M1f
- **WANTED—COUNTRY BOY UNDER military age, for store. Address, A. T. Guardian. 786-8-10M1f
- **WANTED AT ONCE, GOOD GIRL to assist with housework in nice home. Apply at Guardian Office. 975-8-21M1f
- **GIRL WANTED WITH KNOWLEDGE of book-keeping. Apply in writing "Merchant," c.o. Guardian Office. 880-8-15M1f
- **TO DAIRYMEN—SANITARY BUTTER paper, printed, "Fresh Dairy Butter"—36c. per 100. Per post 40c. Guardian Office. 9025-8-21M1f.

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.