

War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

CANADIANS CAPTURE GERMAN LINE TRENCHES.

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, June 25.—In a difficult advance towards Lens, and amid a confused tangle of wrecked mines, partially destroyed miners' houses, railway embankments and the flooded ground of the Souchez valley, a valuable bit of enemy front line trench, extending over four hundred yards north of the river east of Bois-de-Riamont, was captured during the night by the Canadians and was firmly incorporated. The task set for the Canadians was the capture of enemy outposts to the southwest of Reservoir Hill. An attack on this outpost evidently was expected, the enemy abandoning the ground upon which machine gun fire was immediately turned by the Germans located on a hill. This was followed by artillery fire which continued during the night, and was severe in the vicinity of the Lens electric station. The enemy's dugouts were searched but found to be empty. Several raids last night between Lens and La Bassée showed the German trenches lightly held and little resistance was offered to the raiders. In a recent cable on the part taken by the Canadians in the work preparatory to the capture of Messines Ridge, mention should have been made of the work of the tunnelling companies from the Dominion. During many weary months while the Canadians above ground in the Ypres salient bore with fortitude the constant fire from the enemy's guns behind the ridge, Canadian miners far under ground were driving mine shafts for the enemy's destruction.

VENIZELOS TO FORM MINISTRY.

ATHENS, June 25. M. Jannart, Diplomatic Representative of the Allies in Greece, and Premier Zaimis, had a long conversation with the King at the Palace yesterday. It is reported the Cabinet has resigned and that M. Venizelos has been asked to form a new ministry.

GERMAN SUB. REPORTED SUNK.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 25. The officers of a British steamer which arrived to-day reported having sunk a German submarine boat. The vessel sent a shell into the U-boat's magazine, causing an explosion which parted the under-deck about midships and each end sank separately. The British ship was uninjured. The submarine was five miles distant and was running away after having attacked the ship nearly four hundred miles off the coast of Ireland.

THE AMERICAN ARMY.

WASHINGTON, June 25. More than half a million of men have volunteered in the American Army and Navy during the period of less than three months that have elapsed since war was declared to exist. The Army, Navy and National Guard represented an aggregate strength of little more than 300,000 men when the war resolution was adopted. Today between 700,000 and 800,000 are enrolled in the various branches of the fighting service and the great majority of them are armed, equipped and under training. They will be joined at the end of the summer by nearly a million men selected for the National Army from millions registered for the war during June.

SINN FEINERS ACTIVE.

CORK, June 25. Machine guns were used on Sinn Feiners in a disturbance here yesterday morning. They were brought into action after the police with clubs had failed to restore order. The soldiers cordoned various points while the police chased rioters to side streets. After having borne much

stoning the police ordered that guns be fired on the disturbers. One rioter was killed, another seriously wounded, while a dozen were treated in hospitals for bayonet and other wounds. The riot was eventually quelled without the troops coming into action.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, June 25. The official from the British headquarters in France reads: Our successful attack last night southwest of Lens was followed up during the day on both banks of the Souchez River. Substantial progress was made by our troops in this area on a front of about one and one-half miles. A raid attempted by the enemy last night, southeast of Ypres, was completely repulsed by our machine gun fire. There was heavy fighting in the air yesterday. Five German airplanes were brought down by our machines, five others were driven down out of control. Another hostile machine was shot down by our anti-aircraft guns. Five of ours are missing.

CREW OF FIFTY MISSING.

Base of American Flotilla in British Waters, June 25.—One of the American destroyers' patrol flotilla reported this morning she was unable to find any trace of fifty members of the crew of a British ship which was being attacked by a submarine when the American craft snatched the Britisher's wireless call from the air. "Submarine shelling us" was the first message the destroyer picked up. The position showed the Britisher was 90 miles away, which meant a run of five hours through a high sea for the destroyer. The American craft was just getting under full speed when her wireless sounded a second and final message which read, "Abandoning ship." Only floating wreckage greeted the American bluejackets when they reached the scene, but they patrolled the vicinity for two days in the hope of finding some survivors. Owing to the high sea, it seems doubtful if any of the sunken ship's crew were picked up by passing ships.

TROUBLE IN RUSSIAN NAVY.

PETROGRAD, June 25. Admiral Koltchak, who was removed from the command of the Black Sea Fleet by the mutiny of his men, declares the outbreak, which is now at an end, was fomented by delegates from the Baltic fleet. At a meeting attended by 13,000 soldiers, it was resolved to arrest and search all officers of the fleet, including the Admiral and his chief of staff, on the ground that they were propagating a counter-revolution. The crew of the flagship demanded that Admiral Koltchak surrender his sword. He refused, and said, "The Japanese left me this sword when we evacuated Port Arthur. I won this sword in the Japanese war, and will not give it up. He threw the sword into the sea. The mutineers sent a wireless to all ships to disarm officers. Admiral Koltchak sent wireless instructions to the officers not to resist, so that bloodshed might be avoided. It was finally decided not to arrest the officers, although the men insisted that Admiral Koltchak resign his command.

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regiments as early as the spring of 1915 had to be decimated because of their conduct in the face of the enemy. The Royal Bohemian Body Guard Regiment was permanently disbanded at that time, and its colors sent to the arsenal at Vienna. It was about this time that a correspondent saw a naive letter from a Bohemian prisoner in Serbia, advising his comrades not to desert while in Serbia, as conditions of residence there were too unpleasant.

KING CONSTANTINE BUYS HOME.

AMSTERDAM, June 25. Former King Constantine, of Greece, has, according to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, bought a magnificent chateau at Chartreuse near Thun, Switzerland, belonging to German Baron von Goedlitz.

BRITISH TITLES.

LONDON, June 25. The Times learns that in view of the recent decision of King George that these Princes of his family who are his subjects and bear German names and titles should relinquish them, the Duke of Teck takes the title of Marquis of Cambridge, and Prince Alexander of Pattenburg becomes the Marquis of Carisbrook.

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been called to act as arbitrator in the differences between the Zaimis ministry and the Government of former Premier Venizelos at Salonika. Whether the Zaimis cabinet will resign depends upon Jannart's decision. In case of its resignation probably the Venizelos party will assume power immediately in order to nip in the bud any reactionary movement.

WANTS AUTONOMY.

TIFLES, June 25. At a Congress of Georgian National Democrats a resolution has been adopted in favor of the autonomy of Georgia. Georgia is a district of trans-Caucasian Russia. The Georgians forming about half the population number more than a million divided into various tribes.

DUMA TO BE DISSOLVED.

PETROGRAD, June 25. Premier Iroff has written to Rodzianko, President of the Duma requesting him to evacuate as soon as possible the Lauride Palace which has been used for public business since the revolution with a view of making the necessary preparations in connection with the Constituent Assembly which is to decide on the future form of Government. Rodzianko agreed on the condition that the Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates previously removed from the palace. He asked references to the Marc Palace documents relating to the Duma. According to a newspaper report the Government has decided to issue a decree dissolving the Duma. The palace of the former Dowager Empress will be given over to the Ministry of Supplies.

ARTILLERY FIGHTING.

PARIS, June 25. Sharp artillery fighting was in progress continuously during the night near Froidmont Farm and Chevroux, says to-day's official statement.

WOMEN AND POTATOES.

LONDON, June 25. A despatch to the Times from Amsterdam reports that a crowd of women stormed a dozen barges in the inner harbor of Rotterdam Saturday and seized about a ton of potatoes destined for England. The barges, which were loaded with 11,000 tons

of potatoes, were then removed to the outer harbor and guarded by police. The trouble whereof the foregoing is a mere incident, has arisen, according to a correspondent, between Holland and England and Germany. Germany last week demanded a consignment of new potatoes in return for German exports of coal to Holland. Before a consignment could be made 11,000 tons of old potatoes had to be shipped to England under contract. The people of Rotterdam who are themselves insufficiently supplied, learning that these potatoes were awaiting shipment, raided the barges. Meanwhile the Germans are threatening to seize the coal supply unless the potatoes are sent. The correspondent says if the Dutch yield to the German pressure and send these potatoes to Germany they will break their agreement with England and endanger their supply of grain from America, which might prove as serious a loss as German coal.

AMERICAN VERSION.

WASHINGTON, June 25. The secret history of the events leading up to the break with Germany by the United States is contained in a "Red, White, and Blue Book" which has been issued by the Government. Though put out by the National Press Bureau, "How the war came to America," is believed to have been prepared under the direction of the President and many passages appeared to be from his pen.

From Cape Race.

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