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ROUMANIA NEAR TO AGREEMENT WITH ENTENTE

Difficulties Being Smoothed Over by Conference of Diplomats at Paris.

DISPUTE WITH RUSSIA

Demands of Premier Bratiano Being Reduced by Good Offices of Italy.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.
BY GORDON SMITH.

LUGANO, June 18.—Since the victory of Vainicola, which assures the intervention of Greece on the side of the allies, the central powers have re-evaluated their efforts to prevent Roumania moving, and at present a desperate duel of diplomatists is being waged at Bucharest. I am in a position to give details of the progress and present position of this struggle. The chancelleries of Europe are convinced that the fall of Constantinople will be a decisive factor in the war. Knowledge of this led Russia as far back as October last to conclude a convention with the Roumanian Treaty, which Roumania in exchange for her neutrality in the war was to be allowed to annex Austrian territories inhabited by Roumanians on the condition that she took possession of them before the war ended.

Really Alliance.
This convention is clearly a disguised alliance, for Austria would never yield these territories without fighting. In this convention Russia at first wanted to put "territories inhabited by a majority of Roumanians," but Premier Bratiano refused, as they might give rise to difficulties, and the word majority has been suppressed since the signing of the convention up to 25th April, the date of the conclusion of the treaty between Italy and the entente powers. Roumania continued to arm, but refused to enter into any more explicit negotiations.

DEATH AND HAVOC IN STORM'S TRAIL

Missouri and Kansas Were Swept by Wind and Hail.

FIFTEEN LIVES LOST

Score Injured and Property Damage is Quarter of Million.

KANSAS CITY, June 18.—Fifteen lives were lost, a score of persons were injured and property damage estimated at \$250,000 was done by a wind, hail and electrical storm which centered in Missouri and Kansas last night and early today.

The heavy fall of rain ranging from 2 to 5 inches, turned many small creeks into turbulent streams and sent the rivers to which they are tributary, on rapid upward spurs. Tonight all points in the Kansas River Valley and along the Missouri River from Kansas City to Jefferson City were in possession of government warnings of impending floods.

Many stories of narrow escapes came in as telegraphic communication became better in the area affected.

ADVANCE AT FESTUBERT IN NEW BRITISH ATTACK

Army in Flanders Tackles Germans Again on Own Ground and Pushes Them Back—German Assaults Fail at Hooze—Artillery Fire Proves Effective.

LONDON, June 18.—(10.15 p.m.)—The following report from Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British forces on the continent, was given out here tonight:
"The fighting in the northern and southern portions of our front continued throughout June 18 in co-operation with the attack of our ally at Arras. East of Ypres, all the German first line trenches which we captured remained in our hands, in spite of two counter-attacks, which were repulsed with heavy loss to the enemy. We were, however, unable to retain those of the enemy's second line trenches, which we had occupied in the morning."
"East of Festubert, as a result of a further attack on the afternoon of the 16th, we made a slight advance, and, judging by the number of dead Germans in the trenches entered by us, our artillery fire was very effective."

BY-ELECTION HELD IN NORTH TIPPERARY

Esmonde, Son of Late Member, Returned as Nationalist Supporter to Commons.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.
LONDON, June 18.—The result of the by-election in North Tipperary, rendered vacant by the death of Dr. Esmonde, who represented the constituency in the house of commons since 1910, was declared yesterday as follows: Esmonde, 1998; Hector 1288; Gill 1192.
The three candidates are the supporters of the Irish Nationalist party, who left the question to the electors without the intervention of the customary selection convention. Esmonde, the successful candidate, is a son of the late member. It is announced that Hector is lodging a petition against his return.

NORWEGIAN MINISTRY IS URGED TO PROTEST

Supine Attitude in Face of German Piracy is Hotly De-nounced.

LONDON, June 18, 10.01 p.m.—The Christiania correspondent of the Reuter Telegram Company sends the following:
"The press today demands a clear statement of the government's position regarding German submarine activity. The Morgenbladet says if the government persists in leaving its attitude doubtful parliament must make its voice heard."

ITALIAN BATTERIES PROVING EFFECTIVE

Austrians Have Been Driven From More Important Strategic Points.

TEMPORARY REVERSE

Italians Recaptured Positions Given Up to the Foe at Folgaria.

GENEVA, via Paris, June 18, 1.15 a.m.—"The Italians have gained more ground in the Buchenstein Valley," says the Luzbach, Austria, correspondent of The Tribune. "Their batteries are bombarding St. Cassian. They have also occupied important strategic points around Monte Cristo. Italian batteries shelled the Austrians out of positions in the vicinity of Monte Croce."
"South-east of Trent the Italians are concentrating strong forces to block any eventual Austrian offensive. In the Val Sugana the Italians destroyed many defensive works and bombarded Borgo for several hours. At Folgaria they were obliged to retreat before repeated attacks by the Austrians, but during the day of June 17 they recaptured their former positions and are now bombarding Rovereto."

GERMANY HAS TO FEED GREAT MANY PRISONERS

BERLIN, June 18, via London, 11.17 p.m.—The prisoners taken by the German and Austro-Hungarian armies up to June 14 totalled 1,810,000, according to The Bavarian Staats Zeitung. The newspaper says "this total is divided as follows: Russian, 1,240,000; French, 255,000; British, 24,000; Belgians, 11,000; Serbians, 10,000."

VETERANS SENT AGAINST ITALY BY AUSTRIANS

Gen darmes, Customs Guards and Landsturm Replaced by First Line Troops.

BATTALION CUT OFF

Thousand Hungarians Led Into Trap by Alpinists and Exterminated.

UDINE, via Chiasso and Paris, June 18, 6.15 p.m.—Reports from all the fronts state that strong bodies of first line troops, especially the emperor's own troops, Croats, Bohemians and Hungarians, have been substituted for the Austrians' gen darmes, customs guards and soldiers of the landsturm. All these first-line soldiers have been hardened by over 18 months of war and make formidable adversaries. It is reported that Lt. Gen. Count Cadorna, chief of staff of the Italian army, said regarding these troops:
"Now we have footmen worthy of our steel."
The Italian Alpine troops themselves realize the difference and fight with greater circumspection, as was proved Wednesday afternoon when over 1000 Hungarians, commanded by a lieutenant-colonel, again tried to take revenge for the Austrian reverse on Montenero. This time the Hungarians climbed Vrata mountain, hoping from that height to dominate the Topping Great Stronghold.

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Italian Coast Railway Shelled Near Pesaro

Austrian Torpedo Boats Also Bombard Undefended Cities of Rimini and Pesaro, But Inflicted Trifling Damage—Big Offensive From Romi and Rovereto By Enemy.

ROME, via Paris, June 18, 11.45 p.m.—An official statement from the Italian naval headquarters staff, signed by Vice-Admiral Tassinari, was given out tonight as follows:
"This morning Austrian destroyers on a scouting expedition shelled a section of the coast railroad near Fano and Pesaro (on the Adriatic). No one was hurt. Trifling damage was done to a small part of the line."
"The cities of Pesaro and Rimini, although undefended, were bombarded. The damage, however, was unimportant. A few private houses were struck, and three civilians were slightly injured at Rimini."
"Austrians on Offense."
"The Austrians have now so strengthened their forces that they are taking the offensive both from Romi and Rovereto to against the Italians who are camping at Brentonico, which lies at the foot of Mount Altissimo, at Serravalle, situated in the Lagarina Valley, and also in the Topping Great Stronghold. The result of the fighting is still in doubt."
"Big Battle for Gorizia."
"The battle for Gorizia is being waged with renewed intensity. Gen. Cadorna reported to the war office. Italian artillery has been shelled and destroyed the railway station at Gorizia. Six miles north of the city Italian forces have seized and fortified the heights surrounding Plava, on the east bank of the Isonzo."
"Tolmino, on Austria's battlefield, to the north of Gorizia, is fast becoming a second Jerusalem in strength. Already there is a garrison of some 30,000 men there and in addition it has very natural and artificial defenses. Tolmino is considered by the Italians indispensable to their operations, it being the key to the Isonzo Valley."
"The bodies of Warnford and Needham remained this afternoon in the English Hospital in the Trianon Palace at Versailles. A British flag covered that of Warnford and the Stars and Stripes that of Needham. A. H. Thackeray, the American consul-general, is looking after the arrangements for the funeral of Needham."
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BODY OF COL BECHER MAY BE BROUGHT BACK

Major-General Hughes Has Cabled Instructions to Front.

LONDON, Ont., June 18.—The body of Lieut.-Colonel Campbell Becher of this city, who has been killed in action in France, may be brought home for burial despite the standing regulations against such procedure. In response to enquiries, Major-General Hughes, minister of militia, wired relatives here this afternoon that he had cabled instructions to the front, with a view of having the body of the London officer located and brought back to Canada for burial.

DAUGHTER OF RUSSIAN COLONEL IS PRISONER

BERLIN (via London), June 18, 9.36 p.m.—Among the prisoners taken by General Von Mackensen's army during the fighting in Galicia is the daughter of a Russian colonel. She was dressed in the uniform of a one-year volunteer, and had been fighting on the bench.

WASHINGTON ACCEPTS BERNSTORFF'S DENIAL

Meyer-Gerhard Incident Has Been Officially Declared Closed.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Secretary Lansing late today authorized the announcement that so far as the state department is concerned the Meyer-Gerhard incident is closed. He added that it had never been officially called to the state department's attention except as a denial, and that Ambassador Bernstorff told him today that he had no knowledge whatever of any "Dr. Meyer."

TELLIER IS LIKELY TO SUCCEED CODERRE

By a Staff Reporter.
OTTAWA, June 18.—It was expected that after tomorrow's cabinet meeting the announcement will be made that J. N. Tellier, leader of the Conservatives in Quebec Legislature is the new secretary of state in place of Hon. Louis Coderre, who has indicated his desire to retire from public life. Mr. Coderre will probably go on the bench.

BRITISH GAIN SOME TERRITORY FROM GERMANS AT FESTUBERT FRENCH PUSH ON IN ALSACE

WATERLOO'S CENTENARY FINDS FRANCE JUBILANT

"We No Longer Believe in Victory; We Feel It In Ourselves and See It Radiant," Says Temps.
PARIS, June 18.—(5.00 p.m.)—Today, the anniversary of the battle of Waterloo, reminds the various French newspapers of the changed situation in Europe; that once a coalition of European powers was contending against Napoleon, while now the allies are fighting the emperors of the central empires.
The Temps, in concluding a leading article, says that justice and liberty have changed their camps, and that it is in the ranks of the new alliance where their force is felt, invisible, yet present.
"We no longer believe in victory," the newspaper says. "We feel it in ourselves. We see it radiant."

AVIATOR'S DARING LED TO DISASTER

Warnford Was Steeplechasing When Aeroplane Suddenly Turned Over.

MOTOR UNDAMAGED

British Flying Corps Begins an Inquiry Into Double Tragedy.

PARIS, June 18, 10.20 p.m.—The British Royal Naval Flying Corps today began an investigation of the aeroplane accident yesterday which resulted in the death of Lieut. R. A. J. Warnford, the aviator who recently destroyed a Zeppelin airship, and Henry Beach Needham, an American writer.
The accounts of witnesses disagree. A defect in the tail of the aeroplane or in the propeller or imprudence on the part of Warnford are among the explanations offered. That the accident was not due to an explosion or to motor trouble, was shown by an examination of the motor today. It was in perfect condition.
"Took Unusual Risks."
Warnford was about 300 feet up at the time, according to several witnesses, who assert that he took unusual risks. It is said that he had been steeplechasing for some minutes with increasing speed and daring, and that suddenly the machine was seen to tip over.
Witnesses of the accident who were examined today said Warnford first fell from the machine, and that Needham tumbled out as it dived toward earth. In falling Needham hit the propeller blade of the aircraft and his death was almost instantaneous.
Needham, Alward Farwell.
The flight was a preparatory one to sending the machine, a new bi-plane, to Dunkirk. Needham, before slipping up, waved good-bye to an African friend on the aviation field, who remarked to a bystander that the farewell greeting was a bad omen.
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AUSTRIA WILL DRAG GERMANY IN DUST

Necessity of Assisting Ally More and More to Defeat the Kaiser.

RUSSIAN ARMY FIRM

Improvement Noted in Enemy's Commissariat and Artillery.

LONDON, June 18.—"The food supply of the Austrian army has been greatly improved, but the proportion of Germans on the Austrian front has enormously increased and big guns have been concentrated." Prof. Bernard Fares, the authorized British correspondent with the Russian army headquarters, thus sums up in an account made public in London last night, the features which have had a marked bearing on the present Austro-German advance in Galicia, and that he believes they must have weakened their western front. He is of the opinion also that the Russian army is firmer than ever, the staff not being downhearted and there being no indications of panic.
"The more Germany assists her ally," Prof Fares says, "the more she realizes the way to her defeat is thru Austria and the less will be her resistance after Austria is played out."

LUSITANIA INQUIRY IS BROUGHT TO END

LONDON, June 18.—The final private sitting in the Lusitania inquiry was held today. Addresses were delivered by Butler Aspinall for the Cunard Company, and Solicitor Gen. Smith for the board of trade. Captain Turner of the Lusitania was invited into the sitting.
No date has yet been fixed for the delivery of the findings of the court.

RUSH DAY AT DINEEN'S

While there is a steady flow of business at the popular bar hotel at 140 Yonge street every day in the week, this will be a day that will test to capacity every regular salesman, as well as the extra men engaged for the day. One or two delayed shipments from England have arrived during the week and the range of straw, Panama and soft hats is more varied than on any previous Saturday this season. Dealing direct with the factories and being sole agents for such firms as Dunlapp and Henry Heath enables Dineen's to sell at lowest prices in town. Straws run from \$1.50 to \$2; Panamas from \$2.50 to \$3.5. Dineen's, at most men in Toronto, spells "best hat value." Store open tonight till ten o'clock.

Centenary of Waterloo Marked By Comparative Quietness at Battlefront—Two German Counter-Attacks East of Ypres Beaten Off—Metzeral Entered by French Advance Parties—Town Cut Off From Munster.

LONDON, June 18.—The centenary of Waterloo passed off at the front today without any remarkable duplication of that king-making triumph. Just to give the Germans an unpleasant memory of that historic event the French soldiers in the Arras sector yesterday defeated the 17th and 18th German Army Corps in a big engagement, and today held their gains, while the British lines of Ypres clung to the thousand yards of first line trenches captured the other day at Hooze, and they had to withstand two severe counter-attacks by the Germans, and had to relinquish portions of the German second line trenches into which they had penetrated. Fighting was conducted in co-operation with the French attacks about Arras, both on the northern and southern portions of the British front.

Advance at Festubert.
Despite the forced abandonment of the mile of trenches captured east of Festubert two days ago, the British artillery resumed the bombardment of these lines again in the afternoon of yesterday, and the infantry made a slight advance according to the report of Sir John French, received here tonight, and "judging by the number of dead Germans in the trenches captured by us," says Sir John French, "our artillery fire was very effective."
Hold All Captured Ground.
"We hold all the ground that we have captured," says the French official communique tonight referring to the situation in the Arras sector. A violent artillery duel was carried on (Continued on Page 5, Column 3).

CANADIAN FIRMS HELPED BY WAR

Government Procured Volume of Business From Britain and Allies.

BIG HARNESS ORDERS

Total Almost Ten Million Dollars—Some Factories Cannot Fill Contracts.

By a Staff Reporter.
OTTAWA, Ont., June 18.—The government has been instrumental in procuring a tremendous volume of business for Canadian manufacturers since the war began from the British Government and its allies, in harness and saddle alone upwards of \$10,000,000 in value has been ordered. More than half of this amount has been shipped. Canadian harness-makers have a very large amount of British and French harness still to ship. In March and April the government secured orders for about \$5,000,000 worth of harness. This was divided among harness-makers throughout the northwest and eastern Canada. In all, \$7,500,000 sets of harness were included in this batch of orders. Some of the makers accepted larger orders than they could fill within the time specified in their contracts. Many of them are now far behind with their orders. Of this \$7,500,000 sets, some of which was to be delivered by May 25, but none later than June 25, only \$3,500 sets have been shipped, still leaving in the hands of the makers \$4,000,000 sets. The fact that this will not be delivered according to contract is unfortunate, also, possibly, the manufacturers are doing their best, yet it may to some extent prejudice the placing by these governments of future business.