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British Victory Marked

Ypres Avenged At Messines Ridge

GERMANS PREPARED BUT THEY HAD TO GIVE WAY

Artillery Work At Vimy Child's Play to That of Yesterday—Gas Shells, Streams of Molten Metal, Mines That Changed Geography of the Country—British Casualties Declared Slight

From a Staff Correspondent of The Associated Press with the British armies in France, June 7, via London, June 8.—The British armies struck today on a new front and won a victory which supplements the successes at Arras during the last two months. The Germans, though apparently aware that the blow was coming and seemingly prepared to meet it, were driven from their nearly three years' hold on Messines ridge, opposite poor old Ypres, the last remnant of an important Belgian town which, with the help of the French and British in turn, has held out against all the massed attacks the Germans could fling against it, including the first great surprise of poison gas as a means of supposed civilized warfare.

YPRES IS AVENGED
Ypres in a sense was avenged today, for Messines ridge has been the vantage point from which the Germans have poured torrents of shells into the stricken city. The British also wiped off an old score against the Germans, for they held the ridge in October, 1914, and with very thin forces and practically no artillery fought bloodily, but valiantly, to hold it when the Prussian troops massed their modern and overpowering weapons of war against it.

CHIEF JUSTICE ACCEPTS

Sir Ezekiel McLeod Going to Montreal Monday on Rogers Matter

Sir Ezekiel McLeod, chief justice of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, has accepted the appointment as a member of the commission of two, who will review the report of Mr. Justice Galt in which the latter charges Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of public works, with conspiring to defraud the province of Manitoba on the contract for the construction of the provincial parliament buildings. Sir Ezekiel will be in Montreal on Monday to complete arrangements for the work of the commission. He could not say today when the hearings would commence.

PERSONALS

B. L. Sheppard of City road, who has been seriously ill, is now greatly improved. The condition of Police Clerk George A. Henderson remains unchanged in the General Public Hospital today. John Kerr, of Camden street, has received word from his daughter, Mrs. Myra, of Boston, to the effect that her little daughter, Alice, is very ill. Her many friends will hope for a speedy recovery. Mrs. Leslie G. Waters is visiting friends in Woodstock. H. C. Groat, general superintendent of the C. P. R. New Brunswick division, returned to the city today from Montreal.

BIG WATER MAIN AROUND PRINCIPAL PART OF THE CITY

A sixteen inch main entirely encircling the main portion of the city is included in the plans which Commissioner Wigmore hopes to put into operation next year. At present the city is depending chiefly on twelve inch mains for the greater part of its supply, and in case of an extraordinary demand, such as a big fire, these might not be enough, especially if the use of water for industrial purposes continues to increase. The sixteen inch main would form a loop around the southern portion of the city, connecting with the twelve inch mains and ensuring an adequate supply for all purposes.

EARLY CLOSING MOVEMENT

Two new stores are added to the list of the early closers, those of F. E. Holman & Co. and George Nixon. Other merchants have the matter under consideration.

Bethelot is Honored

Paris, June 8.—General Henri Bethelot, chief of the French military mission in Roumania, has been raised to the dignity of French officer of the legion in honor in recognition of his service in reorganization of the Roumanian army.

LIBERAL CAUCUS HELD; NOTHING FURTHER TILL CONSCRIPTION BILL IS BROUGHT UP IN COMMONS

Ottawa, June 8.—There was a Liberal caucus this morning. It assembled at 10 a.m. and sat until one. At the close the formal statement was that there had been a full discussion of the parliamentary situation, but that there could be nothing further said until the government brought down its compulsory service bill and disclosed its terms to parliament and the country. It is understood that those in favor and those who opposed compulsory service expressed their views with frankness and that, while each class held firmly to its opinions, there was no ill-feeling developed by intemperate speeches. Chief Liberal whip C. F. Pardee left the caucus a half hour before it adjourned. Some significance was attached to his departure, owing to a report that he is known to favor the enactment of a measure of military compulsion, and to a report that he has been approached by a representative of the prime minister with the offer of a portfolio in the union government which Sir Robert Borden desires to form from the two sides of the house. Mr. Pardee said that he had been compelled to leave the caucus to catch a train for Niagara to keep an engagement to spend the weekend with his family.

UNIONIST GOVERNMENT?

Toronto, June 8.—The World's Ottawa correspondent says that the Liberal's caucus today will be the event of the session, because it is more than likely that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will tender his resignation as leader of the party and the vote upon the acceptance of his resignation will indicate the line of cleavage which now threatens to divide the Liberal party into hostile factions, with conscription as the bone of contention.

BRITISH HOLD ALL GAINS; PRISONERS ABOUT 6,000 AND MANY GUNS CAPTURED

Several Whole German Batteries Taken Practically Intact—Scores of Their Guns Destroyed—French Beat Back Attackers

British Headquarters in France, June 8, via London.—From a staff Associated Press correspondent.—The number of prisoners reaching the collection stations since the beginning of the new British drive in Belgium yesterday has now reached more than 6,000. Many more prisoners are coming in. No estimate of the number of guns captured is yet possible, although it is known several German batteries were taken practically intact.

BRITISH ATTACK 5,000 YARDS DEEP

British Headquarters in France, June 8.—The German losses in their counter attacks were terrible. The full depth of the British attack was 5,000 yards.

FRENCH HOLD THEM

Paris, June 8, noon.—The war office announces that heavy fighting continued throughout the night below St. Quentin. German infantry attacks between St. Quentin and La Fere were checked by the French fire.

AUSTRIANS REINFORCED

Udine, Italy, June 8, via Paris.—Semi-official announcement says that Austria has made a formidable concentration of forces on the Italian front by the withdrawal of corps from the Russian front. The statement says that the Italians are now confronted by an estimated two-thirds of the entire Austrian army.

A CLEAR CUT BRITISH VICTORY

London, June 8.—The British losses in yesterday's attack in Belgium were light, according to an official announcement issued here today. The statement says the battle became a gauge of the ability of the Germans to stop the British advance under conditions as favorable to them as an army can ever hope for, with every advantage of ground and preparation and with the knowledge that an attack was impending. Up to last night, 8,550 German prisoners had been counted.

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LATEST CASUALTIES

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More American Fighters Overseas

MISS ELIZABETH PHILLIPS AND MRS. D. H. BURPEE DEAD

Former in Fredericton, Latter Passes Away in British Columbia

Fredericton, N. B., June 8.—Miss Elizabeth J. Phillips died this morning after a long illness. She was aged eighty years. One brother, Paul, of this city survives. Miss Ida M. Coverhill, of Lower Southport, and Wm. J. Telfer, of Upper Springfield, were married in the Methodist parsonage here on Wednesday by Rev. Thomas Marshall.

INSPECTION OF CADET CORPS AT CHATHAM

The inspector of cadets for the maritime provinces paid a visit to Chatham on Wednesday afternoon, en route from St. John and Rothesay, where on Monday he carried out an inspection of the collegiate school at Rothesay and St. Luke's college, St. John, to inspect the corps recently organized by him at St. Thomas College, as also the High School Cadet Corps formerly under command of Capt. Duncan, now overseas. The arrangements for the inspection were made at very short notice, and some weeks ahead of the time originally fixed, owing to the decision of the college authorities to close the college on June 18.

AUTHORITY FOR FRANCE TO LOAN FURTHER LARGE SUM TO FRIENDLY STATES

Paris, June 8.—France has thus far advanced to her allies or friendly states \$3,875,000,000 francs. A bill was introduced in the chamber yesterday by the minister of finance, with the approval of President Poincare, asking for authority to loan to France's allies and friends additional sums amounting to 2,188,000,000 francs. This would bring the total advances by France up to more than 6,000,000,000 francs.

CHURCHILL NOT YET HEAD OF BRITISH AIR BOARD

London, June 8.—The appointment of Col. Winston Spencer Churchill as chairman of the British air board now appears to be premature, if not incorrect. The semi-official press association and allegedly on official authority, but is now denied by the Post, which says that Lord Cowdray has not resigned. The Times also denies the Churchill appointment but adds that it is likely to come in the near future.

OSTEND CRIPPLED

London, June 8.—A series of photographic plates of the bombardment of Ostend, which have arrived in London, afford a remarkable example of the development of photographic observation and record by airplanes. They show in undeniable fashion that the British bombardment of Ostend on last Tuesday was the most successful thing of its kind yet accomplished, ensuring that Ostend will be crippled as a useful German base for weeks if not permanently.

LIBERALS CARRY ALBERTA BUT FULL DETAILS LACKING

Montreal, June 8.—Apparently definite returns from the Alberta elections are still lacking, as no reports have been received up to one o'clock today. Despatches from Edmonton last night stated that the Sifton government had been returned to power and that results then known were as follows: Liberals elected, 20; Conservatives, 10; Independents, 3; doubtful, 4. Of the latter, Liberals were leading in two ridings and Conservatives in two. In addition to the forty-three seats for which elections were held, eleven members representing the soldiers were elected by acclamation, six being Liberal and five Conservative. There are two deferred elections and two seats are soldiers-at-large to be elected, but is now two or three days before final results from outlying districts are known.

San Salvador Destroyed; Also Several Towns

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, June 8.—San Salvador, the capital of the Republic of San Salvador, with a population of more than 60,000, has been totally destroyed, according to a despatch from San Miguel. No details have been received. Probably an earthquake or volcanic eruption. The towns of Ouzahqueque, Nejapa, Suchichoto, Palsal, Armenios and Mejicanos also are reported destroyed.

HILL 60 WENT UP IN DUST

Fearful Explosions of Mines at Messines

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THE EARTH OPENED AND GERMANS DISAPPEARED

Checks Worse Than Earthquakes And Then Came The Fire of a Thousand Guns—Correspondents Agree in Anticipating Desperate Counter Attacks

London, June 8.—The special correspondents at the front in their descriptions of the Messines battle, feature the tremendous explosions of mines which preceded the British advance. "The earth opened and the German line disappeared," is one terse description. Every writer likens the effect on the surrounding terrain to an earthquake. One says that the hill on which he stood shook like jelly. Another who says the explosive used was amino, writes: "We saw what might have been the doors thrown open in front of a number of colossal blast furnaces. They appeared in pairs, in threes and successive singles and each blast the earth shook and shivered beneath our feet. 'It is worse than an earthquake,' said somebody who had known one of the worst earthquakes. Thunder clouds of smoke rose in solid form to immense heights from Hill 60, from Wytschaete wood and other places, and while our eyes were full of the spectacle, a thousand guns opened fire. The air shook as the earth shook and where earth and air met incredible explosions seemed to rend the world until we appeared part of some cosmic revolution. "We saw familiar landscapes, already ploughed and harrowed by the war, vanish or assume grotesque shapes. Hill 60 went up in fine dust."

CITY MISSES SELL PAPERS IN STREETS IN PATRIOTIC WORK

A St. John edition of a United States paper was sold throughout the city today by members of the Loyalist Chapter, L. O. D. E., assisted by members of the Seven Seas Chapter, Valcartier Chapter and the Y. W. P. A. The proceeds are to be for patriotic purposes. Members of the various chapters were dispatched to points throughout the city from Indiantown to Fairville, Carleton, Haymarket Square, South End and to various places in the city proper. Taking a stand at points of vantage they succeeded in selling a large number of papers.

LIEUTENANT GREGG IS PROGRESSING FAVORABLY BUT STILL SERIOUSLY ILL

Reassuring news has been received in a telegram from Ottawa by S. B. Gregg, who was notified recently that his brother, Lieut. P. D. Gregg, who crossed with the 104th battalion, was seriously ill in England. The message is as follows:—"Cable received from England states Lieutenant Penn Dawson Gregg, progressing favorably, but slowly. Still seriously ill. Further information when received, will be sent you. The Lieut. Gregg is out of danger, it is regarded as encouraging."

GERMANS ADMIT BACK-UP IN BELGIUM

Berlin, June 8.—(Via London.) The German forces on the Belgian front have withdrawn from the salient protruding westwards to a prepared "nerve" position between the canal bend north of Hallebeke and the Douve basin, two kilometers west of Warront, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff.

PEASANTS CALL ON RUSSIAN ARMY TO GET INTO FIGHT AGAIN

Petrograd, June 8, via London.—The congress of peasants in session here adopted a resolution today calling upon the army to subvert itself to discipline and defend revolutionary Russia.

PERSHING IS IN ENGLAND

American General is Warmly Received on Arrival at British Port

London, June 8.—General Pershing of the U. S. army and his party arrived early this morning at a port in Great Britain. They were received by the officers of the port, the general commanding the district and the mayor. A band and guard of honor escorted them from the dock.

REMARKABLE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW EFFECTIVENESS OF BRITISH BOMBARDMENT

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WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, June 8.—Wheat showed a declining tendency today owing largely to predictions that the government report would be bearish. Opening prices, which ranged from the same as yesterday's finish to 1 1/2 cent lower with July at 22 1/2 to 22 and Sept. 19 1/4 to 19 1/2, were followed by moderate further setbacks all around.

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