

British Advance Has Commenced

LONDON, June 16 -- The French embassy to-day gave out the statement that British forces yesterday had carried a line of German trenches to the west of La Bassee.

ITALIANS ARE OCCUPYING ALL DOMINATING POINTS ON TYROL

Austrians are Strongly Fortifying the Isonzo River With Concrete Entrenchments--Austrian Attacks Near Val Sesis Repulsed by Bayonet.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Rome, June 16.—An elaborate system of entrenchments has been prepared by the Austrians along the Isonzo River, according to an official statement signed by General Cadorna, issued at the war office to-night.

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Nineteen Persons Killed --BY AIR ATTACK ON KARLSRUHE-- Fourteen Seriously Hurt

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Karlsruhe, Baden, via wireless to London, June 16.—Nineteen persons were killed and fourteen seriously wounded while many others were slightly wounded during the attack made upon this city early yesterday morning by a fleet of French aeroplanes.

A French statement yesterday said the attack upon Karlsruhe was made by twenty-three aeroplanes which dropped 130 projectiles causing a large number of fires. It was stated a serious panic was observed at the railroad station.

SPECIAL ENVOY TO THE KAISER FROM U. S. AN INTERNATIONAL SPY

Duped Bryan—Lived Disguised as Dr. Anton Meyer Gerhard, His Real Name is Dr. Alfred Meyer, Kaiser's Private Councillor.

New York, June 16.—Dr. Anton Meyer Gerhard, "German Red Cross emissary," Count von Bernstorff's special envoy to the Imperial Government, who landed yesterday in Christiania, Norway, has perpetrated a gigantic hoax on the State Department of the United States.

His much advertised Red Cross propaganda was a farce. He came here to purchase such war supplies as he could obtain, and, incidentally, to learn the condition of military preparedness in this country.

PREDICTIONS ON LENGTH OF WAR BY BELLIGENTS AND NEUTRALS

The war in Europe has now been in progress more than ten months. Here are some of the prophecies that were made as to how long the great conflict would last:

BRITISH. IN LONDON, at the middle of March, the odds at Lloyd's were 3 to 1 against the war ending before May, odds were even that it would end before September 1 next, and 15 to 1 on was offered that peace would come before March 1, 1916.

FRENCH. GEN. JOFFRE, French Commander-in-Chief, April 2, 1915.—The war soon will end in favor of the allies.

RUSSIAN. GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS, Russian Commander-in-Chief, Nov. 6, 1914, in telegram to Gen. Joffre—I am most confident of the speedy and entire accomplishment of our common task.

GERMAN. HERR BALLIN, confidant of the Kaiser, in interview with Gustav C. Roeder at Hamburg, published April 14, 1915—How long will the war last? My dear sir, this is a question which nobody in Germany can correctly answer to-day.

AMERICAN. JAMES J. HILL, American railroad man, April 1, 1915—The war will end by October, 1915.

BRANTFORD BOY RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL

CAPT. F. HICKS.



Latest Officer to enlist for active service from 38th D.R.C.

Pte. Chas. Bloxham Writes Modestly to Say How He Has Been Recommended for the D. C. M. for Bravery at Ypres

Word was last night received in the city by Mr. and Mrs. A. Bloxham, residing at 27 Sheridan Street, that their son, Charles, had received the distinction of being awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

It is to be hoped that the gallant youth will be spared many years to wear the simple cross won so meritoriously on the Field of Honor.

Dear Father: You will be more than surprised to read the contents of my typewritten sheet.

He went to Valenciennes with his regiment and received his first military training in that camp.

Norway Not Able to Protect Herself at Sea

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Christiania, via London, June 16.—The Norwegian press, in publishing the American note to Germany expresses satisfaction that the most powerful of neutral nations has called upon Germany in plain words to stop her warfare against peaceful merchant ships of neutral nations of which Norway has lost more than any other country.

The Norwegian mail and passenger steamer Iris, which plies between Newcastle and Bergen, is reported to have been attacked by submarines on two trips.

SIR EDWARD CARSON DID NOT WANT TO ENTER COALITION GOVT.

Address by Premier Asquith, Britain's Expenses Will be \$15,000,000 a Day Hereafter--Heavy War Credit Voted by House of Commons.

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GERMAN HOPES ARE BASED ON U. S. FOR MEDIATION

Germany Herself Believed to be Forced to Conclusion That Continuation of the Struggle Will Only Add to Difficulties She Must Face at the End.

Special Despatch to The Courier.

Washington, June 16th.—"As far as Germany herself is concerned there is a general feeling that the nation is being rapidly brought to a realization that victory cannot now be secured, no matter what the efforts that may be made.

Washington, June 16.—In high official circles it is believed—and to-day this belief was guardedly expressed—that Germany will take advantage of the negotiations with the United States over the Lusitania affair to work around to peace overtures to end the big struggle in Europe.

Zeppelin Raided England

London, June 16.—A Zeppelin airship visited the northeast coast of England last evening and dropped bombs.

Some fires were started by the projectiles from the Zeppelin, but by this morning they had been overcome.

Beginning with the German air raid on the municipal area of London, May 31, in which four persons were killed, the past sixteen days have brought reports of a number of aerial attacks by both sides, all of which indicate a determination to force the fighting from the clouds.

For instance, yesterday morning 23 aeroplanes delivered an attack upon the German city of Karlsruhe, killing persons to the number of 19, and wounding 14, and inflicting material damage.

The most important aerial engagements of the past two weeks, over the continent and England, are as follows: Aeroplanes of the allies attacked the headquarters of the German crown prince, June 3, and two days later a German aeroplane dropped explosive bombs on the French seaport of Calais.

On the 6th of June a Zeppelin airship visited the east coast of England and five persons on the ground below were dead before it sailed away.

It was on the 7th of June that Warneford, the young Canadian aviator, destroyed a German Zeppelin in an air duel over Belgium.

Mr. Asquith said he had decided.

THEATRE... DEVI... PLAYS... SINGING SISTERS... SALVADOR... LIVERY... POT INN... COAL... YOUTH... HERLAND