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RUSSIAN VICTORY GREATEST IN MILITARY HISTORY

Czar's Troops Take 65,000 Prisoners, Burst Clear Thru Supposedly Impregnable Defences of the Enemy in Volhynia and Galicia, Send Cossacks Ahead to Cut Off Austrian and German Armies and Force Remains of Austrian Armies Back on Average of Fifteen Miles on Whole Front Between Pripet Marshes and Roumanian Border.

British Monitors Drive German Destroyers Back Into Port

SMALL BRITISH CRAFT ENGAGED OFF ZEEBRUGGE

German Destroyers Fled to Port When British Monitors Opened Fire.

NO BRITISH CASUALTIES

Berlin Version is That Opponents Withdrew in Direction of Dunkirk.

LONDON, June 9, 7.45 p.m.—A brief engagement between small British and German warships off the coast of Belgium yesterday was made known today in the following official communication: "On Thursday morning a British patrol force, composed of monitors and torpedo boat destroyers, engaged off Zeebrugge torpedo boat destroyers of the enemy, which, on being fired at by monitors, returned to port. There were no casualties. No damage was sustained by any of our ships."

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LIEBKNECHT WILL SOON BE TRIED FOR TREASON

Berlin Military Court to Decide Socialist Leader's Fate.

AMSTERDAM, via London, June 9.—A despatch received here from Berlin says that Karl Liebknecht, the Socialist leader, who has been in custody since May 1, when he was arrested in connection with the May day demonstration, is accused of treason, and that his trial probably will begin within a few days before the Berlin military court.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

RUSSIA'S offensive on the front between the Pripet marshes and the Roumanian frontier continues to be the biggest thing of the war, and some of the results achieved, although belated in announcement, show that the enemy has already suffered a smashing defeat. In general, the Russians, by about the fourth day, had pushed the enemy back from the Stripa River for a distance of 15 miles to the Zlota Lipa. They have also definitely reached that river at Potok. They have also got well across the Ikwa and the Styr in Volhynia, and there the Austrians have been fain to confess a retreat, but in the confusion of the monster battle, with the Russians pressing forward with energy and vim, it is probable that the Austrian high command has already lost its grip of the situation. In Volhynia the Germans are trying to stay the Russian advance at the points where their front has been pierced, and numerous Germans are being found amongst the prisoners taken.

The number of prisoners taken by the Russians has mounted up to over 65,000, and they are constantly streaming in to the depots. The capturing of so many Austrians and Germans involves a loss of at least 250,000 men, and perhaps well over 300,000 men to the enemy in casualties. In other words, well nigh half his army on this front has been destroyed by the impetuous sweep of the Russian hordes. The Germans are hurrying men down from the north in an effort to save the situation, but if they weaken their front in that direction they are likely to be smashed by the army of General Evert, who is doubtlessly watchfully waiting for his chance. As a sample

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CAMPANIA HAD PART IN NORTH SEA FIGHT

Old Cunard Liner Gave Effective Aid to the Warrior.

LONDON, June 10, 3.04 a.m.—One of the ships engaged in the North Sea battle was the old Cunard liner Campania, which acted as a seaplane ship. When the cruiser Warrior was hard pressed by the German ships and unable to move, the Campania pushed herself between the German ships to the aid of the Warrior. She threw a heavy aboard and towed the Warrior for 10 hours when the cruiser sank. The Campania was thus the means of saving the crew of the Warrior.

ITALY PRESERVES FRONT UNBROKEN

Austrians Continue to Suffer Repulse in Violent Battle.

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A. H. Colley Met Instant Death at Simcoe Ice Company Plant.

Walking along the top of a train in the Ice Plant of Lake Simcoe Ice Company, Dupont street, yesterday afternoon A. H. Colley, aged 22, of 145 Dupont street, stepped on a live wire and was electrocuted. Colley formerly resided at Richmond Hill and started with the company as an ice harvester on the first of the month. Twenty-two hundred volts past thru his body and he fell eight feet to the ground.

MORE JAP TROOPS AT TIENTSIN AND PEKIN

Disturbances Following Death of Chinese President Evidently Feared.

TOKIO, June 10.—Japan is augmenting her troops at Tientsin and Peikin by one battalion, which was withdrawn from Dairen, on the Liaotung peninsula near Port Arthur.

TODAY IS THE DAY FOR MEN'S HATS.

Men mostly buy their hats on Saturdays. Dinsen's have established Saturday as their hat day in Toronto. This week-end will be a busy time for straw and summer weights. There is unusual variety this season, to be seen only in full completeness at Dinsen's, 140 Yonge street, Toronto, and 20-22 King street west, Hamilton.

HUGHES LEADER BUT ROOSEVELT MORE POPULAR

After Two Ballots, Republican Convention Adjourned Until Today.

OVALATION FOR COLONEL

Hughes Supporters Hopeful, But Roosevelt is Big Factor in Race.

CHICAGO, June 9.—On the two only ballots taken today in the Republican National Convention Justice Hughes led the field and gained strength. His supporters, hopeful that another ballot would give him a majority, resisted adjournment, but the convention, tired and worn with a continuous ten-hour session, was determined to rest, and adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. It was the first time since 1888 that a Republican convention has taken more than one ballot to choose a presidential nominee.

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GREECE'S COURSE PLEASES FRANCE

Demobilization Regarded as Direct Result of Allies' Pressure.

HALF ARMY DISBANDED

Mobilization Has Been Unpopular From First With Greek People.

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In their terrific battle with the sea the clothing of some of the men had been torn from their bodies. Their hands and feet had been mutilated in desperate efforts to climb the cliffs. According to the reports, Earl Kitchener and the members of his staff were placed in one of the ship's boats which got clear of the wreck, but was swamped in the terrific sea that was running.

RUSSIANS DRIVE AUSTRIANS BACK WIN BIGGEST VICTORY IN HISTORY

Sir Julian Byng Fortunate To Escape Being Captured

He Had Intended To Accompany Gen. Mercer on Toronto Officer's Visit To Front Trenches.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, June 9.—It was only by a lucky accident, says The Daily News correspondent, that when General Mercer and Williams fell into the enemy's hands the other day, Sir Julian Byng, the corps commander, was not captured too. He had intended accompanying General Mercer into the trench that morning. Brevet Lieut.-Colonel Emsley, D.S.O., of the local forces, has been appointed general staff officer in place of Lieut.-Colonel A. H. Macdonnell of the Royal Canadian Regiment.

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The Dunrobin was chased by twenty armed German trawlers, but the Swedish torpedo boat destroyer Casstor, in command of Prince William, suddenly appeared and conveyed her safely thru the narrow waters.

Newspapers here commenting on the Dunrobin's escape, say it is apparent German destroyers are not patrolling the Baltic.

Number of Prisoners Taken Totals Sixty-five Thousand—Czar's Foremost Columns Reach Zlota Lipa River and Seize Bridgehead—Cossacks Lead Advance and Forces Converge on Lemberg.

LONDON, June 9.—In the development of their big and startling offensive on the entire front between the Pripet Marshes and the Roumanian frontier, in Bukowina, Galicia and Volhynia, the Russians have made further and important progress, in which they have pushed back the enemy from the Stripa and Styr Rivers for an average distance of over 15 miles and have reached the Zlota Lipa River at Potok, on the road to Lemberg. The occupation of Lutsck enables them to get a three days' start on a circling movement on Lemberg from the north, along a good metalled road.

Despite a stubborn opposition which is being put up in some places by the enemy the Russians, general headquarters officially claims, are proceeding with the offensive on the whole front. It is officially announced by the same source that the total number of prisoners taken up to yesterday is now 1143 officers and 64,714 men, an addition of 185 officers and 13,714 men over the day before.

Took Styr Bridgehead. The Austrians were driven out of Opoltchenie and back on the Styr by one of the Russian divisions of young troops and these followed up their successes by an impetuous charge, which captured the bridgehead near the town of Rozitschky. This division also took 2500 German and Austrian prisoners, together with guns and rich booty.

The Russian headquarters pays a tribute to the Cossacks for their great services in leading the attack in many sectors. In some places they work round behind the fortifications of the enemy and capture guns, asphyxiating gas cylinders and other booty.

Enemy Lines Crumpled. A Petrograd despatch says: Five days of furious offensive by the forces of Gen. Brusiloff has crumpled the enemy's lines from the Kovel-Sarny Railway line to Bukowina, driving them back an average of 15 miles.

In the Lutsck sector the Russians appear to have completely broken thru, turning the left flank of the Austrian armies and the right flank of the German forces and capturing Lutsck, the centre of a number of radiating roads and railways. At several points the attacking Russians have crossed the Ikwa and Styr Rivers, and further south they are approaching the Stripa River.

Gunfire Won Fights. The victories are attributable largely to the gunfire, which swept away dozens of lines of entanglements and opened the way for the troops who swept thru in irresistible numbers. In some places the Russian barrier fire cut off large Austrian units, which surrendered. This accounts for the large number of prisoners officially reported captured.

The operations began in the vicinity of Otyka, where skirmishing has been frequent lately. Both sides appeared to have been feeling for a weak spot in their opponents' line. The Russian advance from this point, which is 25 miles from Lutsck, was accomplished in two and one-half days. During the long period of inactivity, the Austrians constructed strong fortifications in this section. The topography of the country also formed strong natural defences.

Military observers regard the operation as an extraordinarily brilliant achievement and emphasize the able leadership of Gen. Brusiloff who conducted the Carpathian campaign and made a record for prisoners, guns and munitions captured. Lutsck is an important link, strengthening the connection between the southwestern region and the northern section, and the possession of it by the Russians is regarded as a valuable step towards the recapturing of lost territory. The possession of Lutsck is a direct menace to Lemberg, upon which place the Russians are massing their forces.

The prisoners captured are said to be chiefly Hungarians and Austrians. They include a very small proportion of Slavs, who are chiefly employed on the Italian front.

Take Whole Triangle. The victory won by the Russians is without a parallel in military history, says a Petrograd despatch to Reuters' Telegram Co. "The Russians now occupy the whole triangular fortified positions of Kolki, Lutsck and Otyka."

Military writers dwell on the great strategic importance of this triangle, which includes some of the best Austrian communication lines and connects the centre between Polesie, Volhynia and Poland and the roads to Galicia and Bukowina.

Fought Way to Lutsck. "The Russians fought their way to Lutsck, a distance of 25 miles, in three days thru forests and marshlands and over battered defences, the invincibility of which the Austro-Germans had boasted about throughout the winter and spring. There is still no response to the Russian thrust, and military writers declare that matters begin to look serious for the whole enemy line in Russia."

Col. Shumsky, the military critic of The Bourze Gazette, declares the junction between the Austrians and Germans has been cut clean thru, thus exposing the right flank of the Austrians and the left flank of the Germans, and making them almost defenceless to further Russian attacks.

Attacks Unexpected. Reuters' Petrograd correspondent sends the following concerning the Russian offensive against the Austro-Hungarians: "Wounded Austrian officers assert that the Russian attacks against their armies were totally unexpected. On the eve of the attack the enemy was celebrating the German victory in the North Sea with champagne and cognac, but the opening

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