

## FRENCH FORCES CHECK THE ENEMY BY POURING IN TERRIFIC GUN FIRE

### OFFENSIVE OF ENEMY DING DOWN SOME

For Time Being French and Allies Have Checked Hun At All Points.

### SUCCESSFUL COUNTER ATTACKS BY ALLIES

Enemy Meeting With Unexpected Resistance South of Montdidier.

### A FRENCH VICTORY IN MACEDONIA

Their Troops Capture Eleven Villages and Much Territory.

The offensive movements of the Germans between Montdidier and Noyon and from south of the Oise River to the eastern fringes of the forest of Villers-Cotterets apparently are on the wane. In the former region the fierce resistance of the French and the allied forces, for the time being at all points and on some sectors the allies have even turned vigorously upon the foe and forced him to cede ground he had gained.

Only one attempt apparently was made by the enemy Thursday to better his positions near Montdidier. Here he launched a violent counter-attack from Courcelles to the north of Méry—a front of about a mile and a half—but was badly cut up by the fire of the allies' guns and forced to retreat, leaving numerous dead and wounded on the field.

### Unexpected Opposition.

Likewise south of the Aisne the invaders are meeting with unexpected opposition and notwithstanding the large numbers of men they have thrown into the battle their gains have been relatively small. East of Soissons they penetrated to the village of Laversine, but were unable to advance on any of the sectors, although at one time north of Courcy French trenches were entered under the force of the impact. A counter-attack resulted in the trenches being recaptured almost immediately.

The sole result of the enemy's attack on the Montdidier-Noyon line up to the present is that he has by the violence of his attacks east of Méry and the forced retreat of the French from the region west of the stream, blotted out the hasty Noyon salient and brought the battle front more into direct alignment with that beginning at the Aisne.

### A Terrible Price.

He paid a terrible price for this recapture of the line. Whether the Germans are prepared again to offer huge sacrifices in bending back the other salient on the Aisne to Villers-Cotterets and bring the Pleury and Aisne battlefields into a more continuous front remains to be seen.

In addition to the large number of prisoners taken by the allied forces, ten cannon, four of them heavy weapons, and a large number of machine guns have fallen into their hands.

### BRITISH SHIP SUNK

London, June 13.—A British boarding vessel was sunk by a German submarine on June 6, according to an official statement issued tonight by the Admiralty.

Seven British sailors are missing.

### GERMANS PLAN TO SOW MINES UP THIS WAY

London, June 13.—The German admiralty intends to declare the eastern coast of the United States from Mexico to Canadian waters a danger zone and will warn neutral shipping, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam quoting reports received from Berlin.

Wellington, N. Z., June 13.—Two enemy mines have been destroyed off North Cape, the northern extremity of New Zealand, according to an announcement made here.

It is most likely the mines found floating off the north coast of New Zealand were laid by a German commerce raider. They probably were sowed by the raider Sea Adler formerly the American ship Pass Of Balmaha, which, after roaming the Pacific coast for seven months, preying on American and Allied shipping, was stranded on one of the Society Islands.

### THE GOVERNMENT WON'T CONSCRIPT CANADIAN LABOR

Montreal, June 13.—Senator G. D. Robertson, president of the national registration committee, has written to J. T. Gagnon, Sainte Scholastique, Que., stating that the government of Canada has no intention of conscripting labor in any manner, masculine or feminine.

### HUNS LOSE U-BOATS

London, June 13.—(British Admiralty per Wireless Press.)—In an interview with the London correspondent of the Petit Parisien, Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, had the following to say with regard to submarines:

"The allied navies continue to sink more German submarines than they can build. It is certainly a fact that since January we have sunk more submarines than they have built."

### VON SEYDLER QUILTS

London, June 13.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam reports that Dr. Von Seydler, the Austrian premier, tendered his resignation to Emperor Charles on Wednesday. The Emperor has not accepted it yet.

### POPE COMPLAINS OF MISJUDGMENT

World Passing Through a Sad Period and Pontiff Is Greatly Afflicted—Efforts To Bring About Peace Misunderstood.

Rome, June 13.—The Osservatore Romano, the Vatican organ, publishes a Papal autograph, sent in answer to an address received by the Pontiff from the episcopacy and clergy of the world. The Pope complains of the sad period the world is going through, and also of attacks from "the enemies of religion of the supranatural authority Jesus Christ." He adds that he is greatly afflicted, "not only by the frightful horrors of this war, which without parallel in the history of the world, threatens to drag poor Europe to the bottom of an abyss, but also by an insidious and a raffish campaign of calumnies and hatred against the person of the Pontiff and his work."

The Pope's Critic.

The Pope, in a recapitulation of his action since the beginning of the

### THE GERMAN ARMY FAILS ONCE MORE

Concentrated Fire From French Guns Catches Powerful Enemy Attacking Forces.

### ADVANCING WAVES SEVERELY RIDDLED

Important Counter Attack Withers Under Heavy French Gunfire.

### THE GERMANS CAPTURE LAVERSINE VILLAGE

Practically All of the Hun Attacks in Montdidier Sector Fail.

Paris, June 13.—A concentrated fire from the French guns caught powerful German forces attempting a counter-attack between Courcelles and Méry, and not only drove back the advancing waves, but inflicted very heavy losses, according to the war office announcement tonight.

The Germans gained a footing in the village of Laversine, but other attacks in this region failed. The statement says: "During the course of the day the Germans launched a powerful counter-attack from Courcelles to the north of Méry (Montdidier sector). Caught under the fire of our guns, the assaulting troops were not able to reach our positions, but were obliged to retreat to their line of departure after having suffered very heavy losses."

"The material captured in our attacks on June 11 included ten cannon, four of them heavy pieces, and a very large number of machine guns."

"Between the Oise and the Aisne the day was calm. On the Aisne the enemy continued this morning his thrust between the Aisne and the forest of Villers-Cotterets. He was repulsed at the majority of points, but succeeded in gaining a foothold in the village of Laversine. Attempts to debouch from Courcelles and to advance west of Verre Feuille Farm completely failed. The enemy was not able to renew his attacks."

"In the afternoon north of Corcy, the enemy who had penetrated our lines momentarily was driven out and we established our positions in their entirety."

"The artillery fighting was quite spirited in the region of the Ourcq River, Bièzebourg and Pompeffe. Quiet prevailed on the rest of the front."

"On June 13 our bombing planes dropped in the battle zone sixteen tons of projectiles, and 25 tons on concentrations, convoys and marching troops behind the enemy front, and bombarded, as well, the villages of Hesson-Bur-Hats, Bièzebourg and the regions of Roye and Guignicourt. Several fires were observed. The same day seven enemy airplanes were brought down and nine were put out of action. In the first week of June thirteen enemy planes were brought down by anti-aircraft guns."

### A DINNER TO COL. McAVITY

Third Anniversary of Sailing From St. John of Fighting 26th Observed.

Special to The Standard  
Sussex, June 13.—The third anniversary of the sailing from St. John of the 26th New Brunswick Battalion was fittingly celebrated here tonight by a dinner given by the officers of Camp Sussex to Lieut. Col. J. L. McAvity, Commandant of Camp Sussex, who returned and took overseas that famous unit. Capt. J. V. Kierstead, president of the officers mess occupied the chair



LT. COL. McAVITY

and had on his right the guest of honor. An elaborate menu had been prepared and the menu card made a most attractive souvenir of the occasion. The menu card had the following title: "Dinner given to Lieut. Col. James Lupton McAvity, Camp Commandant, Camp Sussex, O. C., 1st New Brunswick Depot Battalion, who recruited and took overseas to France as Commanding Officer, the 26th Battalion, 2nd Division, C. E. F. This dinner is tendered to him by the Camp Sussex staff on the third anniversary of the battalion's sailing from St. John." President, Capt. J. V. Kierstead.

### List of Toasts.

The following list of toasts were honored:  
The King; The 26th and Our Gues, proposed by Lieut. Benson and responded to by Lieut. Col. McAvity; 1st Depot Battalion, proposed by Capt. Clegg, responded to by Capt. Logan; Chaplain Service, proposed by Lieut. Belyen, responded to by senior chaplain and Honorary Captain Hulle; Medical Service, proposed by Lieut. Evans, responded to by Capt. Clegg, senior medical officer; Dental Service, proposed by Lieut. Shields, responded to by Capt. Wilkins, senior dental officer; Engineer Service, proposed by Lieut. Reid, responded to by Lieut. Young, camp engineer; The Ladies, proposed by Capt. Kierstead, responded to by C. Capt. Malenfant; Our Fallen Comrades, honored in silence.

### Telegrams Read

During the evening a number of telegrams of congratulation were received by Col. McAvity and he sent out the following:  
O. C. 26th Battalion, France:  
On the third anniversary of our leaving Canada I am thinking of you.  
O. C. 1st Depot Battalion, St. John:  
On this the third anniversary of the departure of the original 26th battalion for overseas, please convey to those in your command and to all other members of the battalion my appreciation of their devotion to the cause.

Lieut. Col. J. L. McAvity  
Editor St. John Standard:  
On this the third anniversary of the departure from Canada of the 26th battalion, the only New Brunswick unit in the theatre of actual war, please publish and convey to all officers and men of the 26th my deep appreciation of their sacrifices and devotion to the cause.

Lieut. Col. J. L. McAvity.

### LODENDORFF IS YET FAR FROM PARIS

Great Struggle For Capital May Be Decided in the Forest of Compeigne.

### PREMATURE TO DRAW A CONCLUSION YET

French Critics Believe Foch Can Hold Enemy Behind Wooded Bastion.

### GERMANS ONLY MAKE PROGRESS WESTWARD

Their Spearhead Penetrates Short Distance To Southwest of Soissons.

(By Arthur S. Draper.)  
Special Cable to N. Y. Tribune and St. John Standard.

London, June 13.—Ludendorff has gone no nearer to Paris during the last twenty-four hours, having abandoned temporarily at least his efforts to find a short route through Compeigne, which now is within range of his guns. The only progress the Germans have made is in a westerly direction, their spearhead having penetrated a short distance to the southwest of Soissons so that the line now runs through Coevres and St. Pierre-Aigle.

Meanwhile the French have recaptured Melocq and Croix Ricard, and consolidated the Le Fray-Absentini line. Ludendorff is trying to squeeze the French out of this area between the Oise and the Aisne, a rectangle which is six miles deep, six miles wide on the upper side, and fifteen miles wide at its base on the Aisne. The Laigle forest occupies more than half that area within the rectangle.

### Huns Pay High Price.

If he had accomplished this task, Compeigne would be uncovered and Villers-Cotteret embarrassed. But the evidence which accumulates shows that Ludendorff is paying a decidedly high price for his gain. Not since July, 1916, has any army in the west counted with such brilliancy and success as has the French in the last three days. Hitherto the reaction has been brief and generally unimportant. The only notable exception being the Anglo-French counter-attack at the end of April. In a smaller way the American reaction in the Chateau Thierry sections are conspicuous, but there is no real parallel, for the French counter blows were made largely by colored troops north of Amiens. The great forest in the vicinity of Laigle, Compeigne and Villers-Cotteret were worth many divisions to the French. They furnished a screen for the movement of Poch's troops, while offering better protection even than the hills at Chemin de Dames. Ludendorff is trying to skin this wooded country, but thus far his flanking movements have yielded only meager results.

### Fate of Paris.

French critics believe the fate of Paris will be decided in this wooded region; they now declare Foch will hold the enemy behind this bastion which covers the capital. It is premature to draw any conclusion from the great battle for Paris, but it is plain now that its latest phase is far from satisfactory to the enemy. However, the stakes are so high that Ludendorff is likely to persist for a considerable time, even though he has to gamble more heavily every mile he advances. Because the Germans enjoy numerical superiority, Ludendorff is trying in every way to draw as many as possible of Foch's troops into action and lengthen his line. Foch sits tight north of Montdidier, but Haig also remains passive. In the north the Belgians are playing a waiting game. Soon these forces will grapple in another gigantic battle and it is possible that the centre of gravity will suddenly move northward.

The old analogy of a football team, with Ludendorff in possession of the ball still holds. If he is definitely checked on the left, he can shift his attack to the centre—Amiens—or to the right end—Ypres. His present drive is between tackle and end.

Miss Edna Speight of Woodman's Point, arrived home on Monday night, with her baby girl.

### ALLIES EXCEL IN GAS WARFARE AT PRESENT TIME

Washington, June 13.—The Allies now equal the Germans in gas warfare, Carl Laisberg, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, told the Senate Agriculture Committee today. They not only have more gas at their disposal and are applying it more effectively than the Germans, he said, but in defensive warfare they have more improved gas masks.

London, June 13.—Field Marshal Haig's report from British headquarters in France tonight says: "In a successful minor operation carried out by us last night in the neighborhood of Merris we captured forty-eight prisoners, six machine guns and trench mortars."

"Except for normal activity on both sides in the different sectors there is nothing further to report."

### NINE EMPLOYES OF C. G. R. RETIRING

Thomas McGowan of St. John and Number of Moncton Men Leaving After Long Service.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, June 13.—Nine C. G. R. employees are retiring from service this month and taking Provident Fund allowances. One of the retiring Moncton men has been in service forty-seven years. The names of those entered upon the Provident fund retirement, together with the number of years' service in the service before retirement, are: Thomas McGowan, carpenter, Moncton, 14 years; Alex. P. Lutes, carpenter, Moncton, 19 years; Robert C. Maddison, car repairer, Moncton, 18 years; Thomas McGowan, freight porter, St. John, 16 years; William F. Duncan, driver, Campbellton, 39 years; Oliver L. LeBlanc, Moncton.

### MANUFACTURERS END CONVENTION

W. J. Bulman of Winnipeg Elected President—Plan For After War Trade.

Montreal, June 13.—The Canadian Manufacturers' Association brought its annual convention, which has been held at the Windsor Hotel, to a close with an informal dinner tonight. Today was crowded with important business. The government was asked to prepare for the post-war trade.

A motion seeking to secure, after sections in the federal government, excise duty free alcohol for industrial and medicinal purposes and which can be made in the new idle Canadian distilleries by a process that is not concerned with edible raw material, will be, it was decided, the basis for action by the association's executive committee.

The speakers at the informal dinner tonight were W. J. Bulman of Winnipeg, the newly-elected president; Hon. Walter Mitchell, provincial treasurer of Quebec; James T. Emery of the national association of the United States and others.

### LIBERATED MAN DID NOT STAY LIBERATED

Freeman Collins Was Given Good Chance By Judge, But He Fails To Make Good.

Special to The Standard.  
Hopewell Hill, June 13.—Freeman Collins, the young man liberated by Judge W. B. Jonah at the last session of the Albert County Court for stealing, is again under arrest on the same charge. He was taken to the county goal to await trial. He had been put on parole by the judge to work on a farm, the judge knowing the scarcity of help thought it wiser than sending him to the penitentiary.

### AFTER THE W. U.

St. Paul, Minn., June 13.—A resolution asking President Wilson to take over immediate control of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies, in view of the possibility of a strike of union telegraphers was adopted today at the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor.

### VESSELS GO ASHORE ON THE COAST

Dutch Steamer Alcor Total Loss on Southern End of Nova Scotia.

### CAPT. BECKER AND CREW ARE SAFE

The Schooner Onward Lies Stranded At a Point Up the Bay.

### STMR. LAKE HOUGHTON LIKELY TOTAL LOSS

Another Vessel Missing, and Still Another High and Dry on Island.

The eastern Canadian coast has claimed a number of victims recently, several vessels being reported ashore at various points. The latest to go ashore is the Netherlands steamer Alcor, which struck on the rocks on the southern part of the Nova Scotia coast at an early hour yesterday morning and is a total loss. The crew was saved.

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The plates of the vessel were smashed by the contact with the rocks and last night there was ten feet of water in the engine room. The ship has begun to break up and there were indications that she would split in two amidships.

The Alcor was a vessel of 3,000 tons and was loaded with provisions.

### Schooner Aground.

The British schooner Onward, well known in St. John, is ashore up the bay. She was making for a port to load a cargo of lumber for an American port and struck bottom. When the tide ebbed she fell over on her starboard side and her keel was broken. She also received other damage and filled with water. The Onward had been thoroughly repaired this spring and was in first class condition.

The lake steamer Onward is thought to be a total loss on the rocks of an island on the Cape Breton coast. She was bound from a coal port for a New England port with three thousand tons of coal when she hit in the fog, crushing her plates. The Lake Houghton was built at Detroit this year for the United States Shipping Board and was on her maiden trip. The vessel is valued at \$400,000.

Capt. Oliver and 34 men of his crew are safe and a few of them are still on the scene. The United States Shipping Board has sent a party to investigate the disaster.

### Another Stranded.

The steamer Lake Como, another lake vessel which attempted to make the Atlantic this spring is piled up high and dry on an island up north and is high and dry at low tide. The crew constructed huts on the shore and as their food was ruined by the salt water they almost starved before supplies were sent to them.

### Vessel Disappears.

Special to The Standard.  
Yarmouth, N. S., June 13.—Another large steamer has come to grief on one of the Tusket Islands, the graveyard of this part of Nova Scotia. This time it is the steamer Alcor from Boston for across with grain in bags. From the meagre information which has been received she struck on the Devil's Limb some time last night. Holding firm the crew left her a little later and have arrived safely at Seal Island. Forty men in all. Since the crew left her the vessel has evidently slipped off the rocks and disappeared. Whether she has gone down in deep water or drifted away is a mystery. The tug Hugh D. has left for the scene and will return in the morning.