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150,000 COAL MINERS NOW ON STRIKE

Creating a serious Situation. All Welsh Coal Mines Shut Down. Early Settlement Expected.

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, July 15.—Out of the various manifestations of unrest in the British labour field shown since the outbreak of war, developed to-day what may prove one of the most serious strikes in the history of the country. More than 150,000 have laid down their tools, thereby shutting down virtually all the mines in the Welsh coal fields, which supply steaming coal for the British navy. The British Government, using for the first time the authority granted by the so-called munitions measures, ruled that the miners must not strike, a Royal proclamation to this effect having been issued yesterday. The miners' answer to this proclamation was to go on strike. Though subject to a daily fine of \$15 or imprisonment for striking, and though urged by their leaders to allow their demands for higher pay to be arbitrated, the miners threw aside all advice and to-day refused to take up their picks, thus not only stopping the mines, but leaving idle the mine railways and some ships engaged in coal transport.

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CHINESE DROWNED

(Special to the Guardian.) HONG KONG, July 15.—Tens of thousands of natives, it is estimated, have been drowned by floods in the Chinese provinces of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, and Kiangsi, and desolation in the devastated districts is terrible, according to latest reports received here. Fire has swept a large area, and raging floods are handicapping the work of rescue in Canton. The city was in darkness last night, the water having inundated the machinery of the electric light plant.

INQUIRY INTO WAR CONTRACTS

(From our own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, July 15.—The Commission enquiring into war contracts held a short session to-day and adjourned early this afternoon. Further evidence in regard to motor trucks was taken and the taking of testimony as regards the purchase of horses in Ontario by the Government was commenced. Major Owen Thomas was this morning criticised by Sir Charles Davidson as to the ground on which he based his claim that he made a large saving in the purchase of motor trucks for the second contingent as compared with the prices Mr T. A. Russell paid for those for the first contingent. Sir Charles pointed out that in the case of Puerkes and Kelly trucks in connection with Major Thomas had claimed a saving, it had been shown that these trucks were bought at the same price by Russell. Major Thomas admitted this, but stated that the trucks had cost the country more since the Russell firm had made its agents' profits. Mr Thomas' counsel then pointed out that Thomas had claimed a saving of \$54,000 on the repair parts of trucks bought by him. How could this be when Russell had bought \$2,000 worth of parts altogether? If Mr Russell had not made the outlay then Thomas had not made the saving. Sir Charles Davidson observed that Thomas' statements as they appeared in the Public Acts Committee Report were not fair to Mr Russell and he should be prepared to qualify them. Major Thomas said that he did not mean these statements for an attack.

PLENTY FOOD IN GERMANY

(Special to the Guardian.) WASHINGTON, July 15.—Ernest P. Bienenfeld, national director of the American Red Cross, who has been directing the Rockefeller foundation activities throughout the European war, returned here to-day. He says the German inventory of food supply in Germany shows no shortage, present or prospective, but that in Serbia, where there is much destitution, there is considerable food shortage, but conditions are improving and the situation is encouraging generally throughout the war area. In Belgium, said Mr Bienenfeld, every man, woman and child of seven million has to be fed from supplies brought in from other countries. About 1,500,000 are unable to buy their supplies, but all others buy them under systematic arrangements of distributions at low prices.

GALLIPLI CARNAGE WAS APPALLING

German-Turco Casualties Nearly 28,000, of whom 7,000 were Killed. Allies Gained Half a Mile.

LONDON, July 14.—In a despatch from Lemnos, via Athens, George Renwick, the correspondent of the London Chronicle, gives an account of the big battle for the Dardanelles fought last week, in which the Allies pushed their line forward five-eighths of a mile. "The heaviest fighting which has taken place on the Gallipoli Peninsula since the allied forces landed there," he says, "was that which began late Tuesday and lasted well into Wednesday. It resulted in the swinging forward of the southern line of the allied armies for about five furlongs and inflicted staggering losses on the enemy. Those who were in the battle place the German-Turco casualties at seven thousand killed and between 14,000 and 15,000 wounded. Many prisoners were taken also. The whole army in the southern part of the peninsula was engaged, and the Australian and New Zealanders further to the north also played a part. The victory marked a definite stage in the initial work of throwing forces around Atchi Baba, which may now, without exaggeration, be described as one of the strongest fortresses in the world. (Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, July 15.—Two strongly held Turkish lines defending the Dardanelles have been captured by the Anglo-French forces on Gallipoli Peninsula, according to an announcement given out this evening by the British Official Press Bureau. General Sir Ian Hamilton, Commander of the allied forces at the Dardanelles, reports that on the 12th instant the forces under him made an attack at daybreak with their right and centre after heavy and confused fighting lasting all day. The troops including a French corps, succeeded in carrying two strongly held and strongly fortified lines of Turkish trenches opposed to them, the ground covered by the advance varying in depth from two hundred to four hundred yards. Some four yards in advance of their original position in this part of the field in the course of the night of July 12-13 two counter-attacks were successfully repulsed. During the hours of darkness, however, it was found that the British right had pressed too far and the Turks attacked them and captured a section of their trenches. This position being vital an attack was organized and the Brigade Royal of the naval division, supported by French artillery, was sent forward with the support of the 75th re-attack the trenches. In the meantime the French had pushed their extreme right down to the mouth of the River Kereves Dere, where it runs into the sea. This position was maintained without difficulty. During the night of July 13-14 as on the previous night the enemy counter-attacked but without success. Thus, in these successful operations the whole of the original objective attack was attained except a small portion of about 300 yards which still remains in the hands of the Turks. 422 prisoners were captured, of whom 200 were taken by the French in the first attack.

TO RESTRICT COTTON OUTPUT

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, July 15.—The British Government hopes very shortly to limit the export of cotton to neutral countries to the amount in actual need. Marquis Crewe, Lord President of the Council and Liberal leader in the House of Lords, made an announcement to this effect in the Upper House this afternoon.

GERMANS NEW MOVE ON RUSSIAN FRONT

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, July 15.—Abandoning for the moment their attempt to outflank Warsaw from the south, the Germans, probably under Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, who is reported to have said a few days ago that he would shortly astonish the world, have renewed their attack on Warsaw from the north. They have not only captured a large number of prisoners south of Kolno, according to a report issued by Berlin to-day, but have occupied Przasnysz, a fortified town fifty miles north of Warsaw, which was taken by Von Hindenburg in his great drive from East Prussia last winter, but was retaken by the Russians in their counter-offensive. This claim is partly confirmed by a Russian official report issued yesterday, which stated that the Russians facing the German forces withdrew to their second lines of entrenchments. This move on the part of the Germans has taken military critics completely by surprise. It was generally supposed that General Von Mackenzens would, after being reinforced, continue his effort to reach Lublin-Chelm Railway, thus forcing the evacuation of Warsaw, but as in all their operations, the Germans have done the unexpected. The new offensive will probably be general and extend from the Baltic around the East Prussian border to the Vistula, west of Warsaw, for all the Russian troops in this section must be kept busy to prevent them from concentrating at the point where the Germans hope to break through. This is the second time Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has tried this. His last effort, while it freed East Prussia, cost the Germans an immense number of men and very nearly involved them in disaster, owing to the muddy condition of the ground. Now, however, there are only bad roads, or lack of roads, to contend with, but it is possible that the Germans have built railways to their northern front as they have done in Central Poland. Confirmation was received to-night from General Sir Ian Hamilton of the success which for some days the Allies were reported to have achieved on Gallipoli Peninsula. According to this report two lines of Turkish trenches were captured, together with 400 prisoners. The Turks, on the other hand, claimed to have repulsed the Allies' attacks. As anticipated, progress against the Turks is very slow owing to their natural and strongly fortified positions. The Allies are, however, breaking the morale of the Turks and exhausting their supply of ammunition. Germany's eagerness to have Roumania allow passage of ammunition through that country to Turkey is taken to mean that their supply is running short.

55TH BATTALION LEAVES FOR VALCARTIER

SUSSEX, N. B., July 14.—The order for the 55th to leave for Valcartier to-morrow is definite and no change will be made. The first train will leave at one and the second at 2 o'clock. Twenty men under command of Lieuts. Brooks and Lamb will remain, and recruiting will be continued here until the 55th Battalion is up to strength. About 250 men are still needed. Recruiting for the 64th Battalion, to be commanded by Col. Montgomery Campbell, will be commenced at once, and this corps will be mobilized at Sussex.

CANADIAN SAW BODY OF CRUCIFIED SOLDIER

(Special to the Guardian.) MOOSEJAW, July 15.—E. A. Weis, 50th Battalion, who is here to recuperate, says that while at the front he helped to take down a British soldier who had been crucified by Germans. The man had 17 different wounds and could not be identified. He was nailed to a door by bayonets through his body.

BRITISH TROOPS NOW IN SERBIA

(Special to the Guardian.) LIVERPOOL, July 15.—That the British troops are now in Serbia fighting with the Serbians against the Austro-Hungarians was given official confirmation to-day by Crawford price, the British eye-witness with the Serbian forces. He said the British army authorities have now permitted him to make this announcement.

FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORT

(Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, July 15.—The French War Office gave out the following statement to-day on the progress of hostilities: To south of the Chateau of the Carleul we seized a line of German trenches around Neuville Saint Vaast and the Labyrinth. There was hand grenade fighting. In the Argonne the fighting was circumscribed within the region situated to the west of the forest, where he had progressed to the north of Servon after a series of counter-attacks. The Germans succeeded in gaining a foothold in the Beaubain section.

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COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

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NORWEGIAN STEAMER SUNK BY GERMANS

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, July 15.—The Norwegian steamer Rim was torpedoed and sunk. The second engineer was killed, but the rest of the crew landed at Great Yarmouth. The Rim was 1,073 tons gross and was built in 1908. She was owned by J. Lund & Co.

GERMANS OCCUPY TOWN IN POLAND

(Special to the Guardian.) BERLIN, July 15.—Prasnysz, a town in Russian Poland, 50 miles north of Warsaw, has been captured by German forces, according to an official statement given out to-day by the German army headquarters staff.

TORNADO AND HAIL DAMAGE IN ALBERTA

(Special to the Guardian.) CALGARY, Alta, July 15.—A tornado, followed by heavy hail, swept over Canton district, south of Calgary, yesterday, wrecking farm buildings and tearing down the schoolhouse. Nobody was injured. The hail did extensive damage to the crops.

SUCCESSFUL TESTS OF THE NEW TRAIN FERRY COMPLETED

HALIFAX, July 15.—The tests of the Canadian Government's new Car Ferry, "Prince Edward Island," were concluded yesterday, and after the usual formalities the big craft will be taken over by the owners, to leave shortly for the scene of her future operations. Mr Butler, representing the builders, says the steamer has fully come up to the specifications and that in a trial run to-day, she made over 15 knots. Captain Manning and part of his crew will return shortly to England.

WAR MUST END NOW OR GERMANY WILL HAVE FINANCIAL COLLAPSE

LONDON, July 15.—The German Emperor, according to the Times, in a speech to a deputation of bankers who had insisted on an interview, in order to point out to the Emperor the financial difficulties of the situation and the grave risk attending the pursuance of the campaign through another winter, stated that the war would end in October. The bankers are alleged to have declared that even if the war was brought to an end immediately and an indemnity obtained Germany's position would be difficult, but that if the war was prolonged the German empire would become utterly bankrupt. It was in reply to these representations, according to the Times, that the Emperor is understood to have declared that the war would end in October.

MAKING FORTIFICATIONS STILL STRONGER

LONDON, July 15.—According to a Myletine despatch to the Times, advice from Constantinople are to the effect that the Germans are strengthening and adding to the fortifications at Constantinople on a stupendous scale. They are employing thousands of soldiers as labourers, and trenches are being dug on the sea front at half-mile intervals all the way from San Stefano, on the western outskirts of Constantinople, with the usual accompaniments of mined approaches, entanglements, and concealed batteries mounting guns of all calibre. There are ample supplies of guns, the despatch adds, through what channel they were obtained is not known.

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GENERAL MADERO SLIGHTLY WOUNDED

(Special to the Guardian.) WASHINGTON, July 15.—State Department advices to-day report that General Madero was slightly wounded in the battle of Paredon in which Carranza troops, under General Trevine, were reported victorious. Reports from Eagle Pass say Villa's troops are falling back on Yoniclova.

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WHITE STAR LINER SAILED FROM N. Y.

(Special to the Guardian.) NEW YORK, July 15.—As a protection against gunfire from submarines a shelter of sand filled bags was piled along the decks of the White Star liner, Baltic, which sailed to-day for Liverpool with 214 passengers and a full cargo. Unusual precautions were taken by the ship's officers to protect the Baltic prior to her sailing. In addition to the usual guards a cordon of private detectives was thrown around the piers along the bulkhead, and no one other than the known members of the crew and identified passengers were allowed within twenty feet of the ship. As a further precaution the space between decks was screened with heavy canvas.

KRUPP WORKERS THREATENED TO STRIKE

(Special to the Guardian.) GENEVA, July 15.—A report has reached Basel that a big strike is threatened in the Krupp Works at Essen, Germany, the movement being headed by the Union of the Metallurgical Workmen of the Association of Mechanics. They demand higher wages, because of the cost of living, and shorter hours because of the great strain under which they work. The report says the workmen, according to these advisers are in an angry mood and threaten the destruction of machinery unless their demands are granted immediately, as they have been put off for three months with promises. Several high officials arrived at the Krupp Works in an effort to straighten out matters and calm the workmen. The advisers add that Herr Krupp is expected to visit the plant and use great influence with the workers. The Frankfurt Gazette, according to news reaching Basel, has warned the administration of the Krupp Plant of the seriousness of the situation and advised that the men's demands be granted. Meanwhile reports state, several regiments have been moved to the vicinity of the works in the event of trouble as a result of the strike.

THREE WHITE MEN SHOT IN SOUTHERN TRAGEDY

MACON, Georgia, July 14.—Three white men are dead to-day at Cochran, Ga., in Pulaski, and a posse estimated to number several hundred farmers heavily armed, have surrounded the home of a negro farm hand, who is alleged to have shot and killed the men. The negro has barricaded himself in his home. James Jackson, the negro, at last reports, had succeeded in holding off the posse. The dead are: W. S. Gunn, aged 60, night marshal; Lynn Sanders, 40, farm supervisor; and Oscar Lawson, 23, a farm hand. Jackson, according to reports, was criticised by Sanders last yesterday for some work he had done, and the supervisor is said to have struck the negro. Later, it is said, Jackson accused Sanders, produced a pistol and fired twice, killing him instantly.

CHILDREN BURNED IN QUEBEC FIRE IN SIGHT OF SPECTATORS

QUEBEC, July 15.—Four children were burned to death, three houses were destroyed, and nine families rendered homeless by a fire which broke out in an extension in the rear of the tenement house on Victoria Street, which was occupied by the families of Jacques Dion, Xavier Dion and Dominique Renaud, late this afternoon. The victims are seven, five, four and two. When the fire broke out the children, together with another little girl, Marie Bussieres, were playing on a gallery at the third storey in the rear of the house. The mother of the children was absent at the time, and the only means of escaping was down a staircase leading to the extension, where the fire had originated. With the flames bursting from the extension the only means of escape was to jump to an adjoining shed. The Bussieres child did, and the eldest Renaud girl might have saved herself the same way, but instead she bravely remained with her brother and sisters. Taking up the two-year-old child in her arms, she waited to be rescued. Wild excitement prevailed, and there was considerable delay in summoning the fire brigade. In the meantime the women folk from the surroundings gathered in the yard and frantically urged the children to jump. Trapped as they were, they retreated before the flames into a corner of the gallery, and there, huddled together, they were burned to death in the sight of those below, who were powerless to help them.

EX-PRESIDENT OF SPEAKS WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

(Special to the Guardian.) SWIFT CURRENT, Sask., July 14. Over four thousand citizens of Swift Current greeted Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, ex-President of the United States on his arrival here this afternoon. The Colonel is making a brief vacation through Western Canada and the Western States. Colonel Roosevelt delivered a brief speech and congratulated Western Canada on her prosperity. He made the following remarks:—"Now that I have come and seen for myself the extraordinary developments which have taken place in this country I have absolute faith in your future. You are going over a few rough spots now, but never mind. I have gone over a few rough spots myself. You are going over rough places, I say, just now, but cheer up, remember the whole North American continent is at your back."

U. S. CONSUL DENIES REPORT

(Special to the Guardian.) WASHINGTON, July 15.—A denial of the Washington reports that a German submarine was stopped by the American report. The bark was stopped by the which to sink the Russian steamer Leo, was cabled to the State Department to-day by the United States Consul at Liverpool. The captain of the Normandy specifically denied the report. The bark was allowed to proceed with some of the Leo crew.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to the Guardian.) TORONTO, July 15.—Maritime: Light to moderate winds; some local showers, but mostly fair; and fine and pleasant. THE WEATHER.—Yesterday was fine and pleasant. The highest temperature of yesterday was 68 deg. above zero and the lowest 54 above. The highest of the previous night was 72 above and the lowest 63 above. The tide will be high this afternoon at 12.52 and tomorrow at 1.36; it will be high tomorrow morning at 2.11 and Sunday at 2.34. The sun sets this evening at 7.47 and tomorrow at 7.46; it rises tomorrow morning at 4.25 and Sunday at 4.26. The moon rises tonight at 9.51. There was a new moon on Monday, July 12th, at 5.09 p. m. The moon will be full on Monday, July 26th, at 8.11 a. m. The length of today's day will be fifteen hours and twenty-five minutes.

ENGLISH COACH IN U.S. RESPONDS TO CALL

PHILADELPHIA, July 15.—Vivian Nickells, the English coach of the University of Pennsylvania rowing crews, to-day announced that he had resigned to join the British army. Nickells said he will accept a commission in the Hussars. The Pennsylvania rowing committee asked Nickells to remain at least another year, but he waved aside all entreaties to stay. "My country needs her sons," he said, "and I am going. I have remained here and read what little news we get and can stand it no longer."