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AERIAL ACTIVITY ON WESTERN FRONT

Twelve Tons Bombs Dropped on Enemy Positions. Many Enemy Planes Brought Down. Some British Machines Missing.

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, August 23.—The official announcement on aerial operations issued tonight says twelve tons of bombs were dropped by us during the day in air fighting. Twenty-one hostile machines were destroyed and eight others were driven down out of control. One German balloon was shot down in flames. Eight of our machines are missing. On the night of August 21-22 there was bright moonlight and a clear sky. Our night 25 1-2 tons of bombs on different targets. The Cambrai and Marcon stations were heavily attacked as well

AIRPLANES FLEW OVER PARIS

PARIS, August 23.—Several enemy airplanes flew over the suburbs of Paris this morning at 9.45 o'clock at a very great height, but were subjected to heavy fire from batteries, and were pursued by defence planes. They returned toward their lines going toward the north.

TORONTO'S GIFT TO ITALIAN RED CROSS

(Special to the Guardian)
TORONTO, August 23.—The sum of \$16,448.07 was raised by a small army of taggers. The Ontario government will donate \$10,000 to the Italian Red Cross.

AERIAL MAIL SERVICE TORONTO TO OTTAWA

(Special to the Guardian)
OTTAWA, August 23.—Mail by air has become an actuality. The Postmaster-General has now given his authority for a weekly return aerial letter mail between Toronto and Ottawa, which will be carried out through the medium of the Royal Air Force. The service is to continue for two weeks.

QUEBEC BRIDGE STANDS TEST

QUEBEC, Aug. 21.—Under ideal weather conditions and in the sight of thousands of anxious spectators the Quebec bridge, one of the world's greatest engineering feats, withstood the supreme test to which it was put this afternoon when two huge trains loaded to capacity and weighing approximately fourteen million pounds steamed out over the central span and their weight was allowed to rest on the span simultaneously. Thousands of people from this city and the surrounding districts motored to witness the gigantic trial. Among the officials who witnessed the test was Judge Gary, president of the United States Steel Corporation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

DR. SMALLWOOD'S OFFICE will be closed until Sept. 10th. 1061-S-24M21

Coming to Charlottetown, Lady Demonstrator of the New Idea Pattern Co., Toronto will be at S.A. McDonald's from August 26 to 29th. Special twelve months subscription to Woman's Magazine and New Idea Quarterly, regular price \$1.40 for 55c.

Reserve Monday evening, August 26th, for Rev. A. Wheeler's Illustrated Lecture at Summerfield Hall. Refreshments served. 1019-S-2411

HOOGLIGAN'S TROUBLES. The laughable comedy in three acts, a play suitable for young and old with up-to-date specialties, will perform one night only at Hunter River, Aug. 22nd, and North Wilshire, 23rd, and Mount Stewart 24th. 988-S-22M313d

The Ladies of Melbourne, Lot 48, intend holding an ice-cream festival on Tuesday evening, August 27th, at the home of Mr. Alfred Stewart. Proceeds in aid of Red Cross. If not fine will be held Thursday evening, 29th inst. A good time expected. Come one, come all. 1039-S-24M21

ALBERT CAPTURED BY BRITISH NOYON HAS BEEN SURROUNDED

Capture of These Two Important Centres Places Practically all The Important Roads in the Sector in The Hands of The Allies. Allied Progress Has Been Remarkably Rapid And The Germans Are Retreating All Along The Line. The Battle Line Now is Only Two to Four Miles From Hindenburg Line.

(Special to the Guardian)

LONDON, August 23.—The army of General Mangin is well over the Oise to the east of Noyon and the occupation of that important town is certain to take place soon if the French are not already in possession. No less than seven main roads converge at Noyon. The railway from Paris to La Ferté passes through the town, and the Oise Canal is of great value in the transportation of heavy material. When Hindenburg evacuated the Noyon salient in the spring of 1917 the town was spared. The old cathedral was stripped of all its metal, including the lead in which its priceless old stained glass windows had been set, but apart from that vandalism the town was left in good condition. That was because all the old and infirm people from the surrounding countryside were concentrated in Noyon while their farm villages were destroyed and their fruit trees cut down. From Noyon itself all women and girls between the ages of sixteen and sixty were compelled to accompany the Germans in their retreat, on the ground that their services were needed in the fields and in the billets behind the Hindenburg line. Noyon was the headquarters of the French armies until the British Fifth Army took over the St. Quentin-Le Ferre front early in the present year. It was the scene of heavy fighting in March, and the French gave it up only after a prolonged hand-to-hand struggle. It has been shelled and bombed frequently since that time and during the present week has been under constant fire of the French guns. There can be little doubt that the town is famous as Calvin's birthplace, but the roads that made Noyon what it was remain and by their use the French will be able to feed and munition the eager soldiers of Mangin and Humbert who are driving the Germans back with remarkable rapidity toward the Hindenburg line on the Laon-Le Ferre plateau.

At the point where the trench system held by the Germans during the winter of 1917-18, passes through the lower forest of Coucy, the French stand this morning about four miles from the Hindenburg line. The present rate of advance, if it can be continued, will carry them across the lower forest of Coucy and up to the plateau of the high forest before the end of the week. That would mean the outflanking of the entire German position on the heights of the Aisne and the Chemin des Dames. The most effort that the German staff can put forth will be exerted to prevent Mangin's men from securing a footing in the rugged hill country of the upper forest of Coucy, for once there the French would be able to turn and rend the Crown Prince's army on the Aisne and Vesle.

15,000 PRISONERS AND MORE THAN 200 GUNS CAPTURED SINCE MONDAY

In the advance begun Monday and continued from day to day the army of General Mangin has captured over 15,000 prisoners and more than 200 guns and has inflicted very heavy losses upon the retreating Germans. To the west of the Oise on the Lassigny and Roye sector the French line has been pushed forward steadily in the face of resistance of the most desperate nature. The region is well wooded and broken, and the Germans have been taking advantage of the defensive lines built by them during three years' occupation from 1914 to 1917. The Paris bulletin issued last night indicates that they have been hunted out of these positions and are falling back to the east, still fighting rear guard actions with persistent courage.

ALBERT CAPTURED BY BRITISH. Where Byng's Third British Army

fightings between Arras and the Somme a notable victory was won yesterday as a result of which Albert is once more in British hands and the Germans are retiring up the Somme in the general direction of Peronne. Albert was the headquarters of the Third Army until Hindenburg made his dash for Amiens in the spring, but it has been so hammered by British guns stationed west of the Ancre ever since the beginning of April that even the great modern cathedral of the Virgin must be an almost unrecognizable pile of brick and tile. Like Noyon-Albert is valuable not for the shelter it will afford but because of the roads that centre there. In the region north of the Ancre where Byng launched his first attack on Wednesday morning and succeeded in reaching the embankment of the Arras-Albert Railway the battle was resumed yesterday, and there was fierce fighting to the west of Achete Grand. There the enemy tried by numerous counter-attacks to prevent the British from reaching Bapaume. It is announced that the most of the embankment is now in the hands of the British and that on the northern end of the battle front taken they are operating to the east of it along the Arras-Bapaume road. A splendid new tarvia highway there is an excellent tank country and Myng's men will make rapid progress southward once the tanks get going. Bapaume is seriously menaced.

BYNG CAPTURED 5,000 PRISONERS IN TWO DAYS

In his report Sir Julian states that during the past two days his men have taken over five thousand prisoners, of whom 1400 were captured in Albert. The Germans, he states, entered the British positions at two points when counter attacked, but were driven out again. The advance between the Ancre and the Somme was on a front of six miles and the depth of penetration was two miles.

ENEMY'S RETIREMENT IN LYS CONTINUES

The retirement of the enemy in the Lys valley continues. The British front is now at Nouf Berquin and it would appear that the Germans have no intention of holding the line of Etapes-Leverem. The entire southern part of the river valley is to be given up. Its occupation in April cost probably two thousand casualties. The enemy has been fighting fiercely on most parts of the front. This has been especially true in the Lassigny sector and in the region between Arras and Albert from the valley of the Oise.

DISORDERLY GERMAN RETREAT. For the first time since the battle

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, August 24.—Generally fair with a few local showers and thunderstorms.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 1, tomorrow at 1.49 and Tuesday at 2.43; it will be high tomorrow morning at 1.24, Monday at 2.02 and Tuesday at 2.41.

The sun sets this evening at 8.10, tomorrow at 8.08 and Monday at 8.05; it rises tomorrow morning at 6.33, Monday at 6.34 and Tuesday at 6.35.

The moon rises tonight at 9.05 and tomorrow at 9.37.

The moon was full on Thursday August 22nd at 3 p. m.

The last quarter of the moon will be on Wednesday August 28th at 3.27 p. m.

The length of today will be thirteen hours and 28 minutes and of tomorrow thirteen hours and 24 minutes

of Cambrai last fall reports come of a disorderly German retreat caused by panic. Upon the right front there the Ailette and encountered a division yesterday morning the French cross-section of German reserves which had been preparing for a counter-attack and put them to flight. They in turn passed through a second division which apparently became panic-stricken and failed to stand. The incident is not at all typical. It indicates rather the presence among the enemy reserves of very green troops upon whom discipline has not yet taken hold and who are brought up to the front only because of urgent necessity.

LOSSES ON ITALIAN FRONT

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Austrian losses on the British front in Italy between June 15 and August 15 were 20,000, according to advices received here. British casualties in the same period totalled 25,000, it is said.

CAPTURING POSITIONS AND PILING UP PRISONERS AND GUNS

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, August 23.—British troops this morning are reported to have captured Chignolle and Herleville, south of the Somme river. More than a thousand prisoners were taken in this operation which eliminates the bend in the line.

Field Marshal Haig's forces are also reported to have taken Boyelles and Boiry Brequerels, and to be still pushing forward. They are piling up prisoners and guns. The British have reached Gommecourt, which is considered to be the chief point of the German defense positions. South of Gommecourt the British this morning were attacking and pushing forward all along the line.

GREATEST BATTLE OF THE WAR DEVELOPING

A battle has developed which seems to be one of the greatest of the war.

TOWN OF MEAUL CAPTURED

The town of Meaul to the south-east of Albert fell early in the British drive. The British troops pressing on here are crossing the Bray-Alber road; Happy Valley to the north of Bray was taken by Field Marshal Haig's troops after hard fighting.

THREE BATTALION HEADQUARTERS CAPTURED

Three German battalion headquarters have been taken in the locality of Happy Valley. Additional guns also have fallen into the hands of the British. A number of fresh new German divisions have been identified. They were rushed up in the hope of saving something from the disaster which threatens the whole German army on this front.

5,000 PRISONERS IN TWO DAYS

PARIS, August 23.—Between the Oise and the Aisne during the advance of Wednesday and Thursday General Mangin's army took 5,000 prisoners, according to advices reaching Paris.

GERMANS DIGGING IN FAR IN THE REAR

PARIS, August 23.—General Von Boehm is organizing new defensive lines far in the rear of the present German positions in Picardy, according to information received from the front early today. Between the Aisne and the Vesle German aviators are making desperate efforts to keep off Allied observation planes and a big retirement there is expected hourly. A total of more than fifty villages have been reoccupied by the French. The arrival of a Hungarian division on the west front is reported.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN ARRIVES IN CANADA

After Uneventful Voyage Arrives at Atlantic Port Accompanied by Ministers Mewburn and Ballantyne.

(Special to the Guardian)
AN ATLANTIC PORT, August 23.—Sir Robert L. Borden, Premier of Canada, arrived here today after an extended trip abroad, during which he attended the Imperial War Conference and visited the battlefield. The Premier was in excellent health and enjoyed an uneventful voyage. Included in his party were General the Hon. C. S. Mewburn, Minister of Militia and Defence for Canada, and Col. the Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Naval Service for Canada. They were met here by Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Railways.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK OFF U.S. COAST

(Special to the Guardian)
AN ATLANTIC PORT, August 23.—The British steamer Diomeda, a steel vessel of 4,700 gross tons, was torpedoed and sunk on Wednesday off the Atlantic coast. More than one hundred of her crew, many of them Chinese, some severely injured, were rescued and brought here today by another British steamer.

U.S. REGIMENT ARRIVES IN VLADIVOSTOK

(Special to the Guardian)
WASHINGTON, August 23.—The Thirty-first Regiment of United States regulars has arrived at Vladivostok from Manila, Secretary of War Baker announced today.

FIVE GERMAN TOWNS HEAVILY BOMBARDED

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, August 23.—Five important towns in Germany, and five hostile airbases were heavily bombed by British aerial squadrons on the night of August 21-22 according to an official statement issued today by the British Air Ministry. Military objectives at Frankfurt and Cologne, the statement adds, were heavily attacked and good results were observed.

U.S. CONSULATE IN RUSSIA CLOSED

(Special to the Guardian)
WASHINGTON, August 23.—The Russian Bolsheviks having declared a state of war to exist between the United States and Russia, Vice Consul Imbrie at Petrograd lowered the American flag at the Consulate and turned the Archives over to the Norwegian representative, according to the State Department cablegrams dated August 22.

BIG BRITISH PLANE CROSSES CHANNEL

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, August 23.—A big British airplane, carrying its crew and nine passengers, has made the trip from France to England, it is announced. The whole journey from an airbase in the interior of France to one in the interior of England occupied but little over half an hour.

ARE THEY SPIES? SUSPICIOUS VISITORS ON ST. PETER'S ISLAND

The presence of an unknown man and woman on St. Peter's Island during the past several days has created no small amount of wonder there. The couple landed on the island last Saturday from a motor boat which is said to be different from any craft of the kind ever seen hereabouts, having the engine placed up in the extreme bow. The action of the pair has caused them to be regarded with suspicion. They made their way to the cook-house of a lobster factory which has been closed for some time, and in some way gained an entrance to it, and made it their abiding place up to Thursday last, when they left the island. Their conduct while on the island was suspicious and has led the inhabitants to think that they may be spies from a German submarine lurk-

PROMINENT LAWYER DIES IN OTTAWA

OTTAWA, August 23.—The death took place yesterday at his residence, 427 Gilmour St., after a brief illness of the late Mr. Harris Harding Blyden K.C., an eminent barrister and publisher of many legal authorities. He was 76 years of age, and occupied the office of librarian of the Supreme Court of Canada to which he was appointed in 1892.

HON. MARTIN BURRELL PRAISES CANADIANS

OTTAWA, August 21.—Hon. Martin Burrell, Acting Minister of Militia, in a statement to the Canadian Press today, referred to the recent Canadians' offensive and expressed in no uncertain tones the government's views in regard to the amnesty for deserters, which expires at the end of this week. Since the first of August, said the Minister, the Canadians have marked their entry into the fifth year of the war by achievements which have confirmed the reputation of the Canadian corps as the most formidable fighting force of its size on the western battlefield. During this same brief period they have suffered 10,482 casualties in killed, wounded and missing, 130 officers, and 1474 men having been killed in action.

ing in these waters and that possibly the woman or girl is really a man in disguise. As soon as anyone endeavored to go near them they invariably drew away, and did not seem to seek the companionship of anyone but themselves. They carried a suit-case and were seen looking over maps and other papers in their possession. They left the island on Thursday, steering directly west and then suddenly shifted their course and headed direct for Governor's Island, where they are supposed to be at present.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

FOUND ON THURSDAY NIGHT ON the road near Georgetown a lady's coat. Owner may have the same by calling at The Two Maces Drug-store.

WANTED.—GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. Apply at Guardian's office. 976-S-21M21

WANTED.—COUNTRY BOY UNDER military age, for store. Address, A. T. Guardian. 788-S-10M21

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WILL THE PERSON WHO TOOK by mistake a parcel from the Royal Hotel, kindly return to Hotel. 1060-S-24M21

ROOMS TO LET. APPLY 44 EUSTON Street. 1057-S-24M313d.