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THE BRITISH SUCCESSFUL IN SOUCHEZ

Substantial Progress Made on Front of Mile and a Half.

FIVE ENEMY AIRPLANES BROUGHT DOWN

Twelve Hundred Shells Dropped on Stricken City of Rheims.

London, June 25.—The official report from British headquarters in France reads: "Our successful attack last night southwest of Lens was followed up during the day on both banks of the Souchez river. Substantial progress was made by our troops in this area on a front of about one and one-half miles. "A raid attempted by the enemy last night southeast of Ypres was completely repulsed by our machine gun fire. There was heavy fighting in the air yesterday. Five German airplanes were brought down by our machines; five others were driven down out of control. Another hostile machine was shot down by our anti-aircraft guns. Five of our airplanes are missing."

French Statement.

Paris, June 25.—The following official statement on the military operations was issued tonight: "There was sustained activity by the two armies north of Lauffaux and in the Cerny, Cromme and Chevroux sectors. Twelve hundred shells were dropped upon Rheims. "Belgian communication: Some of the villages behind our front were bombarded in the course of the day. During the day the German artillery violently shelled several of our batteries. The activity of the artillery was particularly intense in the southern part of the Belgian sector. "Army of the east: The artillery was active in the Monastir region. An enemy company was repulsed to the north of Pozar."

Italian Statement.

Rome, via London, June 25.—"The artillery firing yesterday was generally weak," says today's war office statement on the operations along the Austro-Italian front. "Minor encounters between reconnoitering parties took place. "An enemy attack in the Bacher Valley was easily repulsed."

German Statement.

Berlin, June 25, via London.—The text of today's official statement reads: "Front of the German Crown Prince: The French twice attacked the lines recently won and held by us near Vauxaillon. Attacks were futile. The storming waves of the enemy, advancing over our ground, suffered heavy losses under our fire. "From La Bassee Canal to the south bank of the Scarpe the fighting activity was also livelier than on previous days. "During the forenoon British attacks north of the Souchez river and east of the Lens-Arras road failed. The enemy renewed his attacks in the evening on both banks of the Souchez, but was driven off. "About the same time strong British forces attacked our positions near Hillisch, but were repulsed during nocturnal hand-to-hand fighting and by our fire."

F. W. SUMNER AND BRIDE SERENADED

Principal S. W. Irons of Victoria School, Moncton, signs.

N. S. STONE CO. INTEREST OVERDUE

Wallace Standetone Quarries Handicapped by the Slack Building Trade.

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VENIZELOS MAY REGAIN POWER IN HIS COUNTRY

Head of Saloniki Government May Be Again Premier of Greece.

Athens, June 25.—M. Jannart, diplomatic representative of the Allies in Greece, has been called on to act as arbitrator of the differences between the Zaimis ministry and the government of former Premier Venizelos at Saloniki. Whether the Zaimis cabinet will resign depends upon M. Jannart's decision. In case of its resignation it is probable the Venizelos party will assume power immediately in order to nip in the bud any reactionary movement.

WILLIAM GLENN TO GET HEARING ON THURSDAY

Carleton County Man Who Killed Harry Wiley Has Not Yet Obtained Counsel—May Plead Insanity.

Woodstock, June 25.—The preliminary hearing of the evidence in the Crown's case against William Glenn, the recluse of the parish of Aberdeen, who shot and killed Harry Wiley last Saturday morning, will be begun here, before Magistrate Holyoke next Thursday. The case was called today, but was put over to permit of the Crown bringing witnesses here which is about fifty-five miles from the scene of the tragedy.

Glenn remains in the Woodstock jail and by advice of the officers has made no statement. He had not obtained the services of an attorney to tonight but it is probable that Thursday a lawyer will be in charge of his interests.

Wiley's brother, who has a deep impression throughout the county and is regarded as one of those dark stains only accounted for by mental derangement. The general opinion is that Glenn will ultimately set up a plea of insanity.

Acted Strangely.

It has been well known in the parishes of Aberdeen and Peel that the strange man who lived alone near the back settlement of Argyle has been acting strangely for a long time, although few supposed he was in such a mental state that he would commit murder. Wiley's brother, who was present when repairs were made to a board fence on the line between the Glenn and Wiley farms, says that there was no violent quarrel and that as the family and Glenn had little intercourse the fence dispute was taken little notice of.

The family have received much sympathy from friends and neighbors, they having also lost a son in the war.

The trial of Glenn is not expected to be a lengthy one as there are no mysterious features which would contribute to throw doubt on the evidence. The prisoner will probably be placed under the surveillance of an alienist.

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CANADIANS FORCE OUT THE ENEMY

In Difficult Advance Towards Lens They Capture Trench Sections.

GERMANS ARE LOSING CONFIDENCE IN MEN

Boys from Dominion Won Spure in Tunnelling Operations.

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, June 25.—(By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent of the Canadian Press).—In a difficult advance towards Lens, and amid a confused tangle of wrecked mines, partially destroyed miners houses, railway embankments and the flooded ground in the Souchez Valley, a valuable bit of the enemy's front line trench, extending over four hundred yards north of the river and east of the Bois De Rimont, was captured during the night by the Canadians and was firmly incorporated.

The task set for the Canadians was to capture the enemy outposts to the southwest of Reservoir Hill.

Germans Open Fire.

The attack on the outpost was evidently expected. The enemy scuttled, abandoning ground upon which machine gun fire was immediately turned by Germans located on the hill.

This was speedily followed by heavy artillery fire, which continued during the night, was especially severe in the vicinity of the Lens electric station.

The enemy's dugouts were searched, but found to be empty.

"The enemy on this front appears no longer to have confidence in the ability of his infantry to oppose night attacks stoutly. Several raids last night in the region between Lens and La Bassee showed that the German trenches were so lightly held that little resistance could be offered to the raiders."

In one case British troops remained half an hour in the enemy's positions destroying defenses.

In a recent cable on the part taken by the Canadians in the work preparatory to the capture of Messines Ridge mention should have been made of the work of the tunnelling companies, from the Dominion. During many weary months, while Canadians above ground in the Ypres salient bore with fortitude the constant fire from the enemy guns defending the ridge the Canadian miners, far underground, were driving mine shafts for the enemy's destruction.

After our troops went to the Somme the work was continued. It is not permitted to write in detail the work of the miners, but Canadians will learn with satisfaction that no part of the tunnelling operations that made possible the blowing up of the German lines on Messines Ridge stand to the credit of Canada.

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LONG FIGHT FOR EXTRADITION FAILS

Charles E. Thomas, Wanted for Robbing Massachusetts Bank, Had Hearing Here.

Inspector Ellis White of the Massachusetts district police is expected in the province for the third time in a day or two for the purpose of taking back Charles E. Thomas, formerly of Hillsboro, who is wanted on a charge of taking money from the Needham Co-operative Bank by forged paper. Thomas was arrested in Hillsboro March 18 last as a fugitive from justice, but when Inspector White attempted to take him he resisted extradition through the courts until the Supreme Court of the province decided that the defendant would have to return.

The case had been heard in Moncton, St. John and Fredericton. He has been in the Dorchester jail part of the time.

FREDERICK M. MURCHIE, ST. STEPHEN, DEAD

Was Prominent and Highly Esteemed Resident and a Leading Member of Conservative Party.

St. Stephen, June 25.—At a late hour this evening Frederick M. Murchie, one of the most prominent, best known and most highly esteemed citizens of St. Stephen, entered into rest. He was 75 years of age and lived a very active and useful life, but was called upon in the last few months to suffer greatly from complications following the hardening of the arteries. In the hope of relieving his suffering, he submitted last week to the amputation of his left leg above the knee. For a few days his condition was encouraging, but a change came on Sunday and he passed peacefully away at the Chipman Memorial Hospital this evening, surrounded by the members of his family.

The deceased gentleman was born at Old Ridge but came to town and entered business while still a young man and ever since had been identified with the life of the town.

He gave valuable services as a member of the town council for many years and was mayor of St. Stephen in 1889 and 1890 and again in 1900, 1901 and 1902. He was an unsuccessful candidate for member of the local house on a ticket in opposition to the Conservative government. He took an active interest in the affairs of Sussex Lodge, Y. and A. M., and had been the valued treasurer of that lodge for many years. He was also a member of the Chapter and Knights Templar. He had been a member of the board of trustees and of the quarterly official board of the Methodist church during twenty years and was a generous contributor to the funds of that church.

He had been president of the local agricultural society since its origin and had given generously of his time to its great work. He was successful in business and gave freely of his time and money to every local industry that at any time called for assistance.

He was an ardent and consistent supporter of the Conservative party. In his home life Mr. Murchie was a devoted husband and father.

He was twice married and is survived by his wife, two sons, Howard M. and Frederick E., and a daughter, Roberta, wife of Edgar G. Beer. A Theodore Murchie, the chief government sealer of the province, is a brother, and another brother, Sylvanus T., is a prominent manufacturer of Kansas, Wis. His genial and kindly presence will be missed in many circles and from all classes in town and country. Sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones of the family circle.

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PUGSLEY NOT FOR ADING SOLDIERS

St. John's Misrepresentative Makes Savage Attack on Conscription.

HON. MR. SEVIGNY DEFENDS PREMIER

Says His Life and Property Have Been Threatened Many Times.

Special to The Standard

Ottawa, June 25.—The first French-Canadian member to vote in parliament his support of conscription was Hon. Albert Seigney today. He made a strong and courageous defence of the government measure. His speech was eloquent and was marked by moderation and an absence of recrimination or partisanship, and in this he followed the high standard set by Messrs. Gauthier and Pardee early in the debate.

It has taken much courage on the part of Mr. Seigney to support conscription. Since his announcement that he would vote for the government measure, black-headed methods have been used against him, his life and property have been threatened and every influence brought to bear to make him change his attitude. However, he has stuck manfully to what he believed to be in the best interests of Canada. He emphasized in his speech yesterday that Canada was fighting, not for England, but for herself, and to preserve liberty for present and future generations of Canadians; he likewise emphasized that had it not been for the British navy Halifax, St. John and Quebec would have been bombarded. Canada captured, and Canadians placed under the heel of the German tyrant, suffering from the horrors that had befallen Belgium. To his mind there has never a more sacred cause than the present struggle, and Canadians should keep up to the end so that they should not be isolated or despised when the belief victory came. It was worth while to save honor.

Threats On Life.

Referring to the threats upon his life Mr. Seigney treated them lightly, and said he was quite willing to run the risk of danger to his life when he thought of what the soldiers in the trenches were daily risking.

He read to the House a letter he had received from Sir Hugh John Macdonald, son of the late Conservative chief, congratulating him on his stand. Mr. Macdonald said he had always taken a deep interest in his fellow French-Canadian citizens. It would be very strange if this were not the case, as during his father's long political career he never had a more intimate acquaintance with so many French-Canadian citizens.

Pugsley With Laurier.

Two English-speaking Liberals came to the assistance of Sir Wilfrid Laurier yesterday and their utterances were vociferously applauded. Hon. Wm. Pugsley announced that he would oppose conscription to the very end. He would vote for the referendum, and if the referendum was defeated he would vote against the bill, both at its second and third readings. On the other hand Mr. William M. German, of Welland, although in favor of a referendum, declared that if it was beaten he would support the bill. Mr. German was the first Ontario Liberal to support his chief until this evening.

Mr. Pugsley introduced the most partisan speech into the debate. He held out warnings as to what would happen not only in Quebec but elsewhere if conscription were enforced. It was simply crafty incitement to rebellion, he said, and that had been done in New Brunswick when an unpopular school law was enforced. Three men had been killed, he announced with pride in his voice. Mr. Pugsley spoke more savagely against conscription than any English-speaking member who has yet addressed the House.

German With Laurier.

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THE BRITISH AND HUN COMMISSION IN CONFERENCE

Question of Handling War Prisoners of Both Belligerents to Be Considered.

The Hague, June 25.—A British commission, headed by Lord Newton, has arrived here to discuss with German delegates, headed by General Friedrich, the question of war prisoners of both countries. The prisoners' camps, reprisals and matters connected with the exchange of interned prisoners over military age and disabled prisoners will be considered. The Netherlands government will be represented by Baron Von Vredenbrich.

CONSCRIPTION ENDORSED BY 9TH BAPTISTS

Minister of Justice Petitioned to Replace Scott Act by Prohibition.

Petitcodiac, June 25.—The United Baptists of the Ninth District, in an annual session here, June 22, 23, 24, unanimously passed a resolution favoring compulsory military service as provided in the bill recently introduced by Sir Robert Borden and now under discussion.

The resolution reads as follows: "In view of the titanic struggle now raging between Great Britain and her Allies on the one hand and the forces of the German empire on the other hand and in view of the further fact that the call for men, money and material is becoming ever more urgent, we the United Baptists of Westmorland County, in district meeting assembled, resolve: "1.—That we recognize the righteousness of the cause for which our Empire unsheathed the sword and for which we as Baptists have given liberally of our best blood. "2.—That we endorse the effort now being made by the government of Canada to enact a law to compel her available men of military age to enter the mighty conflict to fight for our principles which form the basis of our free institutions. "3.—We urge upon our representatives in parliament the wisdom and necessity of supporting the bill now before the house with such amendments thereto as shall call for conscription of the wealth of the country as well as the man power of the country to the end that so far as possible the burden may be equally distributed. "The district also passed resolutions favoring the provincial prohibition law recommending that the Canada Temperance act be repealed in those counties where it is in force at present. The Minister of Justice is petitioned to bring the prohibition act into force in Scott Act counties without the necessity of an election.

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A STEAMER SINKS HUN SUBMARINE

British Vessel Sends U-Boat to Bottom and Is Uninjured.

An Atlantic Port, June 25.—Officers of a British steamer which arrived here today, reported having sunk an attacking German submarine. The British vessel sent a shell into the U-boat's magazine, causing an explosion which parted the undersea boat midships. Each end sank separately. The British steamer was uninjured. The submarine was five miles distant and rammed away after having attacked the steamer nearly 400 miles off the coast of Ireland.

Fifty Missing.

Base of the American Fleet in British Waters, June 25.—One of the American destroyers in the patrol flotilla reported that she was unable to find any trace of the 50 members of the crew of a British merchantman which was being attacked by a submarine when the American craft snatched the Britisher's wireless call from the air "Submarine shelling us," the first message the destroyer picked up. The position showed the Britisher was ninety miles away, which meant a run of five hours through high seas for the destroyer. "The American craft was just getting under full speed when her wireless sounded the second and final message. It read: "Abandoning ship."

Only floating wreckage greeted the American bluejackets when they reached the scene, but they patrolled the vicinity for two days in the hope of finding some survivors. Owing to the high seas it seems doubtful if any of the sunken vessel's crew were rescued by passing ships.

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ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD

The St. John Standard will pay One Hundred Dollars to any person or persons producing evidence which will lead to the conviction of those responsible for the murder of Robert Harris.

