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## French Hold All Gained

### Fighting Continued All Night—Germans Attacked This Morning on Soissons-Marne Front—Violent Combats—Experts Say This Is Critical Day

Paris, June 12.—The battle continued during last night on the front between Mont Didier and the river Oise without great change in the situation, the war office announced today. On the French left additional progress was made by French troops in the region east of Heiry and Genlis Wood. Near the center, along the Aisne front, in the region of St. Maix, the Lege Farm and Anthelm, the French repulsed violent attacks by the enemy. Despite repeated efforts, the Germans on the French right were not able to debouch on the south bank of the Matz river. The French are holding in that part of the battle area south of Chevroucourt and Marsat-Sur-Matz.

South of the Aisne on the front between Soissons and the Marne the Germans attacked this morning. Fighting is going on between the rivers and the Villers Cottreter forest. Violent combats are being fought on the front of Domniers, Cutry and south of Ambieny.

### GERMAN CENTRE IN GREATER DANGER

Paris, June 12.—A brilliant counter-attack delivered by the French has undone most of the advantages gained by the Germans in the first two days of the battle, threatening as it does the flank of the enemy columns in the center marching on Compiègne, from which they are now only six miles away.

The point thrust forward by the Germans in the center is extremely precarious unless the enemy succeeds in flanking it by gaining possession of the heights on either side. This the Germans secured on Monday by the capture of Mery plateau on their right and Thiescourt Wood on their left, but last night they lost the former and their efforts to improve the situation on their left have been baffled by the French, who held firmly. If anything, the German centre is in greater danger than before inasmuch as it has advanced farther.

After three days of fighting in which the Germans have incurred a serious wastage of man power, the general situation remains unchanged. The enemy has failed to reach Compiègne, his immediate objective. His advance on the right bank of the Oise is no sufficient to place in jeopardy the Allied positions on the other bank between the Oise and the Aisne. At the other extremity of the battle line the Mont Didier plateau, the situation has not been changed.

### GERMANS IN DISORDER

Paris, June 12.—The ground over which the French advanced in their counter-attack on Tuesday was literally beset with German dead, says the Havas correspondent at the front. In retaking Belloy and reaching the southern outskirts of St. Maix, the French surprised the Germans, who until then had thought they were masters of the situation. The Germans retired in disorder and brought horses to the first line at full gallop in order to carry away their guns.

The ardent and valiant counter-attack, the correspondent says, proved that the French have not lost their hitting power.

### British Front

London, June 12.—An enemy raiding party last night attacked a British post in Aveluy Wood, but was repulsed. The British carried out a successful raid in the Boyelles region, capturing a few prisoners. There was sporadic activity by the enemy artillery during the night in the region west of Lens.

### So Say Germans

Amsterdam, June 12.—A great part of the French army has been beaten, said General Von Stein, Prussian war minister, in a speech to the Reichstag. "The so-called Foch reserve army no longer exists," he asserted. "The success of the Crown Prince's carefully prepared attack against the French and British on the Chemin des Dames front on May 27 indicated one of the gravest defeats the Entente has suffered during the entire war."

### Detailed French Report

Paris, June 12.—The French official statement follows: "The battle between Mont Didier and the Oise continued without great change during the night. On our left all attempted attacks by the enemy against positions we had re-conquered were broken. The French troops have realized new progress east of Mery and the Lege Farm and Anthelm.

"The French troops have withstood the shock of attacks and inflicted heavy losses on their assailants while guarding their positions.

"On the right the Germans, despite repeated efforts, have not been able to debouch south of the Matz. The French are holding that part of the field south of Chevroucourt and Marsat-Sur-Matz.

"According to new information from the battle front the French counter-attack yesterday occurred while a powerful German attack was in preparation on the same front. French troops came into contact with heavy forces of the enemy and threw them into disorder. Prisoners taken by one French division are found to belong to four different German divisions.

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Views of Experts.  
Paris, June 12.—Today's fighting probably will decide on which side victory will rest in the present battle, says Head (Continued on page 3, seventh column)

## REAP A HEAVY TOLL OF ENEMY

French Cannon and Machine Gun Fire Deadly

### JAGERS CUT TO PIECES

Other Divisions Suffer Very Heavily—Prisoners Horror Stricken at Slaughter of Comrades—Tuesday's Gains

With the French Army in France, June 11.—(By the Associated Press)—French cannon and machine guns have reaped a heavy toll since Sunday. An entire division of the famous Jagers was cut to pieces at Bassus Sur Matz, while a guards division lost a great proportion of its effectives. Other divisions, it is learned, suffered equally during the preparation for the attack and the advance to the narrow valleys, the passes of which were held by the Allied guns. Every prisoner taken seems horror-stricken at the slaughter of his comrades.

Allied troops today showed the Germans they could not have it all their own way, by executing several counter-attacks which were invariably successful. Some important territory was won back and even more was made into the German positions. It was, in fact, a thoroughly good day for the Allies, who secured north of Paris and Lege Farm, and obtained a foothold at Anthelm.

The principal counter-attack occurred between Dourfont, near Rubecourt, and Jacquemoulin, south of Belloy, a front of about twelve kilometers. Allied infantry, supported by tanks, achieved an advance averaging 1,000 meters. They retook Belloy, reached the edge of St. Maix, arrived north of Paris and Lege Farm, and obtained a foothold at Anthelm.

The French troops displayed remarkable courage and willingness to get at the foe, who appeared completely disconcerted by their dash. Horse teams could be seen galloping forward to save their guns and some of the Germans lost their heads completely.

The battle ground is literally covered with German dead.

The counter-attack on the French left wing, which was the first carried out today, took the French close to the edge of the Aisne. At the other end of the line, the Allies also got beyond Mery in another assault, while a further fierce retreat forced them to reach the vicinity of St. Maix.

## June Brides

### Conlon-Powers

Before a very large assemblage of friends gathered in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception this morning, the bride was given away by her father, Rev. Wm. M. Duke at nine o'clock.

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The guests were limited to relatives. After the ceremony a dainty wedding breakfast was served at home of the bride's parents in Wentworth street, and Mr. and Mrs. Conlon, with the hearty congratulations of the guests, left at 12:30 on a honeymoon trip to Quebec, Montreal, Toronto and Niagara.

The wedding presents made a splendid array and were high testimony of the popularity of bride and groom. Among them was a very fine silver service from the staff of the St. John Depot, Imperial Tobacco Co., where Miss Powers was stenographer.

### MacNeill-McManus

A wedding of much interest was solemnized this morning in the Church of Assumption, West End, when Miss Julia McManus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McManus, Victoria street, West St. John, was united in marriage to Hugh J. MacNeill of New Glasgow, N. S. Nuptial mass was celebrated by Rev. A. C. O'Neill. The bride was attended by Miss Catherine MacNeill, sister of the groom, and Mr. MacNeill was supported by John McManus, brother of the bride. The bride was very becomingly gowned in a suit of navy blue with a black fringed hat and carried a bouquet of roses. Following the ceremony the wedding party drove to the home of the bride's parents, where a wedding breakfast was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. MacNeill left on a wedding trip to the Atlantic coast. They will reside in New Glasgow. Many nice wedding gifts were received.

### Leonard-Robinson

The wedding of Dr. John G. Leonard of this city and Miss Jennie L. Robinson, daughter of Mrs. T. W. Robinson, Union street, was solemnized this morning in German street Baptist church by Rev. S. S. Poole. They were united in marriage at 11:30. The bride was becomingly gowned in a grey broadcloth suit and carried a bouquet of pink roses with lily of the valley. Following the ceremony Dr. and Mrs. Leonard left on a wedding trip through the British.

## GERMAN BOY PRISONERS CAPTURED BY THE FRENCH



These lads, none of whom is over 17, are proof of how Germany's supply of man power is being exhausted.

## Attack Two of Austria's Biggest Battleships

Rome, June 11.—At dawn on Monday two small Italian torpedo boats attacked an Austrian naval division consisting of two large battleships of the Viribus Unita class, escorted by ten destroyers. Our units, having boldly broken through the line of destroyers, hit the leading battleship with two torpedoes and the other with one and returned to their base unscathed. One of the destroyers which pursued them was damaged seriously.

Battleships of the Viribus Unita type are four in number and are the largest in the Austrian navy. They displace 20,000 tons and carry a thousand men each.

## BOY WITNESS IN CASE WHERE THEFT IS CHARGED

The preliminary hearing against Edward Harrison, who is held in custody on a charge of aiding with one Joseph Cochran and entering the store of Mrs. Sadie King in Brooks street and stealing a sum of money, was begun today. The first witness was a boy, who testified that Cochran and himself took about \$10 from the till. He said about \$2.50. He was questioned by Magistrate Ritchie and Detective Biddesscombe, after which he was allowed to return to school. The defendant was then remanded.

The case against Privates George Abbott and James Whitley, on suspicion of stealing a telephone and cash box from a pay station in George A. Cameron's drug store in Charlotte street, was continued. M. B. Hetherington testified about entering the drug store for the purpose of using the telephone, but saw that it was missing and used the private phone instead. He could not recall the time of day. On a petition of counsel in the case the prisoners were remanded until Friday morning.

## BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. Edward A. Linton took place this afternoon from her late residence, 93 Adelaide street. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Williamson and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

## Weather Report

Synopsis—The disturbance which was near Lake Superior yesterday morning has moved eastward to the lower St. Lawrence Valley, causing strong winds and gales with showers and thunderstorms in Ontario and Quebec. The weather in the west has been fine and quite so warm.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong winds and gales from northwest, fair, Thursday, westerly winds, fine.

Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley—Strong northwest winds, fair and cool tonight and on Thursday.

Lower St. Lawrence—Strong winds and gales, southwest to northwest winds, with showers and thunderstorms; Thursday, strong northwest winds, fair and cool.

Gulf and North Shore—Easterly gales with rain; Thursday, strong north and northwest winds, clearing.

Cleaving and Cool  
Maritime—Strong winds or moderate gales, southeast and southwest, with showers and thunderstorms; Thursday, strong westerly winds, clearing and cool.

Lake Superior—Decreasing northwest winds, fair today and on Thursday; comparatively cool.

All West—Fair and cooler.  
New England—Thunder showers this afternoon or tonight; cooler in the interior; Thursday fair, increasing south winds this afternoon, becoming west tonight.

## The Case of The Manufacturers

Vigorous Defence Of Fiscal System

### PRESIDENT PARSON'S ADDRESS

Head of Canadian Association Charges Propaganda Against the Manufacturers and Protests Against Violation of War Time Truce by Western Grain Man

### JOHN A. SULLIVAN OF BOSTON TO AID IN POWER FIGHT

Mayor Reports That He Has Retained Counsel

### ACTION CONFIRMED

Common Council Approves Wage Increases For Firemen and Policemen—Buying Coal In Open Market

Montreal, June 12.—A vigorous defence of the present fiscal system for Canada, a protest against what was styled as a propaganda being waged against manufacturers and a denunciation of the alleged violation of the war time political truce by western grain growers, who are accused of agitating against the tariff, form the features of an address delivered this afternoon at the opening session of the Canadian Manufacturers Association in annual convention at the Windsor Hotel, by S. R. Parsons, Toronto, its president.

Mr. Parsons recommended the appointment of a trade board to confer with the government on tariff changes. A plea for a better relationship between labor and capital in the working out of after-the-war problems was also contained in Mr. Parsons' speech.

In the report of the tariff committee presented to the delegates this morning it was contended that certain embargoes imposed on the sale of raw material in the United States operated against Canadian manufacturers and enabled Americans to dominate and undersell firms in the dominion in certain lines. A pooling of resources between Canada and the United States was asked for by the committee, and it was pointed out that Americans still could buy raw materials of all kinds in this country. The remedy suggested was to reserve shipping space for the conveyance of required raw materials to Canada. The committee described tariff changes by the government last year as "representing the antithesis of protection and a stifling of domestic industry while stimulating and encouraging the importation of foreign manufactures."

President Parsons' address as president of the Canadian Manufacturers Association, Mr. Parsons said— (Continued on page 7, third column.)

## CANADIANS FROM NEW ENGLAND TO DEPOT BATTALION

Boston, June 12.—Colonel W. E. Thompson, acting commandant of troops at Halifax, conferred here today with officers of the British and Canadian recruiting mission regarding a New England campaign to obtain several thousand volunteers for military camps in Nova Scotia. The campaign will start just ahead of an official announcement as to the draft agreement between the United States, Great Britain and Canada, which will make possible the drafting of British subjects in this country between the ages of eighteen and forty. It also is the intention of the mission to fill the ranks of depot battalions in New Brunswick with Canadians from New England, as many of the New Brunswick troops have joined the commands overseas.

## COMPELLED TO BE VACCINATED

Since vaccination has been made compulsory, some have objected and these are to be compelled to comply. One man who refused to permit the visiting doctor to vaccinate him, was summoned to the Ritchie building this morning. He appeared and was vaccinated. If any one refuses to be vaccinated, he may, according to the power conferred on the board, be arrested, brought before a doctor and forcibly compelled to submit. There have been no new cases of smallpox reported to the board of health since the last patient was sent to the Isolation Hospital on last Friday.

## PRISONER ESCAPES AS CAILLIAUX IS BEING TAKEN FROM JAIL

Paris, June 12.—As Joseph Caillaux, former premier, was being brought from the Sante prison yesterday to testify before Captain Bouchardon, who is investigating a charge of treason against Caillaux, another prisoner in the same party made a sensational escape. Right behind Caillaux escorted by a guard, was Alexander Lerdan, charged with theft and burglary. Lerdan threw a handful of pepper into the face of the guard, ran past Caillaux and escaped in the crowd. He is still at large. The former premier seemed to be greatly amused by the performance of his fellow prisoner.

## Prominent Wool Man

T. Reg. Ackell, manager of the Cooperative Wool Growers, Ltd., Toronto; J. A. D. Thompson, Dominion wool expert; Alex. Livingstone, U. S. wool valuator, and Alfred Ackroyd, a prominent wool dealer, of Boston, are in Fredericton, fixing valuation of fleeces held there.