

BRITISH GAIN IN 3 SECTORS ON SOMME

Footings Is Won in Village of Guillemont, but Germans Still Hold On.

SUPPLY RAILWAY WRECKED

Breach Is Likely to Make Difficult Movement of Teuton Reserves—More Pivotal Points Menaced by Advance.

BY ARTHUR S. DRAPER.

(War Correspondent of the New York Tribune.)

LONDON, Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The British line north of the Somme, nibbling its way slowly, is now less than half a mile from Thiepval and less than a quarter of a mile from Martinpuich. The capture of these pivotal points in the German second system will bring to a successful end the first phase of the British offensive.

General Haig is advancing northward along three roads. One strike is closing in on Thiepval, on the extreme left of the Picardy front; a second is pushing north from Pozières, aimed at Courcellette; while the third is moving toward Martinpuich along the line north of Basentin.

In all three sectors today the British forces made progress. A furious battle is in progress for Guillemont, near the junction point of the French and British lines. Despite a steady rain of shells, the Germans are clinging to the village, resisting strong British efforts. Berlin admits today that the British succeeded in winning a hold on the village, but asserts they were unable to extend their gain.

From unofficial sources come the reports that the Bapaume-Peronne railway has been cut by shell fire and bombardment from the air. Such a breach in the German supply roads would make the movement of reserves toward either side of the Somme more difficult.

GERMAN TRENCHES CAPTURED

Teutons Retake One Position Recently Won by French.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—The British have made further advance between Martinpuich and Bazentin, where they captured 100 yards of German trenches, says a War Office statement tonight. British troops also have advanced along a line a half mile long in the region of Pozières and have also made an advance near the Leleup salient.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—Progress was made by the French last night on the Somme front north of the river in the outskirts of Clercy, where the French announced today. South of the river the French captured trenches near Estrees and Soyecourt.

BERLIN, Aug. 22.—(By Wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Heavy attacks by both British and French on the Somme front have been repulsed by German troops, the War Office announced today. The British attacked between Thiepval and Pozières and only succeeded in capturing one advanced salient. South of the Somme trenches lost to the French were recaptured by a German counter attack.

CROPS IN POLAND GOOD

All Districts Held by Germans Are Under Cultivation.

BERLIN, Aug. 22.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The crop prospects in the occupied portions of Poland are good, which means the turning point for the Polish population, says the Overseas News Agency. The German troops entered this country they found only smoldering ruins, as the Russians had destroyed villages and towns. At a time the Germans supplied grain from Upper Silesia and other districts and also from the stores captured in the fortress of Novogorodsk. The Germans also attempted to import food by way of Sweden, but this was prevented by the Russian navy.

The news then refers to the negotiations between Germany and Great Britain through American channels for obtaining relief for Poland. This plan having failed, the German authorities undertook distribution of the stocks on hand and at the same time began cultivation of the occupied districts on the largest possible scale.

Woman Spy Shot by French.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—The execution of a woman as a spy is reported today in a Havas dispatch from Marseille. According to this information Felice Pfaff was put to death this morning at the lighthouse shooting range, having been convicted of espionage by the council of war of the 15th region.

PORTLAND MAN APPLIES

A. B. Gibson Is Candidate for Shipping Board Place.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 22.—A. Bruce Gibson, of Portland, National president of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association, is a candidate for appointment on the Shipping Board created by the ship purchase bill recently passed by the Senate.

He filed his application with Senator Chamberlain, who formally transmitted it to the President.

DEUTSCHLAND IS SIGHTED

Norwegian Ship Reports Her Off Cape Race August 6.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Aug. 22.—Captain Olsen, of the Norwegian steamer Alf, which arrived here today, says that on August 6 he passed the German merchant submarine Deutschland proceeding at a very moderate rate of speed in an easterly direction. The submarine was in the regular steamer track south of Cape Race.

Sinnott Bill Is Reported.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The House public lands committee today favorably reported Representative Sinnott's bill providing that purchasers of grazing lands on the Umatilla Indian reservation need not reside upon or cultivate their lands.

Friends of A. K. Lewis meet Room "H," Public Library, this evening for conference over Senatorial question.—Adv.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

Bulgarian.

BERLIN, Aug. 22.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The official Bulgarian statement under date of August 22, says:

"On account of the military operations of the entente in the Vardar valley extending east of the Struma, north of Tachino Lake, our left wing began on August 18 a general offensive. Bulgarian troops advanced in the Struma valley, occupied the town of Demit-Hissarek after an engagement near the town of Serge, repulsed the British and French on the right bank of the Struma and occupied the left bank between Butkova and Tachino Lakes. Detachments following their orders advanced between the Struma and the Mesta.

"In the Vardar valley British and French troops have been during the past 10 days unsuccessfully attacking our advance positions south and south-east of the town of Doljan, suffering losses from our infantry and artillery fire.

"Our right wing, after a victory over the Serbians near Florina, successfully pursued our plans. Yesterday we occupied the railway stations of Banica and Kikeli, on the railroad from Salonika to Florina, and re-established railroad connections with Monastir. South of Presba Lake we occupied the villages of Zvezdoli and Breznitza, thus interrupting definitely connections between Koritsa and Florina, as well as between Koritsa and Kastroria.

"On Sunday our troops advanced in the Struma valley. Our troops operating in the vicinity of the village of Lake, repulsed the enemy to the right bank. We occupied the villages of Basmatar, Barakidouneya, Kuml, Blesan, Fodorova, Yenik, Karadjokel, Bala, Chishan and Kamila. We dispersed a French brigade composed of the English regiment of African chasseurs, three Zouave battalions and a detachment of horse artillery, capturing 400 prisoners and 1000 yards of Thiepval. More than 100 more prisoners were taken."

"Our troops operating southward from Florina reached the Malaria ridge, defended by two regiments of the Serbian Danube division. We took an entire company with three officers prisoner. Our advance is proceeding."

Ally in Balkans.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—The text of the French statement on the Balkan fighting tonight is as follows:

"The battle continued on August 21 on a whole front of the allied armies on the Salonika line. In the center the British-French forces have violently bombarded the Bulgarian positions on both sides of Lake Doiran, while our infantry established itself in the southern spur of the Beles mountains.

"The British and French troops have occupied a line of heights near Djumica and have maintained their positions at all points in spite of violent counter attacks by the enemy. "The army has continued its progress in the mountainous zones between the Gerna and Moglenka rivers. On the whole the enemy, at the cost of heavy losses, has succeeded in pushing back our advance detachments. On one of the line of the line the Bulgarian position, which attacked on August 20, west of Zeres, Bulgarian forces more than a division in strength, to delay their march, have fallen back to the Struma. All the passages of the river are solidly held by the allies. On the extreme left wing the Serbian army, after a hot battle lasting two days, which was undertaken to retard the advance of the right wing of the Bulgarians, has retaken its principal defensive in the neighborhood of Lake Ostrovo."

PARIS, Aug. 22.—The German official statement today regarding the eastern front says:

"North of the Somme the engagements are again of large scope. Repeated British attacks against our salient front between Thiepval and Pozières were repulsed. One advanced salient was lost. The enemy's storming columns northeast of Pozières and near Fouraux wood broke down under our fire.

"There has been tenacious fighting in the vicinity of Guillemont, which the enemy temporarily penetrated. A Wurttemberg infantry regiment victoriously repulsed all attacks. The village is firmly in our hands.

"Several separate attacks by the French in the vicinity of Mourepas were without success.

"South of the Somme fresh French forces attacked in the Estrees-Soyecourt sector. Trenches that were lost have been recaptured by a counter attack. One officer and 80 men remained in our hands."

PARIS, Aug. 22.—The German official statement today regarding the eastern front says:

"On the Stokhod the Russians are continuing their stubborn attacks in the region of Rudka-Cherliche. Bavarian cavalry and Austro-Hungarian dragoons repulsed the enemy on each occasion with most severe losses. To him and made prisoner two officers and 270 men, besides capturing four machine guns.

"In the Lub and Graberka sector and further south Russian attacks broke down, generally speaking, in our curial fire. Near Pienaki and Zwyzyn has not been located, according to the officers. Mr. Stuart left here about a month ago after informing friends that he was going to Tiller on business. Tiller people say he was not seen in that section of the country. At the time his disappearance he left his clothes and other effects in a local rooming-house. A check, which was mailed to him by his employers, was returned to the senders for want of delivery. Mr. Stuart's accounts are in first-class condition, according to his friends, and they are unable to throw any light on his disappearance.

RUSSIANS HELD BACK

Efforts to Cross Carpathians Are Unceasing.

STOKHOLM BATTLE RAGING

Prayers Said in Moscow for Improvement, Reports Berlin.

CROPS IN RUSSIA RUINED

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BERLIN, Aug. 22.—By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—In large portions of Siberia and the Ural and Don districts of Southern Russia this year's crops have been a complete failure, according to reports from Copenhagen, says the Overseas News Agency today.

"The Russian newspapers, Den, reports that crops in Middle Russia also are threatened with destruction because of weeks of incessant rain, and that in the Moscow province the crops are being laid and masses read for the betterment of conditions."

PARIS BUTTER PRICE SET

Prefect of Police Scales Down War Quotations.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—The Prefect of Police, who from time to time fixes the prices of articles of food, has ordered that the wholesale price of butter shall not exceed 4 francs, 60 centimes, per kilogram, and that the retail price shall be greater than 2 francs, 40 centimes, for one-half kilogram, 40 centimes. The best qualities of butter have been sold for 4 francs or more for half a kilogram.

Life Insurance Man Still Missing.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—I. D. Stuart, local representative of the Oregon Life Insurance Company,

the enemy penetrated a small portion of trench and near Zwyzyn he has not yet been driven out.

French.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—The official French announcement today says:

"North of the Somme the artillery continued active on a large portion of the front. During the night we made progress in the outskirts of Clercy.

"In the wood which our troops took on August 20, south of Guillemont, we captured two more field guns, bringing up to eight the number of guns which fell into our hands in this engagement on the remainder of the front.

"Yesterday one of our pilots brought down an albatross aeroplane near Languevoisin, near Nesles. Furthermore, four enemy biplanes which were attacked at close quarters by our aviators fled in a damaged condition."

British.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—The official British statement today follows:

"In Guillemont, the enemy's garrison is still maintaining an obstinate resistance in spite of very heavy losses from our bombardments.

"In the vicinity of Pozières, we have again made considerable progress. We have advanced on a front of a half mile and are established at a road junction just outside of Monastir. Our troops have pushed forward along the right of the Pozières-Mirumont road.

"In the Leleup salient we extended our gains and advanced our positions to within 1000 yards of Thiepval. More than 100 more prisoners were taken."

Russian.

PETROGRAD, via London, Aug. 22.—The Russian army of the Caucasus has gained further ground, the War Office announced today. The statement says:

"In the Caucasus we occupy a considerable portion of enemy territory west of Lake Van, where an entire camp of the Seventeenth Regiment fell into our hands. Our detachments defeated Turkish cavalry in the region of Uchun. Near Xalapassova we drove back the enemy a considerable distance westward."

Italian.

ROME, via London, Aug. 22.—Today's announcement by the Italian headquarters staff says:

"The activity of the artillery on each side is being directed to interfere with the work of consolidation still going on."

"Yesterday enemy batteries hit a hospital in Gorizia, wounding some of the medical staff."

Tuesday's War Moves

BOTH allied wings on the Salonika front, where the soldiers of at least seven nations are in battle, have been bent back by the Bulgarians. In the center, however, where the allies' main force is being made at the entrance to the great Vardar Valley, Paris reports important gains.

Nothing is said about the Russian or Italian share in the fighting, and no information has been given as to their strength. The Serbians apparently have been the heaviest losers and have been forced back on their extreme left about five miles from the Serb-Bulgarian frontier. They claim, however, continued progress on the other sections of their front.

On the allied right the British and French, who had crossed the Struma towards the Bulgarian frontier, have been forced back on the river.

On the western front there has been little change. The British continue their efforts to surround Thiepval and report the capture of 100 yards of German trenches in the direction of Martinpuich. There has been no action of importance on the French section.

For several days meager Russian reports have insisted that nothing of importance has occurred in the East. Berlin, however, describes very active fighting on the Stokhod and in the Carpathians. An interesting feature of the Russian official statement is the intimation that the Grand Duke Nicholas is again pressing his offensive in the Caucasus. For the last two days Petrograd has been busy with reports around Diarbekr, but no important change has occurred.

London claims a heavy blow against Germany on the sea. The British submarine E-23 reports having attacked an 18,600-ton German battleship and the submarine's commander believes he sank it.

There is no news from the Italian front, where a lull has existed for several days.

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RAMMED U-BOAT IN PORT

GERMANS DO NOT KNOW OF LOSS OF ONE SUBMARINE.

British Report of Retreat of Enemy High Sea Fleet Is Imaginative, Says Berlin.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Aug. 22.—An official German report says that a submarine which was rammed after sinking a British cruiser has returned to port. Whether a second German submarine was destroyed can only be decided when all the reports of submarines have been received.

"Regarding the British attempts to destroy a British destroyer was sunk and a British battleship damaged," the statement says, "we refer to the official German report of August 20, which is maintained in all points."

Three Companies Incorporated.

SARLEM, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Corporation Commissioner Schulerman today placed on file incorporation articles of the Umpqua Improvement Company of Gardiner, with \$25,000 capital stock. The Bend Press Publishing Company, of Bend, capitalized at \$5000, also incorporated. Articles were filed by the Columbia Manufacturing Company, of Portland, with capital stock of \$25,000. The Beaverton Development Company filed articles of dissolution.

ALLES GAIN NEW BALKAN POSITION

Vast Army Is Pushing On Toward Nish, but Burgars Press Flanks In.

BATTLE GROWS IN FURY

Russian Force Joins British, Italian, French and Serbs and Greeks Are Reported to Be In Pierce Battle, Too.

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forward between the Cerna and the Moglenka rivers and succeeded in a counter attack in winning back a strong defensive position near Lake Ostrovo from the Bulgarians. For two days the battle in this sector has continued without pause.

But west of Lake Ostrovo, the Bulgarians have bent back the Serbs' flank until it is five miles from the border. The advance of the Serbs further east has created a sharp curve in the line here, which lays both the Bulgarian and Serb lines open to flank attacks.

Heavy fighting proceeded in the Struma sector. Here the Bulgarians are attacking with more than 40,000 men and have driven the allied army back to the river line. The passages of the Struma, however, are still held firmly.

Greeks Reported Fighting. The attitude of Greece is still of paramount interest. Athens, alarmed by the continued advance of the Bulgarians, has received new assurances from Berlin and Sofia that Teuton troops will not enter Greece. The Greek army is the most important towns in Eastern Macedonia, where the Bulgarian counter-attack is still in progress.

There are some indications, however, that the issue may be forced by the troops of both sides. According to one report from Athens, Greek and Bulgarian troops have been fighting near Seres since Sunday morning and the commander at Seres has called reserves to aid in the battle.

AGITATION REPORTED WAXING

First Hint of Roumanian Mobilization Gets by Censor.

BERLIN, Monday, Aug. 21, via London, Aug. 22.—The Budapest Azest, which is usually well informed on the Roumanian situation, today prints a dispatch from the Bucharest correspondent saying the agitation for war, which in the last few days has been at fever heat, has suddenly cooled down. It is stated that possibly the end of mobilization is responsible for the change, if not the serious words uttered in the Roumanian Press.

(This is the first hint of a Roumanian mobilization that has been permitted to pass the allied censorship. Almost nothing on the Roumanian military situation from the entente viewpoint has come through since the Balkan situation in its present phase reached a critical stage.)

The Bucharest dispatch adds that there is no doubt that Premier Bratiano has reached an understanding with the entente so that further negotiations are unnecessary now for actual participation in the war. Meanwhile, the semi-official Roumanian press is savagely attacking the conservative organs which undertook to discuss mobilization related measures.

Official announcement is made by the Sofia War Office that on August 18 the Bulgarian left wing began a general offensive, advancing in the Struma Valley, occupying Demihisar and establishing itself on the left bank of the Struma, thus repulsing the British and French near Seres.

GERMANS REASSURE GREECE Athens Orders Troops to Avoid Hostilities With Bulgarians.

ATHENS, via London, Aug. 22.—Germany and Bulgaria have given a written understanding to Greece that their troops will not enter Kavala, Drama and Seres.

Kavala, Drama and Seres are the most important towns in the part of Eastern Macedonia ceded to Greece at the close of the Balkan wars.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—A dispatch to the Evening News from Athens filed yesterday says the resistance of the Greek troops against the Bulgarians at Seres has created great excitement in Athens and that the newspapers there are referring to the "heroic division of Seres."

It is understood at Athens, the dispatch continues, that Greek army headquarters ordered the Seres division to retreat. Orders have been given that all further hostilities must be avoided.

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GERMAN VESSEL HIT

Battleship Probably Sunk, Reports British Submarine.

TWO ATTACKS SUCCESSFUL

Warship of Nassau Class, Displacing 18,602 Tons, Torpedoed Second Time, While Guarded by Five Destroyers.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—A British official announcement this afternoon says it is believed that a German battleship of the Nassau class has been sunk by British submarine E-23.

The Nassau class of battleship comprises four vessels with displacements of 18,602 tons each, a length of 451 feet, beam 88 feet and draft 26 feet. This armament consists of 12 11-inch guns in pairs in turrets; 12 5.9-inch guns in battery and 16 3.4-inch guns, together with six torpedo tubes. The other battleships of the Nassau class are the Posen, Rheinland and Westfalen.

The announcement follows: "The submarine E-23, Lieutenant-Commander Robert R. Turner, which returned today from the North Sea, reports that on the morning of Saturday last she made a successful torpedo attack on a German battleship of the Nassau class. The commanding officer reports that while the ship was being escorted by five destroyers back to harbor in a damaged condition, he attacked and struck her with a second torpedo, and believes she was sunk."

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