

FRENCH SHATTER ARGONNE TRENCHES

Mine Explosions and Bombs Damage Crown Prince's Positions Near Verdun.

CANNONADES IN LORRAINE

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. PARIS, Aug. 30.—Violent damage to the Argonne trenches by the French during a violent artillery engagement, in which bombs and grenades were used freely and mine explosions were reported, is reported in this afternoon's official communiqué. The night statement adds little that is new.

The afternoon communiqué was as follows: Yesterday evening saw severe artillery fighting, accompanied by the explosion of mines and engagements with bombs and hand grenades, at a large number of positions in the Argonne district. The trenches of the enemy were seriously damaged at Courtes Chaussees, Meurissons, and at Holotte. The advent of night brought relative quiet on this region, as well as on the rest of the front.

Tonight the War Office issued the following communiqué: There were artillery actions in the Arois and in the region of Quenouville, in which the destroyed enemy trenches and damaged the German supply stations.

In the Argonne our batteries at several points made the enemy's position on the part of the enemy.

Violent cannonading is in progress in Lorraine, in the direction of Metz, Bouzonville and Chazelles, as well as in the Vosges, in the region of Rabodeau, Lamouille and Linke.

OPERATIONS IN WEST.

Sir John French Reviews Fighting of the Last Fortnight.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, Aug. 30.—The following report of Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British forces in France and Belgium, covering the operations beginning on August 18, was received by the official press bureau to-night: Since August 18 there has been no fighting on our front, only some mining activity having been displayed. On August 20 a severe enemy attack was brought down. On August 25 our heavy artillery ignited a train at the Langemarck depot. On the same evening our aviators cooperated with our allies' attack on the Forest of Houthoult. We lost no machines.

GERMANS BOMBARD BELGIAN TOWNS.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. HAVRE, by wireless via London, Aug. 30.—The following official report was issued to-night by the Belgian War Office: The night and day were calm. The enemy's artillery bombarded Renliege, Noordschote and other points, our artillery replying to their fire.

'No Special Incidents,' Says Berlin

BERLIN, via London, Aug. 30.—The only reference to the western situation in the following official report of today was the following sentence: There are no special incidents to report from the western theatre of war.

ASKS IF U. S. OFFICERS TOASTED THE KAISER

Oregon Protest of Alleged Action at Dinner Starts Inquiry by Gen. Bliss.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—An inquiry is about to be made by Gen. Bliss, acting Chief of Staff of the army, into the charge that Capt. L. L. Waldron and First Lieut. H. L. Gardner, Waldron's aide, toasted the Kaiser at a dinner given by the executive order prohibiting army and navy officers from making comments on questions bearing on the European war.

RUSSIANS FIGHT HARD.

Continue Stubborn Resistance to Germans Despite Retreat.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. PETROGRAD, Aug. 30.—The War Office here issued the following official statement to-night: To the west of Friedriehsdorf (Courland) the engagements Saturday and Sunday continued to be of the same stubborn character as previously. Developing their operations, the Germans simultaneously opened attacks against the Russian front at the village of Etkau-Neuhut, and against the village of Birschaten.

SWISS ARREST AN AMERICAN.

Col. Emerson Accused of Attacking President Motta.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. ZURICH, Aug. 30.—Col. Edwin Emerson, an American journalist, has been arrested on a warrant issued last December after he had asserted, it is said, that President Motta gave him information against the British Minister to Switzerland. Col. Emerson, who has been absent from Switzerland and is understood to have been in Germany, returned to Switzerland on Sunday and was immediately arrested.

U BOAT SINKS MERCHANTMAN.

First Instance Since Friday—British Hold Ship From Galveston.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—For the first time in the history of the war, the activity of the German submarines was reported today. The Admiralty announced the sinking of the British steamship Sir William Nicholson of Newcastle, 1,514 tons. The British authorities have detained the Norwegian steamship Salonia, bound from Galveston, Tex., July 28, for a search in Denmark. The Salonia has taken into Kirkwall.

LONDON SAYS GERMANY ALONE WAITS PEACE

Hint Contained in Berlin's Recent Dealings With Washington Not in Accord With Allies' Determination—Russia Equipping New Army.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, Aug. 31. (Tuesday).—Cabled reports from America stating that Washington sees in Germany's conciliatory attitude in the Arabic case an indication that the time is arriving when peace proposals may be acceptable to the belligerents, are strongly disputed by high Government officials here.

The Sun's correspondent was informed that this is not the time to discuss peace, and it was added that undoubtedly Germany, with Poland and Belgium and a part of France in her hands, would welcome peace. The Allies, however, The Sun was informed, certainly do not share the opinion expressed in Washington, although it is true that a group of officials in England would prefer peace at this time.

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TEUTONS GAIN ALONG FRONT OF 500 MILES

Italians Drag Artillery Up Peaks and Close Mountain Route.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, Aug. 30.—The Italian Alpine troops have closed the Predil Pass, in the upper Isoneo Valley, according to today's communiqué, by dragging artillery to the high peaks at the east which dominate the entrance to the pass on the north. This source of supplies is thus closed to the Austrian forces fighting along the upper Isoneo, in the Monte Tavis, and at Plezzo, and will greatly cripple the armies in that entire region.

It is the Predil Pass that leads from the upper Isoneo over the mountains at an elevation of about 4,000 feet, to Tarvis, an important railway junction toward which the Italians have been trying to make their way since the opening of the war. Tarvis is but eight miles from the saddle of the Predil Pass.

The communiqué to-day says: On the 28th we attacked Cimolista, dominating the northwestern side of our Monte Saubio positions. Despite the heavy fire from the enemy batteries, we conquered and maintained our objective.

BERLIN AFRAID OF CHOLERA.

People Ordered to Boil Drinking Water—River Bathing Banned.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. AMSTERDAM, Aug. 30.—In consequence of the cholera menace the Berlin police have ordered people to boil all drinking water, especially when taken from the rivers. Bathing in the rivers is forbidden.

GERMANS USING IRON COINS.

Substitution for Nickel Only Temporary, Say Newspapers.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. BERLIN, via Amsterdam, Aug. 30.—The newspapers assure the people that the substitution of iron for nickel in the German currency is only a temporary expedient. It is not expected that the nickel will be continued only during the war.

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QUOTA ENLISTMENT SYSTEM FOR BRITAIN

Government Likely to Adopt Compromise for Conscription Project.

FORCE CLERKS TO FIGHT

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The higher direction of this great campaign on the British side, he writes, "has not been happy or particularly fortunate. It is subject to severe criticism as regards the fighting services."

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IRELAND TO GROW MORE GRAIN

Wheat Area's Extension Advised by Food Supply Committee.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, Aug. 30.—The committee appointed to investigate the food supply in Ireland recommends among other things a material increase in the area under cultivation, which, it says, has been the result of the war.

TO HANG RUSSIAN JOURNALIST.

Austria Convicts Correspondent of 'Novoye Vremya' as a Spy.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. VIENNA, via London, Aug. 30.—Dmitri Saichoski, correspondent in Vienna of the Novoye Vremya, one of the leading newspapers of Russia, has been court-martialed in the Austrian capital, found guilty of espionage and sentenced to be hanged.

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WELSH STRIKE MORE SERIOUS.

Agreement Not Reached at Conference in London.

EVENTS IN THE WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

August 31. Germans continue their advance in northern France. The French centre is back almost on the La Fere-Laon barrier of forts.

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SECRET TRIAL ASKED IN COWLES DIVORCE

Both Sides Deadlocked Over the Custody of Two Children.

CROSS BILL IN THE CASE

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, Aug. 30.—It was learned from a reliable source that the private hearing before Chief Justice Robert G. Pike in the Cowles divorce case, which took all of today, was at the invitation of the Chief Justice and that the attorneys on the both sides did not come to an agreement concerning the custody of the two children, aged 12 and 4.

It is also understood that a motion was made by both sides to have the trial private and that the Chief Justice has that petition under consideration.

The court room was crowded with spectators from all over New England. Frank H. Sargent of Concord was with the witnesses for Dr. E. S. Cowles. Mrs. Cowles filed a bill for divorce last November and one month ago Dr. Cowles began a cross suit, mentioning several prominent business men of Haverhill, Bradford, and Northampton. Mrs. Cowles recently answered the cross bill.

Mrs. Cowles alleges that her husband compelled her to live with insane patients, that he subjected her to abuse and treatment and that his conduct was injurious to her health. Both of the Cowleses are prominent in from New York and New Jersey.

Chief Justice Pike invited the counsel to his private room this morning and told them that there should be some settlement regarding the custody of the children before the divorce case was tried.

The first proposal made by the attorney for Dr. Cowles was for the complete custody of the children, the year round, but this was rejected by ex-Judge E. L. Giffith, Col. John H. Bartlett and Joseph Bartlett, counsel for Mrs. Cowles. After a recess the lawyers again went into session on the same question and various proposals were offered by Dr. Cowles' attorneys, John Seaman E. F. Aldrich and George T. H. Wood.

Mrs. Cowles' lawyers absolutely refused to give ground and when the Chief Justice left for his home in Dover there was no apparent chance of an agreement.

Judge Giffith, who was interviewed by The Sun's correspondent, said: "We should like to give ground and, from all appearances the trial will begin between 10 and 11 to-morrow morning."

The attorneys for Dr. Cowles refused to talk.

By Henry W. Goodall of Boston, who was mentioned by Dr. Cowles as a correspondent, was in court during the day ready to defend his character. Allie Arz, and George T. H. Wood, mentioned by Mrs. Cowles as a correspondent, was also in court. She left Germany immediately after hearing that she was mentioned in the trial, great correspondents were present and several were represented by lawyers.

Ordinary Safe at Liverpool.

The safe arrival of the General Her Majesty's mail steamer at Liverpool last night was announced here yesterday. She sailed from New York August 21 with nine cabin passengers and a large cargo of war munitions.

Advertisement for Bankers Trust Company, featuring the text 'Personal Service to Clients—Our Aim' and 'The experience and special training of this Company's staff, and its facilities for securing dependable information on financial subjects, are at the service of its clients.'