

FRENCH BAYONETS STOP GERMANS IN CHAMPAGNE DISTRICT ONLY FEW U.S. TROOPERS ESCAPED IN CLASH AT CARRIZAL JAPAN DENIES ANY INTENTION OF AIDING MEXICO AGAINST UNITED STATES

AMERICAN GUNS AT MAIN POINTS ALONG FRONTIER

Field Artillery and Machine Guns Mounted to Stop Mexicans.

FUNSTON READY FOR WAR

Mexicans Have Troops' Train Prepared for the Evacuation of Juarez.

MEXICO OFFERS AMNESTY

Issues Manifesto Inviting All Rebel Leaders to Serve Under Carranza.

[Canadian Press.] El Paso, June 23.—American guns command the situation at every important border point today. Field artillery has been mounted on hilltops in the larger communities, the noses of their guns pointing in a southerly direction, while in the smaller towns, machine gun detachments have been stationed. Military authorities here and in other border encampments announced that every preparation had been made for possible hostilities.

Quiet at Juarez. A few of the troops that evacuated Juarez had returned today, and there reports that the reoccupation of the town by entire former garrison of 4,000 is contemplated. During the early morning hours in the Mexican town only a few scattering military patrols were on the streets. Gen. Francisco Gonzales, commander, and Andres Garcia, consul at El Paso, who recently has been seeing on the Mexican side, rode through the streets on horseback, apparently making an inspection tour. Street car traffic across the river, which was stopped last night, was resumed today.

Troop Trains Ready. Indications that all preparations have been made in the event of a hasty departure of the remainder of the garrison is deemed expedient. Today a number of troop trains with steam up, stood for instant departure. On one of them fifteen machine guns and three thousand millimeter field pieces were loaded. Reports current in Mexican circles that Gen. Alvaro Obregon, Mexican minister of war, has issued a manifesto offering to accept the services of all rebel leaders in the event of hostilities with the United States, found some confirmation in the fact that today a number of Mexicans, who had been exiled for political reasons, crossed into Juarez.

Further indications that the Mexican people are being told that the United States is the aggressor in the present crisis, and that Mexico has the moral support of the foreign nations were contained today in the following dispatch to the local consulate from the official information bureau in Mexico City:

ONCE MORE TALKING OF TUBE UNDER CHANNEL

Matter To Be Discussed in Commons at Early Date.

London, June 23.—The movement for the construction of a tunnel under the English Channel has been revived, and the question is to be discussed in the House of Commons at an early date, and a resolution offered by Arthur Felli, member for Great Yarmouth, last night. This resolution sets forth that "the progress of the war has demonstrated the great advantages which would have accrued to the Allies if there had been a railway tunnel beneath the Channel, and plans should be prepared, so the work can be begun immediately the war is over."

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARMER.

Toronto June 23—3 a.m. Forecasts.

Today—Light winds; fair, followed by showers tonight.

Saturday—Southerly and southeasterly winds; a few local showers or thunderstorms, but partly fair and warmer.

Temperatures.

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

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria. 60. 50. Cloudy.

Calgary. 62. 28. Clear.

Winnipeg. 68. 52. Cloudy.

Port Arthur. 48. 44. Cloudy.

CARRIZAL FIGHT TOOK BIG TOLL OF AMERICANS GEN. PERSHING REPORTS

Of Seventy-Six in Detachment Which Engaged Mexican Force All But Few Stragglers Appeared to Have Been Killed or Captured—Outlook for Peace Between the Two Nations Not Bright.

[Canadian Press.] Washington, June 23.—Interest was expressed by officials of the war department in the unofficial report that Villa is at Escaton, Chihuahua state, negotiating with the Carranza government for amnesty and a command in the Mexican army.

Washington, June 23.—A preliminary report from General Pershing on the Carrizal fight, based on stories told by stragglers reaching the headquarters of the American expedition, and on Mexican rumors, was taken to the White House early today by Secretary of War Baker.

The secretary said General Pershing himself did not regard the report as an official statement of what had happened and indicated that no attempt to decide the course to be pursued by the United States would be made until a complete account had been received. Mexican official accounts, there was about 76 Americans, 17 of whom were taken prisoner. Capt. Chas. T. Boyd, Lieut. Henry R. Adams and ten men are said to have been killed. Of the remaining 47, only a few stragglers reached General Pershing's headquarters yesterday. There had been no word from the two cavalry troops sent out to get in touch with the shattered command. General Pershing said he hoped to have a report from surviving officers by courier during the day.

Secretary Baker denied rumors of plans for an immediate call for volunteers to add to the regular and National Guard forces. He indicated that there had been no additional orders overnight for troop movements.

[Canadian Press.] Washington, June 23.—Hope persisted among officials here today that war against Mexico would not become necessary. Dispatches from Mexico City indicate that leaders in the Carranza Government may show a similar attitude, and will seek to avert the threatened break.

The outlook was far from bright, however, and orders had been issued for the transportation of ten thousand national guardsmen to the border from the central and western army departments by train today as soon as they are ready for service.

Army officers looked today for the delay in the movement of troops to the light between Carranza troops and American cavalrymen at Carrizal on Wednesday, and this report was to be considered by the War Department. The report was to be considered by the War Department. The report was to be considered by the War Department.

Rushing Mobilization. The war department was trying to hasten the mobilization of state militia today. State governors were under orders to send immediately a statement of when their troops would be ready for service. Secretary of War Baker issued orders last night to Major-General Barry at Chicago and Major-General Bell at San Francisco, commanders respectively of the central and western army departments, asking that the first five thousand militia units in each department be ready for active service by dispatching to the border.

BERLIN CLAIMS PROGRESS MADE AGAINST RUSSIANS

[Canadian Press.] Berlin, June 23.—Continued progress for General Von Linsingen's forces in fighting west and southwest of Lutsk, despite repeated counter-attacks by the Russians, was announced by the war office. Russian attacks in the direction of Brody were repulsed.

LOTS OF GRAIN, FEW POTATOES IN KAISER-LAND

Food Dictator Says British Cash Is Keeping Out Rutabagoes.

CAN'T STOP MEAT-EATING

Predicts More Potatoes for Next Year, But Much Less Pork.

TAKE STOCK OF FOODS

Households Will Be Permitted to Keep Only What Is Actually Needed.

Berlin, June 23.—There is plenty of grain on hand in Germany to carry the country over until the harvest, declared Adolf Von Batocki, president of the food regulation board, in an address at Dusseldorf. The potato situation was more unfavorable, he said, and would be especially difficult during the next fortnight, but the deficit could be met by arranging for increased bread rationing for physical laborers. The potato situation in Western Germany had been made worse by Holland's prohibition upon exports due to the agitation there which, Von Batocki said, was probably induced by "British money."

Herr Von Batocki said it had been proposed to prohibit meat consumption for two months, but that this was impracticable unless a better distribution of the supply of fats could be effected. This could eventually be done, this proposal could be considered.

Witness Relates All His Negotiations in Connection With Kelly Contracts.

[Canadian Press.] Winnipeg, June 23.—J. B. Coyne, for the crown, asked permission of Mr. Justice Undergast at the opening of the fifth day of the trial of Thomas Kelly to call one Menzies to prove the cutting of concrete samples from the Parliament Buildings' caissons. Tests of these samples figured in the evidence of expert witnesses. In view of the fact that Menzies' name was not on the indictment, the court reserved its decision until this afternoon.

Salt's "Little Book." William Salt, who was assistant inspector for the Government on the Parliament Buildings, was then called. He was inspecting the caisson work, and took the depth of the caissons, entering the measurements in the notebook which he kept for Provincial Architect Horwood. Salt's famous "little black book" was produced and identified.

Salt stated that while the public accountants committee was in session, Horwood told him the caisson records "would have to be doctored," and made several feet deeper. Horwood asked him to make a fresh book, and he did. Horwood said these fresh records did not show sufficient depth, so Salt started on a second altered book, Horwood assisting.

NO DISRUPTION TO FOLLOW UNION, SAYS REV. DR. D. L. MCRAE

Assembly Commissioner Declares Opposition Will Die.

VOTE WAS OVERWHELMING

Consummation Will Come Four Years After War's End.

Rev. Dr. D. L. McCrae, pastor of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, and London's only ministerial commissioner to the recent general assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Winnipeg, where the church union question was a paramount issue, was taken to London today by the train.

"It was a most wonderful meeting," declared the doctor in referring to the assembly. "It was without doubt the greatest assembly in the history of the church. Naturally the church debate question was the most important one. The debate on the question was without question one of the greatest ever heard in Canada. It was marked by an absolute lack of bitterness."

"The arguments on both sides were unusually strong ones, but the speakers were never bitter. It was a memorable occasion when the vote was taken. For more than two hours the commissioners, both clerical and laymen, recorded their votes. Presbytery by presbytery the whole 76 representatives of the Canadian Church were present."

WILL BE PROMOTED TO COMMISSION IN A.M.C. TRAINING DEPOT



SERGEANT-MAJOR J. C. LESTER.

ANOTHER CAR-LESS SUNDAY LONDON'S ASSURED LOT NOW

Time for Calling Special Meeting Has Passed.

NO MILITIA INTERFERENCE

Company Representatives Got Cold Comfort From Hughes on Thursday.

There will be no Sunday cars this week, the time for calling a special meeting to pass even a temporary franchise having passed.

No negotiations have been opened officially, at least, and there does not seem to be any likelihood that there will be any. The company is willing to discuss terms, but the terms have undergone some modification during the past few days.

It is learned that some representatives of the company discussed Sunday cars with Sir Sam Hughes, when he was here on Thursday. They got cold comfort, as Sir Sam decided not to interfere, as the camp was going to be moved from London in any event. So there can be no pressure from the military authorities. It is none of their concern, they say, and so they will view it.

The city will go ahead with a paving program, and allow the future to take care of itself.

William Gray, M.P., Promised London 15,000 Troops, and Was Backed by Tory Paper

If the city council, board of trade and businessmen of London are disappointed over the proposed removal to Camp Borden of the largest part of the troops now in training in this city, they have good reason to be.

While they have been placed on the anxious seat several times by "official" announcements of removals, they have always been removed from it by statements from Mr. Gray and the local Conservative organ to the effect that the authorities at Ottawa had changed their minds and that London would have "all the troops it could accommodate."

On May 20 it was announced in the local paper that espoused the cause of Borden, Hughes, Allison & Co., that London would have 15,000 men for the summer. This statement was made on the authority of William Gray, M. P., who "represents" London at Ottawa. The headline over the article said:

15,000 MEN FOR LONDON'S CAMP

First Estimate To Be Increased, Says William Gray, M. P.

Advance Parties Here.

The article beneath this heading gave absolute assurance that the city would have not only 12,000 troops previously promised, but 15,000 men altogether, because of the decision of the militia department to bring additional battalions to the city. The article has the following to say:

"Mr. William Gray, M. P., has returned from Ottawa, and told the Free Press today that the full number of soldiers for whom camp accommodations have been secured at London will train here this summer. THE NUMBER OF UNITS PROBABLY TOTALLING 15,000 MEN. Mr. Gray's statement corroborates a dispatch from Ot-

Enemy Launches Furious Attacks At New Sector; Beaten Back By French Grenades and Bayonets

Zaimis Names New Cabinet for the Greeks

[Canadian Press.] Athens, via London, June 23.—The composition of the new cabinet was officially announced today. It is as follows: Alexander Zaimis, prime minister and minister of foreign affairs. Gen. Callaris, minister of war and temporary minister of marine. Deputy George Ballas, finance. Phocion Negris, communications. Col. Haralambis, interior. Anthony Mompotaris, justice. Constantine Libourakis, public instruction. Colligas, national economy. The cabinet will be sworn in this evening.

ITALIANS ADVANCE BY VALE AND PEAK AND TAKE SPOILS

Rifles, Ammunition and Bombs Captured From the Austrians.

[Canadian Press.] Rome, June 23, via London.—The war office today issued the following statement on military operations:

"In the Arsa Valley we occupied some positions between Romini, east of the Mezzata Peak and on the Loraspur, west of Monte Pasquido. Rifles, ammunition and bombs were captured from the enemy."

"Along the Posina-Astico front there has been artillery activity on both sides."

"Attacks by enemy detachments in the regions of Otaglia and Monte Spini were repulsed."

"On the Asiago Plateau we maintained our pressure against the enemy's positions."

"In the Carnia region and on the Isonzo the artillery activity was especially intense along the upper But."

"Explosions and shelling were caused by our batteries at several points on the enemy's line."

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SENIOR MAJOR OF HIGHLAND UNIT IS CAPT. E. C. KENNING

21st Officer Named Second in Command of 241st.

MORE OFFICERS APPROVED

Headquarters Announces the Names of Those Who Have Been Appointed.

A partial list of officers of the 241st (Highland) Battalion, which is to be raised in No. 1 military district under the command of Lieut.-Col. W. L. McGregor, was announced at district headquarters today. The officers selected have been approved by Ottawa.

Capt. E. C. Kenning of the 21st (Essex) Regiment is to be senior major and second in command. He was first appointed to the 21st more than thirteen years ago.

Lieut. W. K. Bartlett, also of the 21st, will be adjutant with the rank of captain. Provisional Lieut. J. P. Reid will be quartermaster with the honorary rank of captain.

Germans Last Night Made Three Heavy Assaults Against the French Trenches in the Champagne District But Were Repulsed After Close Fighting.

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, June 23.—The Germans have launched a heavy attack in the Champagne district. Three violent assaults on the French trenches in the region of Mont Tetu were repulsed last night after severe fighting with grenades and bayonets, according to an official statement issued by the war office today.

West of the Meuse, in the Verdun sector, the Germans again attacked Hill No. 304, and there was lively infantry fighting near Dead Man Hill. There was heavy artillery fire all night in this sector. It was particularly violent east of the Meuse, around the Vaux front.

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SUBDUING OF TINO PLEASES ATHENS; BLOCKADE TO LIFT

(Canadian Press.) Athens, via London, June 23.—There is general satisfaction shown among the public over the result of the ultimatum sent to King Constantine by the entente. The diplomatic representatives of the Allies have recommended the immediate lifting of the blockade and the stock market is rapidly recovering from its panic.

The chief of police of Athens who is understood to be under the ban of the Entente Allies, has asked for sick leave.

VICTIM OF SHOCK

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