

THE AUSTRIAN ARMY IS DEMORALIZED

They are being Pushed Steadily Back, Hunger War-weariness and Want in Presence of Well Fed Italians is Having Their Effect.

(Special to The Guardian) PARIS, July 4.—A lot of people besides the Austrian prisoners who asked, when captured by the Italians, whose offensive it was anyway, must be wondering what has happened to the great Austrian invasion of Italy.

The Austrian official report says an attempt was made to land Italian infantry on the east bank of the Piave near the Adriatic. It is clear even from the enemy statements that the Austrians are hard put to it to hold the line of the Piave.

PROGRESS ALONG THE WESTERN FRONT

Allied Troops Making Continuous Raids and Gathering in Prisoners Increasing Artillery Activity Indicates Probable Commencement of Great Drive.

(Special to The Guardian) PARIS, July 4.—The French continue to pick up a few hundred prisoners daily in local operations. They struck early on Wednesday morning on a front of almost two miles between the Oise and Aisne and penetrated the German lines for about five hundred yards, capturing prisoners and machine guns.

GERMAN BRUTALITY PUBLISHED TO FRENCH SOLDIERS

PARIS, July 4.—A general army order has been issued to the French troops recounting new acts of cruelty committed by the Germans since the offensive between Rheims and Soissons, says the Havas correspondent at the front. Testimony by the first cavalry corps shows that when Anthony, between the Marne and Rheims, was taken the Germans murdered prisoners including several wounded at Chizey just northeast of Anthony. The Germans bayoneted French wounded prisoners.

ENEMY IS NOT SHOWING HIS HAND

The Americans captured nearly 1,200 Germans during the past month. The enemy has hammered repeatedly along the front between the Oise and the Marne not endeavoring to counter on any large scale. This may be due to one of these reasons: Either the storm troops who had held this part of the German line after the battle of the Aisne have been withdrawn to take part in a battle in course of preparation elsewhere, or Hindenburg holds them strictly in leash refusing to disclose their presence and their strength, in the hope of fooling the French intelligence department so they may strike a surprise blow later on when allied vigilance is less marked.

FINLAND IS NOW WITH CENTRAL POWERS

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, July 4.—A state of war between Allied nations and Finland seems to be almost inevitable. The Finns having thrown themselves heartily into the German alliance have notified British subjects to leave and have permitted a large increase in German troops garrisoned in the country, despite the fact that the population is no longer dangerous. Despatches from Stockholm report that the Finns and Germans are moving in strong force against the Allied and Russian troops who are guarding the vast quantities of military stores shipped in by the Kola route before Russia made peace with the Germans, and that now lie in store houses at various points along the coast and the German railway. It is believed that the German plans contemplate the occupation of the Kola Peninsula with its ice-free port and of Archangel, thus shutting the Russians off altogether from the nations of western Europe except by the Arctic sea route. It is asserted that hostilities have already begun in the Finnish-Russian border, but there is no official confirmation of this.

GERMANS HOLD IMPORTANT GROUND

PARIS, July 4.—The Germans are once more in possession of the high ground near Bousincourt that overlooks the valley of the Ancre to the north of Albert. They bombarded the positions there taken from them by British troops, and afterwards sent forward infantry early Wednesday morning who recovered the greater part of the disputed ground. Sir Douglas Haig reported last night that there were no incidents of special interest along the British front. The rapid return blow struck by the enemy on the Ancre as compared with the German failure to react on other parts of the front may prove significant in any serious advance westward and the sea. Albert and the railway facilities centering there would be of great value to the enemy. That may be why the Germans there are so insistent that the British shall not regain the high land to the west of the town, without possession of which the Albert roads and railways are useless.

BRITISH AND FRENCH STRIKE SMASHING BLOW

(Special to The Guardian) WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, July 4.—Australian troops attacked the German lines north of Villers-Bretonneux on the Somme front this morning and besides taking Hamel village are said to have battled their way forward beyond Hamel and the Vair woods. Between Hamel and Villers Bretonneux to the north of this region, between the Somme and the Ancre another smashing blow was struck by British troops who advanced 400 yards along a front of 1,200 yards. Several hundred prisoners were taken in the advance.

HAIG AND PERSHING EXCHANGE GREETINGS

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, July 4.—Field Marshall Haig today sent the following message to General Pershing: "The soldiers of America, France and Britain stand side by side for the first time in history in defence of the great principle of liberty which is the proudest inheritance and most cherished possession of their country."

THE FRENCH TOOK 1,066 PRISONERS

(Special to The Guardian) PARIS, July 4.—French troops last night attacked the German lines on a front of a mile and a quarter in the neighborhood of Autreches, northwest of Soissons and pushed into the enemy territory for a distance of nearly half a mile, according to today's war office announcement. Later the French delivered another attack in the same region between Autreches and Molin Souzeux, thus giving them further gains of territory. The entire operations netted the French gain of ground on a front of more than three miles to a maximum depth of approximately three-fifths of a mile. The French took 1,066 prisoners.

GENERAL PERSHING TO LLOYD GEORGE

(Special to The Guardian) PARIS, July 4.—Gen. Pershing today sent the following message to David Lloyd George, the British premier. "The American army in France feels special satisfaction in knowing that yours is beside it for the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. I have learned with pleasure that the people of England are uniting with our soldiers and sailors to celebrate the Fourth with united brilliance, uniting for a manifestation of sympathy and international concord which will remain a memorable date in the history of our two nations."

SPLENDID RECORD OF THE AMERICANS

Have Sent 637,000 Troops in Three Months And Are Overtaking Their Aeroplane Programme, 115 Machines Being Turned Out Each Week.

ROTARY CLUB

The monthly dinner of the Rotary Club was held in the Kozey Korner last evening—Vice-President Inman in the chair. Mr. Edj Nicholson was introduced on taking his seat for the first time. The guests were Prof. Barlow and Mr. Fred Armour. On motion of Rotarian Tidmarsh a committee was appointed to organize a Rotary Glee Choir. The chairman then called upon Rotarian Grant to unveil the picture of Past President Tidmarsh, who was the prime mover in organizing the club. The chairman explained that the directors had desired to have the pictures of all past presidents hung in the club room. The question box was opened and a number of interesting questions discussed. It was agreed to keep the Dalton Sanatorium supplied regularly with magazines.

SHIPMENTS INCREASE TO SOUTH AFRICA

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, July 4.—Despite the shortage of ocean tonnage Canadian facilities increased their shipments of goods to South Africa according to reports received by the government commissioner at Cape Town.

TO AVERT STRIKES ON CANADA RAILWAYS

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, July 4.—A joint conference will be held here tomorrow with a view to avoiding if possible a general strike on all railways in Canada.

CANADIAN SECURES IMPORTANT POSITION

MONTREAL, July 4.—Lieut. Douglas L. MacAulay has just been appointed to an important position under the United States committee which has charge of the manufacture of airplanes in that country.

SENATOR TILLMAN DEAD

WASHINGTON, D. C. July 4.—Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, died this morning.

ALEXANDROVITCH PROCLAIMED CZAR

(Special to The Guardian) AMSTERDAM, July 4.—Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, brother of the former Emperor Nicholas, has been proclaimed Czar of Russia, according to the Ukraine Telegraph Bureau of Kiev. He is marching with the Czercho Slovaks against Moscow. The Grand Duke, after the abdication of Emperor Nicholas was named Regent.

CANADIAN HOSPITAL PRESENTED TO FRANCE

Sir Robert Borden Makes Presentation to President Poincare in Presence of General Currie and Other Prominent Canadians.

IN A "WIN THE WAR RALLY"

Five Thousand Rotarians Met in Kansas City

Mr. J. A. Clark, one of the delegates from Charlottetown to the Rotary Convention at Kansas City, writes: "More than five thousand rotarians attended and were accompanied by about fifteen hundred ladies. Among the great features of the Convention were President's Pigeon's address, the heart messages that came from Andrew Home Morton and Thomas Stevenson the British delegation who presented a British flag to International Rotary. The reply, and the most eloquent address of Jones of Atlanta in presenting the United States flag to the British delegation from the Atlanta Rotary Club. The Cuban delegation also presented their flag to International Rotary. Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Governor Harding of Iowa, Agriculture, Washington, and Dean Donald McKee, Halifax, gave addresses that will long be remembered by those privileged to hear them."

"I am enclosing a clipping that may be of interest to your readers." It should be mentioned that Mr. Clark was one of the speakers, and delivered an address to the Farmers' Society. It is published in another part of this issue.

"If you American people are made of the same stuff as the British, and I know you are, neither the terms of Kaiser Bill nor the devil himself can break your nerve." These words spoken by Andrew Home-Morton, president of the British Association of Rotary Clubs, sounded the keynote of the "Win the War Rally," held at the Convention Hall last night, under the auspices of the Kansas City Safety Council, the industrial department of the Chamber of Commerce, and the International Convention of Rotary Clubs.

The Crowd Joined in Songs Amid gala decorations of the flags of the allied nations, five thousand persons gathered in Convention Hall, joined in singing the patriotic songs led by Charles Howard Mills and gave close attention and approval to every "win the war" sentiment expressed by the three speakers of the evening. Rotarian Andrew Home-Morton, London, Rotarian E. R. Kelsey, advertising manager, Toledo Railways and Light Company, and "Safetarian" Isaiah Hale, vice-president, the Santa Fe Railway, Topeka.

"In return for the hospitality you have accorded me since I landed in America twelve days ago, I should like to assure you that the cities of the United States are in no danger of a Hun air raid," said Mr. Home-Morton.

British Nerve is Unshaken "The people of London are never sure of a night of sleep and safety, the women and children, who are the majority of the population, may be mangled by the score before morning, our rations are short, our women have to do all kinds of work, cripples throng our streets, and thousands of homes are touched with sorrow; but declare to you that the British nerve of men and women alike is unshaken. If the Hun planes bombard London and England for the next hundred years, the British nerve will not be broken, and as long as England and America stand the Hun can never dominate the air."

Mr. Home-Morton made a strong plea to the American people to put aside petty matters of wages and industrial disputes and bend every energy to the one effort of winning the war.

Mr. Kelsey in his address declared it the duty of American people to hold the line at home, saying that in comparison with what the boys who are going over are doing, no sacrifice was too great for those at home. Mr. Kelsey has just visited training camps in the United States, and camps and hospitals in Canada and England, and he gave the audience a vivid picture of conditions in all these places.

Mr. Kelsey strongly endorsed the resolution favoring universal military training which was adopted by the Rotarians in session yesterday morning. "We need the best of preparation now and for the future. America has not begun to dream of the realities of this war. We need the spirit of the boys 'over there' and of those who have been brought back wounded, the undying spirit of 'carrying on.'"

"The great need of America is 'The everlasting team work of every blooming soul' as Kipling put it," said Mr. Kelsey.

Mr. Hale, "Safetarian," also declared that Americans are not making sufficient sacrifices, and that four of the five of those necessary at home to

of the Canadian armies, and several prominent Canadians, presented him with a fully equipped Canadian hospital. The hospital contains 520 beds which number will soon be increased to 1040.

support one at the front are selfish in their acts. Mr. Hale pointed out that this is an industrial war and that it might be easily lost through the selfishness and indifference of those at home. Rotarian E. G. Trimble, president of the local safety council, was chairman of the meeting.

FED ROTARIANS ON BEANS The 5,500 Visitors Had Supper at Electric Park Last Night

The New England Rotary clubs, in token of appreciation extended them at national Rotary conventions in the last nine years, furnished, during the patriotic festival at Electric Park last night, not only the biggest feature of the present convention, but conceded to the most successful undertaking of any convention of the organization yet held. It was a Boston baked bean supper, and 5,500 Rotarians and guests sat down to tables at one time.

For this occasion one thousand pounds of beans, real beans, four hundred loaves of Boston brown bread to go with them, fifteen thousand pickles, one barrel of sugar and condiments for seasoning the beans, were shipped from Old New England. Two hundred women from the Minute Circle of Kansas City went to the park yesterday morning and prepared the box lunches. Members of the Rotary Clubs of Kansas City, the Kansas side and Leavenworth, Kan., donated white aprons and served ice water, iced coffee and the baked beans.

All of the bands were on hand and, as their respective delegations arrived there was a parade around the park. Concerts also were given by the bands during the afternoon and evening, the Chicago Band and the Medical Officers' Training Camp Band, furnished music during the bean supper.

The supper was scheduled for six o'clock, but owing to the lateness in the arrival of the beans there had to be a wait. The crowd was good natured, however. Several groups of leather lugged Rotarians gathered near the entrances, which were roped off and shouted in unison "We want beans! Give us our beans!" Then the women would start up "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag and Smile, Smile, Smile."

During the supper the Anvil Chorus was played by the Chicago Band while 5,500 persons helped out the anvil by keeping time with spoons on their plates. When "Over There," "Joan of Arc" and "What Are You Going to do for Uncle Sam's Army?" were played, the big crowd sang heartily. And the meal was stopped while all arose to sing "America."

It was a happy, good natured crowd at Electric Park which enjoyed the patriotic festival, the Boston baked bean supper, the music, the dancing, the swimming, and many entertainments and the concessions.

TORONTO HONOURS FOURTH OF JULY

(Special to The Guardian) TORONTO, July 4.—For the first time in the history of Toronto the stars and stripes floated out from the top of the City Hall flag staff today and was saluted and cheered by Canadian soldiers and civilians while the Garrison band played "The Star Spangled Banner."

CONDENSED SPECIALS

- FOR SALE SIX MILCH COWS lately freshened. Apply to F. Duck-entford, York Pt. 204-7-5M61pd.
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WELCOME NEWS FOR IRELAND

(Special to The Guardian) DUBLIN, July 4.—The Freeman's Journal announces the appointment as Under Secretary for Ireland of James MacMahon, now head of the Irish Postoffice. The announcement will probably be made officially in a few days. If it is it will prove a welcome surprise to the Irish people who have lately been told daily by their newspapers that the administration of Ireland would be turned over to the ascendant party.

HEARST SUBMARINE STORY DENIED

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, Ont., July 4.—The chief press censor has issued the following with reference to the International News Service and Hearst publication story that the enemy submarines are operating off Halifax and have sunk a ship: "Col. Chambers Chief Press Censor for Canada averts the statement that the naval authorities have no information warranting the statement that any ship has been sunk or even attacked by an enemy submarine in the vicinity of Halifax or in routes leading to that port."

U-BOAT, AFTER TORPEDOING A CANADIAN HOSPITAL SHIP, SHELLED UNSEEN TARGET

LONDON, July 3.—The hospital ship Llandovery Castle, R. A. Sylvester, master, which was sunk by a German submarine on June 27th, was chartered by the Canadian Government to convey their sick and wounded from England to Halifax. The Llandovery Castle, steaming on her course at some 14 knots showed the usual navigation and hospital ship lights. Under the overcast sky she was plain to see and could not be mistaken for any but what she was—a ship immune by every law of war and peace from attack or molestation.

number four hold aft was blown in and that the ship could not remain afloat. The order was given to lower away the boats on both sides and abandon the ship. "The officer commanding the Canadian army medical corps on board reported that his people were out. This was important in view of the fact that no boat but the captain's had been picked up. "Save for any of the ship's company or the engine room crew who may have been killed by the explosion of the torpedo, it is clear that every one got away. One of the small boats, called accident boats, was held back for those last to leave the ship, but when all the others were away, the captain went to his cabin for an electric torch, and on returning to deck found that this also had gone. "The submarine hailed the boat in English: 'Come alongside,' it ordered. "The boat was pulling down to pick up a drowning man. The second officer stood up and shouted back: 'We are picking up a man from the water.' "Come alongside,' repeated the brass voice from the submarine. The boat held on its way, and forthwith two revolver shots were fired at or over it.

NO ONE SAW WAKE OF TORPEDO

"No one on board saw the wake of the torpedo. The first intimation of the presence of a submarine was a jar and the roar of an explosion from aft. Then the lights went out.

TOOK CAPTAIN ON BOARD

"Come alongside. I will shoot with my big gun," shouted the submarine commander. The boat lay alongside the submarine and the captain (probably the man picked up), was ordered on board. In case he should be made prisoner and kept on board, he gave the second officer, who remained in the boat, the course to steer. He was then taken to the conning tower of the submarine, where two officers hailed him.

WIRELESS SPARK GONE

"In his wireless cabin the Marconi operator was trying in vain to transmit the ship's position. His key gave no response. "The carpenter's report was that

THE WEATHER

TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC. TORONTO, July 5.—Moderate to fresh winds, cool and showery. The tide will be high this morning at 8.02 and tomorrow at 9.02; it will be high tonight at 10 and tomorrow at 11. The sun sets this evening and tomorrow at 8.02; it rises tomorrow morning at 4.42 and Saturday at 4.43. The moon rises tomorrow morning at 3.51. The last quarter of the moon was on Monday July 1st at 3.43 a. m. There will be a new moon on Monday July 8 at 4.22 a. m. The length of today will be fifteen hours and twenty minutes.

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