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DESPERATE RESISTANCE FAILS TO CHECK BRITISH

From Pozieres English Press On Toward Bapaume, But Are Forced To Hand To Hand Fighting For Every Foot—Two or Three German Regiments Annihilated—Russians Force Teuton Lines Back On Whole Kovel Front—In Caucasus Turks Are Demoralized

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London, July 29.—The British front is withstanding Germany's most powerful attacks. Artillery hammering and massed attack with hand to hand fighting have so far failed to dent the lines advanced by the recent British offensive.

General Haig so indicated in his report today. Usually sparing of descriptive adjectives, the British commander in chief embellished his brief statement of today with such terms as "hand to hand struggles continuing without intermission," "violent opposition," by the Germans, and "desperate enemy attempts."

It is the belief of military experts here that the kaiser is now utilizing the great reserves concentrated in front of the British line from Verdun and other points on the western battle front in a bitter endeavor to wrest back from the Britons the land they have captured in the last few days. Despite this, Haig reported continued progress today.

His narrative indicated particularly violent engagements beyond Pozieres from which newly captured point the British are endeavoring to push on toward Bapaume. There the combat was marked by unceasing hand to hand fighting.

Just north of Longueval, at Delville wood, British positions are under intense pressure from the German lines. How sanguinary this fighting along the line from Thiepval to Longueval has been, was confirmed in Haig's opinion that two or three German regiments—presumably the Brandenburgers—were annihilated in Delville wood.

The Russians have made further gigantic strides both in the eastern battle zone and in the Caucasus, according to Petrograd. From Tarnopol, Russian forces under General Lezeicki, chief of staff to General Gliniski of the Fourth Russian army corps have overwhelmed the Austrian lines and forced them back to the south of the Dniester toward Stanislau.

Presumably the Russians advanced along the railroad which winds from Tarnopol down and back to Lemberg. The army of the Grand Duke Nicholas, which already has achieved some records for speedy advance, is still hurrying along, according to Petrograd and has captured Ezerzany, thrown back Turks opposing towards Kharpout, and beat back a Turkish attack from Mossul.

Russians After Kovel.

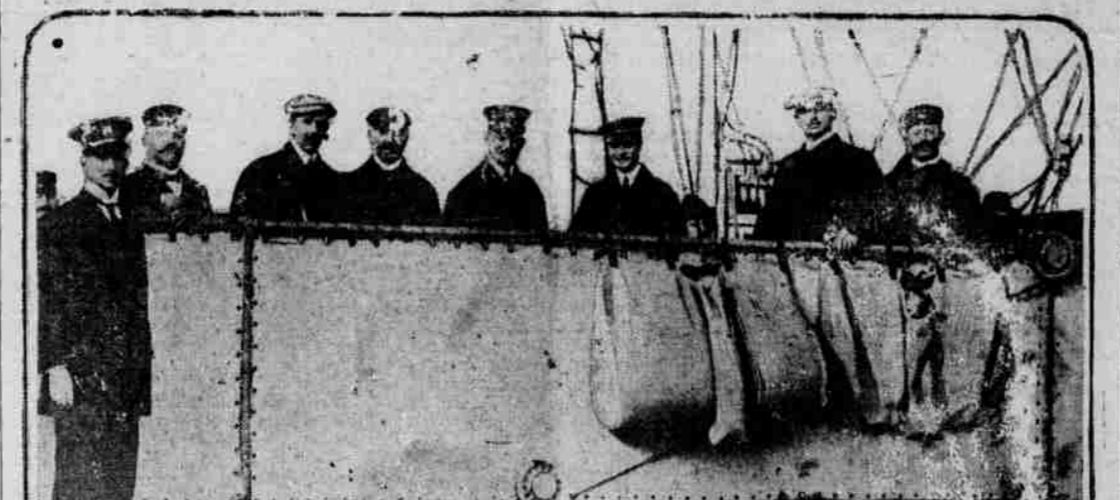
Petrograd, July 29.—Kovel is rapidly being enveloped from the south as the Russian armies advance unceasingly against the Austrians in Galicia. Capture of Brody, military experts pointed out her today, gives the czar's forces an opportunity to improve their thrust northwestward toward Kovel. Meantime it was believed here today the czar's troops are forcing onward toward Lemberg. An evidence of the progressive character of the Austrian retirement is given in the fact that on Thursday the Russians were 12 miles from Brody and on Saturday occupation of the town was announced.

Abe Martin



Aurelius Budd, who graduated in June with th' masterly essay, "America th' Land O' Opportunity," is still lookin' fer a job. Miss Fawn Lillinent says somebody ought t' invent a wireless mustache.

"ZEPPELIN WILL FOLLOW DEUTSCHLAND ACROSS SEA" SAYS SUBMARINE'S MASTER



Part of crew of recently built big Zeppelin. Von Bernstorff, left, Luderitz, right.

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DEUTSCHLAND STILL FAST TO THE WHARF

Nothing Whatever Known About Her—Not Worrying About the Bremen—Yet

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No Semblance of Life In Today's Stock Market

New York, July 29.—The New York Evening Sun's financial review today said: Without the slightest semblance of life in the trading, the market opened at irregular price changes with the greater number of issues, however, at small gains, as compared with the closing of the preceding day.

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Two Others Offer to Tell All They Know If Promised Immunity

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FICKERT SAYS BILLINGS HAS ADMITTED HE IS "IT"

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HEAT LEVIES HEAVY TOLL 161 PERISH IN 48 HOURS

Of These 112 Died In Chicago—44 Babies Under One Year Victims In Last 24 Hours—Nineteenth Day of Heat Breaks Records, Thermometer Reaching 96—Horses Drop Dead In Streets—Other Cities Lose Heavily—Stores Closed—No Change In Sight

Chicago, July 29.—Business in the middle west was at a standstill this afternoon as a result of 19 days heat wave which reached its highest temperature today. The death toll for the last forty-eight hours reached 161 at noon today. Sixteen died today at Chicago; nine at Milwaukee; four at Aurora, Illinois, and two at Kansas City. A hundred and twelve have died at Chicago within the last 48 hours.

At Milwaukee, Wis., and Belvedere, Ill., factories were closed down when employes found it impossible to work in the driving heat. Department stores here planned to let their employes off two hours earlier. At some of the stores those who showed the slightest distress were ordered home. Stout people were told they would not have to work. Scores of horses dropped dead in Chicago streets today from exhaustion caused by the heat. It was estimated that several hundred persons were prostrated.

All records for the number of babies killed directly or indirectly by the heat in Chicago were broken today when figures showed in the last 24 hours 44 babies under one year of age died from the heat or causes superinduced by the heat.

Chicago's high temperature for the day was reached at 2 p. m. when the mercury registered 96.

ONLY COMPLAINT MEN HAVE IS INACTIVITY

Suffer Discomfort From Dust Storm But Climate Beats Home Just Now

Chicago, July 29.—Dawn found Chicago and that section between the Rocky and Alleghany mountains still sweltering from the heat today. There was no reduction in the mercury and predictions were that the hot spell would continue until Monday and possibly all next week. A total of 106 dead and several hundred prostrated was the toll taken by the heat.

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HEAT-CRAZED KILLS SON

Chicago, July 29.—Crazed by the heat Edgar Foster, a clerk, today shot and killed his son, Raymond, aged three, and then shot Miss Bertha Brown, aged 25, in the breast three times, according to police reports.

INJUNCTION AGAINST STRIKERS STILL IN FORCE

Portland, Ore., July 29.—Federal Judge Wolvorton's injunction restraining striking longshoremen from interfering with the San Francisco and Portland Steamship company, was still in force today, having been continued pending a final hearing to decide whether it shall be made a permanent order. However, in continuing his injunction, Judge Wolvorton modified it so that as it stands peaceful picketing is permitted. Pickets may not threaten, curse or intimidate strikebreakers.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Sunday, fair, warmer east portion Sunday; easterly winds.