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CANADIANS CAPTURE TWO MORE VILLAGES

D'Amery and Parvillers Fall to the Canadians While they Follow up the Successes of last Week.

(Special to the Guardian) LONDON, August 16.—General Currie's men continue to play an important role in the battle of Picardy. The British war office last night announced that the Canadians had captured the villages of Damery and Parvillers about three and five miles respectively north of Roye on the main Roye-Rosiers road. Progress was also made by General Raubenson's army just south of the Somme river, and east of Proyart, which village was taken by the Canadians last week. Earlier in the day it was announced in London that the British had advanced their line slightly east of Raincourt and about three miles north of Proyart. The steady gains made by British in this area which in a general way constitute the right wing of the enemy along the Briaye-Chaulnes-Roye-Noyon line are of great value. They signify that Haig is resolved to maintain heavy pressure until the Germans are forced to relinquish their hold. The result of the enemy's retirement from this region would be to make Albert untenable and to compel an extensive re-adjustment of the foe's front in Picardy and Flanders. British patrols were reported to be active in the district between Albert and Layette where the Germans began their retirement on Wednesday. Close contact with the retreating Boche has been maintained. An unconfirmed despatch from London yesterday afternoon said that the Germans had carried out a retirement of over one mile on a nine-mile front on the western fringe of the Lys salient, and had evacuated the village of Vieux Berquin, three miles north of Merville. A statement issued by the British air ministry last night told of

81 TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED ON GERMANS IN JULY LONDON, August 16.—A record number of air raids was made into German territory during July. The total is said authoritatively to be 96. The bombs dropped amounted to 81 tons.

GERMANS SUFFERING TERRIBLE LOSSES WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, August 16.—In addition to a continuous harassing fire from the artillery which the Germans are suffering at the hands of the British air forces, tons of bombs are being dropped on them day and night and transports in towns and villages behind the lines have been hit. The bridges across the Somme at Peronne have been bombed heavily. A German aviator shot down within the battle lines declares he was positive that the German aerial losses in recent weeks had been much greater than is admitted officially. He said he knew of one instance where five German two seaters crashed to earth well inside the German lines, but, he added, there was no mention of them in the official reports.

(Special to The Guardian) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, August 16.—American aviators successfully bombed the railroad yard at Dommary, Barcourt, in the Verdun-Metz area this morning. Longuyon, north of Verdun, and Thiaucourt, were attacked Wednesday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

**THE BRITISH SOLDIER, 2.15/2, will be at Kensington from the 15th till the 20th August, in care of Mr. W. T. Semple. 859-15M31pd

**Reserve Tuesday, August 20 for the Lawn Social at David Murch's from 7 until 10 in aid of L.O.B.A., 915-3-17M31pd

successful operations over enemy territory in France and over Germany itself where bombs were dropped on a town in Baden. Serious damage is daily being done to the German cities, bridges, ammunition and supply columns and infantry concentrations. In Picardy General Humbert is hammering the enemy hard in the Ribecourt region. Following the capture of that town on Wednesday the French yesterday made further progress between the Matz and the Oise rivers to the northwest of Ribecourt taking the attacks and Monolith areas which were desperately defended. Enemy prisoners were taken by the French in this operation.

FRENCH CAPTURE ALL HIGH GROUND ON LASSIGNY MASSIF

An official despatch yesterday stated that the French had captured all the high ground on the Lassigny Massif and were progressing down the north and east sides making another German retirement in that area probable. Humbert's army is struggling heroically in the Lassigny Ribecourt Noyon triangle against cleverly concealed machine gun emplacements and through depressions and woods saturated with mustard gas. The French heavier guns have, however, been moved up to give the infantry much needed assistance, and the way French official statements spoke Humbert is now more completely master of the situation and that the fall of both Lassigny and Noyon is only a matter of a day or two. In Thiescourt region the Germans have been severely shaken by the persistent French attacks and already there are signs of their giving way.

FRENCH ADVANCED THEIR LINE

LONDON, August 16 (noon).—During the night we advanced our line slightly east of Morlaucourt. A hostile attack upon one of our posts in this vicinity was repulsed after sharp fighting.

AIR RAID ON PARIS

PARIS, August 16.—Several bombs were dropped in the Paris region late last night by German airplanes, says an official statement issued early today. There were only a few victims.

FALL OF ROYE INEVITABLE

PARIS, August 16.—Roye is being held in a vice grip by the French. Stubborn resistance by the Germans is being crushed by the French who are slowly encircling the town. The French advance at Villers Le Roye makes the fall of Roye inevitable, it is believed by military men. Possession of the town by French troops make necessary a rectification of the German lines, and an enemy retreat to the Nesle-Noyon would be probable.

The Germans are clinging desperately to a range of hills east of Ribecourt. They are also stubbornly defending the Lassigny Oise canal, the loss of which would entail the evacuation of Noyon.

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, August 16.—The population of the Murman region received with joy the British force that landed there recently, according to an Allied diplomat who has arrived in London from Petrograd. "I was in Murman when the British troops arrived," he said, "and am quite unable to describe the pleasure that the arrival caused. Old men and women wept with tears of joy, crying 'At last Russia will be saved.' The peasant workmen and aristocracy know that Germany is their enemy." Never has the time been so favorable. Many men in Petrograd who held high positions in the old Russian army say their worst enemy is Germany. They have told me that they know that the only real friends of Russia are the Allies."

BRITISH FORCES LAND AT BAKU

An Important Move Towards the Recovery of Rich Caspian Oil Fields from Hands of Enemy.

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, August 16.—News of a British force from northwestern Persia having reached the Caspian Sea and taken over part of the defence of Baku on the western shore of that water is of great importance. Some time ago, these troops worked or fought their way from Mesopotamia, where it is too hot to fight now, through Persia to rest on the southern shore of the Caspian Sea. Vessels were obtained there to carry them to Baku a distance of about two hundred miles to the north. In the latter part of June it was announced that Turks had occupied Baku and that a German expedition had set out from Pohl, Batum and Pohl are both ports on the eastern end of the Black Sea and are connected by railway with Baku on the Caspian, almost straight east. The evident purpose of the German enterprise was to gain possession of Baku, the centre of an immeasurably valuable oil region of Transcaucasia, being already in control of the two Black Sea ports through which only this oil could be transported to Europe, the Central Powers sought to

make assurance doubly sure. The report of the arrival of a British force at Baku means that the Allies are not disposed to let one of the world's great sources of oil supply fall into the hands of the enemy without a fight. The Czech-Slovaks and Russians in that region firm control of Baku is not only likely to be established but the Germans and Turks will in all probability be driven out of Baku and Pohl. The Allied forces can also make these Black Sea ports a splendid base for the launching of a campaign against the enemy in southern Russia, where evidences of hatred of the Teutons are daily multiplying. The Soviet forces are evacuating Moscow and removing the money to an unknown place.

PROGRESS OF ALLIED INTERVENTION IN RUSSIA

PARIS, August 16.—With the announcement of the landing of American troops at Vladivostok the steady development of Allied intervention should afford great encouragement to the sorely pressed Czechs.

STANDARD GAUGE FOR P. E. I. RAILWAY

The Government Has Decided to Begin Immediately Widening the P. E. I. Railway to Standard Gauge.

The Guardian is authoritatively informed that the Government has decided to proceed at once with the standardizing of the P. E. I. Island Railway, beginning with the links between Borden and Charlottetown and Borden and Summerside. The third rail method will be adopted as the most expeditious for the present season. It is hoped that these two links will be in running order for the full Fall traffic.

This is good news to agriculturists and shippers, as it will place the province in continuous communication with the mainland and avoid vexatious delays in transhipment at Borden. This satisfactory termination to a long continued controversy is the direct result of the visit this summer of Dr. Reid, Minister of Railways, who saw for himself the urgent necessity of proceeding at once with the work to expedite the transit of produce.

ITALIANS WINNING FURTHER SUCCESSSES

(Special to The Guardian) WASHINGTON, August 16.—An official report reaching here yesterday afternoon stated that Italian troops had established themselves in high positions taken by the enemy in Valcellina and Valcamonica, while their artillery was playing upon important Austrian defences. There has been unusual artillery activity in the Valagarina and on the Montello too. One of the big islands on the Piave was occupied by the troops of General Diaz and prisoners were taken. All these enterprises may possibly be preparations for another Italian offensive of which there have been many anticipations and rumors recently.

Germany War Losses Amount to 6,000,000

(Special to The Guardian) PARIS, August 16.—One million, five hundred and twenty thousand Germans have been killed during the entire war, Marcel Huttin, military writer of the Echo de Paris declared today. The enemy's total losses in killed, wounded and missing, it is estimated, amount to 6,000,000 of which a big percentage were wounded and have been sent back into the lines. From March to June 120,000 Germans were killed, Huttin said, while the number of killed in the past eight weeks has exceeded this figure.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, August 17.—Fine and warm. The tide will be high this evening at 8, tomorrow at 9:06 and Monday at 10:01; it will be held tomorrow morning at 6:46, Monday at 7:58 and Tuesday at 9:00. The sun sets this evening at 8:21 tomorrow at 8:20 and Monday at 9:18; it rises tomorrow morning at 6:25, Monday at 6:26 and Tuesday at 6:27. The moon sets tomorrow morning at 2:08 and Monday at 3:15. 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 a. m. The length of today will be thirteen hours and fifty six minutes and of tomorrow fifteen hours and fifty three minutes.

LADY DAY MEETING FORBIDDEN BY GOVT.

(Special to The Guardian) DUBLIN, August 16.—The lady day meetings scheduled for Omagh on "Lady Day" by Sinn Feiners and Dillon followers have been forbidden by the authorities here unless officials of the organization obtain the permits required for all gatherings ignoring the rule requiring permits. Officers of the Sinn Fein have instructed their 1,800 societies to go ahead with their meeting apparently intending to force a showdown with the government. John Dillon, Irish leader, left early today for Omagh where he was to address a gathering this afternoon.

PRINCE ARTHUR LAUDS CANADA'S EFFORT

(Special to The Guardian) TORONTO, August 16.—"I am marvelously impressed with Toronto's herculean war efforts, and I will carry back to the King a message of greatest encouragement," said Prince Arthur of Connaught in a farewell message prior to his departure for London, Ontario, at 9 o'clock this morning. "All over Canada I have seen endless evidences of this same national spirit, but in Toronto I have seen it pressed with such vigor and determination that it will be a source of never-to-be-forgotten inspiration."

101,713 ENROLLED UNDER M. S. ACT

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, August 16.—Tangles in the Military Service Act figures are being gradually straightened out. Investigation is now in progress by the various registrars to determine exactly how many men have been secured who might properly be classed as reinforcements within the meaning of the Act. Difficulties have arisen apparently owing to differences in classification of men by the registrars and owing to the fact that a large percentage of men classed as deserters who have joined the colors in other military districts. Revised figures, it is expected, will be ready within the next week or two. So far returns available show that up to noon yesterday the net number of reinforcements secured under the M. S. A. is 58,713. This total is exclusive of those who have reported for service voluntarily since the Act came into force. It is exclusive of the men discharged or on leave without expense to the public. Including these the total obtained under the M. S. A. is 58,713; voluntarily reporting 19,475; number discharged or on leave without expense to the public, 23,523; total 101,713.

DR. BELANG RECEIVES OVATION IN QUEBEC

(Special to The Guardian) THREE RIVERS, August 16.—From three to four thousand people gathered before the City Hall here tonight to express with cheering and applause their pleasure at the return of Hon. Dr. Beland from the German prison, where he had been incarcerated almost since the beginning of the war. Already various parts of the province have had the opportunity to welcome Dr. Beland home, but there is this difference here tonight that a Quebec crowd saw him again in a familiar environment surrounded and supported by such men as Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. R. Lemieux, Hon. Sydney Fisher and others.

ROWELL JUSTIFIES BORDEN'S ABSENCE

(Special to The Guardian) PORT HOPE, Aug. 19.—Criticism throughout the country of Sir Robert Borden's absence overseas at this time was taken notice of by Hon. Newton Rowell, Premier of the Privy Council, when he addressed a meeting of his followers here tonight. He declared that Sir Robert's absence was justified and that he went overseas with the unanimous approval of his colleagues. The Prime Minister, he says, "didn't go to England because he wanted to go. He went there because meetings of the Imperial War Cabinet and the Imperial War Conference were to be held. Representatives of other dominions were going to attend and it was the duty of Canada to be represented. He went because it was the unanimous judgment of his colleagues that he should go and the Prime Minister is still in London tonight. He is there because in the judgment of his colleagues he is needed there. The duty he owes to Canada compels him to be there." He declared amid applause, "Canada is being worthily represented in London in protecting and in furthering Canadian interests and in guarding the welfare of her soldiers by the Prime Minister of Canada at the present time."

ANOTHER SENSATION DISCLOSED IN IRELAND

Sinn Feiners Overpowered Railway Guards Threw Them Into Cellar and Got Away With Half-Ton of Explosive.

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, August 16.—Dublin Sinn Feiners seized half a ton of gelignite last night. Hearing that the explosive had arrived at a Dublin railroad depot twelve men concealed themselves in different parts of the station until one o'clock in the morning and donning masks they overpowered the members of the staff, bound them and threw them into the cellar where they were held under guard by a man with a revolver. Some men accomplices then got into conversation with the Sinn Feiners pounced upon him. They took his rifle and ammunition, bound and gagged him and decamped with the gelignite in motor

cars which had been waiting in a side street nearby. The raid has become public in Dublin and has excited general anxiety as it is presumed that the Sinn Feiners must plan to use the explosive for some criminal purpose.

TWENTY-TWO GERMAN AIRPLANES SHOT DOWN

LONDON, August 16.—Twenty-two German airplanes were destroyed, and six driven down out of control yesterday, according to the official communication on aerial operations issued last night. Fifteen British airplanes are missing as a result of the air combats.

CANADA'S DEATH TOLL IS NOW 50,000

Number Incapacitated 100,000, Pensions Paid Number 30,000 Involving Annual Payment of \$4,000,000.

(Special to the Guardian)

OTTAWA, August 16.—Canada's death toll from four years of war is now approximately 50,000. The wastage of men in the Canadian expeditionary force during the four years including also those incapacitated by

wounds illness or by other causes is estimated to be little short of 100,000 or at the rate of about 25,000 per year. The total number of pensions already granted to returned soldiers is now approximately 30,000 involving an annual payment of over \$4,000,000.

ISLANDERS IN CASUALTY LIST

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, August 16.—The following P. E. I. names appear in last night's casualty list: Died, C. Atkins, Stanley Bridge; wounded, Lieut. J. R. Paton, Charlottetown; gassed, A. Gallant, Darnley; wounded, Sylvester Jay, Mt. Stewart.

TWO CARLOADS FISH SEIZED BY FOOD BOARD

(Special to the Guardian) OTTAWA, August 16.—In order to prevent waste the Canada Food Board has ordered the seizure and immediate sale and distribution of two cars of fish at Calgary, which were refused by the purchaser on account of their condition.

ANOTHER SCHOONER SINK OFF NEW YORK

(Special to The Guardian) WASHINGTON, August 16.—The American schooner Dorothy Barrett was sunk by shell fire from a German submarine yesterday near Cape May, N.J. Seaplanes and submarine chasers sent to the scene dropped depth bombs on the spot where the submarine was believed to have submerged.

700 RETURNED SOLDIERS APPLY FOR GRAN

(Special to the Guardian) OTTAWA, August 16.—Nearly 700 returned soldiers have now taken advantage of the Soldiers Settlement Act and have applied for the government loan of \$2,500 at 5 per cent. in interest to enable them to acquire land, stock, agricultural equipment, and erect farm buildings, etc. The total of advances so far made to returned men who are settling on land is over \$700,000.

CANADIAN EDITORS ENTERTAINED TO DINNER

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, August 16.—Lord Burnham, proprietor of the London Daily Telegraph, last night gave a dinner to the Dominion newspapermen who have been visiting Great Britain. Cordial speeches congratulating the Dominion press services to the Empire were delivered.

JOHN CALDER WILL NOT BE OPPOSED

(Special to The Guardian) WOODSTOCK, August 16.—The unopposed election of John Calder to succeed the Hon. N. W. Rowell as representative for North Oxford in the Legislative Assembly appears to be conceded. By common consent throughout the riding the Conservative party will not oppose Mr. Calder. According to the statements of various prominent party workers from all over the district Woodstock Conservatives are not interested in it at all. They state that no member of their association will be nominated.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

- *AUCTION—LARGE CITY PROPERTY, 211 to 217 Water St., Wednesday noon. See ad. 806-8-17auew31
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