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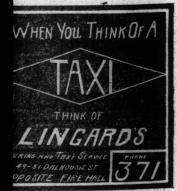
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THE COURIER, BRANTFORD, CANADA, MONDAY, JUNE 11, 1917.

Furious Battle Impending on the West Front

Annihilation of German Salient at Messines Merely Prelude to Far More Gigantic Battle Aims of America in the War Clearly Defined By President Wilson in a Note to Russia

Gains Recorded by the British Near Messines

COSSACKS RE-AFFIRM **POSITION**

Pledge Energetic Support to **Provisional Government**

in the War AGITATORS REFUSED

Recognize Authority of Government Only and Will Stand by It

ARE STRONG FOR WAR

Wounded and Invalid Soldiers Stage Demonstrations in Petrograd

Petrograd, via London, June 11 Energetic support of the provisional pledged by their delegate to the Congress of Peasants, M. Kuban. Delegate Kuban declared that the Cossacks recognize only one authority, namely the provisional govern undermining of its power by separate groups and individuals. He said that the Cossacks would not hesitate to secure arms if the government re-

The delegate added that when "Leninite agitators came to Cossack territory they were greeted with the word "Go," and they went.

The congress of peasants, which ital of the territory of the Don Cosassuring them that the congress will do all in its power to help defeat the enemies of liberty and equality. REGIMENT Speakers of the congress declared that the Don peasants were in full accord with the Don Cossacks.

Wounded Heroes Petrograd, via London, June 11—
A host of wounded and sick soldiers from the hospitals paraded the Among Eight Hundred streets yesterday in a great demonstration in favor of a continuance of the war. The procession was pre-ceded by banners and motor cars carrying maimed men who were un-able to walk. The demonstration has caused a strong impression.

First Hero Dead London, June 11 .- The comment in the morning papers on William Redmond's death are warmly sympathetic. Hope, even expectation, is expressed that his sacrifice may inspire the coming Irish convention and influence it towards a settlement of Ireland's weary discord. The hearty co-operation of the Irish Nationalist and Ulster troops at Mes-sines is emphasized in the same sense. There were many pulpit references to William Redmond, Ireland, and England on Sunday, when a similar note of hope was struck.

It is remarkable that, by the for-tune of war, Mr. Redmond was pick-ed up mortally wounded by an Ulster ambulance and was attended in his last moment by Ulstermen.

A despatch from Dublin intimates a probability that the parliamentary representative of East Mare, made vacant through the death of Mr. Redmond, will fall into the hands of Sinn Feiners, who are said to be strong there. One of the Sinn Fein prisoners in England is mentioned as a ligely candidate.

Weather Bulletin



Toronto, June 11

Resumption of Smashing NORTHCLIFFE Offensive on Franco-British and the Italian Front OWNER OF TIMES WILL ACT AS BRITISH COMMERCIAL REPRE-Presaged by War News of the Day

By Courier Leased Wire

The wiping out of the German salient at Messines appears in the light of later developments, to be merely the prelude to a projected battle of a far mightier description, after a German reaction of a surprisingly feeble character. The British have resumed trench raids over a front reaching from North of Ypres to as far south as Epehy, a distance of about 70 miles as the crow flies, but far more than that by all the torturous fields of the

The official statement of raids along the front is expressive of the recent frequently reported heavy artillery fire on the Belgian front. Some weeks ago, the Germans made a voluntary retirement from in front of the Belgian lines, a fact little noted at the time in the pressure of government by the Cossacks has been greater events. From Ypres the allied front curves sharply to the sea and an advance here would threaten the German hold on their great submarine bases on the Belgian coast, Ostend and Zeebrugge.

In the meantime there are indications that General FIRST CONTINGENT FROM PER ment, and would not tolerate the Sarrail is preparing to resume the offensive in Macedonia, undermining of its power by separate the Bulgarian official announcement reporting a great increase in the violence of the Allied artillery fire on this front. Considerable fighting had been going on in Macedonia for a month or more but the meagreness of the official reports and the surpassing interest of events in France have combined to obscure the exact situation.

Another gleam of light has pierced the dark clouds is sitting at Novo-Tscherkask, cap- hanging over Russia. The Cossacks have again voiced the American, British, French and there are indications that they will receive strong backing from the peasants

OF WOMEN

Among Eight Hundred

Fire Courage and Devo-

tion of Men

Petrograd, via London, June

11.—The propoganda in favor of

a "women's fighting regiment"

has made considerable progress.

Eight hundred volunteers have

already enlisted, among whom, it is reported, is the wife of the

Madame Schabanof, President of the pan-Russian Women's League, declared herself in favor

of the plan. She says it is the only means to fire the courage

and devotion of the men. Ensign Mile. Butchkareff, the ori-

ginator of the plan, who is decorated with both the Medal

decorated with both the Medal and Cross of St. George for courage in the field, has quarrelled with those who aided her in the organization of the regiment, and has left Petrograd for the front because the others rejected her demand for Spartan discipline, with nunishment of execution for the smallest breach or discipline if thrice repeated. The corps was formed without Ensign Butchkareff, on a course of voluntary discipline.

war minister, A. P. Kerensky.

By Courier Leased Wire

LANDS IN U.S.

An Atlantic Port, June 11 .-Lord Northcliffe, on an errand British activities as a commercial representative of the British Government, arrived in the United States to-day on the American steamship St. Paul.

As virtual head of the British war mission in this country, ish war mission in this country,
Lord Northcliffe, owner of the,
London Times and other English newspapers, comes not, it is
understood, as a diplomatic representative, but to work along
industrial and economic lines in
the furtherance of his Government's interests in America. In
this connection he is expected to
co-operate with Captain Andre
Tardieu, French High Commissioner, in the United Staes.

S. OFFICERS

RIVED IN PARIS.

Paris, June 11.—The first contingent of American officers of Major-General Pershing's staff, arrived here this morn-

The officers have come to look over a large amount of work preliminary to caring for the American forces when they arrive. Official conferences were held during the day between French and American officers.

Additional Advance by the BULGARIA British Troops at Messines Nets More Gains; Heavy Artillery in Macedonia May Precede Big **Battle There**

By Courier Leased Wire

Bulletin, London, June 11.—The British have made an additional advance south of Messines, according to an official statement issued by the war office this morning. The statement follows:

"There was considerable artillery activity on both sides during the night east of Epehy. Bodies of hostile Bulgaria Claiming Only troops assembling in this area, were dispersed by our fire. We made a successful raid last night southwest of La Basse. Much damage was done to the enemy's trenches and mine galleries, and eighteen prisoners were captured. Parties of our troops also raided German positions east of Vermelles and south of Armentieres. They inflicted carry the war into Greece, according

a number of casualties on the enemy. "Our own and the enemy's artillery showed great ac- ion Premier, R. Radoslavoff, in an "Our own and the enemy's artillery showed great activity last night south of Ypres. Our line has again been advanced slightly south of Messines."

Bulgarian Official

Sofia via London June 11—Considerable artillery

Sofia, via London, June 11.—Considerable artillery activity on the Macedonian front is reported in the official statement issued by the war office on Sunday. The statement follows:

"Macedonian front: There was a hurricane fire of spite of the fact that the entente has short duration by the enemy artillery at intervals in the forced Greece to remove the envoys of the central powers, the latter Cerna Bend. During the night the artillery fire was fair-cherish only sentiments of triendly violent. German detachments reconnoitering success- ship for Greece, which has loval to its king. fully brought back prisoners.

y brought back prisoners.

"Roumanian front: There was an artillery fire at intervals near Isaktcha and Tultcha."

"Even without taking the offensive we are looking into the future on this front with complete confidence. Things are going our own rare intervals near Isaktcha and Tultcha."

CRISIS VERY

to Accede to Rebel Ultimatum

By Courier Leased Wire.

Peking, June 11.-Events are moving rapidly toward a crisis in the political situation. General Chang-Hsun, former military governor of Anhwei province, several thousands of whose troops have reached Peking, yesterday delivered an ultimatum, demanding the dissolution of

parliment within 48 hours. The Associated Press is informed officially that President Li Yuan Hung has refused to accede to this demand unless such action may be taken in accorddance with the clauses of the constitution. Members of parliament are urging the President not to dissolve the legislature, thus forcing Chang Hsun to act against the regulations.

against the regulations.

Peking, June 11.—President
Li Yuan Hung has announced a
willingness to accede to the demand of General Chang Hsun
that parliament be dissolved
and has drawn up a mandate of
dissolution. Dr. Wu Ting Fang
the acting Premier, however,
has declined to countersign the
decree and his signature is necessary to give effect to it.

FRIENDLY TO GREECE Carry War Into Athens,

No Intention of Trying to Says Premier

CONFIDENT IN FUTURE

No Danger From Russia and Do Not Fear Gen.

RUMANIAN SITUATION Territory Where Her

Language is Spoken Berlin, via London, June 11-Bul-

garia has no intention of trying to to a statement made by the

"It is not in the direction politics, however, to carry the war into Greece. The violations of international law, which the entente has permitted itself in Greece are no

way, and the same holds good on the Russian front. We are fully in-CRISIS VERY

NEARINCHINA

The Russian front. We are fully informed of the state of affairs in Russia, where confusion is far worse than admitted. No danger is menacng us from this source.

Dissolution of Parliament is

Demanded by Rebel

Governor

TROOPS REACH PEKIN

President Determined Not to Accede to Rebel the principle of the right of nationalities to determine their allegiance is recognized, the Bulgarian-speaking sections of Macedonia and Dobrudja will be allotted to Bulgaria."

The minister declared that the political and economic situation in Bulgaria was wholly satisfactory. He said that the crops, both in Bulgaria and Servia, promise to be the best in recent years. est in recent years.

Austrian Situation Berlin, via London, June 11-The Budapest correspondent of the Ber-lin papers describe the appointment of Count Esterhasey as premier, comes as lightning out of a blue sky. A Tageblatt despatch says that the failure of Dr. Wekerle to form a coalition cabinet was due to the recoalition cabinet was due to the re-fusal of Counts Andrassy and Ap-ponyi to accept portfolios on the ground of their advanced years. Count Esterhasey, however, is said to have the support of both leaders. The make-up of the new cabinet is still a matter of conjecture, but it is anticipated that the Hungarian parliament will convene on June 20.
Count Esterhasey is a graduate of
Budapest and Oxford Universities,
and a cousin of Prince Hohenlohe,
first court chamberlain to the Ausrian Emperor.

FOE AVIATOR DEAD Courier Leased Wire.

PRESS OF THREE NATIONS UNITED IN APRROVAL OF WILSON'S NOTE Dissolution of Parliament is

Masterful Document of U.S. President, Defining to Russia Aims and Ends of America in the War, Acclaimed Alike in Russia, England and America as a Mo-

Volunteers in Russia PROPAGANDA SPREAD mentous Message

Women of Russia Plan to By Courier Leased Wire

Petrograd, June 10, via London, June 11.—President Wilsons note to Russia, dealing with the aims of the United States, in the war, is published today by all the morning newspapers. The Novoe Vremya, however, is the only journal which comments editorially on it

"Its aim," says the Novoe Vremya, "is to meet the artfulness with which Germany has sought to usnare Russian public opinion. The American President realizes the source of the desperate agitation which has been made in Russia and other countries under the banner of Social Democracy and false pacifism. A copy (of the note) must be given to every soldier, workman, and peasant.

"It must open the eyes of every one whose brain is not warped by the stupid and criminal stories that war was started by Capitalists for their own benefit. The Russian democracy will be able to see the difference between the straightforward words of the American Democracy, and the crude lies which the servants of the German Emperor are trying to deceive the world."

Inexorable in Justice

London, June 11 .- President Wilon's message to Russia is given

The Telegraph says: "A fine de- ple."

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Improved Document.

The Morning Post declares that it is one of the most memorable documents issued by any state during the war. The Post continues:

"Friendly in tone it is inexorable in justice. It surmises dangerous illusions and puts in their place realises that have to be faced, if friends of freedom are not themselves to betare the future of democracy."

The Declaration of Rights.

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to lovers of peace and freedom with a more unchallengeable authority. It is this which gives a peculiar weight to his warning against Germany's the Allies purposes. "There must be the Allies purposes. "There must be no restoration of the status quo ante; no return of the day when a swash-buckling militarism, armed to the hilt and maddened by pan-Germanic lust for conquest and plunder forced the peaceful nations of Europe to a constant heart-breaking struggle

unanimously endorsed by the leading newspapers here as an admirable ex

The Chronicle calls the message a prominence in the morning papers, singularly improved document and which endorse it enthusiastically.

The Morning Post declares that it is to lovers of peace and freedom with singularly improved document and

Declaration of Rights.

The Post hopes that the Presidents home truths will have an effect not only on Russian idealists, but on British pacifists.

The Daily News says: "The message will be a powerful and welcome to a constant heart-breaking struggle reinforcement to statesmen like to keep themselves armed to meet the serve the stability and direct the liberated vigor of the Russian peo-

The Sun says: "The United States

osition of the United States' aims in

The Herald, editorially says that

the message is a clear and concrete