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Officers and Men In Splendid Form Are Not Depressed

Naval Officer of High Rank Tells Associated Press How Beatty's Battle Cruiser Fleet are all Ready for Another Dash at the Enemy—Men in Great Spirits

GREAT WORK DONE BY DESTROYERS

Officers Admit German Gunners Was Good but Not as Effective as British—Germans Received Such a "Strafing" That it Will be Months Before They Again Put to Sea

LONDON, June 9.—"It is a tonic to visit Beatty's battle cruiser fleet from which I have just returned," said a naval officer of high rank, to the Associated Press to-day. He added, "The officers and men are in splendid form and instead of feeling depressed they are inclined to feel sorry for the poor Germans. It is impossible to speak too highly of the officers and men of our destroyers, who were simply wonderful. They consistently held the upper hand in the greatest battle ever engaged in by these little war craft. Until we have Jellicoe's full report, which is being collected and digested as rapidly as possible, it is quite out of question for me to give any more connected details of the battle other than have been published. But I can relate a few incidents and give some impressions which may show the spirit of our men. As for the fleet itself, it is quite ready for another battle as big as the Jutland action.

The gallant and expert commander of a destroyer was one of the most striking incidents in the action which abounded with extraordinary feats. This destroyer was fifth in line and saw her four file leaders one by one put out of action, but kept ahead without swerving, got all her torpedoes home when she then discovered a great German battleship looming out of the mist so closely that when the enemy fired her big guns their blasts blew over the funnels and masts of the little ship. She escaped without further damage. Another marvellous escape one of our destroyers had was discovered when a stoker reported himself wounded, but as no shell had struck the ship the commander declined to believe the men. He, however, reported himself again next morning as a casualty and showed the Commander a 12-inch unexploded projectile, which had dropped through the hatchway into the hold. A similar incident occurred aboard the Lion, where two junior officers from a fighting top saw an unexploded 12-inch projectile lying on the deck in some burning debris, these officers ran to the fire, extinguished it and threw the projectile overboard.

"I was surprised on my return here when I saw for the first time the official German admission of casualties to personnel which show that from the numbers known to have been engaged, the losses on the German ships must have been greater than our estimate. Our officers admit the German gunnery was good, but not as

Fate of Garrison Yet Unknown

PARIS, June 8.—The desperate defence made by Commander Raynal, with the small contingent left at Fort Vaux constitutes one of the most notable incidents in the Verdun campaign. The Fort had been gradually pounded to pieces in a terrific seven-day bombardment, while infantry rushes were repeatedly launched during this period against its slopes, its ditches and outworks. Early yesterday General Raynal's force was cut off for the first time from communication with the French trenches only 200 yards south. The means of transport of provisions and shells had been previously destroyed, and the stock of food in the garrison was exhausted. In the meantime the Germans brought up two fresh divisions and hurled them forward in five successive massed attacks, which in spite of fearful losses, caused by the French artillery, finally resulted in the Germans gaining the inner defence of the fort, and sweeping over its exhausted defenders. No word has been received from General Raynal since communications were cut, and nothing is known of his fate or that of his men.

Whilst the prolonged bombardment destroyed the usefulness of Vaux as a fortification, yet its possession is important, as it is one of the dominating heights which, for posting artillery, is advantageous. The French lines now embrace a circle of inner forts and trenches lying south of the Fort Vaux lines, constituting a semi-circle of defences from 5 to 6 miles outside of Verdun.

Hampshire Sank Two Miles From Land

ABERDEEN, June 9.—The cruiser Hampshire sank in deep water, two miles from land between Marwick Head and Brough Bissay, on the west coast of the Orkneys.

Although it had been believed the entire ship's company of the cruiser Hampshire was lost when that vessel sank while carrying Earl Kitchener to Russia, 12 men have drifted ashore on a raft.

Will Stop Strikes And Lockouts

LONDON, June 8.—An official announcement given out to-day says that the Government has decided to apply to the Liverpool Docks that section of the Munitions Act which provides that no employer may declare a lock-out and that no employee may go on strike.

effective as ours. Light was much in their favor, but towards the end our manoeuvring changed this. The result was, in the general opinion of our officers and men of our ships which were engaged in the action, that the German fleet received such a "strafing" as it is not likely to make the sea again for six months."

FRENCH ARE BY NO MEANS DISCOURAGED

Fall of Fort Vaux and its Gallant Band is Regretted but Public is Not Discouraged—The Last 24 Hours Saw Violent Onslaughts by the Germans

PARIS, June 9.—The fall of Fort Vaux, with its gallant band of defenders is regretted, but public opinion is not discouraged. The withdrawal of the French line to the inner defence of Verdun on the right bank of the Meuse has not yet taken place. The French have resisted the furious efforts of the enemy to compel this retirement. Violent onslaughts, both in the Thiaumont region and on the trenches in the vicinity of Vaux, were made by the Germans in the last 24 hours. According to the latest reports received by the War Office, all of these attacks were repulsed. During the past week of uninterrupted attacks, in which it is said a number of divisions were destroyed, the Germans have advanced their lines about one mile. They have taken the southern part of Callette Wood, part of Chapelle Wood, Damloup Village and now Fort Vaux. Before the enemy will be able to make full use of his week's conquests he will have to enlarge his front by the capture of Souville Fort. This fort crowns the height of 388 metres, which is situated to the southwest. Its guns sweep the line of the crests running from Vaux to Douaumont and its seizure will be a hard task which will entail desperate fighting and heavy sacrifices.

GREECE FACED WITH SERIOUS EMERGENCY

Island Possessors of Greece May Become Endangered—Allies May Enforce Full Blockade of Greek Ports if Lesser Measures Are Insufficient to Prevent Greece Aiding Central Powers

LONDON, June 9.—All exports of coal to Greece have been prohibited. This, probably is in line with the announcements that the Entente Allies were considering restrictive measures against Greek commerce to prevent supplies from reaching the enemy. It is not known what demands have been made upon Greece.

The Daily Telegraph and other morning papers express the hope that it is nothing short of demobilization of the Greek army.

The Post says Greece is confronted with a serious emergency. It is in the power of the Allies to close the sea against her and her many rich island possessions may become endangered.

The Daily Graphic says, if lesser measures are insufficient to prevent Greece from aiding the enemy we shall doubtless proceed with a full blockade of Greek ports. Bulgarian troops certainly would not be allowed to occupy Greek forts unless the Greek Government has virtually decided to throw in its lot with the Central Powers and the reply of the Entente Powers will be prompt and decisive.

Rioters Destroy U. S. Consulate

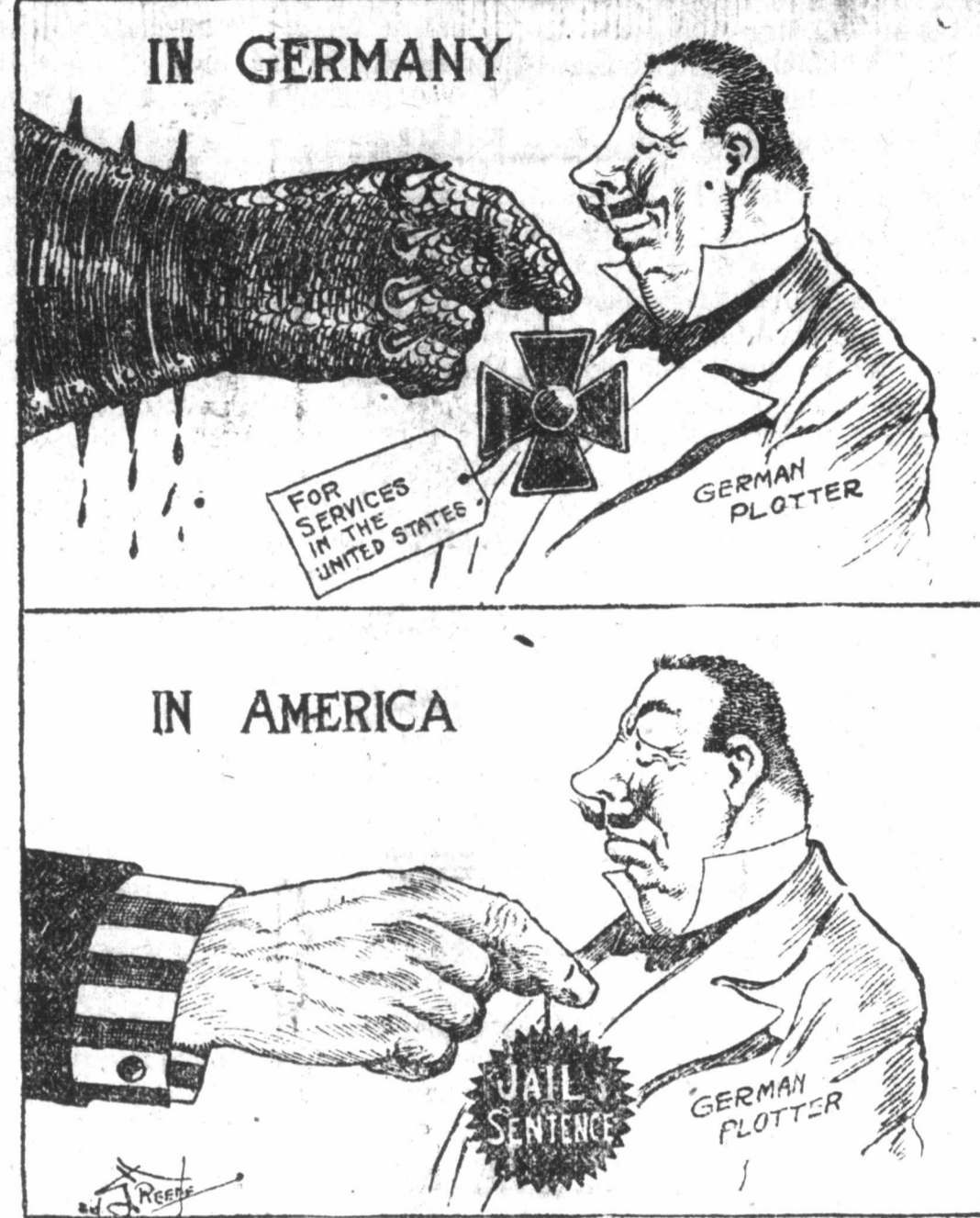
Anti-Americans in Durango City, Mexico, Drag American Flag Through Streets Then Burn Through U. S. Consulate

EL PASO, June 9.—The American Consulate at Durango City, Durango, was destroyed by fire during anti-American demonstrations, according to information received here by army officers last night. The rioters applied the torch to the building after dragging the flag through the streets.

Exiled

LONDON, June 8.—Count and Countess Plunkett, who were arrested early last month, shortly after the suppression of the Irish rebellion, were released from custody last Wednesday and ordered to leave Dublin by next Saturday, according to a Central News despatch from Dublin to-day.

TWO WAYS OF DECORATING



—N. Y. Evening Telegram.

HUNS REPEAT LIE ABOUT OUR NAVAL LOSSES

German Official Report Still Claims the Warspite, Princess Royal, Birmingham and Marlborough Were Sunk—Statement is False—All These Ships Are Safe in Port

LONDON, June 9.—The following British official was issued this evening in regard to the German official account of the North Sea battle which appeared in the Dutch papers this morning in which the loss of the Lut-zow, Rodstock and Elbing are admitted, in addition to the Pomern and Frantolob, which was announced in the German official of June 1st, but the loss of the Wiesbaden, which was announced on the 1st of June is now withheld. The German official account repeats that the Warspite, Princess Royal, Birmingham, and Marlborough were sunk. They are not sunk, but safe in port. The repetition of this false statement compels the repetition of the former statement by the British Admiralty of 6th June. The complete list of British losses has been made public.

THE AUSTRIAN LOSSES ARE NOW 200,000

Three Austrian Armies Placed in Tight Corner by Successful Russian Offensive—Several Detachments Austrians Forced to Surrender en Masse as Retreat was Completely Cut off

LONDON, June 9.—It is asserted that a strategic breach 100 miles wide has been blown in the Austrian front involving the armies of General Count von Bethmer and General von Boehm Ermelli and part of that of Archduke Joseph Ferdinand.

According to another despatch the Russian success is largely due to the unprecedented use of artillery, surpassing in intensity any previous efforts of either side on the Eastern front. The retreat of many Austrian trench detachments was completely cut off by a curtain of shrapnel, through which it was impossible for any living thing to pass. The Austrians were thus compelled to surrender en masse. The "Times" estimates the Austrian losses at 200,000.

France's Sympathy

PARIS, June 8.—The Senate and Chamber of Deputies to-day unanimously voted condolences with the British Government and people on the loss of Kitchener.

BIG RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE IN FULL SWING

In addition to the 40,000 Prisoners Previously Taken Russians Capture 11,000 More Men, Including 58 Officers—Large Number Gun, Field Kitchens and Other War Material

PETROGRAD, June 9.—On Tuesday we developed our offensive in the direction of Kovno and Kovel, keeping on the heels of the overthrown enemy and following the battle to the region of Lutsk. We occupied that town. In many places we have seized, not only the lines on the rivers Ikwa and Styra, but have crossed them and continued our offensive. In Galicia, on the Styra, our infantry supported by our artillery fire, we captured a number of powerful enemy organized positions on the front of Krziboukhovskij-Jazovetz and arrived quite near the line of the Styra river. In addition to the 40,000 prisoners previously taken, we took in the course of yesterday's fighting 58 officers and 11,000 men, captured a number of guns, machine guns and a quantity of other weapons, field kitchens and telephone material. The results of the engagements from the 4th to the 7th in Volhynia and Galicia permits us to consider we have already gained an important victory, which is crowned by a great breach in the enemy's fortified front.

On the Dvina front and in the lake region to the south, there have been a violent fusillade at many places, the Germans bombarding by concentrated fire the Ikku II Bridgehead. Repeated attempts to advance in the region south of Smergen were frustrated by our fire. South of Krovo the enemy artillery fired gusts at our positions.

In the Caucasus the situation is unchanged.

Wants Neutrals To Keep All Prisoners

LONDON, June 9.—The Daily Graphic discussing the alleged hardships of British prisoners in Germany, suggests that prisoners of all the belligerent nations be transferred to a neutral country to be paid for by their respective Governments. The Graphic urges the United States to take up the matter to the extent of making a special appeal to the German Government to agree to such an arrangement.

And Woodrow Smiles

CHICAGO, June 9.—The Republican Convention to-day accepted the invitation of the progressive convention for a conference for harmony. The proposal that this end be adopted was first made in the progressive convention. It was received in the Republican convention and adopted with a few scattering (noes). There was virtually no demonstration.

No Let Up in Russian Attacks Against the Austro-Hungarians

OFFICIAL

BRITISH

LONDON, June 9.—A British official statement, issued at midnight, says:—"The principal activity during the past 24 hours has been in the sector between Vimy Ridge and the La Basse Canal. Here mine warfare was particularly in evidence, six mines exploded with results, generally speaking in our favour. Near Hohenzollern Redoubt the explosion of one of our mines considerably damaged the enemy defences, and after the explosion our snipers accounted for nine of the garrison. Around Souchez there has been a good deal of work with trench mortars. Along the whole sector the artillery of both sides has bombarded actively. Just south of La Basse Canal we carried out a successful raid, inflicting losses on the enemy. The garrison of the raided trenches fled, leaving their dead on the ground. The situation at Hooze is unchanged, there have been no infantry actions to-day. The artillery on both sides shelled intermittently both day and night. Elsewhere on the front, there was nothing of special interest, and the day passed quietly.

FRENCH

PARIS, via St. Pierre, June 8.—In Argonne a German mine exploded this morning at Hill 285, Haute Chevauchee, without causing us any damage. We occupied the southern side of the excavation. On the left bank of the Meuse intermittent bombardment of our second line of trenches; on the right bank of the Meuse fierce artillery struggle. In Thiaumont-Douaumont district, after 7 days of desperate fighting against assaulting troops, continuously renewed, the garrison of Vaux fort, reduced to its minimum of defenders, could not keep the onslaught of Germans from occupying the shattered fort. We still hold the borders of it, and also the trenches, right and left, from this work, which the Germans are furiously trying to capture, but without success, being mowed down by our curtain of fire. Calm on remainder of the front, apart from Hartmannsvillerkopf, where artillery continues very active.

GREEKS ANGRY WITH PRESENT GOVERNMENT

Leading Venizelists Say Allies Have Adopted Only Effective Method to Force Country to Declare War One Way or Other—Announcement of Blockade Caused Great Excitement at Salonika

LONDON, June 9.—A despatch to the "Post" from Salonika says:—"The announcement of a commercial blockade of all Greek ports caused great excitement among the population here. Anger, however, was directed not against the Allies, but against the present Athens Government. Some leading Venizelists assure me the Entente Powers have at

Russians Pressing Adversaries Westward at Numerous Places—Czar's Forces Cross Styra Rivers and Continue Their Offensive in Region of Kovel, Midway Between Lutsk and Brest Litovsk

ITALIANS HAVE CHECKED AUSTRIAN ADVANCES

Vicious Infantry Attacks and Counter Attacks by Germans and British Around Hooze Are Reported—Germans' Attempts to Advance South of Douaumont Are Put Down by French Fire

LONDON, June 9.—Having recaptured Lutsk, one of the triangle Russian Forts in Volhynia from the Austro-Hungarians, the Russians are pressing their adversaries westward at numerous places, not only have the Russians gained the banks of the Ikwar and Styra River, but have crossed these streams and continued their offensive against their foes in the region of Kovel, midway between Lutsk and Brest Litovsk. In the vicinity of Rovno south-east of the fortress, the Russians have begun actions against the Austro-Hungarians. Likewise in Galicia there has been no let up in the Russian attacks against the soldiers of the Dual Monarchy, from whom they have captured along the lower reaches of the Strypa River heavily fortified positions. In this fighting the Russians have materially added to their prisoners and stores and captured guns, machine guns and war materials.

With the capture of Fort Vaux, north-east of Verdun, the Germans attempted to advance their line against the French east and west of Thiaumont Farm and south of Douaumont. The French barriers of fire have, however, held them back. North-west of Verdun, around Hill 304, and in the region of Chattancourt artillery duels are still intense.

Intermittent artillery duels have given way to vicious infantry attacks and counter-attacks by the Germans and British around Hooze and sapping operations between Vimy Ridge and Le Basse Canal, near the Hohenzollern Redoubt were to the advantage of the British, according to London.

The Italians south and south-east of Trent continue to keep the Austrians from further advances and south and south-west of Asiolo attacks by Austrians against Italian positions were entirely repulsed, according to Rome, while along the Lagarino Valley concentrations of Austrians were dispersed by Italian batteries. North-west of Trent, in the Ortler region, the Italians attacked and captured several points of vantage from the Austrians. Further south, in the Chiese Valley, they have repulsed the Austrian offensive.

Greece Demobilizes

ATHENS, June 8.—The Greek Cabinet, has decided to publish immediately a demobilization decree disbanding 12 senior military classes.

last adopted the only effective method to force the country to declare itself one way or the other. They anticipate that the blockade will not last over a week."

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