

BRITISH LAUNCH GREAT OFFENSIVE

German Trenches and Prisoners Captured Over a 20-Mile Front.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, To-Day

A tremendous British offensive was launched at half-past seven this morning over a front extending for twenty miles north of the Somme. The assault was preceded by a terrific bombardment. The British troops already have occupied the German front line and have captured many prisoners. A terrific bombardment which preceded the attack lasted the whole of one hour and a half. It is too early as yet to give any particulars of the fighting, which is developing in intensity. The British casualties have so far been comparatively light, according to official reports.

The artillery bombardment of the last few days was concentrated this morning with a degree of fury and a number of guns which were unprecedented in the region of Albert and the Somme, with the French co-operating to the south at 7.30 o'clock. Rough clouds of smoke and dust hung over the whole field as far as the eye could see. Infantry sprang from the trenches for an assault over a front of twenty miles. Already it has gained possession of the first line of trenches and the advance is continuing.

New British mortars played a great part in cutting wire entanglements and destroying trenches. A large number of prisoners has been taken. Some of the prisoners who have been taken say the British curtains of fire prevented them from getting food for the last five days. A British staff officer who witnessed the advance at the junction of the French and British lines said the attack was launched as though the men were on parade.

[This offensive is probably taking place east of Amiens, where the line of battle crosses the River Somme. This river probably marks the junction of the British and French forces. The advance may extend northward and affect Arras, where there is known to be a great concentration of forces on both sides.—Ed.]

2.00 P. M.

RIOTS IN GERMANY.

GENEVA, To-day. Swiss newspapers print stories of riots in Berlin, Stuttgart, Leipzig and Essen. Elsewhere in the German Empire riots arise from demonstrations of protest over the sentence of Dr. Karl Liebknecht for attempted treason. A disturbance in Potsdammer Platz, in Berlin, is described as a desperate struggle from sunset until midnight. The demonstration was only suppressed by large bodies of cavalry.

GERMAN SHIPBUILDING.

COPENHAGEN, To-day. The General Manager of the Hamburg-American Line says his company is building the turbine ship the Bismarck of 55,000 tons, which will be the world's greatest steamer. It is also building a steamer to be called the Triton of 30,000 tons and three other vessels of 22,000 tons each. At Bremen are building nine vessels, four of them having a carrying capacity of 15,000 tons, being the world's greatest freight steamers; at Flensburg two steamers of 13,000 tons, three large passenger and freight steamers, and at Geestemünde two freight steamers of 17,000 tons each for traffic through the Panama Canal.

Here and There.

ROPER'S, Noon.—Bar. 29.30; Ther. 60.

"St. Ivel" Lactic Cheese, small tins, at ELLIS.

NORWEGIAN FISHERY CLOSED.—June 26, 1916: 51,400,000 qtls. June 20, 1915: 66,800,000 qtls.

WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is strong southwest wind and dull, raining in places, with the temperature 40 to 50 above.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.—Owing to the meeting of the W.P.A. being held on Tuesday the Hospital Committee will meet on Monday afternoon.

COX'S GELATINE.—Mark the brand. The housewife's choice and the old favorite that stands every test. For sale at all first-class grocers. Insist on getting Cox's.—June 24th.

BOWBINGS' SHIPS.—The Prospero left Little Bay Islands at 4 a.m. to-day, going north. The Fortia left Channel at 10.15 a.m. to-day, going west.

It takes a good car "to make good". More than a MILLION FORDS have been sold to date. Jun 22, 16

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TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.30 A.M.

ROBERTSON'S QUIBBLES UNAVAILABLE.

LONDON, To-day. The appeal failed in the case of Sir Roger Casement. It alleges three reasons for setting aside the verdict of guilty of high treason found against him, under which he was sentenced to death, as follows: First, that no crime had been committed under the Statute Edward 3, by which Sir Roger was tried, because no such crime as treason without a traitor was indicated in the statute; second, the Lord Chief Justice erred in the case of the term "aiding and comforting the enemy"; third, because the Lord Chief Justice in his charge to the jury did not properly set forth the defendant's side of the case. The Home Office announced to-day that King George has directed that Sir Roger be degraded from his order of knighthood.

BIG THINGS GOING IN FRANCE.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, To-day. London.—Through raids covered by a continuous bombardment, the British this week have taken prisoners, and they have identified every German battalion opposite their lines. Some prisoners say the British fire has been so heavy it has destroyed the communicating trenches and the Germans have been unable to bring up food to their front line for three days. It is stated the Germans have withdrawn from their Verdun front the 14th Bavarian Division, the 22nd Reserve Corps from the Champagne front, the Tenth Corps for reinforcements to Field Marshal Von Hindenburg on the Russian front. It is stated it is probable also that three additional divisions were sent to Russia from the British front recently. One report has it that the 11th Bavarian Division refused to attack at Verdun again, whereupon an order was issued that every 10th man be shot, but that the King of Bavaria intervened. Emperor William decided the 11th division should go to the eastern front. There has been no cessation in the British bombardment along the whole line from the Ypres salient to the Somme in the last 24 hours. The weather continues overcast with now and then rain squalls. Wherever the correspondent has gone along the line, the British appeared to be firing two shells to the Germans' one. At some points in the line of the British concentration the German guns have seemed strangely silent as if awaiting events. The fourth day of the British bombardment of German positions seems of no diminution in the volume of fire which continues along the whole line without cessation day and night, cutting barbed wire entanglements, demolishing the first and second lines of German trenches, and placing curtains of fire on roads communicating with the trenches. Considerably over a million shells a day are being expended. There seems to be no limit to the supply of them. British infantry actions have been limited thus far to raids under cover of artillery and trench mortar fire, which ascertain the state of the German wire

trenches. Last night the sky from 20 to 30 miles to the rear toward the east was brilliant, as though with a glare of the aurora borealis. From dusk to dawn this was the only illumination along the roads for the movement of trucks and automobiles, none of which carried lights. From a point near a group of batteries, the correspondent witnessed a scene of grandeur under the canopy of a "cloudless and moonless night, with broad shell flames and ugly flashes and darts of fire over the area of action. To-day the sun, breaking through the overcast sky for the first time in three days, is welcome to the artillery guns necessary to level the trenches and destroy the concrete shelters and machine guns.

TRADE'S CONGRESS IN SESSION.

LONDON, To-day. All day the Trades' Congress' session of the Associated Press and member of the Associated Press, resolution moved by William J. Thorne, Labor member for Parliament, calling upon the Government to take steps for the conscription of riches by large increases and to tax incomes by more than 500 (?) pounds yearly.

VICTORY FOR ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, To-day. After 23 years' unsuccessful effort to establish a proprietary news gathering and distributing organization in opposition to co-operation from the Associated Press, the New York Sun sold to-day to Frank A. Munsey, owner of the New York press and member of the Associated Press. Beginning on Monday next it will no longer try to gather its own news, but will receive the service of the dominant organization.

LONDON BUDGET.

LONDON, To-day. Successes for the Entente Allies on the three most important European fronts in France, the Italian theatre and East Galicia are chronicled in the latest official communications. The French and British continue their raids against the Germans in France, the French again having captured the Thiaumont north-east of Verdun, and the British having kept up their bombardments of the German trenches and their incursions into the German positions by raiding parties. The Russians have Kolomea, an important railway junction, leading to Lemberg in Galicia. The Italians continue to advance against the Austrians in the Trentino region. The struggle for the possession of Thiaumont Wood taken by the German Crown Prince's forces from the French a week ago was most severe, the position changing hands several times. Incessant fighting and violent bombardments marked the fighting on the remainder of the front around Verdun, particularly on the sector of Hill 204. The British are keeping up their tactics of destroying by artillery fire the German first and second lines of trenches from Ypres to the Somme. It is unofficially reported that the British are expending over a million shells a day in this work. In addition to the capture of Kolomea, the Russians also have taken the town of Oberlin, northeast of Kolomea and several other villages north and south of that point. On the front of Russia from the Galician border to the region of Riga there have been battles at various points, but with no decisive results. The Italians have taken Griso, and several mountain positions southeast of Trent. Their advance against the Austrians, has also resulted in the capture of nearly a thousand prisoners as well as stores of arms and munitions. Vienna claims only the repulse of attacks in this sector. An unofficial report of a battle between the Russian and German squadrons in the Baltic, south of Stockholm on Thursday night has been received at Stockholm.

TO ARRIVE MONDAY, FRESH STOCKS
GREEN CABBAGE,
SWEET-ORANGES, NEW BANANAS and ONIONS,
and a small consignment of CREAM CHEESE.
Get prices from the oldest established Wholesale Fruit and Produce Store and save your money.
EDWIN MURRAY.

YOU WILL ALWAYS SEE YOUR WAY CLEAR
If You Buy a
'Beacon'
AND YOU WILL BE GUIDED ARIGHT.

"Beacon" stands for Quality at the Lowest Price in Electric Flash Lamps. You can get the "Beacon" Flashlights in all the favourite styles at HENRY BLAIR'S, and you can get there always Spare Batteries and Bulbs in the best makes at as low prices as cheaper makes. These are the prices for some standard size makes of lamps:—

VEST POCKET NICKEL LAMPS, complete, at95c each
SPARE BATTERIES35c each
SMALL NICKEL POCKET LAMPS, complete, at . . . \$1.10 each
SPARE BATTERIES40c each
BEAUTIFULLY FINISHED NICKEL CIGARETTE HOLDER SHAPED LAMPS at \$1.40 and \$1.50 each
SPARE BATTERIES40c each
With these Cigarette Lamps adjustments are very simple and they are great favourites.

BEACON TWO CELL NON-SHORT CIRCUITABLE TORCH at \$1.50 each. SPARE BATTERIES, 35c each.
You can buy this Torch in Metal or Damp Surfaces and it will not short circuit as do some higher priced torches, even.

This is a fair sized lamp, covered with imitation leather, and we can repeat no more at this price when this lot is sold. While cheap, it is quite a reliable light, and spare batteries for it are 30c each only.

SPECIAL LAMP, to take any No. 6 Cell. Price (without battery), \$1.50 each.

This Lamp will stand or can be carried as a lantern and is the best Lamp for a No. 6 Cell obtainable.

HENRY BLAIR

The Court.

After many hours of weary culling and checking of the Mayor and Councilors' ballots, the Returning Officer and assistants commenced counting the ballots for Mayor at 11.15 a.m. to-day. The successive stages of the count have so far been as follows:—

GOSLING.	KELLY,
283	214
424	343
500	420
649	529

1st Nfld. REGIMENT.

Casualty List.

JULY 1.
524—Private Heber Cuff, Bonavista. Admitted 10th General Hospital, Rouen, June 24; gunshot wound thigh.
490—Private Fred. Keel, Bonavista. Admitted 1st Australian General Hospital, Rouen, June 24; shell wound in arm.
Previously Reported.
1668—Private Frank Adey, Clarendville, T.B. Strappell wound, June 17. Admitted 2nd Birmingham War Hospital, Northfield; wounded arm and chest.
J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

Stole Overcoat.

UNDESIRABLE ROUNDED UP. "Joey" Baird, a well known character in police circles, who has a love for work, was landed in the tolls last night by Sergeant Noseworthy for theft. After stating that he hailed from Mandy's Pond, "Joey" added that he lived on "Tuesday's" Hill, opposite "Wednesday's" vale. During the course of his itinerary he purchased an overcoat, belonging to a man named Henry Ledrew, and sold it to another party for \$10. The accused admitted the theft to-day before Judge Hutchings. Sentence was deferred on the request of the Inspector General, as the party who bought the stolen article will also get into trouble.

His Life For His Enemy

(From the Boston Herald.)
We all admire these words—which are among the noblest recorded as having been uttered at the founding of the Christian faith: "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." What shall be said of the spirit of compassion which so moves a man that he shall lay down his life for his enemy? Rarely can such a height of self-sacrifice be reached. But it has been. An illustration comes from Vimy Ridge, that shell-swept and blood-soaked hill about half-way between Judge Hutchings' and the sea. A man named Henry Ledrew, and sold it to another party for \$10. The accused admitted the theft to-day before Judge Hutchings. Sentence was deferred on the request of the Inspector General, as the party who bought the stolen article will also get into trouble.

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FINANCIAL BLOCKADE

LONDON, To-day. The financial blockade to money from reaching the tightening up. Bankers and financial interests have been asked to exercise increased

Here and There.

RETURNING HOME FR HOLIDAYS.—A number of sports boys and girls attending the colleges in the city, returned to their homes yesterday and this morning's trains; others will leave this evening. Quite a number of the biggest boys have enlisted in the second N.d. regiment.
Genuine Screened North Sydney Coal (Old Mines), discharging next week at our West Wharf. Price \$9.5. Orders booked at our Office. HORWOOD LUMBER CO., LTD. 31, 33, 35

ALIBI ESTABLISHED.

A lad, who was arrested a short time ago by Detective Tobin at 8 instances of two fishermen of the Barry, charged with the larceny of a watch and some cash and who has since been on remand, was released from custody to-day as an alibi was established.
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This morning after a short illness, Amos Benson, aged 16 years, leaving mother, 2 brothers and 3 sisters to mourn their loss. Funeral takes place to-morrow (Sunday), at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 68 Monroe Street. Friends will please accept this thonly intimation.

War News

Messages Received Previous to 9

THE IRISH QUESTION

NEW YORK, To-day. A special cable to the War Cabinet will reach an on Home Rule without any conditions is distinctly better. Lansdowne is understood to be ing out for guarantees for a Secretary of Ireland, under scheme, which, of course, given. Active hostility to the George plan of settlement is ing displayed by a strong s the Unionist rank and file, leaders accept it, neither the Lords will be likely to take responsibility of trying to do. An amazing feature of the is that Carson is using his for settlement as strongly as mond.

THE WILL OF LORD KIT

LONDON, To-day. The Will of Earl Kitchener, estate valued at £71,429. The largest bequests were £20,000 to his nephew, Henry ton Kitchener, and Broom Park and all lands in Kent County nephew, Commander Henry er, of the Royal Navy, and new Earl. The will makes of smaller bequests to relatives, including £200 each to several officers who served on er's personal staff.

WOOLCOMBERS' STRIKE

BRADFORD, To-day. A strike of woolcombers, affected 15,000 textile workers, been settled by the mediation of George Askwith, Chairman of the Industrial Council. A compromise accepted, whereby an in wages satisfactory to the will be granted in September of January, as originally proposed by the Employers' Federation.

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T. J. EDE

Duckworth Street
Military Road.

Opening Announcement

STEWART'S Fancy Bakery

(Opposite Seamen's Institute)

Will Open for Business Monday, July 3.

Our Bake Shop will be under the personal supervision of a high-class American Baker of wide experience.

We will supply you with fancy bakery goods made from the very choicest of materials. If you want something new, something out of the ordinary, something really tasty and appetizing, we will have it.

We shall appreciate your patronage, and shall endeavour to show our appreciation by a service prompt, efficient and courteous.

REMEMBER MONDAY, JULY 3rd.

Amusements.

AT THE CRESCENT.
The musical programme is a feature of to-day's show at the Crescent Picture Palace, with Prof. McCarthy at the piano. "Love's Enduring Flame," a Biograph two reeler, is the feature picture, with Claire McDowell and Alan Hall. "Broncho Billy's Love Affair," an Essanay western drama with G. M. Anderson; "Vernon Howe Bally's Sketch Book," shows all the best places and buildings in Greater New York; "Camping Out in the Canadian Rockies," shows the best scenes in this famous summer resort; "Blaming the Duck," is a lively Lubin comedy, featuring Billie Reeves, the celebrated London Music Hall comedian. Don't miss this big show to-day, it's great. On Monday, Maurice Costello and Leah Baird in "Saints and Sinners," a Broadway star feature.

NAVAL BATTLE IN BALTIC.

LONDON, To-day. A despatch to Reuters' Telegraph Company from Stockholm says that steamers which arrived in port witnessed a naval battle on Thursday night, 15 miles south of Landsort, south of Stockholm. They reported a Russian squadron with a few torpedo boats, and torpedo boat destroyers was attacked by a German fleet consisting of cruisers and large warships. At the outset the Germans were unable to defeat the Russians, but eventually reinforcements were obtained and it is supposed the Russians withdrew northward. The correspondent adds nothing was visible from the coast of the reported battle owing to fog, but gun firing was heard throughout the night and at six o'clock this morning a fresh violet cannonade began.

IRISH TROUBLE SETTLED.

LONDON, To-day. Details of the appointment of David Lloyd George as Minister of War have been settled. The Daily Chronicle says to-day the appointment will be announced shortly. The transfer of Lloyd George to the War Ministry, also will involve changes in the Under Secretariats now held by Harold J. Tennant and Henry W. Foster and will also bring a new Minister of Munitions. The Daily Chronicle also says the Irish situation is so far cleared up that it is able to assert that the Cabinet crisis is past, and that there will be no further resignations.

THE GERMAN VERSION.

BERLIN, To-day. An official statement issued to-night by the German Admiralty says on Thursday night German torpedo boats attacked Russian forces consisting of an armored cruiser, a protected cruiser and 5 destroyers between Havnage and Landsort (islands in the Baltic Sea off Sweden and Sweden), after a short engagement the Russians withdrew. Despite a heavy bombardment we sustained no casualties nor damage.

Train Notes.

Thursday's outgoing express left Crabbes at 10.20 p.m. yesterday, and had not been reported since owing to the wires being out of order. No doubt she reached Port aux Basques early this morning and that the Kyle sailed shortly after.
The incoming express is due at 3.15 p.m. to-day.
The train from Carbonear reached the city on time to-day.
The train from St. John's reached the city at 9.30 a.m. to-day.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GAL-

LET IT OWN.