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ALL-NIGHT BATTLE GIVES BACK GROUND TO FRENCH WAR BETWEEN U. S. AND MEXICO BELIEVED INEVITABLE GERMANS TAKE BRITISH PASSENGER SHIP IN THE NORTH SEA

FOE SACRIFICING MANY THOUSANDS TO GET RAVINE

If Unsuccessful Cannot Assault Inner Line of Verdun Fortresses.

NO LET UP IN ATTACK

German Assaults Appear To Be as Intense at Any Time.

BATTLE OF THE WOOD
Enemy Secures Precarious Footing and Is Likely To Be Dislodged.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, June 24.—Whether it is true or not that the Germans have been obliged to withdraw troops from the western front to send to Russia, the fact is by no means manifest, for in the familiar Verdun cockpit recent attacks have been well up to the standard of intensity.

They found effective to deliver a well-nourished onslaught in the Champagne region. Expectations raised by the furious 24 hours' bombardment on the right bank of the Meuse were fulfilled. From early morning until nightfall attack after attack was launched along the short front from Thiaumont to Damloup.

Wants Vaux Ravine.
The object of the German commander is to secure control of the Vaux ravine, without which it is impossible for him to force back the French advanced line and bring an attack upon the main line of forts between Souville and Tannet. The ravine is closely boxed in by the Callette woods to the north and the Chapire woods to the south and Hill 320, where the French position forms its root to the west. German attacks here met with a certain measure of success, but at heavy cost, and their footing is by no means sure enough to prevent their being dislodged by counter-attacks, which it is believed the French will not fail to make.

Fight For the Woods.
On the east of the ravine, however, the enemy made no headway whatever. Here the French lines which command the approaches to Souville are under attack. They rest on three woods, Fumin to the left, Chenois to the right and the wood running from Vaux Fort to the slopes of Souville on the centre. The last named wood is the objective of the German attack, it runs out in the salient toward Vaux Fort, all their other attacks are subjected to a flanking fire from it. They succeeded in obtaining a footing in this wood on Wednesday night, after four costly attacks, but lost a large part of their gain on Thursday. Further attempts made yesterday were defeated by the curtain of fire of the French artillery.

CANADIAN OFFICER JAILED AT SEATTLE BY AMERICAN GOVT.

Charged With Violating the Neutrality Laws By Recruiting.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, June 24.—An Associated Press dispatch from Seattle, Wash., this morning says: Lieut. Ernest Austin of the Canadian army is in jail here today, charged with violating the neutrality laws of the United States by recruiting men here. Lieut. Austin was taken before a United States commissioner, who fixed his bail at \$5,000, in default of which he was locked up in the city jail. Russell Anderson, special agent of the department of justice, who signed the complaint upon which the arrest was made, last night charged that Lieut. Austin had offered to pay him \$5 a day to obtain bandmen for the American Battalion being recruited at Victoria, B. C. Detectives who searched Lieut. Austin's room found his enlistment papers in the Canadian army, and a newspaper advertisement calling for bandmen and offering "a good chance to see the country." The advertisement was signed "Carl Bloomberg."

BRINGS DOWN THREE FOE PLANES—IS KILLED

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, June 24.—11 a.m.—Corp. Victor Chapman of the 1st Aero Squadron, a member of the Franco-American flying corps, was yesterday at Verdun after bringing down three German aeroplanes.

CARRIZAL A MASSACRE IS WASHINGTON VIEW; U. S.-MEX BREAK CLOSE

Wilson and Lansing Conferred Today Over Mexican Situation and Rupture Is Believed Inevitable—American Belief Is That Troops Were Deliberately Massacred by the Mexicans—Great Britain Offers to Act for United States in Event of War.

(Canadian Press.)
Washington, June 24.—Secretary of State Lansing and Secretary of War Baker went to the White House at 10 o'clock this morning for a conference with the president. Both said as they left their offices that there had been no new reports from Gen. Pershing and that the policy of the Government was unchanged.

NEAR THE BREAKING POINT.

[Canadian Press.]
Washington, D. C., June 24.—Relations between the United States and the de facto government of Mexico are close to the breaking point today, as a result of the apparently well-founded belief that American cavalrymen were deliberately massacred Wednesday at Carrizal by Carranza soldiers.

May Retaliate.
Secretaries Lansing and Baker of the state and war departments, respectively, were early at the White House today conferring with President Wilson. It is known that the possibility of drastic retaliatory action against the Mexican forces in Chihuahua was given grave consideration. If the Carranza Government accepts responsibility for the attack at Carrizal, it is considered virtually certain by officials that the occupation of most of northern Mexico will be ordered by President Wilson to take place as rapidly as the necessary military forces can be placed at the disposal of Gen. Funston.

PRISONERS IMPRISONED.

Chihuahua City, Mex., June 24.—The seventeen negroes captured in the Carrizal battle have been placed in the penitentiary here. There have been no arrangements for removing them to Juarez to be surrendered to the American authorities.

WIPE OUT.

[Canadian Press.]
Washington, June 24.—With reports at hand that nearly the entire American cavalry command of 100 soldiers may have been annihilated in the fighting at Carrizal Wednesday, grave fears were expressed in official circles today that not even diplomatic representations from Mexico City can prevent open hostilities between the United States and Mexico.

Few Survivors.
Up to late last night only seven survivors of the Carrizal battle had returned to their base in Gen. Pershing's column, and they brought no definite word of the others' fate. In preparation for early developments of a serious nature, technical barriers had been removed to allow National Guard units from all over the country to be dispatched to the border as soon as each is ready. Secretary of War Baker has issued orders urging extreme haste, and final action was assured by Congress today to allow President Wilson to draft immediately for service either in or out of the United States all National Guardsmen who subscribe to the new oath. The Hay resolution containing this authorization, adopted by the House yesterday, was before the Senate today with virtual assurance that it would be approved.

When final reports arrive of the Carrizal clash and the Mazatlan incident, the Washington Government is expected to use them as a basis for direct refutation of claims of the Mexican Government that Americans were the aggressors. Demand probably will be made that the acts be reviewed, and the responsibility of the Mexicans punished. Officials doubt whether the Carranza Government will consent to complete disavowal.

TO ACT FOR U. S.

[Canadian Press.]
London, June 24.—The foreign office informed the Associated Press today that the matter of Great Britain looking after the interests of the United States in Mexico in case of war had been discussed, and that Great Britain would be glad to assume this task if the occasion should arise. It is stated that there would be no difficulty in arranging for the taking over of American affairs by British diplomatic and consular officials in Mexico.

ONE MORE VICTIM OF PARRY SOUND EXPLOSION

[Canadian Press.]
Parry Sound, June 24.—The seventh victim of the Nobel Powder Works explosion of Wednesday last succumbed to his injuries last night. Anna B. Malboeuf of Waterloo, Que., aged 21, and unmarried, is the seventh victim, and his mother, who arrived in time to see her son before he died, left today for her home with the body. All the other victims are doing well.

PONTIFF APPEALS TO WILSON AND CARRANZA

[Canadian Press.]
London, June 24.—2:30 p.m.—A wireless dispatch from Rome says that Pope Benedict has appealed to President Wilson and General Carranza to use their earnest endeavors to avert war.

ADVERTISER "BOYS" WHO I LEAVE WITH 91ST



LIEUT. JOE WALTERS.
When the 91st (Elgin County) Battalion leaves for overseas, which will be almost at once, two former members of the editorial staff of The Advertiser go with it as subalterns, Lieut. Joe Walters, platoon commander, and Lieut. Clyde Kennedy, signalling officer. Both were on the local staff for some time, Lieut. Walters having been a member for several years, and was night city editor at the time he resigned to take the officers' training course. Both officers were popular with their fellow members of the staff, and their departure will be regretted. The good wishes of every employee of The Advertiser goes with its two representatives in the 91st.

AMERICAN TROOPS ADVANCE; TREVINO SENDS WARNING

[Canadian Press.]
Chihuahua, Mexico, June 24.—American columns have been seen advancing from the American field base in the direction of San Antonio and Oj Caliente, and Gen. Jacinto Trevino has issued orders to attack them if they do not immediately retreat.

BERLIN SAYS THE RUSSIANS ARE BEING PUSHED BACK

[Canadian Press.]
Berlin, June 24.—Via London, June 24.—The German counter-attack against the Russians under Gen. Brussiloff in Volhynia has now developed over a front of 80 miles, extending from Kokli on the Stry River almost to the Galician frontier. Gen. Von Linington's forces have enveloped the Russians, who here had driven a big bend into the Austro-German lines, in front and on both banks, and now, according to all reports reaching here, are slowly but surely pressing the Russians back all along the line in the general direction of Lutsk.

German Reinforced.
Although considerably reinforced, Von Linington is confronted here by highly superior numbers, which, however, have been unable to check his counter-attack and start the Russian steam roller again in the direction of Kovel and Vladimir.

BERLIN IS BALLOTING ON CHANGE OF NAME

First Man to Vote Casts His Ballot in Favor of "Brook."

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Berlin, Ont., June 24.—Voting on the name changing question opened promptly at 9 o'clock this morning at the city hall. Three deputies and clerks were handling the ballots, and all the electors will have to vote there. The first elector to cast his ballot was Graham Jackson, 23 Alma street, and as he left the city hall he told your correspondent that he had just voted for "Brook" as a new name for the city. There are forty-five hundred qualified electors on the voters' list. Mr. Jackson's opinion of the word Brook was that it was the name of a noted general whose name is associated with Canadian history, a name that is sure to become popular with all classes of people.

CROWN PRINCE INSISTS ON VERDUN SLAUGHTER

(Canadian Press.)
Paris, June 24.—It is reported that the kaiser, the crown prince, Gen. Von Falkenhayn, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and other leaders held a war council at Mezieres on June 19 and 20 to determine whether it is worth while to continue the attempts at Verdun. The emperor is said to have appeared depressed and worn. He eventually allowed Gen. Von Falkenhayn and the crown prince, according to the report, to persuade him to continue the Verdun campaign. Accordingly the attack was resumed more fiercely than ever.

French In Furious Night Fight Regain Some Ground Lost Friday; Enemy Still Holds Thiaumont Fort

An Announcement

Owing to various conditions affecting publication, The Advertiser's illustrated picture supplement is for the present discontinued.

CITY HEAVILY HIT IN CASUALTY LIST FROM FRONT TODAY

Pte. Ward Now Reported Killed in Action.

WAS LISTED AS MISSING

Gunner Oakley, Late of Police Force, Wounded in Head.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Pte. Beecher Owen Ward.

SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

Pte. Cecil Simpson.

MISSING.

Pte. Jos. Tolman.

WOUNDED.

Pte. Arthur Ernest Foster.

Gunner Jim Oakley.

Pte. George Doderidge.

Sergeant Thomas Adrian Higgins.

SHELL SHOCK.

Pte. Robert W. Falkener.

Pte. George Teland.

This London's war toll of today. One of the heaviest lists in some time came through from Ottawa yesterday, the day in the shape of private messages to relatives here, announcing casualties among London men at the front, in many units.

Pte. Beecher Owen Ward, previously reported as wounded and missing, is now reported killed in action. He is a son of William Ward, clear manufacturer, and was an engineering student at Queen's University before enlisting with a university company sent overseas as reinforcements to a famous Canadian regiment.

Pte. Joseph Holman, reported officially now as "missing" since June 3, is a brother of Richard Holman, 232 Clarence street.

Gunner Albert J. (Jim) Oakley, who is reported, in a private message to Mrs. Sarah Oakley, 520 Grey street, as having been admitted to the war hospital at Duxton, Northamptonshire, on June 20, is a former member of the London police force, who enlisted with Sergeant John Burnhill and other police officers when the 6th Battery, under Major Wood Leonard, sounded its appeal for recruits.

He is reported to be suffering from a gunshot wound in the head.

Mrs. Thomas W. Simpson, Rectory street, has been notified that Pte. Cecil Simpson, a former member of the 34th Battalion, had been reported admitted to the military hospital at York on June 20. The message says that he is wounded severely in the thighs.

Wounded in Shoulder.

Gunshot wounds in the shoulder are the wounds described by Pte. Arthur Ernie Foster, infantry, who was admitted to No. 15 General Hospital, Boulogne, on June 1. The message was sent to Henry Foster of 503 St. James street.

Slain. Gerard of the Precious Blood.

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Violent Struggle on Both Banks of Meuse Last Night Resulted in French Recapturing Trenches at Hills 320 and 321—Drive Germans Back Over the Ground They Had Won Yesterday.

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, June 24, 12:30 a.m.—The battle of Verdun continued last night with the utmost violence on both sides of the River Meuse. The war office announced today that the French have regained a large part of the ground lost northeast of Verdun, near Hills 320 and 321.

Undertaking a vigorous offensive, the French drove back the Germans over the ground which they won yesterday. The battle was particularly violent in the vicinity of Fleury.

The French did not succeed in regaining possession of Thiaumont work.

More than six German divisions participated in the offensive actions east of the Meuse yesterday.

FIGHTING FURIOUS.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, June 24.—Late details show that yesterday's fighting near Verdun equalled in fury anything yet experienced. The total German forces engaged on a two-mile front are estimated as between four and five divisions. It was only by the last overwhelming rush when these defenders were worn out and thinned by many hours of bombardment that the enemy succeeded in rushing the Thiaumont work and the adjacent advanced trenches.

COULDN'T PASS FLEURY.
The Thiaumont fortification covers the approaches to Fleury, and the enemy hoped to continue the charge and sweep away the defenders of the latter place, but the French counter-attacks with such vigour that he was able only to cling to the positions first gained, and he was busily engaged in strengthening all night, in preparation for fresh attempts to push his advantage.

NOT WORTH THE COST.

Commentators in the morning papers freely admit that the German scored a success, but point out that this success cost more than it was worth, the enemy's losses being placed at from 40 to 50 per cent of the effective engaged.

FRENCH STILL CONFIDENT.

The Germans have captured the Thiaumont work after three weeks of effort, but the French advanced line still holds good possessing the greater part of Hills 320 and 321. These fresh strokes of the German hammering were regarded in authoritative quarters, it is understood, with perfect calm. They will in no way, it is pointed out here, prevent expected developments; on the contrary they are likely to hasten them.

FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORT.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, June 24.—The text of the French statement follows:

"On the left bank of the River Meuse there has been continued great activity on the part of artillery in the Avocourt wood, at Hill 304 and at Dead Man Hill. A German attack with hand-grenades upon our positions at Hill 304 has been repulsed.

"On the right bank of the river the battle continued with ferocity all last night on the German portion of this front. Our counter-offensive movements, conducted with vigor, made it possible for us to recapture in the vicinity of Hills 320 and 321 a large portion of the ground recently lost there by us and drive the enemy back as far as the outskirts of the Thiaumont work. This the Germans still hold.

"The fighting became particularly violent in the outskirts of the village of Fleury.

"Between the woods of Fumin and Chenois our counter-attacks put us again in complete possession of those trenches which the enemy occupied during the night of June 21-22. The bombardment of the enemy was answered with energy by our batteries, and this fire was maintained with intensity from the River Meuse to a point to the east of the Chenois wood.

"According to the latest information as a result of the German offensive actions yesterday evening on the right bank of the River Meuse, these movements were conducted by the enemy in superior numbers, six divisions taking part.

"At Eparges the Germans have caused the explosions of three mines, but no damage resulted."

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 66; lowest, 49.

Forecast for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 75; lowest, 41.

TOMORROW—FINE AND WARM.

Toronto, June 24—8 a.m.

Forecast:—Moderate southerly winds; local showers, but mostly fair.

Sunday—Westerly winds; fine and warm.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria. 64. 50. Cloudy.

Calgary. 72. 44. Clear.

Winnipeg. 64. 45. Cloudy.

Port Arthur. 60. 45. Cloudy.

Parry Sound. 64. 54. Cloudy.

Toronto. 64. 54. Cloudy.

Ottawa. 70. 50. Cloudy.

Montreal. 70. 46. Clear.

Quebec. 75. 58. Fair.

Father Point. 60. 58. Clear.

Weather Notes.

Showers have occurred in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, the western portion of Ontario, and in the Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

NO ANNEXATION FOR BELGIANS SAYS HOLLWEG

Chancellor Indorses Statement Recently Made By Socialist Deputy.

OPPOSED EXPANSION IDEA

Has No Intention of Permanently Occupying Districts Now Held.

DISAPPROVES SUCH PLANS

The Kaiser's Right-Hand Man Answers Challenge To Discredit Speech.

[Canadian Press.]

London, June 24.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the German chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, published an authorized statement in the semi-official North German Gazette that he indorses the speech delivered at Breslau June 20 by Philipp Scheidemann, a Socialist member of the Reichstag, in which Scheidemann asserted that the chancellor was opposed to the annexation of Belgium, and to any far-reaching plans for post-German expansion. The chancellor had been challenged to discredit Scheidemann's speech.

Herr Scheidemann, in his speech at Breslau, referred to a publication by the Belgian minister of state, Emile Vandervelde, in which the chancellor's policy was described as aiming at the annexation of Belgium and all the occupied French districts. He added that when six pan-German associations a year ago submitted to the chancellor their project of conquest, several Socialists protested to Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg who, he said, declared that he rejected and firmly disapproved of such plans.

RETURNED SOLDIER APPOINTED.

Reuben Podger, lately of the 48th Overseas Battalion, has been appointed temporary caretaker of the Galt Armories, with effect from June 1. Vice-Caretaker J. C. Bullock resigned.