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CASUALTIES. Officers 131-17 Killed; Rank and File 700, and Increasing CANADIANS STILL ENGAGE IN HARD FIGHTING WITH GERMANS Russians Win Successes in Opening Offensive on a 200-Mile Front

RUSSIANS OPEN BIG OFFENSIVE WITH SUCCESS

Take Thirteen Thousand Prisoners in Day's Fighting in Galicia. ALSO CAPTURE GUNS Troops of Czar Advance With Support of Powerful Artillery.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, June 5.—Thirteen thousand prisoners were taken by the Russians with great machine guns in many important sectors in a general engagement which began Sunday morning on the front between the Pripiet and the Roumanian frontier. The Russians captured many important positions from the enemy.

Petrograd reports that the Russian troops have obtained successes on many important sectors. In the development of the engagement the Russian artillery destroyed successive shelter works of the enemy and the Russian infantry occupied the positions.

The reluctance of the Russian general staff omits all mention of the points where the chief blows are falling. It is believed that the fighting has become general along the 220 mile front and that the battle will last many days. It started as soon as the weather and the roads became favorable for large operations. The Russian high official announces that in the fighting Col. Lourie was killed and Col Vontsigler was seriously wounded.

The Austrian report officially that the Russian artillery on Sunday morning entered into action on the whole Bessarabia and northeastern front, that the artillery fire was especially violent on the Dniester and lower Stripa, northwest of Tarnopol, and in Volhynia. A sector of about 16 miles held by the army of Archduke Joseph Ferdinand was under the Russian gunfire. The Russians made an attack with gas on the Dniester, but it is asserted, they did no damage to the Austro-Hungarian forces. Everywhere, the Austrians report, are signs of impending infantry attacks.

NEXT BRITISH MAIL. A British and foreign mail, consisting of letter and registered matter only, will be closed at the general postoffice at 6 a.m., Tuesday, June 6, with a supplementary mail at 11.30 a.m. same day.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

ON the Canadian front at Zillebeke last night the situation was unchanged from Sunday, according to the report of Sir Douglas Haig. Sunday night was passed quietly, but yesterday a good deal of shelling was exchanged by both sides. The full story of the fighting shows that the Germans attacked the Canadian front with nine battalions of infantry, or a concentration of three men a yard, after they had prepared the ground by a formidable artillery fire. The men in the front trenches, chiefly from Toronto, bore the shock of the first violent blow, and 200 of them were surrounded before being aware of it and taken prisoner. The Germans advanced a distance of 700 yards towards Zillebeke. The next morning the Canadians, who had held the enemy all night, strongly counter-attacked and recovered practically all the territory ceded to the foe. The Germans threw reinforcements into the fight and made inroads on the Canadian ground. Both sides then settled down to an exchange of lethal compliments with each other. The Canadian losses are said to be very heavy.

The heavy action fought by the Canadians and the comparatively large toll of the missing represents the price of holding a front impregnable against the enemy. Things would not look so bad if a glimpse could be had at the real German lists of casualties sustained in their desperate and repeated endeavors to smash this part of the British line. But one reason for the bigness of the casualty list on this occasion is that Canada has a big army at the front. She has probably as many men in the battle line as fought for the north at Gettysburg. The fighting is fiercer in Flanders than it was in Pennsylvania, yet, thanks to the protection afforded our soldiers by their

Ontario Praises Bravery of Canada's Soldier Sons

Premier Hearst, on Behalf of Citizens, Sends Appreciation of Gallantry in Recent Battle to Officers and Men of Third Division.

On behalf of the Ontario Government and the people of the province Premier Hearst has despatched the following cablegram to the agent general for Ontario in London: Richard Reid, Agent General for Ontario, London, England. "Please convey to the officers and men of the 3rd Canadian Division the appreciation of the government and people of the Province of Ontario at the splendid gallantry shown in their recent engagement. We mourn the loss of those who have fallen and sympathize with the wounded, but we rejoice to know that the men from Canada have been worthy of their calling. They were not found wanting in the hour of trial, and by their devotion have again proved that the empire stands united against the foe. W. H. Hearst, prime minister.

ADMIRALTY GIVES CRITICS A REBUKE

Aspersions Inflict Grave Injustice Upon Able and Gallant Officers.

ACASTA SAFE IN PORT

British Destroyer Was Sunk According to the German Version.

LONDON, June 5.—The admiralty in a communication tonight referring to aspersions cast by some newspapers upon the professional conduct of the higher command officers in the Jutland battle, says: "It cannot be too clearly stated that, as no definite report from the commander in chief has been published or even read, any attempt to criticize the direction of the operations must be wholly conjectural and that such aspersions inflict grave injustice upon able and gallant officers, to whose care is confided the command of his majesty's squadrons and ships." The admiralty this evening made public a list of casualties among petty officers and men in the naval battle off Jutland, as reported from ships other than those sunk. The list shows 118 killed and 233 wounded. An earlier official list showed that a total of 33 officers were killed. The British destroyer Acasta which the Germans claimed to have sunk, has arrived at a northern port under tow of another destroyer. The shell which put her out of action, after she had been in the thick of the fight for 40 minutes, exploded in the engine room, killing five men. "After that, we were helpless," said one of her crew, "and with shells falling all around us, we expected soon to be struck to the bottom. But luckily none struck us."

KAISER BOASTING OF SEA "VICTORY"

He Sends Telegrams to Admirals Von Tirpitz and Von Koester.

DECORATIONS GIVEN

Fleet Commander is Promoted and Various Awards Made.

AMSTERDAM, June 6, via London.—The German Emperor has sent congratulatory messages to Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, the former minister of the navy, and Grand Admiral von Koester, the former grand admiral of the German fleet. The message to Admiral von Tirpitz reads: "After visiting my fleet, which returned victoriously from a heavy battle, I feel I must again declare to you my imperial thanks for what you have performed in my service in the technical domain and the domain of organization. Our ships and weapons behaved themselves brilliantly in the battle in the North Sea. It is also for you a day of glory." "From the fleet flagship, which has returned with fresh laurels, I send to you, the old fleet chief, my imperial salutations. You laid the foundation for the careful employment of all weapons, and the tactical training of the fleet. Building on your work and cultivating the spirit implanted by you, your successors have further developed the fleet to a living war instrument that stands so brilliantly in my service. The consciousness of having saved such seed must be a great source of gratification to you." The emperor, according to a Berlin despatch, has promoted Vice-Admiral Scheer, commander of the German battle fleet, to be admiral. Vice-Admiral Hipper has been awarded the Order of Pour le Merite. War decorations of various kinds have also been awarded officers and men who distinguished themselves in the North Sea battle. The emperor laid a wreath on the grave of a number of dead buried in the garrison cemetery at Wilhelmshaven. The emperor and empress have visited the wounded in the hospitals at Wilhelmshaven.

COMRADE'S TRIBUTE TO GENERAL MERCER

"Queen's Own Never Produced a Finer Soldier," Says Major S. W. Band.

Major S. W. Band, officer in command of the Queen's Own Rifles, in speaking last night of General Mercer, one of the commanders of the regiment, who the casualty lists report is missing, said that it was the earnest hope of every member of the Q.O.R. that the general would be safe and sound. "General Mercer was adjutant of the Queen's Own Regiment when I joined it, and the Q.O.R. never produced a finer soldier or one of whom we are more proud," said Major Band. "We are upset over the uncertainty of the reports from the front. He was the kind of officer that holds safe and sound goes first. Not only the Queen's Own Rifles, but every regiment in Canada is proud of General Mercer's military achievements." Since the start of the war, it was announced at Q.O.R. headquarters last night, the regiment has had ten of its officers killed, six wounded, three taken prisoners and one missing, the latter being General Mercer.

ITALIAN FRONT YET UNBROKEN BY AUSTRIANS ENEMY THEN BEATEN

Position Evacuated in Cegnio Zone Before Superior Numbers.

Two Attacks on New Position Repulsed With Reinforcements.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, June 5.—The Italian war office announced today that attacked by decidedly superior forces of Austrians in the Cegnio zone, the Italian troops were compelled by sheer weight of numbers to evacuate their positions and retire to the line of the Cegnio valley where they received reinforcements and broke down two violent attacks on their new position the same night. In the Lagarina valley the Italians repulsed the Austrians with heavy losses. The enemy, after his usual bombardment of the defensive positions with heavy projectiles, attempted a diversion against the section of the front between Monte Giovo and Terzo, while making a real attack on the Com Zegna position. His plans were seen thru and foiled. On the front between the Posina and the Astico, the Austrians, backed by the vigorous artillery, repeated their violent effort to make progress towards Monte Alba and Col Posina and after a desperate struggle they were forced to fall back in disorder with their ranks decimated by the Italian fire. In the Dalgone valley Austrian detachments were put to flight by Italian counter-attacks in the region of Malga Staboleto, after Italian reinforcements had arrived. Intense but effective artillery activity by the Austrians is reported from the Ledro valley. In the Fassulbe sector an artillery duel and skirmishes fought. Artillery action has also been proceeding on the rest of the front as far as Brenta.

HUSBAND AND WIFE ASPHYXIATED BY GAS

Graham and Elizabeth Clyde Found Dead Sitting Side by Side on Sofa.

Graham Clyde and Elizabeth Clyde, husband and wife, aged about 65 years, were found dead on a sofa in their home at 23 Silver avenue, about 11.15 last night, from inhaling illuminating gas from a gas stove. The old couple were missed Sunday night and neighbors informed Cowan Scherer police station of the fact. Policeman 424 and Police Sergeant Parker investigated. A strong odor of gas assailed them as they entered the house. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde were seated side by side on the sofa, fully dressed, and had apparently been dead for some time.

STIMULATE PATRIOTISM THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE

Ministerial Body to Co-Operate With Major Williams, Chief Recruiting Officer.

Rev. Crawford Brown, the chaplain of the 48th Highlanders Regiment, has been appointed chairman of the Ministerial Patriotic League, which has been formed to stimulate patriotism among people in Ontario. Rev. W. J. Southern, rector of All Saints' Anglican Church, has been made vice-chairman of the organization and Rev. J. R. Patterson of Centennial Methodist Church, secretary-treasurer. The new association will work in co-operation with Rev. Major Williams, the senior chaplain and chief recruiting officer of the Speakers' Patriotic League. Each denomination has two representatives on the executive.

JUNE DOINGS.

The auto glides up to the door. Bouquets are strewn along the floor. He lifts his hat—her feelings choke her. And all the guests throw tapcoats. The "tapcoats" came from the grocer. The hat, a more classic feature of the event, was a Dinesen silk. Dinesen's hats for all functions—140 Yonge street, Toronto, and 20-22 King street west, Hamilton.

CANADIAN LOSSES "VERY HEAVY" IN ACTION BEFORE ZILLEBEKE

Canadian Officers' Casualties

Toronto. KILLED. Capt. W. P. Moore (Owen Sound). Lieut. G. A. Ross. WOUNDED. Capt. N. C. Kelley (severely). Capt. H. Price. Capt. A. J. Sinclair. Capt. E. W. Bickel. Capt. W. E. L. Coleman. Capt. W. G. Cooble. Capt. G. A. Watson. Lieut. M. Beck. Lieut. H. H. Fuller. Lieut. E. Hibbert. Lieut. R. A. Brown. Lieut. G. W. Rutter. WOUNDED, BUT ON DUTY. Capt. P. P. Acland. MISSING. Maj.-Gen. M. S. Marcar. Capt. J. H. Symons. Capt. F. S. Parke. Capt. M. A. Scouville. Capt. J. E. Lattimer. Capt. A. H. Lightbourne. Capt. M. N. Fraser. Capt. A. G. Wilkens. Lieut. L. E. Gooderham. Lieut.-Col. J. F. H. Usher. Lieut. J. H. Douglas. Lieut. J. R. Martin. Lieut. L. E. Clarke. Lieut. A. W. Sims. Lieut. W. C. Ince. Lieut. H. C. Young. Lieut. H. P. Bourne. Lieut. N. L. Wells. Lieut. G. Morrissey. Lieut. C. H. Peaker. Lieut. H. E. Smith. Lieut. H. W. Uglov. Lieut. L. B. Bumstead. Outside Points. An additional list of officers' casualties was received last night by Gen. Hughes. It follows: KILLED IN ACTION. Lieut. Bruce C. MacFarlane, Capt. E. J. Vessey, Montreal. DIED OF WOUNDS. Capt. P. V. Cornish, Princess Pats, WOUNDED. Lieut. A. P. Norman, Vancouver; Lieut. C. McGowan, Elora, Ont.; Capt. R. H. Gregory, Major C. Y. Weaver, Lieut. Harold Drabble, Lieut. K. G. Edgington, all of Edmonton; Lieut. Arthur Evans, Winnipeg; Lieut. P. McArthur, Princess Pats; Lieut. Arthur J. Pearson, Regina; Major Albert K. Robbins, Edmonton; Lieut. W. E. C. Irwin, Ottawa; Lieut. Charles Hannington; Lieut. Stanley Wharton, Vancouver; Capt. Hugh Niven, Winnipeg; Lieut. V. H. S. Heron, Halifax; Lieut. Gilbert T. Lea, Western Ontario; Capt. W. Ross Craghton, Montreal; Capt. McE. Crobie, St. Catharines; Lieut. E. Douglas Huycke, Peterboro; Lieut. Chas. L. Rlone, Winnipeg. The regular day and night casualty lists are on page four.

SEVEN HUNDRED NAMES SO FAR IN CASUALTIES

List at Ottawa is Growing Steadily and Office Staffs Have Been Increased to Handle Lists.

OTTAWA, June 5.—Evidences of the toll paid by the Canadians about Ypres is shown in the casualties being received at the militia department. About 700 names of the rank and file have already been received and will be made public as soon as the next of kin is notified. The list is steadily growing and the casualty and record office staffs have already inaugurated an all-night tour of duty to promptly notify relatives.

BRITISH SHIPS VICTORS SAY NEW YORK PAPERS

Sun Asks Ironically Where is German Command of Sea.

HUN BOASTS ARE IDLE

Fuller Corrects of Jutland Battle Corrupted the First Impression.

NEW YORK, June 5.—That fuller details of the North Sea naval battle show Great Britain's supremacy of the sea, is in no way impaired, and that the German boasts of "victory" are utterly unjustified, is the view of the sounder editorial opinion of the New York newspapers. The New York Press sums up as follows: "So far as concerns the naval power of Great Britain and of Germany, the two outstanding facts of the battle of last week are that, the British loss in tonnage was relatively greater and, when the real fight came, the Kaiser's navy was driven off the sea." The Sun, commenting sarcastically, says: "If these German boasts are well founded that fact will be presently disclosed. With Germany in command of the sea, and Britain deprived of her supremacy, Teutonic commerce will resume its ante-bellum freedom. The merchant ships tied up in neutral ports will lead and sail the vessels idle in their home harbors will set forth on their accustomed voyages. In the resumption of interrupted trading, not in lists of warships sunk and sailors killed, will be the proof of the German contention. Until it is accomplished, the rulership of the oceans cannot be said to have shifted from the island kingdom to the central powers."

HEROIC SUPPORT BY HIGHLANDERS

Toronto and Montreal Regiments Rushed to Aid Mounted Rifles.

HUGE LOSSES CERTAIN

Canadians Pay Heavy Price, But Add to Glorious Achievements.

By a Staff Reporter. The battle of Zillebeke, or Ypres, is now known to be a sad page in Canadian history. With about one hundred and fifty casualties amongst officers of the first and third divisions, it is certain that the losses amongst the men of the ranks will be very heavy—how heavy it is impossible to say at present. The mounted rifles of Ontario and the west and the Highlanders of Toronto and Montreal have suffered severely. While no details have yet been received, it seems certain that the Mounted Rifles held the St. Eloi salient, and were subjected to the furious attack of the Germans, and that the Highlanders were brought up as reinforcements. That they did their duty nobly is shown by the terrible casualty lists. That they covered themselves with glory by retaking their lost ground has shown the fighting power of the Canadian troops. Toronto has suffered more severely than any other city with nearly 40 officers amongst the killed, wounded and missing.

GERMANS DISSATISFIED WITH NAVAL BATTLE

Political Chiefs in Reichstag Demand Recall of Admiral Von Tirpitz.

LONDON, June 5, 5.20 a.m.—A despatch to The Daily Mail from The Hague says: "Leaders of the German Conservative and National Liberal parties, as well as of other German political factions, are making a concerted call of Admiral von Tirpitz as the head of the navy, because they are not satisfied with the result of the North Sea battle."

GERMAN CHANCELLOR AGAIN DISCUSSES PEACE

But He Boasts That Strength of Position Continues to Improve.

BERLIN, June 5, via Amsterdam to London.—The imperial chancellor has again discussed peace in the reichstag. "Six months ago, in Dec. 9," he said, "discussing our military situation, I spoke here for the first time of our readiness for peace. I could do so in entire confidence that our situation would continue to improve. Developments have confirmed this confidence. We have made further progress on all fronts. We are stronger than we were before. "If, with this development before my eyes, I declare that we were ready for peace, I need not regret my statement, even if our offered evoked no response from our enemies."

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