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RUSSIANS RESUME OFFENSIVE TOWARDS ZLOCHOFF
FOSSE FIVE, HELD BY GERMANS IN AVION, NEAR CANADIAN LINE, BLOWS UP
French Reduce Two German Salients in Champagne---German Peace Move

FRENCH VALOR
FOILS GERMAN
PLAN TO WIN

Carefully Arranged Scheme to
Offset Russian Victory
Breaks Down.

ALLY TURNS TABLES
Southern Regiments Carry
Enemy Trenches in
Counter-Attack.

By an Associated Press Correspondent.
French Front in France, Thursday,
July 5.—Personal initiative, combined
with bravery and tenacity, won for the
French a splendid victory when the
Germans attempted last Tuesday night
to retake Chemin des Dames by a most
furious attack. The commanding gen-
eral, after inspecting the entire eleven-
mile line where the battle occurred,
declared today:

"The German crown prince had ar-
ranged a surprise party for us in or-
der to offset the Russian victory in
Galicia, but he knocked at the wrong
door and received a disagreeable de-
cision."

Before the enemy's attack began an
uncanny silence reigned along this
famous road, where the hostile armies
are facing each other at close quar-
ters. Suddenly the German bombard-
ment opened, and its intensity impress-
ed the French general as being greater
than he ever before experienced on
the Somme, at Verdun or in the
Champagne, where he had taken part
in all the battles since the beginning
of hostilities.

Shell Smoke Thick.
The shell smoke was so thick and
the fumes from poisonous and lacri-
mose shells were so heavy that it
was impossible to take observations.
The French general attempted to com-

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TO STOP NEUTRALS
FEEDING GERMANS

United States Can Compel
Suspension of Exports
to Hun-

IMPORTANT WEAPON
Dutch and Scandinavians Sell
Little Imported Goods
to Foe.

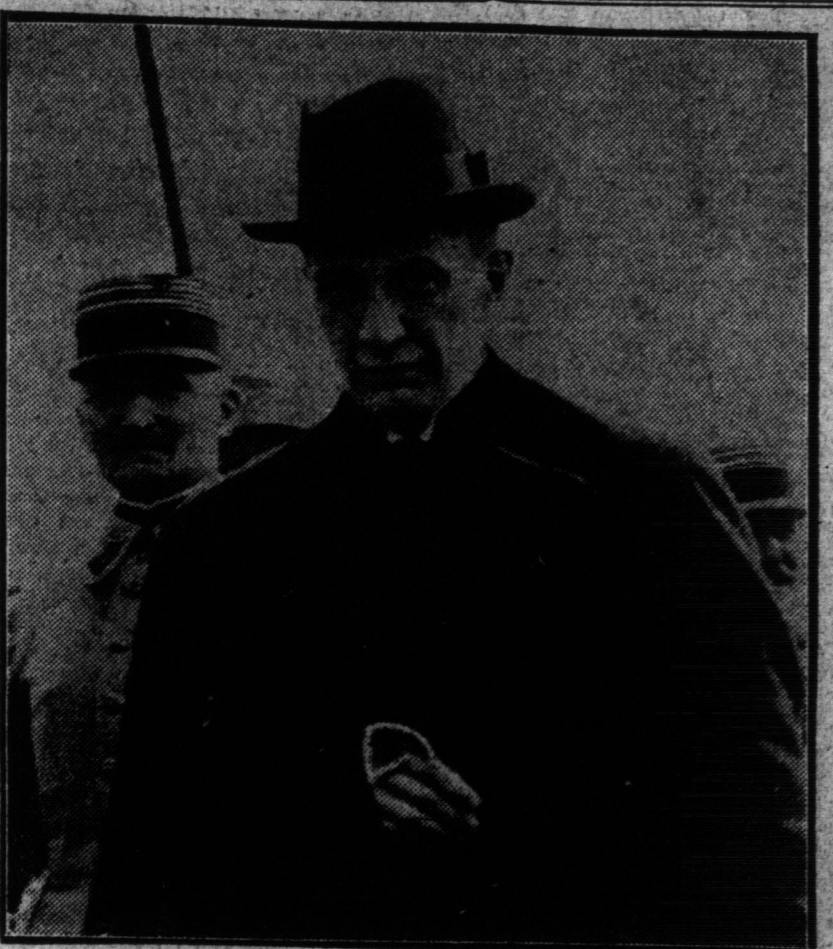
London, July 6.—"The United
States has an enormous power in its
hands today in its control of exports
to European neutrals," said Lord
Robert Cecil, the minister of block-
ade, in a talk on this subject this
afternoon.

"I do not like to express any opin-
ion as to the policy which would
guide it in the exercise of this pow-
er," continued Lord Robert. "That
is the United States' business, not
ours. However, we have had three
years of intensive experience in
blockade, and everything we have
learned during that time is at the
disposal of the United States."

"The United States has the power
of making any bargain, any stipula-
tion it thinks proper with these neu-
trals, and this is a very important
weapon against Germany. (The food-
stuffs which Germany obtains from
Holland and Denmark alone must be
measured in hundreds of thousands
of tons, while the mineral and fish
exports of the Scandinavian nations
are of vital importance to Germany.)"

Little Smuggling.
In reply to a question as to whether
the neighboring neutrals were
still shipping any considerable quan-
tity of imported goods into Germany,
Lord Robert said:

"Speaking generally, and aside
from the petty smuggling which will
always exist, the neutrals have not
sold any appreciable quantity of im-
ported goods to Germany. Their
trade consists almost entirely of
their own products. Moreover, they
have not even replaced such exports
with imported goods, except indi-
rectly. Certainly they have imported
fodder and sold pigs, but it is diffi-
cult to stretch the doctrine of enemy
destination to cover this point."



A. F. Kerensky, Russian minister of war, whose zeal inspired Russian
forces to great victory recently.

FRENCH IN CHAMPAGNE
REDUCE TWO SALIENTS

Brilliant Operations of Ally Results in Capture of
Store of Prisoners East of Mont
Carnillet.

Paris, July 6.—The official communication issued by the war office
this evening reads:

"The day was marked by an increase in artillery activity in the
sectors of Vauxaillon, Laffaux, Le Royer Farm and Braye-en-Laonnais.
In Champagne, we have carried out in the sector of Monthaut and to
the east of Mont Carnillet detailed operations, which enabled us to reduce
two small salients and to capture a store of prisoners. The enemy, who
attempted four times to recapture the terrain we had taken, suffered heavy
losses to no avail."

"On the left bank of the Meuse the artillery firing was very violent
in the region of Hill 304 and Le Mort Homme.
Belgian communication: Enemy artillery bombarded various sectors
on our front. Spirited bomb fighting took place in the region of Het Sas.
The enemy artillery bombarded Dixmude. An enemy patrol was dispersed
by one of our reconnoitring parties to the south of St. George."

"Army of the East, July 5: The artillery has been rather active in the
Cerna bend."

FOE'S ATTEMPT BEATEN
BY FRENCH FORESIGHT

What Crown Prince Intended as Resounding Coup
Turns Out to Be Miserable Fiasco on
Chemin des Dames.

London, July 6.—(Via Reuter's Ot-
tawa agency.)—The correspondent of
Reuter's at French headquarters gives
some further interesting details of the
big German attempt on Chemin des
Dames on the third of July. The cor-
respondent says:

"The battle was important. It dif-
fered from most actions of the kind.
In the first place it was an elaborate
effort to secure the advantage of a
surprise. In the second place it was
a failure, despite heavy sacrifices, to
secure any result. General von Boehm
on this occasion resolved to test the
dogma of the indispensability of long
artillery preparation. There was an
uncanny silence for 24 hours preced-
ing the attack. True, the French
knew from prisoners that the Germans
in front of the Calonne casemate
plateau had been relieved; that a tired
battalion, the 38th Regiment, which
on the third of June had allowed the

stosstruppen to go forward, unop-
ported, to death, had been replaced by
young troops, and that an attack was
pending. But they had no clue to the
date or the hour.

Many Germans Seen.
"The Germans had mustered the
previous night in the trenches on the
northern slopes of the plateau. At
half past seven the next evening the
French divisional general commanding
the sector of the plateau was sitting
down to his evening meal, wondering
what the silence of the enemy's guns
meant, when a sudden roar of artil-
lery supplied the solution. The Ger-
mans had opened a bombardment of
staggering violence along the entire
front. Across the plateau ran an un-
broken wave of shell-bursts, cutting
off all access to the front. In the rear
great shells rained on every part of
the position, destroying communica-
tion trenches, cutting wires and plow-
ing up roads. For a moment the po-
sition appeared desperate.

"But the Boches reckoned without
their hosts. The roar of their over-

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AVION PITHEAD,
ON CANADIAN
LINE, GOES UP

Fosse Five, Overlooking Domi-
nion Outposts, Suddenly
Disappears.

BLOWN UP BY ENEMY?
Indications Point to Another
Retreat of Germans
Near Lens.

By Stewart Lyon.
Canadian Headquarters in France,
Friday, July 6, via London.—Fosse 5,
the pithead which overlooked our out-
posts in Avion, disappeared yesterday
in a cloud of dust and fire. It had
been for some time a mark for our
heavy artillery, but whether the de-
struction was caused by our shells or
by the Germans themselves is not
known. If they anticipated a further
immediate advance of our men, they
may have blown up the mine works
themselves, for it is their policy to
leave behind them nothing that would
aid in speedy reconstruction of mining
operations in the important coal area.

Much evidence of the lowering of
German morale continues to be dis-
covered in captured trenches and raid-
ed houses. A remarkable letter was
found recently which had been writ-
ten to a Bavarian at the front three
weeks ago.

"One must understand that you are
not of this horrible business. I be-
lieve that the climax has now been
reached for our men. They are com-
plaining. The German Social-Demo-
crats have announced that if a single
shot is fired in August revolution will
follow. The situation is no longer
good. They are on the track of the
German Kaiser, too, and if it lasts
much longer it will be the end of
Prussia, for the Prussians and the
English are the masters. These two
alone are carrying on the war. The
others are merely in their hands."

If much of that sort of stuff is
reaching Prince Rupprecht's ears, the
decline in fighting spirit of the Bavari-
ans is removed from the realm of a
matter for wonder.

I understand that our casualties have
been very light during the past two
weeks, and exceptionally so in the
killed and missing classes.

MAXIMILIAN HARDEN'S
PAPER IS SUPPRESSED

His Outspoken Criticism of Ger-
man Policy is Not Relished.

Copenhagen, July 6.—Maximilian
Harden's publication Die Zukunft, of
Berlin has again been suppressed.

Herr Harden's brilliant and decided-
ly outspoken journal has enjoyed a
considerable period of freedom from
suppression, the last reported action of
this sort by the government against it
being nearly nine months ago, in Oc-
tober, 1915.

After this suspension was lifted his
articles again freely attacked the gov-
ernment's policy. In one article he
eulogized President Wilson, and in an-
other appealed for democracy in Ger-
many.

PRIEST IN CRIMEA
DECLARES A REVOLT

Troops Surround Church After
It is Seized From Militia.

Petrograd, July 6.—Estratiadis, a
priest of Fedosta, in the Crimea, hav-
ing been forbidden to preach and sent
to trial in an ecclesiastical court on
the charge of speculating in charity
funds, declared a revolt. His adherents
seized a church from the militia, after
which the church was surrounded by
troops.

When the militia raided the house
of Estratiadis he resisted, and the
bishop ordered his arrest and intern-
ment in a monastery.

BORDEN MAKES REPLY
TO CHARGES OF HUGHES

Laurier Intervenes in Renewed Controversy as
to Responsibility for Recruiting's Decline—
Infantry's Casualties Ratio to Enlistments
Seven to One—Quick Action on Conscrip-
tion Bill Urged.

By a Staff Reporter.
Ottawa, July 6.—It was a weary
house of commons that reassembled
this afternoon after its all-night vigil,
and went at once into committee on
the conscription bill. The prime
minister permitted an adjournment
at 6 o'clock, but announced that con-
sideration of the bill would be re-
sumed at to-morrow's sitting, and
that progress must be made as rapidly
as possible. He took occasion to
criticize as utterly without founda-
tion the oft-repeated charge made by
Sir Sam Hughes that the prime min-
ister had directed him to let up on
recruiting in the spring of 1916. Sir
Sam came back, reaffirming his
charges, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier
suggested that there had been a mis-
understanding between the two gen-
tlemen, which accounted for the fall-
ing off in recruiting, and brought
about the alleged necessity for con-
scription.

The strongest case made for con-
scription was presented today in
committee. As soon as the contro-
versy with his former minister of
militia had subsided, Sir Robert
said the house the real serious-
ness of the situation. Infantry was
urgently needed at the front and yet
the casualties were at present ex-
ceeding the enlistments in that arm

of the service in the ratio of seven
to one.

Sir Robert Borden, in opening, made
it plain that he desired to deny most
emphatically the charge of insinuation
that he had ever requested Sir Sam
Hughes to slow down on recruiting.
There was absolutely no foundation
for the statement. Sir Robert also
denied most emphatically that he had
ever said anything of the kind to J. M.
Godfrey, president of the Toronto Re-
cruiting League. He had talked the
matter over with Mr. Godfrey since,
and Mr. Godfrey agreed with him as
to what took place at the interview.

The prime minister also referred to
the interview in which he met the min-
ister of labor and Mr. Macdougall had
participated. Sir Robert's only sug-
gestion had been that every man
should serve where he could render
the most efficient service to the state
and that men should not be spared
from the work they were doing for
war purposes in Canada.

Taking up the charge that he had
passed an order-in-council behind the
back of Sir Sam Hughes to prevent
the formation of new battalions and
thereby cripple recruiting, Sir Robert
read to the house the correspondence
between himself and his former min-
ister of militia as follows:

Letter to Hughes.
Dear General Hughes.—The question
of raising new regiments was only
discussed in council, but in the house
of commons, and general approval was
given to the proposal that as far as
possible units already authorized should
be raised.

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BRITISH MINE-SWEEPER
SINKS WITH TEN MEN

Explosion Resulting From Hitting Mine Accounts
for Losses Among Crew—Accident Happens
in Mediterranean Sea.

London, July 6.—A British mine-sweeper struck a mine and sank in
the Mediterranean Sea on Wednesday with the probable loss of ten mem-
bers of her crew, says an official announcement issued tonight. The an-
nouncement says:

"A British mine-sweeper struck a mine and was sunk in the Mediter-
anean on Wednesday. Ten members of her crew are assumed to have
been killed by the explosion."

SITUATION DESPERATE
SAYS FOOD CONTROLLER

Hon. W. J. Hanna Tells What Canadian Public Must
Do Without Delay If Soldiers in France
Are to Be Fed.

Speaking before a large gathering
of the members of the Women's
Press Club, and the heads of various
women's societies, yesterday after-
noon, Hon. W. J. Hanna gave "short-
age of food" as the urgent reason for
the appointment of a food controller
both in the United States and Can-
ada. The appointed to that office
only two weeks ago, Mr. Hanna had
covered considerable ground in re-
gard to both organization and in-
quiry; and what had been done along
these lines formed the text of his
address.

In his opening remarks Mr. Hanna
said it was his intention to go to the
press from time to time to point out
how desperate are the needs, and also
what can be done to meet them, and
he was satisfied of the co-operation
of the people when they were in-
formed of the requirements. The
speaker emphasized the seriousness
of the situation, saying he used the

RUSSIAN ARMY
ATTACKS FOES
IN NEW FIGHT

Battle Between Zlochoff and
Brzezany Reawakens to
Life.

FOE CLAIMS SUCCESS
Fighting Breaks Out After
Night's Pause From Violent
Bombardment.

London, July 6.—The Russians in
eastern Galicia, after two days' pause
for artillery preparation, have just re-
sumed the offensive on the front be-
tween Brzezany and Zlochoff. In the
absence of direct news from Russian
sources, it is unknown what success
they have had, but the fighting had
only begun when the report was
flushed abroad. German sources are
the first, as before, to announce the
fresh fighting.

The battle in eastern Galicia between
the Teutonic forces and the Russians
developed a fresh today, after last
night's pause from yesterday's violent
artillery action. Manned assaults by
the Russians between Zborov and
Konkuchy, and at Brzezany, broke down
with very heavy losses to the enemy,
according to the official statement is-
sued this evening by the German army
headquarters staff.

The text of the communication
reads:

"Western theatre.—There is nothing
new to report on this front.
Eastern theatre.—In eastern Gal-
icia the battle developed afresh today.
Manned assaults by the Russians be-
tween Zborov and Konkuchy, and at
Brzezany, broke down, with very
heavy enemy losses."

Vienna's Statement.
The official statement from Austro-
Hungarian headquarters today reads:
"To the south of Casinu Valley
Rumanian troops, who had been pre-
pared to attack, were dispersed by
our fire."

"In the Galician battle sector the
enemy artillery engaged yesterday
day afternoon and early today. An
attack west of Zborov today was re-
pulsed.
Italian and southeastern theatres
—There is nothing important to re-
port."

German soldiers near Balesch, on the
Rumanian front, yesterday raised white
flags and called upon the Russians to
fraternize. They were met by the fire
of our artillery. There were fusillades
on the rest of the front.

Russian troops and newly-reinforced
Turkish detachments are engaged in bat-
tles in the Bistria region of the Carpa-
thian front, says the official
statement issued today by the war de-
partment.

The text of the statement reads:
"Caucasus front.—In the direction
of Sakdz, in the region of Bistria and
the River Abkhizan, our troops are en-
gaged in battle with newly-reinforced
Turkish detachments. On the rest of this
front there were fusillades.
The heavy gun fire of both the Russians
and the Teutons in the region of Zlochoff,
on the eastern Galician front, was in-
creased yesterday, according to the
official statement issued today by the
war department. The text of the statement
reads:

Sharp Encounters.
"Western (Russian) front.—In the di-
rection of Zlochoff there has been in-
creased artillery activity on both sides.
In the region northwest of Rybnik,
near Dzikowany, there were a number of
brief, sharp encounters between our de-
tachments. The enemy's artillery con-
ducted an intense fire against our po-
sitions east of Lipnicowina. Fusillades
were reported on the rest of the front."

The war office reports: "In the di-
rection of Kovel, in the region of Gra-
diska, our artillery brought down a Ger-
man airplane. The aviators were killed
in flames. The French pilot and observer
evidently were killed."

An official statement issued by the
Turkish war department reporting on
battle in eastern Galicia says:
"Galician front.—Our troops captured
yesterday 200 Russians in repelling an
attack. Five hundred Russians were
killed with the bayonet."

Up Yonge Street?—Sure!

Advertisement for clothing and goods, including 'Company Limited' and 'Be'.

Advertisement for 'Warehouse Space for Rent' and 'House for Sale'.

Advertisement for 'FRENCH VALOR FOILS GERMAN PLAN TO WIN'.

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