

JAPANESE ADD TO FORCES HELPING ALLIES IN EUROPE

LONDON, Aug. 11.—Additional Japanese units have joined the entente forces in Europe. It was officially announced today.

The foregoing may refer to land fighting forces and may be the first official intimation that Japanese troops are fighting with the allies on the western front. Some time ago it was announced that Japanese warships had arrived at a French port, and it was rumored at that time that these ships had conveyed transports, but the rumors were unconfirmed.

GERMANS FIGURE EARLY RETREAT IN CHAMPAGNE

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES AWFIELD, Aug. 11.—The Germans are figuring on the possibility of the British and French offensive in Flanders forcing them to retreat to their next defensive line.

A desperate hope of retaking positions that would permit an eventual retreat northward from the Aisne and Champagne regions is what inspired the German Crown Prince to his violent assaults against the French lines, it appeared today.

Profiting by the temporary lull in the Flanders battle, the Crown Prince resumed attacks along both the Chemin des Dames and the Moronvilliers crests.

Unless the crown prince can drive the French from these two dominating positions before the results of the Flanders battle force a shortening of the German front, the French from both the "Ladies" road and Moronvilliers will be able to cut off any attempt of the German center to retreat.

The German attack, which has been growing stronger throughout the week, culminated in yesterday morning's terrific assault from Pantheon to Chevigny. There the same Alpine Chasseur who on July 13 advanced 800 meters on a 1,500-meter front, repulsed the Germans with the heaviest losses.

The German morale is weakening. This was indicated throughout the week by the constant surrender of their attacking troops. The French took prisoners in almost every attack. The capture of assaulting troops has been extremely rare in the past.

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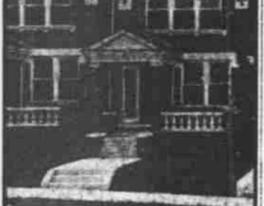


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Miss Preston Tells Method of Breathing in Swimming



EXHALE AS FACE IS UNDER SURFACE, THEN TWIST HEAD

This is the fourth of a series of daily articles written for Washington girls by Miss Phoebe Preston, foremost amateur swimmer of the District.

IV—Learning to Breathe.

By PHOEBE PRESTON. It has always seemed to me that once the novice swimmer has learned that combination of dead man's float, arm and leg movement and found that it actually produced definite motion through the water, the path to swimming success is right ahead. But, very naturally, there's a good deal more to swimming than merely making progress with the nose and face under water. It's nothing more than the rudiments, but it's the beginning of success.

Now it is quite obvious that one cannot swim long with the face under water, so that it becomes necessary to learn the fine points of breathing in the water. It's much more difficult to breathe in the water than on land. Particularly is this true of the novice for every vagrant wave that hits his or her face is generally regarded as the signal to quit swimming and get the water out of nose and eyes and ears.

One of the best ways to learn to breathe, I think, is to blow bubbles through the mouth while doing the dead man's float. When the beginner starts the leg and arm movement at the same time, blow bubbles the moment the arms start.

The moment the air in the lungs is exhausted, start turning the head to the right so that the nose and mouth rise above the surface. Time this turning with the time the right arm is ready to dip into the water. As the right arm is lifted for this dip, the mouth is in a position to take in a breath.

Then, as the head dips under again, to resume its former position, blow out these bubbles under water and continue the arm and leg motion again. Constant practice at this head turning, time with the movement of the arms, will rapidly show the pupil that he or she must breathe when the breathing is good, which is a swimming necessity.



Copyright, Underwood & Underwood, N. Y. MISS OLGA DORFNER, Of Philadelphia, who won the women's National 440-yard swimming contest. Miss Dorfner won after a battle with a nine-mile current in the shore-to-shore 440-yard course. She shows proper position for dive to start speed swim.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

BRITISH

LONDON, Aug. 11.—The West-Flanders front was the scene of savage fighting during the night. Six times massed German phalanxes were hurled against the British lines around Ypres, but the attackers were rolled back by the violent artillery fire from British batteries and the unerring stream of lead from British machine guns.

Not only were the attacks repulsed, announced the war office today, but the British lines were strengthened and extended. The heaviest fighting took place northeast of Ypres, where the British had made important gains on Friday.

Prince Rupprecht, the German commander, made a bold and determined effort to retake some of his lost positions, but his efforts turned into miserable failures before the gallant and brilliant resistance of the Anglo-French troops.

FRENCH

PARIS, Aug. 11.—The war office today issued the following report: North of St. Quentin we realized appreciable progress in the region of Fayet and ejected the enemy from the largest part of the trench elements in which he had gained a foothold on the night of August 9-10. We took fifteen prisoners.

South of Atties a brilliant attack carried out by us rendered us masters of an important trench which had been solidly taken by the enemy. Our troops repulsed several counter attacks and maintained their new positions. We took ten prisoners.

In the Champagne, after artillery preparation extending over a front of an eighth of a mile, the Germans launched simultaneous by several attacks in the region of Carnillet. East and west of this hill our fire stopped short the enemy assaulting waves, which suffered heavy losses.

North of Carnillet the enemy succeeded in penetrating our advanced line, but energetically returning to the offensive, we regained the lost terrain with the exception of fifty yards of ground which is still occupied by the Germans.

In the region of the Casque, one of our scouting groups entered the German lines and annihilated a detachment of enemy pioneers.

German aviators in the course of the night dropped bombs in the region of Nancy. There were no

GERMAN

BERLIN, via London, Aug. 11.—A heavy attack of large British forces between Freezenberg and Hellebeke, in Flanders, was reported by the war office today. The attack failed, it was stated. After breaking in the German line, a quick counter-attack ejected the British near West Hoek.

On the eastern front unusually heavy and sanguinary losses were suffered by the Russians and Roumanians, the statement said. In the Baltic and Ottona valleys, Austro-German troops drove the enemy further east. The statement reported "stubborn resistance" in this section, but the enemy was pressed back from dominating heights.

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WHOLE WEST LINE, SEA TO ALPS, IS FIGHT SCENE TODAY

LONDON, Aug. 11.—Fighting was reported from all sections of the western front today. Between the Swiss Alps and the North Sea there were bursts of infantry activity; at places where the foot soldiers were inactive the big guns were thundering incessantly.

The most violent struggles have been taking place in West Flanders, on the Somme front, north of the Aisne river and in the Champagne-Verdun sectors.

In West Flanders the British and French are acting in concert in a vigorous thrust toward the great German base of Roulers. By their gain on Thursday night south of the Kortebek river in the Langemarck district the French are now less than two miles from Roulers. The town is being shelled at intervals with long range French and British guns.

Special storming troops, under orders to "do or die" were used by the Germans in their latest attacks on the Somme front, north of St. Quentin. The Germans evidently hoped to take the French by surprise, for the attack was made without the usual drum-fire preparation and followed a long period of quietude on that front.

Enormous losses were sustained by the Teuton legions in their latest effort to recapture high ground positions from the French along the Aisne river heights. Not only did the German attacks break down, but the attackers were rolled back, leaving a trail of corpses or writhing wounded behind.

Raiding activities on a big scale, accompanied by continuous cannoning, were reported from the balance of the front.

HENDERSON QUITS BRITISH CABINET AND WAR COUNCIL

LONDON, Aug. 11.—Arthur Henderson, minister without portfolio and Labor member of the war council, has resigned, it was officially announced today.

Henderson has been under fire since he went to Paris recently to confer with French Socialists as to participation in the international Socialist conference scheduled for Stockholm next month. He defended his action by stating that he had met with the French Socialists as the leader of the Labor party in England not as a cabinet minister or official of the British government. His presence, however, was regarded as giving the impression that British officialdom was taking part in the discussion, and brought on a great uproar.

FRENCH REPULSE FOE ON MACEDONIA FRONT

(By Agency Radio to the International News Service.)

PARIS, Aug. 11.—Attempts by the German and Bulgarian troops to storm French trenches near Lake Presha were repulsed, the French war office today announced in an official statement devoted to Macedonian operations.

The French captured some prisoners on the Vardar river and in the bend of the Tcherina river lively artillery combats are occurring.

British aviators successfully bombed German-Bulgarian hangars at Lyonov and military depots at Serez and Smoljadowo.

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EUROPEAN WAR NEWS SUMMARY

With the return of dry weather in West Flanders, spirited attacks have been developed by the British and French, but thus far they are local in character, intended merely to acquire specific, detailed objectives dominating the German defenses. The allied attacks were successful in their aims, and important local positions have been captured.

The British delivered attacks on a two-mile front east of Ypres, south of the Ypres-Roulers railway, in the vicinity of the disputed village of Westhoek. The portion of the village still in German hands was taken and the Westhoek ridge, beyond it, wholly captured. This ridge is some 170 feet high and dominates the German positions in the village of Becelaere, to the southeast. The British are thus working around to the north of the village of Gheluvelt, the great German aero center. German positions were also captured between Freezenberg and the Ypres-Menin road.

The French forces on the British left have pushed forward and won positions of tactical importance. The French line joins to British, as it is now established, immediately south of the Ypres-Thourout railway and the Boesinghe-Langemarck high road, on the Haesebeek or Steenbeek river, northwest of the village of St. Julien. Thence the French line runs along the Haesebeek river to its junction with the Kortebek river east of Bixchoote, around Bixchoote and northwest to the Yser canal. Their most recent gains have been made on the Haesebeek river, east and southeast of Bixchoote, and on the Kortebek river, northeast of Bixchoote, where several farms were captured. The French are working around Langemarck, southeast of Bixchoote on the Ypres-Thourout railway.

The Germans have resumed their costly attacks against the French positions on the Aisne, Champagne, and Verdun fronts, and have also displayed new activity on the Somme-Oise front. In the last sector, they attacked after strong artillery preparation along a front of almost a mile in the vicinity of the village of Fayet, north of St. Quentin. On both wings the attack was singularly repulsed, but in the center the Germans still retain some trench elements.

On the western end of the Aisne front, in the sector of Epine-de-Chevigny, the Germans attempted an attack in force, intended to win back the ground lost on July 30. The attack was completely repulsed at great loss to the Germans. In the Champagne, the Germans attacked to the east of Maisons-de-Champagne and again they were flung back with heavy losses.

The situation on the Russian and Roumanian fronts continues to exhibit strong defensive power on the part of the Russians and Roumanians. The German official report mentions merely "penetration" of Russian positions southeast of Czernowitz, in Belorussia, and "advantages" gained in the Sereth plain. There has been a resumption of activity near Brody, in Galicia, and south of Drinsk, on the northern end of the Russian line, but the Germans failed to make more than insignificant gains.

In Roumania, an attack by the Austrians in the Trotus valley, in middle Moldavia, was flung back, according to the Roumanian official report, and the Austrians driven to disorderly flight. Farther south, in the Otuz valley, where Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces have been waging an offensive operation, the Teutonic assaults were repulsed except at one point. North of Focani, the Germans succeeded in crossing the Suchitza river.

U. S. SURVIVOR TELLS OF U-BOAT'S CRUELTY

LONDON, Aug. 11.—An affidavit upholding charges of barbarous cruelty against the German submarine commander who sank the British steamship Belgian Prince has been received at the American embassy here from William Snell, of Jacksonville, Fla.

Snell is one of the few survivors of the forty-four men placed on the submarine after their boats were destroyed.

45,000 PORTUGUESE HELP ALLIES IN WEST

LISBON, Aug. 11.—There are now 45,000 Portuguese troops fighting with the allies on the western front, it was learned today. This expedition will shortly receive 15,000 reinforcements.

The war minister announced that Portuguese will man four divisions in commission with the British while a number of heavy batteries will cooperate with the French.

BIG BATTLE RAGES AS ROUMANIANS HOLD OFF TEUTONS

PETROGRAD, August 11.—A big battle is in progress on the Roumanian front.

The official statement from the Russian war office this afternoon reported the conflict proceeding along the Suchitza river.

It has been in progress since Wednesday.

Friday's official statement reported the battle as having lasted all that day, while today's announced its continued progress, with the Roumanians bitterly contesting the German attack.

South of Ona yesterday after stubborn battles, the Roumanians retired five versts to the river Suchitza, the official statement said.

The Roumanians retired across the river toward evening, but later recrossed, and the battle is proceeding.

At the same time the war office reported a German offensive launched on Thursday toward Brodie, in Galicia. This attack, which included the Dubzarkov region, completely failed with great losses, it was stated.

Similar attacks, made in the valleys of the Sereth and Suchava rivers were all repulsed.

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