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Terrific Attacks Made By Germans

Allies Not Only Withstand Them But Make Gains—Mighty Fleet of Airships Send Rain of Bombs on Huns

Paris, May 26—The French War Office this afternoon reported: "The checks inflicted upon the enemy yesterday in the region of Angers and at a point to the north of the height of Loreite determined the Germans to come back with an attack of extreme violence. There was furious fighting last evening and during last night. We were successful in retaining all our gains. Our troops gave evidence of magnificent courage and showed splendid tenacity of purpose. The Germans in the beginning delivered a counter attack against the works captured by us to the northwest of Angers. Furious attempts to take this position were made by them time and time again. In spite of the exceptionally intense bombardment to which our troops were subjected, we retained possession of all of our new positions. Furthermore, at the end of the day we occupied almost entirely the position near Buzal where we gained a footing in the afternoon. Here we are maintaining ourselves under a violent fire. At the same time we have captured a trench of the enemy in the environs of Souzeau. An artillery engagement of considerable severity developed yesterday in the region of Solissons. There was another such encounter near Rheims. "From the rest of the front no reports have been received."

GREAT ATTACK OF AIRPLANES

Paris, May 26—A great air raid in which 208 bombs were dropped was made against German military depots on Tuesday by a mighty fleet of French aeroplanes. "Terrific night fighting has taken place in the Angers region (south of Labece) and north of the Loreite heights, where the French not only held firm against the fiercest assaults of the Germans but gained new ground. Official despatches show that attacks and counter attacks in the great battle between Aras and Neuve Chapelle are incessant by day and by night. Of the bombs eighty-two were large bombs of a weight of about twenty-two pounds each, fourteen shells weighing 200 pounds and fifty five weighing ninety-five pounds each. The efficacy of this fire was proved at several points particularly at the German aviation park located at Hervilly, where a hangar and a machine were set on fire at Grand Priet, to the northwest of St. Quentin, where a hangar was shattered and at the St. Quentin railway station, where the gasoline supply tanks were destroyed. During the preceding night four shells were thrown from the air on the railroad station at Douai. The outbreak of a fire in the vicinity of the freight depot was reported."

FREDERICTON SOLDIER MAY BE PRISONER

Fredericton, May 26—Robin Crookshank, son of Conductor Andrew Crookshank, fell from a truck at the I. C. R. station last evening and sustained serious injuries. He was unconscious for some hours. Today his condition is favorable. Weldon Burden of this city has a letter from Arthur Hodges at the front with the 14th Battalion stating that his son had been missing for five days. The letter was written May 8. It is feared that young Burden has been taken prisoner. Mr. Burden's other son, Bert, is at the front with the Royal Montreal Regiment. He writes that he was informed that his brother had been wounded at Langemarck. An active recruiting campaign for the 6th will be commenced here this week. Rev. G. M. Campbell of Sackville will address several meetings.

GENERAL LESSARD AND BRIG. GEN. RUTHERFORD TO BE HERE TODAY

Major General Lessard and Brigadier General Rutherford will arrive in St. John this afternoon, and while here will inspect the C. O. Railway Construction Corps. As they have already inspected the 26th Battalion, they will not do so again on this trip. From St. John they will go to Fredericton to inspect the Divisional Ammunition column and the 26th Field Artillery. On their return they will visit Sussex and inspect the 68th Battalion there.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. P. Stephens, director of meteorological service. A depression has developed in the St. Lawrence Valley in advance of the pronounced cold wave which is moving down from the northward. Another marked depression is situated over Kansas. Rain has been general in Quebec and New Brunswick and more local in Ontario and Nova Scotia. A few local showers are reported from Alberta and Saskatchewan. Showery. Maritime—Strong breeze to moderate gale, shifting to northerly; showery. New England—Showers tonight and probably Thursday, somewhat cooler; winds becoming northwest to north and

ANOTHER AMERICAN STEAMER HIT

The Nebraskan Torpedoed Off Fastnet but Apparently Has Not Suffered Much Damage

London, May 26—The American steamer Nebraskan from Liverpool, May 24 for Delaware Breakwater is reported to have been torpedoed. A later report says the Nebraskan is proceeding and that no lives have been lost. It is evident that she was not seriously damaged. The Nebraskan, Captain Green, is owned by the American Hawaiian Steamship Company of New York, and is of 2,824 tons net register. On her last eastward trip she left New York on May 7 for Liverpool. The Nebraskan was torpedoed yesterday by a submarine forty miles west southwest of Fastnet, off the south coast of Ireland. The sea was calm at the time. The crew at once took to the boats and stood by the steamer. It was soon ascertained that the Nebraskan was not seriously damaged. She had been struck forward and got the vessel under way. The crew returned on board and got the vessel under way. No lives were lost among the crew. The Nebraskan did not carry any passengers. This information was received today by the British Admiralty in London, and it was at once communicated to the American Embassy. London, May 26—A message to Lloyd from Kinsale, Ireland, says that the Nebraskan passed that point at eleven o'clock, apparently bound for Queenstown. The Nebraskan was down at the bow. She was proceeding under her own steam and flying the signal "I am not under control."

Sir John French Wires Praise of The Canadians

Ottawa, May 26—The prime minister has received the following message from field Marshal Sir John French: "It is fitting that on Empire Day I should once more tell you of the continued gallant achievements of your Canadian soldiers. They remain in the forefront of the fighting, and I feel assured that their heroism and sacrifices, which are contributing so splendidly to the attainment of our immediate ends, will bind together Canada and the British Empire with those indissoluble bonds which are forged on the field of battle. The following reply has been sent: "I thank you for your inspiring message. We are proud that our Canadian soldiers have proved themselves worthy of the great traditions of the British army which, under your leadership, has already achieved such splendid distinction by its valor and heroism during the present war in which the greatness and unity of our empire have been made more manifest than ever before."

RECRUITING CAMPAIGN BRINGS RESULTS

Cheery Reports Today—Military Board Favorable to Accepting Generous Offer of Parks Home—Local News of the War. The call for men to serve their king and country is meeting with a hearty response. From the city the results are improving, and from various centers through the province indications of a revival of interest are apparent. Sergeant Stiles and Sergeant Stiles, who are busy engaged about the city, and several men have been signed. The new recruiting office in Mill street at the corner of Union were opened today. The Boy Scouts of the city are to assist in recruiting campaign by acting as messengers, and otherwise performing scout duties in assisting the officers. The Honor Roll. Four men were signed in the city this morning and will leave tonight for Sussex to join the 58th—Harry Ward Heans, aged twenty-two, of this city; Stanley Macdonald, Kirkpatrick today formerly of Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Daniel David Goughan, aged thirty-three, St. John, and William Miller, aged twenty-three, Scotland. The first two named have been popular members of the staff of the Bank of New Scotia, and have severance of their connections with that institution today were made the recipients of military wrist watches. The presentation being made in behalf of their associates by E. S. Crawford. Three other men applied to be taken into the strength, but were unable to pass the medical examination. Activities Elsewhere. Long distance telephone messages from Lieutenant-Col. Kirkpatrick today were at Grand Falls, N. B., and found satisfactory conditions there as regards recruiting. Major Langhain, C. I. C., Stephen on recruiting work, and Lieut. Creighton from Bathurst telephoned that prospects were encouraging. Report Favorable. A military board this morning inspected the premises in Mount Pleasant offered by the Misses Parks to the government as a hospital for convalescent Canadian soldiers, and will submit quite a lengthy report to headquarters with respect to their findings. It is understood that they will recommend the acceptance of the offer of the Misses Parks, which is regarded as most generous, and which has been the subject of much favorable comment. The board was composed of Lieut.-Col. B. B. Armstrong, president; Major S. Skinner, of this city, and Captain Jago and Lieut. Simms, of Halifax. Much interest was shown this morning in the display of posters and other campaign material made in the new recruiting offices of the 68th Battalion in Dock street, corner of Union. Among the posters are some painted by Sgt. F. E. Stringer, one in particular exciting interest, showing a line of tents in a "tree" in evidence, and an intimate view of camp life. Others were mottoes applicable to recruiting. At the Imperial Theatre last evening, Manager W. H. Golding flashed on the screen some famous British army recruiting slogans, secured through the courtesy of Patten & Co. of Toronto, by Sgt. Stairs. Tomorrow's Meeting. All arrangements for the meeting in the interests of recruiting tomorrow night in St. Andrew's rink, have been completed. The 62nd band will meet at seven o'clock p. m. and parade to the rink, where both bands will be heard in sections, while the St. John Harmony Glee Club will also take part. Should Major General Lessard come to the city from Sussex where he will inspect the 68th, he will be called upon to speak. Decorations. At the suggestion of the Rotary Club, Sgt. Stairs today made personal calls

RYNDHAM IN COLLISION; ALL PASSENGERS TRANSFERRED TO AMERICAN BATTLESHIP SOUTH CAROLINA—CRIPPLED STEAMER TRYING TO GET TO PORT BUT WATER GAINING

She and the Joseph J. Cuneo Clash Together

New York, May 26—The steamer Ryndham, of the Holland American Line, bound from New York to Rotterdam with passengers and freight, collided with the Norwegian freight steamer Joseph J. Cuneo today off Nantucket Island. Wireless messages received here state that the Ryndham had transferred her passengers and part of her crew to the Cuneo, but that both vessels were badly damaged. It was reported that the Ryndham was unable to proceed to port but water was gaining. The Ryndham's crew remained on board. Further messages from the Ryndham said that one of her holds was full of water and another and the engine room were leaking. She was steaming slowly toward the port, accompanied by the Cuneo and would continue to proceed so long as she could master the water in the last compartment. Forty members of the Ryndham's crew remained on board. The Ryndham was seen by the Cuneo at 11:15 a. m. in latitude 40, 12 north, longitude 69, 42 west. No details were given as to the circumstances of the collision or the nature of the damage sustained by either vessel, except that the Ryndham was making considerable water.

MAKES FOR NEW YORK

Passengers Transferred to American Battleship South Carolina—Crippled Steamer Trying to Get to Port But Water Gaining. New York, May 26—The steamer Ryndham, of the Holland American Line, bound from New York to Rotterdam with passengers and freight, collided with the Norwegian freight steamer Joseph J. Cuneo today off Nantucket Island. Wireless messages received here state that the Ryndham had transferred her passengers and part of her crew to the Cuneo, but that both vessels were badly damaged. It was reported that the Ryndham was unable to proceed to port but water was gaining. The Ryndham's crew remained on board. Further messages from the Ryndham said that one of her holds was full of water and another and the engine room were leaking. She was steaming slowly toward the port, accompanied by the Cuneo and would continue to proceed so long as she could master the water in the last compartment. Forty members of the Ryndham's crew remained on board. The Ryndham was seen by the Cuneo at 11:15 a. m. in latitude 40, 12 north, longitude 69, 42 west. No details were given as to the circumstances of the collision or the nature of the damage sustained by either vessel, except that the Ryndham was making considerable water.

THE SWIMMING LESSONS GIVEN AT THE Y.M.C.A.

Yesterday afternoon the first lesson was given to twelve school boys who have enrolled themselves for the summer. The evening class was much larger. Forty-eight boys taking their first lesson. Of these, thirteen were from the Boys' Industrial Home. Fifteen other boys had had their first lesson on account of coming late. All those desiring to take these lessons must be ready for that purpose promptly at beginning of the period set. These classes were taken in the gymnasium first or the crawl stroke; the second consisted of the five positions of swim arms given in the late methods of swimming known as the crawl stroke; also the position of the body and the use of the feet in the scissor kick were shown. This method is said by many expert swimmers to be one of the easy methods of teaching beginners. After a short land drill the boys were taken to the tank and were then able to put into practice the drill given. Many were able to do quite well for the first lesson. For the information of the parents, officials say that all precaution is taken to have the rooms warm and the water heated to a temperature of 80 degrees and every boy is given personal attention. With the assistance of the instructors several senior leaders are giving their service in helping the boys. All boys taking these few instructions must bring their own towel and soap. The slogan for this campaign is to ask your friend: "Can you Swim?" Physical instructor H. O. Honk was awarded a gold medal in the United States for life saving. He is a graduate of some of the chief swimming instructors in the world.

CLEAN-UP WORK GOING ON WELL

The clean-up campaign was inaugurated today with every prospect of success. Speaking of the progress made this morning, George Blake, chief of the fire department, who is superintending the work, said that the results so far were very satisfactory. Fifteen teams and the big city motor trucks were in use carrying away the refuse, and able assistance was being given by a squad of twelve firemen. The officials of the Board of Health, from the medical officer down, were also busy superintending the work and seeing that it was being accomplished properly. The central part of the city, the chief said, was in good condition, with little dirt or refuse to which exception could be taken, but some of the other districts would need more attention from the authorities before they were properly cleaned up. The work will be continued tomorrow. CASUALTIES SO FAR ARE 5,647. Ottawa, May 26—Counting seventy-four names added overnight, the grand total of casualties officially reported is now 5,647, comprising 910 killed, 3,322 wounded and 1,215 missing.

Italians Two To Four Miles Over Border In Austrian Territory

Troops Spread Along on Front of 66 Miles—Austrians Destroy Towns to Prevent Use by Attacking Foe

Offensive operations resulting in the occupation of Austrian territory all along the frontier from Lombardy to the Adriatic are mentioned in an official bulletin issued last night by the War Office. Italian troops have seized various towns in the Trentino and forced their way through mountain defiles. On the lower Isontic attacks were continued to gain the line of the river. The Austrians are reported to have retired, destroying bridges behind them. Italian aviators bombarded Monfalcone near the Gulf of Trieste. The bulletin caused great enthusiasm. It showed that the Italians were occupying all the mountains between the Idria and Isontic rivers and that advancing, they had taken Cormons, which commands the road leading to Gorizia, an important Austrian frontier station. Passing from the north to the centre of eastern Friuli the report indicated that the Italians also had occupied the village of Veris, which is near the river of the same name and on the road to Gradisca Austria, and that, in addition, in Southern Friuli, Cervignano, another important Austrian frontier station leading to Monfalcone and Trieste had been taken. The Giornale D'Italia says: "The Italian advance occupies a front of 100 kilometres (about 62.3 miles) and has as extreme points Catoretto on the north and the Gulf of Trieste on the south. The first contingents of the Italian army penetrated into Austrian territory ranging from two to four miles." The enemy's medium calibre artillery opened fire on the Bay of Mistrina, but without results. On the Carnia frontier, on the night of the 24th the Italians took by a bayonet attack the defile of Val Dianerna and the extremity of Valdagnon. They have disposed troops on the conquered heights between the Judrio and the Isontic. Medium calibre artillery of the Austrians at Santa Maria and Santa Lucia to the southwest of Tolmino opened fire on the heights between the Judrio and Isontic, but without result. Italian aviators bombarded the electric power house and railroad station at Monfalcone.

GERMAN TROOPS FROM GALICIA

Large numbers of German troops from Galicia are passing through Austria to the southwest of Tolmino. An Austrian army corps from Silesia, with thirty batteries, is also on its way to the region. It is reported that Prince Adalbert of Prussia, son of Emperor William, will have command of an Austrian naval squadron. The Joseph J. Cuneo sailed from Boston last night for Baracoa, Cuba. The collision occurred a little after 4 a. m. in latitude 40, 12 north, longitude 69, 42 west. No details were given as to the circumstances of the collision or the nature of the damage sustained by either vessel, except that the Ryndham was making considerable water.

DESTROY TOWNS

Prince von Buelow is said to have informed the Italian government before leaving Rome that German troops were so closely intermingled with the Austro-Hungarian forces that Italy, in making war against an Austro-Hungarian army, faced the danger of firing upon German soldiers. The ambassador is reported to have pointed out that Germany naturally would regard this as an unfriendly act and would take steps accordingly. AUSTRIAN TOWNS DESTROYED. Paris, May 26—Austrian troops have blown up or set on fire sixteen towns and villages in their own territory to prevent their being used by the Italian troops. Reported Agreement. Rotterdam, May 26—The Courant publishes a telegram from Berlin stating that Germany and Italy have agreed neither to intern civilians nor seize their property. The Media's to Fight. Rome, May 26—All the men of the Media family have volunteered to go to the front. Among them is Luigi Media, a member of the Chamber of Deputies.

NORTHCLIFFE HARD HIT

London's Newspaper Peer Getting it on All Hands For Attacks on Kitchener. London, May 26—The flame of indignation against Lord Northcliffe, on account of the Kitchener attacks burns stronger than ever. Charles Clarke, chairman of the stock exchange, protest meeting, is receiving thousands of congratulatory approving messages daily. Kitchener wired him today: "Please accept for yourself and convey to members of the stock exchange my cordial thanks for the expression of confidence contained in your telegram." Spencer Leigh Hughes, in the Daily News today, suggests "Lord Northcliffe should shake off that coy, excessive modesty which is his only failing and should take his place amid his brother peers and tackle Lord Kitchener face to face." The Manchester Stock Exchange committee today resolved that "in view of the disgraceful and unpatriotic attacks on those responsible for the condition of the war, no copy of the Times or Daily Mail shall be allowed in Manchester stock exchange."

POLICEMAN GETS WORD OF BROTHER KILLED

Sad News For George Briggs, But Hope Yet, Because Report Not Official. Policeman George Briggs was informed this morning by a friend who had received a letter from the front, that his brother David had been killed on May 9 by being hit with fragments of an exploded shell. Although greatly disturbed by the news, he clings to the hope that there is some mistake, as he has not received any notification to that effect from Ottawa. CABLE NOTES FROM SHORN-CLIFFE. Montreal, May 26—A Gazette cable says that General Babington, who has left Shorncliffe for Aldershot. Edgar Penny has obtained a commission in the postal corps of the Territory. He is reported to be a member of the 18th and 19th regiments of the Royal Field Artillery. Both are McGill men.

BECKER TO DIE IN WEEK OF JULY 12

Albany, N. Y., May 26—The court of Sessions today set the date, beginning July 12 for the execution of former Police Lieut. Charles Becker, convicted of the murder of Herman Rosenthal. FIELD KITCHEN FUND. Contributions for the 26th Battalion field kitchen fund have been received by Mayor Frink as follows: Sussex, Red Cross Society, per Mrs. C. N. Pearson, \$150; South End Baseball League, \$112.74; Mrs. John Keefe, \$5.