

WESTERN ONTARIO REGIMENT WAS ALMOST WIPE OUT WHEN COLONEL BECHER MET DEATH

Five Hundred of the Seven Hundred Men Who Engaged in Struggle at LaBasse Either Killed or Wounded—Commander Struck By a Bomb While on Parapet of Trench—Valor of Canadian Arms Upheld.

LONDON, June 24.—A report received today from the front shows that the first Western Ontario battalion, in action near LaBasse on the 15th instant, added further lustre to the Canadian arms.

They were selected to act in co-operation with British troops in attacking a German position. Three trenches were their objective. They came from the rear, having had a rest preparatory to the onslaught, which took place in the evening. The Germans apparently had an idea that a serious attack was to be attempted, and, as a result, had made elaborate preparations for resistance.

Probably at no time had the Canadians so many bombs at their disposal as on this occasion. The first enemy trench was only 40 yards away from that occupied by the Western Ontario battalion. The mine had been laid, and the explosion was the signal for a forward movement on the part of the Canadians. The mine itself killed many Germans.

One who took part in the subsequent charge said the battalion rushed forward under terrible fire from machine guns and burst-

ing high explosives, but the Canadians were fresh and had no fear. Bomb Hits Col. Becher, "I shall never forget looking round and seeing Col. Becher of London apparently standing on the parapet of a trench, leading his men by voice and gesture," he said. The colonel fell, struck by a bomb, and was carried to the rear by the stretcher-bearers, but did not live long. He was a popular officer and a hero, but all our officers, likewise the men, fought bravely.

"On June 24, when the Germans followed the poisonous gases by tremendous gun fire, but that experience was not so terrible as this last.

"Conditions grew worse as the fight progressed. The Germans brought reinforcements from troops fighting the British, with whom we were linked. The second trench was about 60 yards beyond the first, and we captured, or about 100 yards from our starting point.

"The cost to ourselves of taking it was very great, but you don't think of cost at such a time. It is only when you are in bed and reflecting how you escaped

with only a wound that you realize it."

Capture Second Trench. "Well, we took the second trench, and it was a hot position. We then went for the third trench, but the Germans, with reinforcements, concentrated a tremendous volume of fire upon us. I should think by this time considerably more than half our officers and men had been killed or wounded.

"Gradually the position became untenable, and it was necessary to relinquish the ground already won. We could not, with our depleted force, remain, so we moved back. The Germans then tried hard to shift us from our original position, but to no purpose.

"Twenty Officers Lost. "The battalion went into that action 600 to 700 strong. The killed and wounded numbered nearly 500, including 20 officers out of 22, twelve of whom were killed. The loss of Col. Becher was greatly mourned. He was very popular. "Among the wounded brought to England was Capt. Delaney of Stratford, who was wounded in the back. He is in the nursing home, and is making good progress."

MONTENEGRINS OCCUPY HEIGHTS OF RENZI

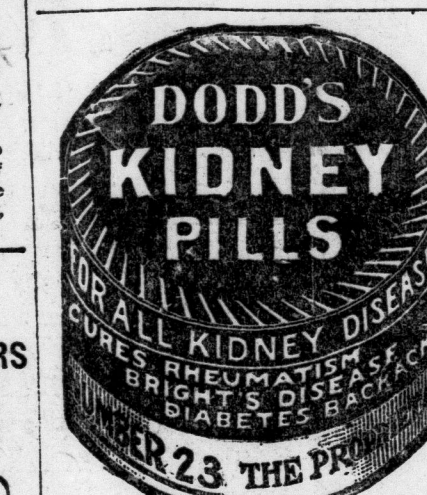
Have Reached Eastern Gates of Scutari—Resistance Is Feeble.

ROME, (via Paris), June 25.—12:57 a.m.—The Giornale d'Italia's Scutari, Albania, correspondent, says the Montenegrin army has reached the eastern gates of Scutari and are occupying the heights of Renzi and the camp of Kiri. Feeble resistance was encountered. An official note issued by the Montenegrin Government says that strategic and political reasons impelled the descent upon Albania, and the step was also taken because other powers have occupied portions of Albania.

ARE HAVING TROUBLE WITH THE ROSS RIFLE

Some Men of the Canadian Division Armed With the Lee-Enfield.

LONDON, June 24.—In the Commons tonight Sir Arthur Markham asked the under secretary for war if he had any information about the Ross rifle used by Canadians being unsatisfactory. Tennant replied that certain difficulties had arisen over the use of this rifle and the matter was being investigated, meanwhile some men of the division were armed with the Lee-Enfield.



FEWER UNEMPLOYED IN FRANCE IN APRIL

Only Eleven Per Cent of Both Sexes, According to Ministry of Labor.

PARIS, June 24.—7 p.m.—The ministry of labor has completed an inquiry into the effects of the war upon employment. In 27,610 industrial and commercial concerns with 1,047,000 employees in ordinary times, it was found that 65 per cent were fully employed in the month of April. The remaining 35 per cent does not represent the actual unemployment, because 24 per cent of the total number prior to the war is now with the colors; so that actually only 11 per cent, including both sexes, were unemployed during April, as compared with 17 per cent in January, 32 per cent in October, and 42 per cent in August.

LEIPZIG NEWSPAPER SUPPRESSED FOR WEEK

Printed Declarations of Socialist Leader Offending German People.

AMSTERDAM, via London, June 24.—3:30 p.m.—The Berlin Tageblatt says that the Leipziger Volkszeitung has been suppressed for the period of a week for printing the declarations of Hugo Haase, the Socialist leader, and other Socialists.

THORNCLIFFE POSTOFFICE QUITS BUSINESS JUNE 30

THORNCLIFFE, June 24.—The post-office here will close on June 30. It was opened by Henry Smith, member for West Kent, in February, 1882. George B. Shaw was appointed first postmaster.

Str. "State of Ohio" For CLEVELAND Leave Port Stanley 11 p.m. every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Arrive Cleveland 6:30 a.m. Fare from London: One way, \$2.75; round trip, \$4.75. Saturday excursions, \$2.75 round trip. 76 tr

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Five Germans Shot During Camp Mutiny

One Assaults Guard and Is Killed—Four Are Wounded.

AMHERST, N. S., June 24.—During an outbreak this morning at the alien enemy camp near Amherst, one of the prisoners, Fritz Klux, a German, was shot dead and four others, all Germans, were seriously wounded. A rumor was abroad during the day that the shooting occurred when a squad of German prisoners attempted to escape. Few details are obtainable. All that can be learned is contained in the following version, obtained from a competent source:

"While the prisoners of war in the detention camp were being conducted to the compound for physical exercise, one of them, Fritz Klux, assaulted one of the internment police, knocking him insensible. The camp police, with the guard, was called out to quell the mutiny, and in the meantime the originator of the trouble was shot dead and four of the other prisoners were seriously wounded."

There are about 500 prisoners in the camp, including more than 100 German sailors who were rescued from cruisers, after engagements in the Atlantic.

N. DORCHESTER RAISES OVER THOUSAND DOLLARS

Recent Campaign for Patriotic Purposes a Success.

DORCHESTER, June 24.—The result of the recent campaign conducted in the township of North Dorchester for patriotic purposes was this week handed to the secretary, and amounted to \$1,101.70. For Belgian relief fund, \$203.25; for patriotic fund, \$152.25; for Red Cross work, \$415.20. Money collected in aid of Red Cross is to be divided among the three societies in the township, Dorchester to be given half, Crampton and Harriestville each to be given one-quarter.

Yesterday afternoon another shipment was made to Hyman Hall by the Red Cross Society of Dorchester, consisting of 50 towels, 9 pairs of socks, 12 sheets, 5 hospital shirts, 4 rolls of bandages and 1 pneumonia jacket.

DR. DERNBURG HELD FOR NIGHT AT SCOTCH PORT

LONDON, June 24.—3:12 p.m.—Un-known to the British public, Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, whose propaganda in favor of Germany while he was on a visit to the United States created much comment, spent last night aboard the Norwegian steamship Bergensford, in the harbor of Kirkwall, Orkney Islands. Tonight, however, Dr. Dernburg is proceeding to Sweden on his way to Germany, aboard the Bergensford, which was detained at Kirkwall yesterday, presumably on suspicion that she carried contraband. The steamer was released this afternoon.

The news that the Bergensford had been taken into Kirkwall did not become known until this afternoon, when the release of the vessel was announced. The predicament of Dr. Dernburg in being forced to spend the night in a Scottish port is considered here an amusing one. He was in no danger of being stopped by the British officials in view of the fact that he was in possession of a Swedish passport. He did not leave the steamship while the examination of his cargo was being made.

Berlin, through Swedish advisers, learned of the detention of the Bergensford last night.

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GERMANY SEEKING OVERSEAS LANDS

Wants Colonial Expansion Rather Than a Slice of Europe.

WHAT WILSON LEARNS

Diplomats Would Be Willing to Return to Status Quo.

[Canadian Press.] NEW YORK, D.C., June 24.—President Wilson does not see any prospect for an early peace in Europe. Col. E. M. House, his close friend and unofficial envoy to Europe, gave the President today the results of his sojourn of several months in the principal capitals of Europe, where he talked intimately with the responsible officials of the British, French and German governments, and the informal conversations in the long walks and talks which they enjoyed today reflected definitely the ideas held by both diplomats and the military element in each of the countries at war.

He also disclosed the various beliefs and currents of public opinion in each country as to what might be the possible terms of peace and the trend of public opinion toward the different peace proposals that have been brought forward from time to time in informal discussions by the press and peace organizations.

The President has been guided largely by what Colonel House has reported to him by cable and letters in handling the delicate questions of renewing the efforts of the United States to bring about a general acceptance of mediation. Mr. Wilson himself said last Tuesday to the Washington correspondents that no new tenders of good offices had been made to any of the warring nations, but that at the same time he had understood the willingness of the United States to be of any service in any way possible to pave the way for an approach to peace.

Public Not Prepared. One of the fundamental things, the President has learned, which has affected the efforts of the United States to make peace is the unpreparedness of public opinion in some of the belligerent countries as to terms which they fear their adversaries might advance. Colonel House observed during his trip to Europe that public opinion in some of the countries was most insistent on terms which the Governments of those countries already had learned in various ways would not be acceptable to their opponents. In all countries he found that there had developed among the masses a desire for a settlement that would be commensurate with the sacrifice in blood and treasure that had been made by the people. If left to the diplomats in Europe alone a return to the territorial status quo would perhaps not be difficult, some of information indicated.

Germany's Ambition. In Germany, it seemed, according to reliable information given to the President, the object of the large and influential party was to prepare public opinion for a realization of the idea that Germany's best interests lie in colonial expansion and the incidental development of overseas commerce, rather than in territorial extension in Europe.

The question which, however, Col. House thinks likely to play a most important part in any peace negotiations is freedom of the seas. The President thought that the President nor Colonel House would make any formal statement tonight on their conferences.

HAMILTON'S JITNEY TAX

HAMILTON, June 24.—By a decision of the police court commissioners this afternoon "jitneys" will be taxed \$3 per seat a year and their carrying capacity strictly limited to the number of seats.

TORONTO, June 24.—Toronto manufacturers, who have been making shells, in reply to the strictures of Lord Curzon regarding delivery, state that the contracts have been let in such small quantities, and the future of the industry is at present so indefinite, that they have hesitated to incur the heavy expenditure entailed in installing machinery until a more definite future is assured.

The manufacturers claim that delay in delivery is due to the fact that the specifications have been changed.

DENSE FOGS DRIVE AIRSHIPS TO EARTH

Scouting Tours Abandoned for Time—Swollen Streams Hinder Army.

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M'ADOO'S DAUGHTER IS DETERMINED TO NURSE SOLDIERS

MISS NONA M'ADOO, Daughter of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, brought home from France by her father, insists she will return.



IMPORTANT CHANGES IN GRAND TRUNK TRAIN SERVICE, EFFECTIVE JUNE 27th.

Train No. 11 will leave London 5:32 p.m. daily except Sunday (instead of 2:05 p.m.), arrive Windsor 9:15 p.m.

Train No. 12 will leave London 2 p.m. daily, arriving Toronto 10:05 a.m. daily except Sunday. Instead of 2:30 p.m., arrive Brantford 3:52 p.m., arrive Hamilton 5:25 p.m., connecting with train No. 82, leaving Hamilton 5:45 p.m., arriving Toronto 7:10 p.m.

Train No. 3 now leaving London 11:25 a.m. daily will be a flag stop at Watford. Train No. 16 now leaving London at 7:08 p.m. daily will connect at Toronto for Muskoka Lakes and daily except Sunday for Lake of Bays, Algonquin Park, Maganetawan River and Timagami Lakes points. Pullman drawing room sleeping cars Toronto to Muskoka Wharf-Scotia Junction.

Train No. 4 now leaving London 6:11 a.m. daily, arriving Toronto 10:05 a.m. daily, commencing June 26th, make connections with train leaving Toronto 10:15 a.m. daily except Sunday for Penetang, Midland, Huntsville, Burks Falls and North Bay. Connection will be made at Penetang Wharf for Georgian Bay; at Huntsville for Lake of Bays and at Burks Falls for Maganetawan River.

Parlor-library-buffet cars and first-class coaches Toronto Penetang Wharf and Toronto Huntsville.

Train No. 78 now leaving London 7:25 a.m. daily except Sunday, arriving Toronto 11:33 a.m. daily, commencing June 26th, make connections with new train leaving Toronto 12:01 p.m. daily except Sunday for Collingwood, Meaford, Severn, Muskoka Wharf, Huntsville, Algonquin Park and Madawaska. Parlor-library-buffet car and first-class coaches Toronto to Algonquin Park and Madawaska, also parlor car Toronto to Muskoka Wharf.

Train No. 30 now leaving London 9:00 a.m. daily, arriving Toronto 12:18 p.m. daily except Sunday, will make connections with new train leaving Toronto 1:40 p.m. daily except Sunday, commencing June 26th for Jackson's Point. Special train will also leave Jackson's Point 7:30 a.m. Mondays only, commencing June 26th, arrive Toronto 9:40 a.m.

Further particulars may be obtained on application to Grand Trunk ticket agents. June 25

HESITATE TO PREPARE TO MAKE MUNITIONS

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