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CASEMENT READS OUT STATEMENT IN HIS OWN DEFENCE

ITALIAN FORCES DRIVING BACK AUSTRIANS RAPIDLY AND CAPTURING POINT AFTER POINT

Bu garia Guarding Her Frontier Against Possible Roumanian Attacks

NO REPLY TO-DAY WILL MEAN WAR BY TO-MORROW

Wilson at Last Will Put a Stop to All Further Trifling.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Washington, June 28.—This was regarded by Washington officials as the crucial day in negotiations with Mexico.

It was probably the last day allowed General Carranza in which to comply with the United States demand for release of 23 troopers held as prisoners at Chihuahua City. If his reply, either by act or in a communication does not arrive by to-night, or if it is unsatisfactory, President Wilson is determined to go before Congress, probably to-morrow and ask authority to rescue the prisoners by force.

Indications were that Congress would comply promptly with President Wilson's request.

Reply on Way Now.

Unofficial reports stated that General Carranza's reply was on its way to Washington, having been dispatched from Mexico City last night. Officials had no intimation of its nature.

Only incidental consideration was given by the state department to-day to Mexican ambassador designate, Arredondo's communication sent late yesterday, asking that 30 Mexican civilians whom he said had been arrested in California and Arizona, be released, and complaining against the unofficial embargo against shipment of food stuffs and merchandise across the boundary into Mexico.

Troops Must be Released

All questions, including that of possible mediation, were regarded as subsidiary to that of the freeing of the American troops at Chihuahua. Officials were gratified to learn by a report of the British consul in that city that the prisoners were being well treated and that only two were slightly wounded.

Billy Malone's in town.

Philadelphia finds hundreds of school boys eager to work on farms in vacation season.

Mr. Deloss Dickinson, from Somerset Centre, Mich., is visiting his brother, George Dickinson, River Road, Onondaga, after an absence of 30 years.

Berlin Paper is Suspended

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Berlin, June 28—Via London.—The Tageblat, one of the leading Berlin newspapers, announced this morning that its appearance had been prohibited by order of the military commander. This is the first instance for some months of the suspension of a Berlin paper.

ALEX WILLIAMS IS "MISSING"

Feared Name Should Read Andrew Williams, 302 Colborne St.

To-day's casualty list contained the following item :

"Missing, 193216, Pte. Alex. Williams, Brantford, Ont. "

The records show that Pte. A. Williams left with the first quota of men out of Brantford. This Mr. Williams worked for John Mann and Son and lived at the corner of Darling and Drummond streets.

The man who lived there is Mr. Andrew Williams and his number is not the same as given in the list. His mother, Mrs. George Williams, who lives now at 302 Colborne St., has heard no word from Ottawa, and inquiry from the Courier was the first intimation given her.

Andrew Williams is the son of Trooper George Williams and Mrs. Williams of 302 Colborne street. Troper George Williams and a son, Leslie, are in the C. M. R. at Hamilton, while a third son, George, is in the 125th.

Nearly Three Millions

Prussian Casualty List Very Great, Exclusive of Verdun.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Amsterdam, via London, June 28 (New York Sun cable)—The latest Prussian casualty lists covering the period from June 8 to 20 bring the total of Prussian losses to 2,740,196. This figure is not believed to include the losses at Verdun.

Le Prensa, a leading newspaper of South America, says United States would commit grievous error in declaring war on Mexico, asserting that the triumph of Pan-Americanism transcends other considerations.

Interest in Expected Offensive Shifted to Situation in Balkans Where Rumors Are Thick That Roumania Will Join the Allied Forces

GERMANY'S ULTIMATUM TO SWITZERLAND

BY SPECIAL WIRE TO THE COURIER.

NEW YORK, June 28.—A news agency despatch from London, published here to-day, says:

Interest in the expected grand offensive of the Allies shifted temporarily to-day to the situation in the Balkans with the revival of reports that Roumania is preparing to join the Allies.

A heavily censored Bucharest despatch, telegraphed via Athens, reported that Bulgaria had closed her frontier against Roumania. Bulgarian troops were reported to be concentrating along the Roumanian frontier.

The Evening News received a Bucharest despatch reporting that the Roumanian cabinet, at a special session, took certain steps as a result of Bulgaria's movements. The despatch bore evidence of having been heavily censored. It gave no indication of what steps were taken, but the censor passed the statement that Roumanian military chiefs participatcd in the cabinet conference.

GERMANS CLAIM FURTHER SUCCESSES

BERLIN, June 28.—(via London, 4.52 p.m.).—The great battle in Volhynia, where the reinforced German army has succeeded in checking the Russian advance, has resulted in further reverses for the Russians. Announcement was made by the war office that the Germans have captured the village of Winiewka, west of Sokul, and Russian positions south of that point.

DEFYING SWITZERLAND NOW

PARIS, June 28.—A Zurich despatch to the Matin says that Germany's demands on Switzerland for the exchange of commodities are in the form of an ultimatum, which expires at 6 o'clock Thursday night.

Announcement was made in the Swiss Parliament last week that Germany had demanded that the Swiss Government permit the exportation of cotton and food stuffs collected by German agents, stating that if the demand were not complied with Germany would prohibit exportation of coal, iron and other materials essential to Swiss industries. The Swiss authorities asked for time to reply, and sent a delegation to Paris to confer with representatives of the Entente Allies.

ITALIANS TROOPS THROWING BACK ENEMY OFFENSIVE

Official Announcement Tells of Many Successes Against Enemy.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Rome, June 28,8 via London, 1.45 p.m.—The Italians have flung back the Austrians a further distance on the Trentino front. The War Office to-day announced the capture of Monte Giamondo, north of Fusine and Monte Caviojo. These positions lie between Posina and Astico.

The Italians also advanced on the Asiago plateau, occupying the southern side of the Assa Valley, and reached the slopes of Monte Rasta, Monte Interrotto and Monte Mosciagh.

Monte Colombara was carried and the Italian advance reached the Galamarra valley.

The Official Statement.

The communication follows:

"From the Adige to the Brenta commanding positions and strongly organized defences, now reached by the enemy, have increased largely his activity in resisting our advance. Nevertheless we made considerable progress all day yesterday.

"In the Lagarina valley and in the Arsa valley there was an intense artillery action. We shelled positions of the enemy on Monte Trappola and Monte Teste, and took the trenches near Malga Sugna.

"Between the Posina and the Astico we took the enemy's positions of Monte Giamondo, north of Fusine, and Monte Caviojo. Cavalry detachments reached Pedescala.

"On the Asiago plateau we occupied the southern side of the Assa valley and reached the slopes of Monte Rasca, Monte Interrotto and Monte Mosicagh, which were held strongly by the enemy's rearguards. Further north, after carrying Monte Colombara, we began to approach Gatamarra valley. On the remainder of the front as far as the Brenta there was no change.

"On the Upper But we made an attack after an intense artillery preparation, taking some redoubts and trenches in the neighborhood of Freikofel.

"On the Isonzo the artillery was active. We made raids and captured 353 prisoners, including 7 officers, and machine guns."

When the Rev. C. P. Magill, pastor of the State Street Presbyterian Church at Schenectady, N.Y., failed to appear in his pulpit, trustees forced their way into the manse and found him dying of apoplexy.

Quebec Would Accept Policy of Conscription

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Coaticook, Que., June 28—French-Canadians would submit to conscription if introduced into Canada, Col. Armand Lavergne, the Nationalist, argued before a bi-lingual meeting here last night. He himself would submit to conscription and go to the front if sent.

PTE. WALTER ROWE REPORTED KILLED

Pte. Arthur Binch Wounded, is Word Received in Paris To-day.

Paris, June 28.—Mr. Walter Rowe, of Paris, received word this morning that his son Walter, had been officially reported killed on June 16th. Walter was 19 years of age and enlisted in the 38th Dufferin Rifles and left Lere last July and went over to England wiht a draft. He was a fine type of lad and a member of St. James church, Paris.

Word was also received this morning that Pte. Arthur Binch had been wounded on the same date. He went with the second contingent. This is the second time Binch has been wounded. He is with the machine gun section.

FOUR VESSELS TO-DAY'S TOLL

London, June 28.—Four vessels were announced at Lloyd's shipping agency to-day as having been lost. They were the Japanese steamship Daiyetsu Maru and the Italian steamer Clara and the Italian ship Aventino, which were sunk by hostile warships, and the Dutch steamship Waalstroom, which foundered.

The crew of the Dutch vessel was landed.

The Steamship Daiyetsu Maru was sunk by a submarine off Barcelona, according to a despatch from Madrid. Forty-one members of her crew were picked up. The Italian steamship, Clara, was of 3,534 tons net. On her last eastern voyage across the Atlantic she left Norfolk May 27th, bound for Porto Ferrajo, Italy, where she arrived June 17th.

CASEMENT SAYS HE TOOK NO MONEY FROM GERMANY

Nor Was Irish Rebellion Made, Directed or Inspired There.

READ STATEMENT TO THE COURT

Very Anxious to Show That a Traitor May be a Gentleman.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, June 28.—Dramatic developments are expected at to-day's session of the trial of Sir Roger Casement for high treason. Chief among these is a statement in his own defense which Sir Roger is prepared to make from the dock.

No Witnesses for the Defence

Francis P. Doyle, the Philadelphia attorney, who is acting as solicitor for Casement, announced before the opening of court, that no witnesses would be called for the defense, but that the arguments of counsel would be supplemented by a statement from the prisoner. As was indicated yesterday, the main defense will rest on the argument of counsel for the quashing of the indictment on the ground of lack of jurisdiction.

Witnesses in Germany

In reference to the decision of Casement's counsel not to call any witnesses, Mr. Doyle said:

"Inasmuch as this trial affects not onlyy the life of Sir Roger Casement, but also the aspirations of the Irish nation, it has been deemed advisable not to call any witnesses in this jurisdiction." He added that no witnesses were available in this country, and that it would have been necessary to go to Germany for them, but that the government would not permit it.

Over-ruled Counsel.

Alexander Sullivan, chief counsel for Sir Roger, resumed his argument in an attempt to show the indictment was faulty when the court convened to-day. After he had concluded his address the court over-ruled his motion to quash the indictment.

Sir Roger's Statement.

Sir Roger Casement's statement was delivered in a clear voice, but it was plain that he was laboring under a great nervous strain. The prisoner leaned heavily on the rail of the dock and his hand that held the paper shook as though palsied.

Took No Money.

"Money was offered to me in Germany more than once, and offered

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Whole Balkan Problem Entered a New Stage

Bulgaria Uneasy Over the Fact That the Entente Have Obtained the Upper Hand in Greece, and May be Forced to Recognize It as an Open Enemy.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Berlin, June 28.—(New York Times cable)—Sofia reports indicate that Bulgaria is uneasy owing to the possible consequences of Greece's capitulation to the Entente demands. It is said official Bulgarian circles declare Bulgaria would be forced to regard Greece under the dictatorship of Venizelos and obeying Entente orders as an open enemy. Sofia feels that Greece's capitulation has caused the whole Balkan problem to enter a new stage. The effects of the changed situation are already making themselves felt in Sofia and Bucharest. While recognizing Greece's good will to further maintain neutrality, Sofia regards Greece's future attitude as most difficult.

All Along the British Line Guns Pounding the Enemy

Whether in Somme Region or Vimy Ridge, Bombardment is the Same—Under Cover of Artillery Many Trench Raids Carried Through.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

British Headquarters in France, Tuesday, June 17, via London, June 28—12.40 p.m.—British guns continued to-day the bombardment over a broad front which was begun yesterday. The Associated Press correspondent, riding seventy miles behind the lines, found the same regular pounding of positions on both days, whether in the Somme region or along the Vimy ridge.

Going to a point on high ground, which allowed a broad sweep of vision in a rolling country or forward to observation posts in the trenches, the correspondent found the horizon always bounded by shell bursts. There might be a lull at one point for a while, but soon the inferno in that direction was renewed.

Under cover of the bombardment, the British made numerous trench raids last night, bringing in groups of prisoners.

The British released gas at certain points, but discontinued when the weather was found to be unfavorable.

42 MEN WANTED

Young men of Brantford, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that we will be leaving for Camp in a very short time, and we are in need of forty-two men to fill the ranks of the 125th Battalion.

I make this appeal to you knowing that the people of Brant County have never failed to complete, and make a success of anything they have undertaken. This being the first Brant County Battalion, I am sure you will not fail us. We are very desirous of going into Camp with complete establishment.

(Signed)
M. E. B. CUTCLIFFE,
Lieut.-Colonel.
125th O.S. Battalion, C.E.F.

OFFENSIVE IS RESUMED AGAIN ABOUT VERDUN

Attack on French Position Near Fleury Checked by Artillery.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, June 28.—12.20 p.m.—German troops last night delivered another attack on the French positions near Fleury, on the sector of the Verdun front over which violent fighting has been in progress for several days. The assault was checked by the French fire, the war office announced to-day.

There was spirited fighting near Tiaumont work, which the Germans captured several days ago, but no change occurred in the situation there.

West of the Meuse there was no infantry fighting of importance. Artillery engagements occurred in the sector between Avocourt and Chattancourt.

The text of the statement follows:

"In the region to the south of Lassigny the Germans endeavored last night to deliver several surprise attacks upon minor posts. All their efforts resulted in failure.

"In the Champagne district a strong reconnoitering party of the enemy, which was trying to reach our lines along the road from St. Hilaire-le-Grand to St. Souplet was dispersed by our fire.

"On the left bank of the River Meuse there has been artillery fighting in the vicinity of Avocourt and Chattancourt. At Hill 304 and at Dead Man Hill there have been minor engagements with hand grenades.

"On the right bank of the river there was a counter-attack at three o'clock this morning on our positions to the northeast of Hill 321. This was repulsed with hand grenades. Another counter-attack between Fluery and the eastern boundary of the Chapitire wood was at once checked by our curtain of fire.

"In the vicinity of the Thiamont work, where the fighting was spirited last night, the situation remains unchanged."

COSSACKS CROSS DNEISTER RIVER

More Than 100,000 Men Are at Work on the Defences of Kovel.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Petrograd, via London, June 28. More than 100,000 men, of whom a large proportion are prisoners of war, are at work strengthening the defences of Kovel, according to the Bourse Gazette. The new defences extend more than ten miles from the town.

The crosisng of the Dniester southwest of Buczacz by the Don Cossacks is regarded here as another nail in the coffin of Kolomea. The Cossacks are now expected to sweep around the Cherniava River from the west.

Rebels Hold Medina

By Special Wire to the Courier.

New York, June 8—A New York Journal despatch from Cairo to-day says:

Arab tribesmen in Arabia who rebelled against the Turkish Government had occupied Medina after a siege.

PERSHING DRAWS IN HIS FORCES

Concentrating to the North and Abandons Some Places Held.

REBEL FORCES ARE JOINING CARRANZA

Spanish Minister to Mexico Has Special Interview at Vera Cruz.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Mexico City, June 28—The American forces under the command of General Pershing have abandoned Bachimba and San Geronimo, in order to concentrate to the north, according to advices received here by General Alvaro Obregon, secretary of war, from General Jacinto Trevino, commanding the government troops in Chihuahua. The Carranza forces have occupied these positions and organized them so as to prevent the American troops from again occupying them.

Will Join Carranza

Reports received from Zacatecas are to the effect that Colonel Hernandez, one of the rebel chieftains, is ready with his forces to join the Carranza army.

According to information from Nacasorzio, Sonora, the Southern Pacific Railway and the telephone and telegraph systems are in the hands of the de facto government forces.

Mexico Uniting

Replies are being received from the Latin-American republics to which Foreign Secretary Aguilar recently sent messages concerning the Carrizal and Mazatlan incidents. Some of the replies offer co-operation with a view to averting through mediation, a war between the United States and Mexico. Gen. Robert F. Cejudo, commander-in-chief of the Zapata forces in the state of Hidelago, has offered all the men under his command to the military commander at Vera Cruz for the service of the de facto government.

Spain to Mediate?

General Carranza has accepted the proffer of General Cejudo. Alejandro Padilla Bell, the new Spanish minister to Mexico, arrived in Vera Cruz to-night and was received by high officials of the foreign office. Great political significance is attached to the coming of the new minister, as it is understood that he will offer the friendly mediation of Spain in an attempt to settle the dispute between the United States and Mexico.

SAULT STE MARIE PAPER SEIZED BY THE CHIEF CENSOR

Published an Anti-Recruiting Article and is Suspended for Three Months.

Sault Ste. Marie, Onc., June 28.—Lieut.-Col. Chambers, chief press censor for Canada arrived here on last evening's train, from Ottawa, and was met at the station by Lieut.-Col. Jones, commanding the 227th Overseas Battalion and chief Vincent of the city police. A quarter of an hour later a guard from the 227th marched up to the office of The Sault Express and took possession of it by direction of the chief press censor, under authority of the order-in-council of June 10th last.

Sentries are on duty at both doors of the newspaper office and the edition will be kept under suspension for three months. This drastic action of the censorship authorities is due to the publication of an anti-recruiting article printed in The Express on the 23rd instant, which according to the chief press censor contained statements calculated to cause disaffection to His Majesty, to assist and encourage the enemy and to prevent, embarrass and hinder the successful prosecution of the war.

TWO DROWNED.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Sorel, Que., June 28—Thrown into the river when their boat overturned, Leopold Fontigny, 11 years, and Gustave Bibeau, both of this place, were drowned. The bodies were recovered.

Billy Malone's in town.