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Huns Driven Back By the Russians on Northern Battle Front

Germans Take Offensive Against Russians North West of Pripet Marshes—Try to Divert Russians in Their Drive Against the Austrians—Russians Make Material Gains South West of Riga

FRESH PROGRESS IS RECORDED FOR ITALIANS

North East Verdun Germans Throw Successive Attacks Against French North of Thiaumont—All Attacks Repulsed With Heavy Losses—Turks Claim to Have Annihilated a Russian Cavalry Force

LONDON, June 12.—Heavy fighting is in progress over virtually the entire eastern front, from the Gulf of Riga in Bukovina, a distance of between 600 and 700 miles. From Riga to the Jaslova River, north-west of the Pripet Marshes region, the Germans have taken an offensive against the Russians, probably in an effort to divert the attention of the Russians who are in the second week of their drive against the Austrians and Germans from the Pripet Marshes southward to Bukovina. On all sectors of the northern line the Russians have successfully withstood the German onslaughts, and driven the attacking forces back. They have even gained ground against the north of Tirul Marsh, south-west of Riga, says Petrograd. In south-west Russia in the region of Lutsk, fresh advances against the Austro-Hungarians are reported by the Russian War Office. Likewise is the case across the border through East Galicia. In the southern

part of this region the Russians are nearing Czernowitz, the capital of the Austrian Crownland of Bukovina. Although the Austrians at numerous points are vigorously counter-attacking, the only place the Russians have been forced to give ground before them was near Bobulntze, north of Buczo, in Galicia, where the Austrians were reinforced by German troops. The Russians captured here by the Teutonic Allies exceeded 1,300. The total of men made prisoners by the Russians since their offensive began has grown to more than 114,000.

North-east of Verdun the Germans with heavy effectives have thrown successive attacks against the French positions north of Thiaumont, but all their assaults were repulsed with serious losses. Heavy bombardments by the Germans in this region extended from Thiaumont eastward to the west and south of Fort Vaux and to the French second line positions at Fort Souville and Fort Tavannes, about three miles north-east of Verdun. On the remainder of the front in France and Belgium there have been only artillery duels and sapping operations, except in Champagne, where Berlin reports the penetration of French positions and the capture of more than one hundred men and four machine guns.

South and south-east of Trent the Italians are continuing to drive back the Austrians, and according to Rome gains have been made by the Italians in the Arsa Valley and Pasubio sectors, along the Besnio-Astico line and south-west of Asiago. Farther north, in the Augana Valley, fresh progress

DRAWING THE TEETH OF THE GREEK GOV'T

Athens Says There is a Divergence of Opinion Among Greek Over Blockade Question and Conditions Under Which it Will be Raised—Change of Policy Expected

ATHENS, June 12.—There is a divergence of opinion here over the holding up by the Entente Governments of Greek shipping, and of the presentation to Greece of their conditions on which the blockade will be raised. They probably will be presented tomorrow. It is believed the conditions will call for the demobilization of the Greek army and a change in the chief policy, thus drawing the teeth of the present Government.

The American Legation is being bombarded by protests from American business representatives in all parts of Greece against the blockade. Tobacco, valued at \$2,500,000, belonging to American firms, is being held at Kavala.

The Wily Greek

ATHENS, June 13.—The offices of newspapers which have supported former Premier Venizelos were made the objects of a hostile demonstration to-day.

toward Maso Torrent is recorded for King Victor Emmanuel's men, who repelled two counter-attacks near Sourelle, in the Lagariva Valley. The Austrians are heavily bombarding the Italians on Coni Cugna.

A Russian cavalry force of 1000 men, cooperating between the Caucasus and Mesopotamian fronts, has been annihilated by the Turks, who also captured a large amount of war material, according to Constantinople. On the remainder of the front in Asiatic Turkey there is no change in the situation.

OFFICIAL BRITISH

To Governor, Newfoundland:

LONDON, June 12.—In the naval battle the enemy admits the loss of the Lutzow and Rostock.

The Hampshire survivors number 12; there is no hope of further rescues.

The enemy has captured Fort Vaux, after a week's fierce bombardment. The position is not perceptibly modified.

At Ypres there was heavy fighting in the early part of the week. Our troops, Australian and British, made successful raids at various points.

In Italy the Austrian advance is held.

General Smuts' troops have progressed further in East Africa.

The Russians have developed an offensive from Pripet to the Roumanian frontier, capturing Lutsk and Dubno. A hundred and thirteen thousand prisoners, one hundred and four guns, and eighty machine guns have been taken.

BONAR LAW.

LONDON, June 13.—A British official issued at midnight, reads:

"There were no infantry actions during the past 24 hours. Operations have been confined to artillery and mining. The most noticeable occurrence was the heavy mutual bombardment between Hill 60 and Hooge. This afternoon, south of Loos and La Boisselle, we effectively bombarded a hostile work with heavy artillery. Mining was active near Neuville St. Vaast and Loos salient. The weather is cold and rainy."

FRENCH

PARIS, June 12.—German infantry attacked French positions west of Fort Vaux on the Verdun front, last night. The assault failed entirely. The official report of today says that the Germans continued bombardment in the region north of Souville and Tavannes Forts. West of the Meuse there was heavy artillery action in the vicinity of Chattancourt.

RESERVES FREEDOM OF ACTION

Ulster Unionist Council Authorizes Sir Ed. Carson to Negotiate For Settlement of Irish Question on Basis of Proposals of Lloyd George—Wont Have Home Rule

LONDON, June 13.—The Daily News says it has received an official statement from Ireland stating that the Ulster Unionist Council has authorized Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster leader, to negotiate for a settlement of the Irish question on a basis of the proposals of David Lloyd-George, but has expressed its detestation of Home Rule and has reserved to itself freedom of action if the negotiations are abortive.

In Memory of Lord Kitchener

LONDON, June 12.—The "Times" today prints a sonnet on the late Earl Kitchener written by Dr. Robert Bridges, the British Poet Laureate. The sonnet follows:

"Unflinching hero watchful to foresee,
And face thy country's peril where
So'er,
Directing war and peace with equal
care,
Thill by long toil ennobled, thou wert
he
Whom England called and bade my
arm free,
To obey my will and save my honor
fair,
What day the foe presumed on her
despair,
And she herself had trust in none but
thee."

Among Hercules' deeds the miracle
That mass'd the labor of ten years in
one,
Shall be thy monument. Thy work is
done,
Ere we could thank thee and the high
sea swell
Surge th' unheeding where they proud
ship fell
By the lone Orkneys ere the set of
sun.

Papal Flag To Wave First Time on Ocean

ROME, June 13.—The white and yellow Papal flag is to wave for the first time on the ocean, according to a report in circulation here. Monsignor Locatelli, the Papal internuncio at Buenos Aires, having been transferred to Brussels where he will be Nuncio, desiring to insure his safety while at sea has chartered a steamer which will be called the "Nunciatus" and carry the Papal colors as those of a neutral power.

Bulgar-Roumanian Frontier Closed

LONDON, June 13.—The Bulgarian Legation in Bucharest has received information that the Bulgar-Roumanian frontier will be temporarily closed against passengers and merchandise, says a Reuter despatch today from the Roumanian capital. It is believed, adds the despatch, that Bulgaria has taken this step for a mask to important troop movements.

Austrians Routed At Czernowitz

NEW YORK, June 12.—A news agency despatch from Lodon today says that the complete rout of the Austrian armies near Czernowitz was announced here today by the Russian Embassy. Two entire divisions, with all their generals, artillery and ammunition, were captured. The Russians are in full pursuit, and the Cossacks are overrunning the territory at the rear of the fleeing armies.

Thinks Huns Losses Will Far Exceed British

LONDON, June 12.—In a message to the men of the Fleet, given here officially tonight, Admiral Jellicoe said our losses were heavy. We miss many of our most gallant comrades, but although it is difficult to obtain accurate information as to enemy's losses, I have no doubt we shall find they certainly were not less than our own. Sufficient information is already received for me to make that statement with confidence.

Germany Leaves Austria to Battle Alone With the Russians

Report That Czernowitz, the Capital of Austrian Crownland of Bukovina Which the Austrians Have Evacuated, Has Fallen Lacks Official Confirmation—Capture of Dobronovtz—Lends Color to Report

GERMANS SEND NO TROOPS TO AID AUSTRILIANS

Military Observers are of Opinion That it is Not Improbable the Germans are More Likely to Attempt an Offensive on the Northern Section of the Russian Front

PETROGRAD, June 13.—A rumor is in circulation here that the Russians have occupied Czernowitz, the capital of the Austrian Crownland of Bukovina. The rumor lacks official confirmation, but has been given color by the capture of Dobronovtz, a commanding point ten miles to the north-east. The Russian line here extends to Okna. From both these points good roads lead direct to Czernowitz, and according to military authorities, they are the only points in this direction capable of defence.

A telegram received from Bucharest, Roumania, says the Austrian army has evacuated Czernowitz and moved along the line four miles west. The continued successes of the Russians recorded in today's official statements are more surprising as the Austrians after the first shock of the Russian advance appeared to have rallied forces to offer an extremely stubborn resistance. This is indicated by the fact that they were able to mass sufficient forces in the vicinity of Kolki, north of Lutsk, to cause the Russians to retire across the Styra. Not only

here but at other points of the Volhynian front furious counter-attacks characterized the last forty hours' fighting, but without being able to check, except momentarily, the force of the Russian advance. It is not believed here the Germans are sending many troops to aid the Austrians. It is pointed out that only in one instance during the Russian's spectacular Carpathian campaign did Germany send any large number of men to the relief of the Austrians, instead it always has been their practice to undertake an offensive on some other part of the line in an endeavor to draw off the Russians. It is the opinion of observers that it is not improbable the Germans are more likely to attempt an offensive on the northern section of the Russian front than risk weakening their lines by detaching any number of men for the purpose of stiffening the Austrian defence.

Barque Damaged; Cargo Discharged

BARBADOS, June 13.—The American barque Normandy, from Halifax March 14, for Melbourne, before reported, arrived here in a leaky condition, having sustained some damage. The vessel's bulkheads were seriously strained and slack, and the main hatch beams broken under the deck. The cargo is being discharged.

Greek Army To Demobilize

ATHENS, June 13.—King Constantine decided today to order the complete demobilization of the Greek Army.

To the City Ratepayers!

GENTLEMEN: You hardly need to be reminded that six years ago you honoured me with a seat at the City Council. At the expiration of that term I was appointed by the Government as one of the members of the Commission holding office temporarily pending arrangements for holding a new election. Having had during all that time exceptional opportunities for gaining more knowledge in civic affairs, I now feel that my experience warrants me in asking you for a renewal of that confidence at the forthcoming election. I intend to again put myself in nomination, and should I once more have the honour of representing you, my very best efforts will in the future, as in the past, be devoted to conserving the interests of the taxpayers of the City, and to co-operating to the best of my ability with the gentlemen, whoever he may be, whom you may select to fill the Mayorality Chair.

Respectfully yours,
J. J. MULLALLY.

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Battle for Verdun Still Rages with Unabated Fury

Germans Have Brought up Fresh Effectives, Reformed Their Lines and Have Begun a Methodical Pounding of Main French Defences—The Fighting Here is Characterized by an Eye Witness as Infernal—German Masses Tearing up Slopes Have Been Driven Back Again and Again—Germans Use up 3000 Infantry in Assaults on Trenches West of Fort Maux and at Thiaumont

PARIS, June 13.—The battle for Verdun has broken out with unusual violence on the east bank of the Meuse after a lull following the capture of Fort Vaux. The Germans put the respite to good use, they brought up fresh effectives, reformed their line and advanced their artillery to positions from which they have begun the methodical pounding of the main French defences, especially the powerful batteries at Tavannes and Fort Souville, at the same time the French advanced line, which was plastered with shells all day on Sunday, has been subjected to a series of fierce onslaughts at Thiaumont Farm, the position on which the line pivots. The French on their part have not been idle during the past few days. Thiaumont Farm bristles with well placed machine guns and the German masses toiling up the slope which leads to the French positions have been driven back again and again, while their reserves have been kept copiously showered by sprays of shells from the French batteries at the rear and on other side of the river the fighting continues as desperately as ever, but the situation on both sides remains unmodified so far. The fighting is characterized by an eye-witness as "infernal." It is estimated that the Germans used up 30,000 infantry in assaults on trenches west of Fort Vaux and Thiaumont. The attacks followed each other in such close succession as practically to merge one in the other.

Argentine Republic Has New President

NEW YORK, June 12.—A despatch from Buenos Ayres to the News Agency here today, says that Hipolito Irigoyen has been chosen President of the Argentine Republic to-day by the electoral College, he being the first radical to have ever reached the Argentine presidency. Pelagia Luna was chosen vice-president. The election of Senor Irigoyen follows the bitterest political struggle in the history of the Argentine Republic.

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