

BRANTFORD DAILY COURIER.

FORTY-FIFTH YEAR

THE COURIER, BRANTFORD, CANADA, THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1916

PROBS: Friday, unsettled; local showers.

ONE CENT

AUSTRIANS ARE MAKING STAND NORTH OF CZERNOWITZ

BELIEF IS GROWING THAT GREAT ALLIED OFFENSIVE IN WEST IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.

Italians Counter Attack Austrians With Great Success on Monfalcone

GREAT BRITISH DRIVE IN THE WEST, IT IS SAID, WILL BE LAUNCHED VERY SHORTLY

Evidences Point to an Impending Offensive to Become Active When Germans Before the British Line Were Reduced to a Minimum—British Outnumber Enemy in Ratio of 13 to 8.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

New York, June 15.—A Paris cable to The Times says:

Great interest has been aroused here by a statement made by Bonar Law to The Matin that the British army, completely in accord with General Joffre, was prepared to move whenever the French headquarters staff saw fit. The statement is accepted as a sufficient answer to the charge of British indifference to the French losses before Verdun. The press expresses much satisfaction over Bonar Law's frank statement. From the outset the military authorities here have insisted that it would be playing Germany's game for the British to move before the psychological moment, and have scouted anti-British rumors as idle or malicious gossip. Bonar Law's statement will go far to reassure the people here.

There is reason to believe that in addition to the great Russian offensive under way against the Austrians and northward along the Carpathians, the Germans on the northern part of that line, a third is about to be launched by the British in the west, if this last is not now under way.

For weeks there have been unmistakable signs of a great British offensive impending, which would become active when the Germans before the British line had been reduced to a minimum, and propitious offensives had been begun by the allies in other quarters.

NOW EXTENDS NINETY MILES
The British front formerly extended from the Belgian front, which ends about ten miles north of Ypres, for thirty-two miles down to about the same distance from Arras. In the last week in March the British replaced the French as far as the Roye railway south of the Somme, and thus occupied a front of about ninety miles, or a quarter of the entire western front. The substitution of British for French troops in the southwestern sector, the French going, it is believed, to the Verdun defences, was made without any offensive on the part of the Germans.

EXPECTED LAST WINTER
Prior to the beginning of the German campaign against Verdun a British offensive had been widely expected by visitors to the large British concentration camps, parade grounds and storehouses in the rear of the British front. Particularly was this so when a great

RUSSIANS GOING FORWARD WITH GREAT RAPIDITY

Great Contrast in That Respect to Drive of Last Winter.

CZERNOWITZ LOST TO THE AUSTRIANS

Russian Artillery Fire so Heavy, Smoke Darkened the Sun.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, June 15.—(New York Times cable)—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Petrograd says: "In Bukovina, the Russians are progressing with lightning rapidity, which is particularly astonishing when one recalls the slow and stubborn fighting on the approaches to Czernowitz during the December offensive last year. The Russians already hold the right bank of the Pruth, from their own frontier up to Nepokoputs, 20 miles beyond Czernowitz, on the railway from the Bukovina capital to Kolomea.

FIGHTING FOR TIME
"As to Czernowitz itself, the Austrians are defending it desperately, probably not without any hope of preventing the Russian entry, but in order to gain time to secure the retirement of their terribly battered army. Whether this army can be saved seems highly problematical, since the Russians are not only advancing along the Pruth but along the lower Strypa, have forced the Dniester at several points, have taken the important bridgehead at Zale Szczyk-Kolomea, 23 miles from Kolomea. Even now, General Pflanzer's Bukovina army apparently is cut off from the main Austrian army in Galicia, and the only way of retreat open is down through Bukovina and over the high Carpathians.

AS 13 IS TO 8
"In these circumstances the British force under Sir Douglas Haig should be about 1,350,000 men. Opposite him there are forty German divisions, exclusive of cavalry, or 800,000 men of all ranks. This aggregate, according to a British military expert, "may represent in combatants 600,000 rifles and over 3,000 guns. It is an accountable concentration, and we must further assume that the drafts to make good losses are in the field depots behind the German lines."

Lieut. Harris Walsh Hurt?
To-day's casualty list says: "Wounded, Lieut. H. L. Walsh." At first this was thought to refer to Lieut. Harris L. Walsh, former city editor of the Courier. No address of the wounded man is given, nor do any of Lieut. Walsh's family in town know anything of his being hurt.

There is a strong possibility, therefore, that the wounded party is none other than Lieut. Harris L. Walsh of Pte. C. Stanley Moore of Princeton, wounded.

MEXICANS AND YANKEES CLASH

Two American Soldiers Killed—Refugees Flocking to Juarez.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

San Antonio, Tex., June 15.—Two American soldiers were killed early to-day in a fight with bandits near San Ignacio, 40 miles southeast of Laredo, according to a report to General Funston. Six of the Mexicans were killed in the engagement that would relieve them from the dangers of starvation. The newest issue of Carranza currency, they say, is without purchasing power.

MANY REFUGEES
El Paso, Texas, June 15.—Two thousand refugees are in Juarez to-day, having arrived from Chihuahua and the district around Torreon. Americans declare that famine conditions prevail around Torreon, and that the civil population would welcome any measure that would relieve them from the dangers of starvation. The newest issue of Carranza currency, they say, is without purchasing power.

More Mail Trouble.
By Special Wire to the Courier.

Berlin, June 15 (via Sayville wireless).—A Copenhagen despatch quotes the Danish Postmaster-General as stating that the British authorities removed all the first-class mail from the Danish liner United States; from Copenhagen, June 1, for New York and all the first-class mail and parcels from the Danish liner Frederick VIII from New York, May 31, for Copenhagen.

Critical Stage Reached in the Irish Settlement

Ulster Demands That Proposed Settlement Shall be Definitive and Final, and Other Side Will Not Accede to This Request.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

New York, June 15.—A special cable to The World from London under yesterday's date says: "Negotiations for a settlement of the Irish question have reached a highly critical stage and there is little hope of a speedy conclusion."

In the first place the Ulster Unionist demand that the proposed settlement shall be definitive and final, and that the other provinces of Ireland shall be excluded from the proposed arrangement is only an offshoot of the Ulster Unionist demand that the Nationalist leader, met the Catholic bishops of Ulster and Cardinal Logue at Armagh to-day to urge acceptance of Mr. Lloyd-George's scheme. Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster Unionist leader, was engaged at the same time in reasoning with his Orange followers to induce them to accept a

LLOYD GEORGE WILL SUCCEED EARL KITCHENER

Will Not, However, Sever Relationship With Munitions.

PEOPLE DEMAND STRONG MAN

Official Announcement of Appointment Expected Shortly.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

New York, June 15.—The London correspondent of The Tribune cables: "David Lloyd-George is to succeed Earl Kitchener as secretary of state for war, according to well authenticated reports current here to-day. It is understood, however, that in accepting the war secretaryship, Mr. Lloyd-George, will not entirely sever his relations with the ministry of munitions.

Various successors have been suggested for Lord Kitchener, including Lord Milner and Col. Winston Churchill. The latter, returned from the front, is again enjoying Premier Asquith's favor, while his quarrel with Lord Fisher or responsibility for the Gallipoli disaster has been patched up and they are again fast friends.

MILNER AND CHURCHILL ELIGIBLE
Both Lord Milner and Mr. Churchill, as far as the cabinet is concerned, might be entrusted with the direction of the War Office. Since the creation of the War Council and the turning over of responsibility for the operations in the field to General Robertson, chief of staff, Lord Kitchener's duties had become almost civil and administrative.

But, unfortunately for Mr. Asquith (Continued on page four).

BERLIN REPORTS RUSSIAN DRIVE IS BEING HELD

Austrian Troops Making Stand North and East of Czernowitz, and Beating off all Attacks.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Berlin, June 15.—(By wireless to Sayville)—Austrian troops in Bukovina are making a stand north of Czernowitz, capital of the Crown land, and also are holding the Russians to the east of the city. The repulse of the Russian attacks from both of these directions is announced in the official headquarters statement from Vienna under date of June 14.

Russian troops in dense formation attacked the Teutonic lines near Przewlaka, but were repulsed by General Von Bothmer's troops, it was announced by army headquarters to-day. A delayed official report from Vienna, issued under date of June 14th,

reports the capture of more than 1,500 Russians and 13 machine guns on June 10, when three Russian regiments that had crossed the Stryk near Kolkki, were driven back across the river by an Austro-Hungarian outflanking movement. Northeast of Tarnopol, the recapture of a height that had been taken by the Russians was reported.

On the Italian front, according to the same statement, Italian detachments that had maintained themselves near the summit of Monte Leric, were surprised and defeated, and more than 500 of them captured. The Austro-Hungarians thus obtained complete possession of the mountains. Italian attacks elsewhere were repulsed.

TOOK TRENCHES AND MEN EAST OF MONFALCONE

Italians Make Surprise Attack on Austrian Forces.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Rome, June 15 via London.—A surprise attack was made yesterday on Austrian positions east of Monfalcone. The official statement of to-day announced that Italians captured Austrian trenches after a severe engagement taking several hundred prisoners and seven machine guns.

The communication follows: "Between the Adige and the Brenta rivers yesterday there were reconnoissances and intense artillery actions on both sides. Our artillery dispersed enemy columns on the march and shelled hostile battery positions at several points.

"Two attempted attacks by the enemy in the region of Novogno, made in the direction of Monte Giove and Monte Brazze, were repulsed. "After intense artillery preparation yesterday evening a gallant Naples cavalry detachment, in a surprise attack penetrated enemy lines east of

Monfalcone. The trenches remained in our possession after a severe struggle. We captured ten officers, 488 men and 7 machine guns. "Squadrons of aeroplanes bombarded with excellent results the railway station at Mattarello, in the Lagarina valley, and encampments at the junction of the Nos and Campomulio valleys on the Asiago plateau. Enemy aeroplanes dropped bombs on Padova, Giorgio di Nogaro and Porto Rosoga. Two persons were wounded. The material damage was slight.

Charged With Forgery.
By Special Wire to the Courier.

Regina, Sask., June 15.—David D. Bennett, a former employee of the Dominion government remount depot, is undergoing a hearing before a magistrate here on a charge of forging five bills of exchange in connection with the delivery of hay to the remount depot.

Saturday Half Holiday.
By Special Wire to the Courier.

Vancouver, June 15.—New Westminster and Vancouver have voted by a large majority in favor of observing weekly half holidays Saturday instead of Wednesday.

"Keep the Supreme Court out of politics," seems to be the battle cry as Democrats gather in St. Louis for convention.

It is expected that more than \$2,000,000 will have been realized when the Allied Bazaar in New York closes this week.

Great Offensive of the Russians a Surprise to Germany, Admits Critic

Major Morant Calculates That Six Millions of the Enemy Are Being Employed, Munitioned by Japan and America—Will Russ Attack Break Off German Offensive?

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Montreal, June 15.—A Berlin despatch to The Gazette says: "Major Morant in The Tagblatt writes as follows concerning the Russian offensive: "That the Russians' newly collected forces would be so numerous as to carry on a general offensive along a front of 400 kilometers was hardly to have been expected. We must therefore, recognize an extraordinary energy in this gathering together of forces.

"If we are optimistic we can say that Russia is striking her last great force. If we would judge that carefully, we must bear in mind that populous Russia produces at least two million young men annually, whom Russia has so far been able to turn into soldiers. The truth, however, will always remain that this new prolongation of the fighting in the east is mainly due to the furnishing of guns and ammunition by America and Japan.

AT LEAST SIX MILLIONS.
"The Russian March offensive against Von Hindenburg, which was smothered in blood and mud" was undertaken by about fourteen divisions. Judging from the extent and ferocity of the present fighting, we see that the Russian forces are twice as great here, and that the enemy's

southwestern army has hurled at least six million men, not counting reserves, against our defensive positions between the bend of the Stryk and Czartorysk and the zone of Czernowitz. Involved in the struggle are Germans in the region west of Kovno, as far as the army of Count Bothmer, this last named army, and the army of General Pflanzer-Baltin. "All will be forced to struggle hard, but at present we need not give credence to the Russian reports. That fable of the great number of prisoners and great losses was ever a Russian characteristic. "WILL NOT STOP GERMAN OFFENSIVE."

"The general situation of the war forces us to seek the impulse for the Russian attack in agreements reached at the Paris conference. The purpose of the Russian offensive from the standpoint of great strategy would be attained if the armies of the Central powers were forced to stop their own offensives and weaken their forces. This, however, is not noticeable, nor will it ever be achieved by the Russian attack.

"For a short time the Russian spring offensive against Von Hindenburg showed some small success. Four weeks later it ended in defeat. We hope the same thing will happen to the Russian offensive in the south-east."

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



Good Advance.
By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, June 15, 3:55 p.m.—The British column which is advancing into German East Africa along the seaboard has occupied several more towns. A report from General Smuts, the British commander, says that on June 13 this force reached Makuyuni. Wilhelmstal has been occupied and Tanga cleared of the opposing forces.

Antis in Revolt.
By Special Wire to the Courier.

Winnipeg, June 15.—About fifty of the opponents of church union from among the delegates to the Presbyterian General Assembly held a meeting this morning and made preliminary plans for their continuation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. They took the ground that the majority of the assembly had voted themselves out of the church.

Dropped Dead.
By Special Wire to the Courier.

St. Louis, June 15.—William E. Keating, postmaster of Buffalo, N.Y., dropped dead at the Maryland hotel here to-day. He was holding the proxy of Mayor Fuhrmann of Buffalo as a delegate to the Democratic convention.

UP TO DATE HE HASN'T MOVED. From the Columbus Dispatch

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