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TALIANS, RESUMING OFFENSIVE IN TRENTINO, TAKE MOUNTAIN Barrette, Nationalist, Moves to Set Aside Conscription Bill

Important Outposts East of Infantry Hill Succumb to Attack.

FRENCH LOSE TRENCH

Monchy-le-Preux, where Monday the Germans under cover of a violent the Ailette River and Moulin de Laffaux the Germans in a strong attack in which huge effectives were issued, captured a section of a trench held by the French. The attack was deent tombardment of the French line. Near Lens the Canadians in an assault on a position held by the Gerassault on a position held by the Germans which was barring the way to the coal city, routed out the defenders and captured the trenches and incorported them into the British lines. The Germans in vicious attacks endeavered to regain the lost terrain, but were beaten off.

Recapture Posts.

The report from the British head.

The report from the British head-quarters issued today reads: "The posts east of Monchy Preux, from which our advanced dements were compelled to withdraw on the occasion of the enomy's attack against Infantry Hill Monday

morning, have now been re-estab-"Last night the enemy heavily bombarded our line north of the Sou-chez River and delivered three counter-attacks against the positions captured by us yesterday in that neighborhood. In each case his attacking troops were completely re-

The official report from British headquarters in France tonight reads:
"After the failure of the three hosthe counter-attacks north of the Souchez River reported in this morning's communique, the enemy made a fourth attempt later in the night to recover the lost position and was

again completely repulsed.
"The weather was less favorable for flying yesterday, but the work, in conjunction with the artillery, continued with good results. One German aeroplane was brought down in the air fighting, one other was shot down by our anti-aircraft guns. Two of our aeroplanes failed to return."

The official report issued by the French war office tonight reads:

"After the bombardment reported in the communication of this morning between the Ailette river and Moulin de Laffaux, the Germans attacked our positions on a front of more than one klometre. The attack was very violent and was carried out with large effectives. It resulted in the enemy gaining a foothold in a section of gaining a foothold in a section of trench of our first line east of Vaux-

"South of Filain another German attempt against the salient in our line

"The artillery fighting was lively between Hurtebise and Chevreux, and on the Verdun front in the sector of Vacherauville and Chambrettes." "Belgian communication: An enemy patrol attempted to surprise one of our advanced points south of Dixmude at night, but was repulsed by our following communities. The enemy bombarded our Tuesday's events: trenches east of Ramscapelle and in the neighborhood of Dixmude and Li-zerne. During the day the two artilzerne. During the day the two artif-leries were moderately active along ed a Russian attack. Otherwise there says that he learns from most reli-

DINEEN'S SUMMER STRAWS.

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English and Italian summer 1917 styles.

CANADIANS CLEAR FOE FROM LENS DEFENCE

Dominion Bombing Squads Blast Germans From Strong Nest of Trenches at Base of Reservoir Hill. North of Souchez River.

attack was a nest of German trenches lying at the foot of Reservoir Hill.

These trenches radiate from the ruins is contained in a letter captured during hullding which are to be in the Margines contained. A German Germans Make Slight Progress Near Vauxaillon—
Canadians Win Success.

These trenches radiate from the ruins of mining buildings which are to be the chief places of shelter for the engy between our front and Lens, Yesterday afternoon parties of bombers went out to capture these trenches by bombing operations. The attack was entirely successful. The trenches were cleared of the enemy, and the dugouts in which the Germans were believed to have been lurking were blown in altho they had a concrete head cover a metre thick. One gun was smaller than the ground incorporated into our system. Thirty-five prisoners were taken.

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Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, June 20.—The approach to Lens has been made less difficult by a successful minor operation north of the Souchez River. The object of the attack was a nest of German transhes.

bembardment drove back the British and occupied their trenches. Between BRITISH ROUT FOE IN GERMAN EAST AFRICA craters, in which two score of men

by the French. The attack was delivered over a front of about twothirds of a mile and it followed a violent tombardment of the French line.

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Surprise Landing Effected at Port of Lindi, Under

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Landing Effected at Port of Lindi, Under

ments, and those ghastly weapons form
the chief means of defence. The offensive weapons in shell hole warfare generally are hand grenades. Shell holes Driven Into Interior.

> London, June 20.—An official communication relating to operations a East Africa, was made public tonight, as follows: On June 10 operations were begun by our forces at Lindi, a port of German East Africa, with the object of clearing the enemy from the shores of the estuary of the Lukeledi River. Aided by the fire of the wasships, a surprise landing was effected in the vicinity of Mrweka in the estuary, and German detachment which for some time past had occupied the place and mounted a naval gun there, was driven towards Mtama (Mtua), 23 miles to the southwest.

On June 12 our patrols from the direction of Kilwa destroyed an enemy food supply depot at Utigeri.

IMPROVEMENTS EVOLVE IN USE OF WEAPONS

Army Has to Receive Training on Spot at Western Front to Be Thoroly Fit for Battle.

tempting an attack.
For Indirect Fire.

But today the machine gun, the re-taining its importance in this respect, has become still more a weapon of in-

chine gun is trained by day on

CAPTIVES OF TURKS

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Taken at Kut Reported

Dead.

By R. T. Small, Staff Correspondent of The Associated Press.

Behind the British Lines in France, June 8.—Use of the machine gun as a weapon, for offensive operations and for indirect fire by elevating the gun so that the bullets will fail into the trenches of the enemy is one of the recent developments of warfare which convinces the British army that an American expeditionary force should the troops they were to teach arrived in France. Less than a year ago, the machine gun was regarded primarily as a weapon of direct fire, that is, for mowing down an advancing enemy. It was thus chiefly a defensive weapon, and its usefulness was limited to the rather rare periods when the enemy was actually attempting an attack. American expeditionary force should to trained within sound of the guns

ARTILLERY FIGHTING IN ZONE OF TRENTINO

Austrians Report New Engagement in Progress in Several

Vienna, via London, June 20 .-- The Austrian war office today issued the following communication dealing with Eastern theatre: In the Vale Putna sector (Rumanian theatre) we repuls-

the whole front, except near Dixmude is nothing of importance to report.

and Steenstraete, where the action was more spirited."

Let a Russian actack. Otherwise there is nothing of importance to report.

Italian theatre: On the Plateau Setter was more spirited." Communi (Asiago sector) and in the Sugana Valley between the Asiago proper medical attention. Plateau and the Brenta River, a new artillery battle has been in progress since yesterday morning. Elsewhere there is nothing of im-

Dineen hats newly arrived. No Canadian Troops Lost

Large Bodies of Opponents Continue Struggle Day and Night.

HOLES SHELL-PROOF

Offensive Uses Grenades, Defensive Employs Machine Guns:

By R. T. Small, Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press. British Headquarters in France, June 20.—The western front nowadays is captured important positions from the Germans east of Arras, while the Germans in the Champagne region have gained a foothold in French first line trenches.

The British gain was made east of Markey leepensy where Monday the line trenches and marked by many changing phases, came down to a height of 100 metres and fired on us with a machine gun. None of our airplanes could show bombardment, made three separate and sustained assaults with the object of recovering the ground he had lost, but all were beaten off. This moon-bardment was so good."

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The British gain was made east of lines the long take fighting is being carried on day and night between large bodies of opposing troops lying out in the shell holes. Some of these holes, blown by heavy

> can establish and fortify themselves. Shell holes lend themselves to quick whereas fired tremches can easily be photographed from airplanes, and the heavy guns can be registered on them

without great difficulty.

The Germans are showing a particular desire to ching to the shell holes as long as possible before retiring to their fixed lines in the rear. This is quite a change from their ordinary habits, for heretofore they have loved their deep dugouts in the trenches with a love that seldom brooks sepa-

and not desire that keeps them out in the open.
Stood Enemy's Fire.

The Germans recently turned a per-fect hurricane of annihilating artillery fire on trenches they had lost to the British on Infantry Hill, east of Monchy, but the British troops suffered little from the lavish Teutonic expenditure of high explosives. The manner of utilizing shell oraters is little short of marvelous. Thousands of men can take cover in these craters, yet from even the most forward observation post the battlefield looks absolutely empty. A consider-(Continued on Page 2, Col. 5).

QUARTER MILLION SINGLE ELIGIBLES

portion of machine gun casualties nowadays are caused thru this use of the weapon. In one highly valued type of so-called indirect fire, a machine gun is trained by day on a solution of the machine gun is trained by day on a solution of the solution of t

By a Staff Reporter.
Ottawa, June 20.—What the National Service Board found out concerning the military strength of Canada was given to parliament today DYING OF NEGLECT by the prime minster in reply to a question.

The prime minister stated that no record had been kept of the number of registration cards distributed, but More Than Half Prisoners that a total of 1.342.755 had been answered in full, while 97.640 were returned partially answered. He said ed in envelopes without any of the Earl Curzon Intimates Susthat 108,965 of the cards were returnquestions being answered, but in the majority of these cases the names of the senders had been obtained. Washington. June 20.-The corres-As a result of the returns reviewed by the National Service Board it is pondent of Reuter's, Limited, in Cairo

is nothing of importance to report.

Italian theatre: On the Plateau Sette

Communi (Asiago sector) and in the cumbed to ill-treatment or lack of the cumbed to ill-treatment cumbed to ill-treatment or lack of "A resident of Taurus," says the correspondent, "testified that in the prison camps there more than half the the militia department, he had not included men who are not British submen captured at Kut-el-Amara are now dead. It is noteworthy that the Turks would not allow a Swiss comjects, those who have more than three mission to visit this camp, or other dependents, those who suffer from obtamps of the same type.

Lord Northernie had been delighted by the war cabinet to co-ordinate cept for brief periods, when she was and supervise the work of the delighted by the control of When Olympic Was Torpedoed

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TEST OF STRENGTH IS FORCED BY CONSERVATIVE-NATIONALIST



King George greeting Sir Edward Carson at Hyde Park investiture, when His Majesty decorated 350 war heroes.

Some prisoners taken from shell holes recently—pulled bodily out in nocturnal raids—have frankly declared, however, that it is discipline and not desire that keeps them out TOTAL OF DESTRUCTION

German U-Boats Sink Twenty-Seven Large British Ships in the Past Week-Unsuccessfully Attack Thirty-One Merchantmen.

London, June 20. — Twenty-seven ships been destroyed. During that week 51 vessels—38 over and 13 under 1600 tons—were sunk. The heaviest have been sunk, according to the total since the Teuton submarine camweekly British summary given out to-day. Five British vessels under 1,600 was registered in the week ending April 21 when 40 steamers of more

The summary follows:
Arrivals 2,897; sailings, 2,993.
British merchant ships over 1,600 tons sunk by mine or submarine including three previously, 27; under 1,600 tons, including one previously reported, five. British merchant ships unsuccessfully attacked including two previous-

ly reported, 31. British fishing vessels sunk, none. The foregoing figures of British shipping losses as the result of Germany's submarine warfare show a supply the supply the state of the st larger number of vessels sunk than in any of the six preceding weeks. Not since the seven day period ending April 28 has a greater number of

DEFINES STATUS OF NORTHCLIFFE Steamer, Bound From Canadian

picion of Friction is Groundless.

of men eligible for service, the sentative of the government, but secretary of the national service there was no analogy whatever between that at the request of tween the functions and duties which

Lord Northcliffe had been appoint-

tons also were sent to the bottom.

No fishing vessels were destroyed.

The symmetry follows:

April 21 when 40 steamers of increase than 1600 tons were sunk and 15 vessels of the smaller tonnage were sent to the bottom.

Since the middle of April when the undersea boat activity recorded its highest total 303 British vessels, of which 220 measured more than tons, were sunk, the weekly total being as follows:

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CUNARD LINER AUSONIA DAMAGED BY TORPEDO Port, Attacked Off Irish

lowing:

London, June 20.—Earl Curzon, in of 8153 tons gross register, owned by war office reports the taking of formen between the ages of 18 and 45 garding Lord Northcliffes mission in Canada apparently fit for military America, said that Lord Northcliffe learned here today. The state was heavy casualties on the Austrians service. Commenting on this estimate of the government, but place off the Irish coast, the report vance. said, and while the liner was crippled she managed to make her way munication was issued at Rome tointo a nearby port, where she is now day: in drydock. "The Ausonia has been in the gov-

> ernment service since June, 1915. exused in the Cunard Line trade out of gress on some parts of the front and

Barrette, Member fol Berthier, Moves That Conscription Measure Be Given Six Months' Hoist-Judge McKenzie and Lapointe of Kamouraska Support Referendum Proposal.

By a Staff Reporter.
Ottawa, June 20.-J. A. Barrette Conservative-Nationalist member for Berthier, upset the political apple cart tonight by moving that the gov-ernment's conscription bill be given the six months' hoist. This action came as a surprise. The Frenchspeaking Conservative members, including the Nationalists from the province of Quebec, were known to be opposed to the bill, but it was generally understood that they would join with the government in voting down all amendments. Mr. Barrette in his speech tonight clearly indicated that the Nationalists at least, would not only oppose the bill but would sup-port any destructive amendments that might be offered by the opposition. The Barrette motion for the six months hoist will call for the first test vote on conscription. It if is defeated, the Laurier amendment calling for a referendum will then be voted

Crothers is Aggressive.

The debate upon the second reading of the conscription bill was resumed this afternoon by Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, who made an aggressive. gressive speech in favor of the govlicy. He was followed by Judge D. D. McKenzie, Liberal member for North Cape Breton and Victoria who amused rather than instructed the house by a lengthy speech in which he pledged, his fidelity to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and supported the referendum. Mr. Middlebro, Conservative member for North Grey, followed in a clear-cut

for North Grey, followed in a clear-cut argument for conscription, and was in turn followed by Mr. Ernest Lapointe, Liberal member for Kamouraska.

Mr. Lapointe spoke in English, and was rewarded by a well filled and attentive house. He made the best argument so far advanced against the conscription bill and fairly riddled the claim that the government could have brought about conscription by enforcing the present Militia Act. He said that conscription could not be enforced if it were imposed upon an unwilling people. He also pointed out that the referendum would involve no longer delay than it would have involved in Sir Robert Borden's proposal to form a coalition government. posal to form a coalition government pass the conscription bill, and then allow it to remain in abeyance until after a general election. Next came Mr. Barrette who spoke in French. and moved the six months' hoist Fred Pardee, chief Liberal, whip, ad

journed the debate.

Crothers Resumes Debate.

Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, resumed the adjourned debate upon the second reading of the con-scription bill. He said that in August. 1914, it had been unanimously decided that Canada should go into the war on the side of the allies and remain in the war until victory was achieved We could not remain in the war, he argued, to a finish or for any considerable length of time, unless we raised more battalions, and the voluntary system having broken down we

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ITALIANS CAPTURE TRENTINO POSITIONS

Ally Makes Important Progress on Resumption of Offensive.

London, June 20.—In the Austro-Italian theatre the Italians on the New York, June 20-The Associated Asiago plateau southeast of Trentino. Press this afternoon carries the fol- are again developing the offensive which last week gave them considerowing:
"The passenger steamship Ausonia, by weather conditions. The Rome midable positions on the plateau and the capture of nearly one thousand officers and men, besides inflicting

The following Italian official com-

"On the Asiago plateau yesterday we carried out a violent offensive action and damaged the enemy's de-