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LAIG'S GREAT BLOW FLATTENS OUT THE MESSINES SALENT

Carefully Prepared Advance Reaches All Objectives on Time--British Have Captured Over 6400 Prisoners--Many Parties of Germans, Surrounded, Will Have to Surrender--Irish Regiments From North and South in Race for Summit of Messines Ridge--Troops Passed Utterly Quiet Night After Battle.

BRITISH ORGANIZE NEW LINES TO EAST OF OOSTVERNE

General Plumer's Infantry Finishes Advance, Consolidates Captured Positions and Repulses German Counter-Attacks From Two Directions--Fuller Returns Show Success Complete in Every Way.

By R. T. Small, Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press. British Headquarters in France, June 8. (London)—Comparative quiet reigned today along the front of the British attack which wrested the Messines Ridge from the Germans Thursday.

The British had to level many bits of woods and then they sprayed these woods with drums of boiling blasting oil, which burned them away, and made attacking across what would be considered an impassable natural defense, quite an easy matter.

The German forward defenses consisted of an elaborate and intricate system of well-wired trenches and strong points forming a defensive belt over a mile in length.

POLITICAL SKY AT OTTAWA IS STILL CLOUDED

Liberals Have Black Friday, But Conservatives Are Also Troubled.

FRESH JOLTS FEARED

No Headway Can Be Made Without Coalition, Belief at Ottawa.

Special to The Toronto World. Ottawa, June 8.—The political skies have by no means cleared. There are a lot of more jolts for the two parties. A run of luck came the way of the Conservatives on Thursday, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier's letter declining to go into a coalition was made public, and the government supporters began cheering for Sir Robert Borden and conscription.

GREAT EARTHQUAKE WIPES OUT TOWNS

San Salvador and Santa Tecla Among Nicaraguan Centres Destroyed.

LAVA FOLLOWS SHOCK

President Reports Casualties Are Small, But Property Loss Heavy.

San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, June 8.—A report received from San Miguel says San Salvador was destroyed, only 100 houses being left standing. Strong earthquakes, the report says, were followed later by lava and boiling water.

SINKING OF SOUTHLAND MAY COST MANY LIVES

Explosion Caused by Torpedo Kills Eight Men and Two Boats Containing Forty Others Are Missing—Americans Among Victims.

London, June 8.—The British steamer Southland, from Liverpool, for Philadelphia, in ballast, was torpedoed without warning on June 4. She had six Americans aboard, one of whom is missing. The gun crew on the Southland fired ten shots at the submarine after the first torpedo was fired.

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KAISER STILL SAYS GOD IS WITH GERMANS

Tells Brandenburg Troops Allies Will Become Exhausted Trying to Win.

Amsterdam, via London, June 8.—On the occasion of a demonstration of defensive methods on the western front, Emperor William delivered a speech to the Brandenburg troops in Berlin today.

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