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Haig Reports on His Drive Against Huns

Commander of British Force Details Operations of Recent Months—A Tribute to His Troops

London, June 20.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, British commander-in-chief, has forwarded to the war office a despatch covering operations from December 18 to the present offensive. It reveals the strategic plans behind the apparently isolated attacks and raids which continued throughout the winter, and shows all as fitting into a comprehensive and systematic scheme in order to prepare a favorable situation for the spring advance.

The commander-in-chief explains that, owing to the Somme battle, the enemy in the region of the Ancre Valley had been forced into a pronounced salient between the Ancre and Scarpe valleys, therefore a further short advance would give the British command of the Beaucourt-Hamel spur. Accordingly an attack was delivered against the defences overlooking the villages of Pys and Grandcourt on November 18.

The object was to advance within assaulting distance of Le Transloy-Loupart line. Five thousand yards of valuable positions were acquired. The weather then held up operations until January when the whole spur was captured and the British advanced 1,000 yards up the Beaucourt Valley with exceedingly light casualties owing to skilful co-operation between the infantry and artillery, and fine aircraft work. Possession of the high ground opened up an extensive artillery field and further successes on February 3 and 4 gave the attacking armies an important section of the German second line north of the Ancre, making the evacuation of Grandecourt inevitable.

Beaucourt Valley

The next task was to drive the enemy from Beaucourt Valley, which was begun on February 10. The capture of 1,500 yards of trenches lying at the southern foot of Serre Hill made the village of Serre a pronounced enemy salient and further progress in the Ancre Valley would make it untenable. Therefore a large operation was begun with the view of acquiring the northern extremity of the Morval-Thiepval ridge which commanded the southern approaches to Pys and Miraumont and the observation of the upper Ancre valley. Simultaneously a smaller attack was designed to capture Miraumont.

During the night of February 17, the assaults were delivered. Despite the heavy ground, a thick mist and an alert enemy, who barraged, the troops attacked with great gallantry.

"We succeeded completely," the report says, "and gained the desired observations also command of the enemy artillery positions in the upper Ancre valley and defences of Pys and Miraumont. Our subsequent bombardment, as anticipated, forced the evacuation of Pys on February 24. On the following day positions from the north of Gueudecourt to the west of Serre were captured.

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MORE SUNK THAN FOR A LONG TIME

Crest of Period of Super-activity of Submarines

One Day in Last Week a Record in Number of British Vessels Torpedoed — Navy Men Not Over Pessimistic

London, June 20.—The weekly list of British losses in torpedoed ships, which will be issued today, will show the highest total of many weeks, the number of ships sunk being comparable to the worst week since the ruthless U-boat campaign began.

The returns, week by week, for the last three months show that the U-boat activities run in waves and it is assumed that this week is the crest of a period of super-activity noticed the previous week.

The last week includes one day which is regarded as a record for the number of vessels lost. The situation, however, is not regarded over pessimistically by naval men, who insist that the admiralty methods of fighting the submarines are constantly growing in efficiency. In support of this they point to the constantly increasing number of boats which escape the submarines. The Germans are resorting to every possible method of circumventing the patrols and the submarines frequently change the scene of their operations.

British Seize Enemy Guns; Gain Ground

London, June 20.—British forces have made some gains on the Arras front, according to an official statement issued last night. Four German field guns were taken east of Messines in the advance last Thursday. The text of the statement follows:

"On the Arras battle front our troops gained ground slightly during the day south of the Cojeul River and also north of the Souchez River, where we captured thirty-five prisoners. In addition to the captures already reported, four German field guns were taken by us east of Messines in the course of our recent advance in this area on Thursday night.

"Valuable work was performed by our airplanes yesterday in spite of unsettled weather. Bombs dropped on an enemy dump caused an explosion. Six German machines were brought down in air fighting and three of our machines failed to return."

BIG GUNS BUSY ON FRENCH FRONT

Paris, June 20.—Heavy artillery fighting is in progress on the Aisne and Champagne fronts, says today's official statement. Early this morning the Germans carried on a severe bombardment of French positions near Lauff aux Mill and in the region of Mont Carnillet. A German infantry attack was dispersed.

The German Reserves

Paris, June 20.—General De La Croix publishes in the Temps the results of his study, supposedly from authoritative sources, on the present number of German reserves. He estimates that the grand total of German troops of all kinds and classes up to June 1 reached 18,130,000 and that this total was depleted by losses of 3,680,000; 2,200,000 rendered unfit through wounds and 1,180,000 resident in foreign countries.

General De La Croix figures that Germany has 575,000 reserves with which to cover her losses until November, or 115,000 a month plus 85,000 monthly of those who recover from their wounds, a grand total of 200,000 a month. The general says that German losses in April and May have been at least 300,000 monthly, making a debit balance, which he says has been met by a shortening of the German front and fewer attacks. The absence of reserves has caused, he says, an obvious shift from the old tactics of the German general staff.

The British Commons For Votes For Women

Principle Adopted By a Majority Of 330

AMENDMENT DEFEATED

Sir Frederick Banbury's Offering Rejected, 385 to 56 — May Mean Women in Parliament, Government and Diplomatic Service

London, June 20—The principle of women suffrage was adopted in the House of Commons last night by the overwhelming majority of 330 votes. Sir Frederick Banbury's amendment against the proposal was rejected by 385 to fifty-six.

The entire evening was occupied in debating the Banbury amendment, which called for the omitting of the sections of the bill giving suffrage to women. The debate, while showing the existence of a still considerable opposition to the reform, revealed no new argument.

Many speakers supported the amendment on the ground that the present parliament is too stale to possess an authentic mandate to deal with such an important question. Others appeared to fear that granting a vote to women would lead eventually to women being elected to sit in parliament. The argument that a large body of women was indifferent to the cause was employed by several members, who advocated a female plebiscite.

Ramsay MacDonald, Socialist representative, strongly supported giving women the vote, as did Lord Hugh Cecil. Sir Joseph Compton-Rickett, president of the national council of evangelical churches, said that giving women the vote meant their entrance into parliament, the government and diplomatic service, but he urged the house to grant the concession ungrudgingly to the women, who had bravely helped the nation in a time of difficulty.

COAL AND WHEAT FIRST UNDER ACT

American Export Control Act In Force at Once

HOW ADMINISTERED

Heavy Grain Purchases by European Neutrals Said to Have Hastened Action in Making Act Operative

Washington, June 20—President Wilson is expected to sign today an executive order putting into operation the export control act just passed by Congress. A plan of organisation and general export programme drawn up by Secretary Lansing and Secretary Redfield was taken up at yesterday's cabinet meeting.

The act will be administered by an export council made up of representatives of the state, war, navy and commerce departments. The food administration and others to be selected by the state and commerce departments. Administrative details will be handled by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce which will be enlarged by the addition of an export licensing division.

Matters of international consequence will be decided by the state department. Food questions will be left to the food administration. Coal and wheat will be the first two commodities to come under operation of the act, and a presidential proclamation specifying these two probably will accompany the executive order.

Heavy grain purchases by European neutrals, it was said, influenced the government to hasten putting the export control act into operation. Alarmed at prospects that the United States was preparing to exercise the strictest supervision over food shipments, the neutrals, it is declared, have gone into the American wheat market and obtained contracts for enormous quantities of the cereal. Much of this now probably never will leave the country, and if the food bills pass, the purchasers can be forced to disgorge their holdings under the embargo clause.

RANK HAINES KILLED IN WAR

Well Known as Trapper, Fisherman and Guide — Friend of Sportsmen

Fredericton, June 20—Frank Haines, of Macnaquac, yesterday received official notice that his son, Private Horace Haines, had been killed in action in France. The deceased soldier was well known as a trapper, fisherman and guide and had a wide acquaintance among sportsmen who had hunted big game in this section of the province. He enlisted in a N. B. battalion which was raised in the winter of 1915-16. From that battalion he was drafted to a well known Montreal battalion in France.

HOMAS CASE GONE INTO BY MAGISTRATE

Recent Developments Said to Support Statements of Widow in Connection With Husband's Death

Fredericton, N. B., June 20—The preliminary examination of Mrs. Mary Thomas, widow of Marvin Thomas, and Frank Morey, suspected of foul play in connection with the death of Mrs. Thomas' husband on the night of May 9 was begun this morning before Magistrate John Murphy, of Blissville, Fredericton Junction.

Mrs. Thomas and Morey were arrested yesterday morning at their home near Fredericton Junction on instructions issued by the attorney general's department.

Although public opinion at Fredericton Junction was strongly against Mrs. Thomas and Morey, and although circumstantial evidence also was believed to be against them, recent developments have brought out evidence which goes to support the statement of the widow that her husband set fire to the house in which he and his family lived and then committed suicide, his body being burned in the flames.

WM. McCONNELL DEAD

At Advanced Age, Unable to Survive Shock of Fall Into Waters of Harbor

William H. McConnell, who had been hovering within the shadow of death at the General Public Hospital since Thursday, died early this morning following shock and injuries received in a fall. Mr. McConnell, it will be recalled, fell off the Ballast wharf about 11 o'clock on Thursday morning last into Kennedy slip, a distance of more than twenty feet. He was rescued and hurried to the hospital where everything had since been done to prolong his life. But his advanced age nullified the efforts made and he succumbed this morning after a hard battle for life. He was eighty-two years of age.

Today is the anniversary of the St. John fire and at the time this terrible conflagration visited the city Mr. McConnell was then associated with his brother in the boot and shoe business in King street. The fire destroyed their large business interests. Today the 40th anniversary of that great calamity, chronicles the death of one who suffered from its effects.

Following his loss of business in the great fire Mr. McConnell re-opened a boot and shoe establishment in Main street which he conducted until a few years ago when he retired to private life. His wife died some years ago.

Mr. McConnell leaves five sons and three daughters. The sons are Harry and John of this city, Joseph of Sydney, James and William of Boston. The daughters are Mrs. John R. Leck of Mecklenburg street, with whom Mr. McConnell made his home, Mrs. Charles H. Knodell of Princess street and Mrs. J. H. Sharpe of Nova Scotia. They will have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon.

CHAPLAIN WRITES OF W. E. MILLS' WOUNDS

Mrs. W. E. Mills, of 165 Guilford street, West St. John, whose husband was recently reported wounded, has received the following letter from Rev. J. Jarvis, a Church of England chaplain:—

France, May 25, '17.

Dear Mrs. Mills,—

You have probably already received official information that your husband, Lance-corporal W. E. Mills, 2nd Canadian Pioneers, is wounded, but as I am sure you are anxiously awaiting for further news of him I am writing this to you.

He is in No. 6 Casualty Clearing Station and is wounded in the back, right leg and right arm. I do not think any of his wounds is really serious or need cause any anxiety.

He sends his love to you and asks me to tell you not to worry about him. You will be glad to know that he is in a comfortable bed and in very good hands here. Everything that can possibly be done for him is being done and you may yest assured that he will not lack any care and attention.

Yours very truly,
J. JARVIS,
Church of England chaplain.

ALL'S WELL AGAIN

Messages received by H. C. Grout, general superintendent of the C. P. R., New Brunswick Division, this morning were to the effect that repairs have been practically completed to the section of track fifteen miles long near Lowellville on the border line between Maine and Quebec and that traffic has been resumed. The large crew of men who were rushed to the scene on Monday worked continuously until last night and today are resting. Owing to the fact that they had plenty of material and a good equipment of machinery they were able to repair this large section of track in record time and from present indications there will be no further trouble.

LONG MESSAGE FROM THE KAISER AWAITED HIM

Former Greek King Reaches Switzerland—Ex Queen Ill—Italians Barred Constantine From War Bases

Lugano, Switzerland, June 20, via Paris.—Former King Constantine of Greece arrived here today. Officers and delegates of the Swiss government met him at the frontier and welcomed him in the name of Switzerland. A large number of German personages waited for the king at the depot, including Prince and Princess Von Buelow and Dr. Von Muehlberg, German minister to the Vatican. The Greek minister to Berne was also present. Constantine and his suite drove directly to a hotel where rooms had been reserved for them. Some German diplomats arrived here in anticipation of the coming of the former king, who was delayed by the illness of his wife. A long telegram from the German emperor was handed to Constantine as soon as he left the train.

Messina, via Paris, June 20.—Former King Constantine asked permission of the Italian government to land at either Brindisi or Taranto, but the request was refused because both these ports are military and naval bases and it seems that some German officers are included in Constantine's suite.

Constantine finally landed at Villa San Giovanni, a village facing Messina on the continent and the starting point of the railway going to Naples.

FREDERICTON MEN BARRED FROM THE MAINE RACE TRACKS

New Regulations Prevent Them—Negotiations With Ottawa

Fredericton, N. B., June 20—The Fredericton harness racing stables, which had intended to take part in the racing in Aroostook county, Me., where a circuit of tracks was formed some time ago, have been held up by the regulations which prevent men of military age from leaving Canada.

Although none of the tracks of the Aroostook county circuit is more than a few miles from the border, the regulations cannot be altered, according to information given out by the authorities. The great difficulty confronting those managing the stables which were intended to race in Aroostook county is the securing of stable hands. Boys, and men beyond the military age, are the only ones the authorities will permit to go into the United States. One well known owner of horses, on inquiring at Ottawa if his stable hands could not be allowed to cross the border, received a negative reply and also the information that he himself could not go either if he was of military age.

The horsemen affected are Tommy Raymono, W. Bert Lint and Wm. Sharon of this city, and Pat Doherty of Sydney, N. S., who has trained his horses here. Negotiations still are on with Ottawa.

IS WOUNDED FOR THE THIRD TIME

Stanley A. Gilbert Member of Family With a Notable Record in the War

That Assistant Lance Corporal Stanley A. Gilbert, of a mounted rifle unit has been placed in a hospital in Calais, France, suffering from a gunshot wound

STANLEY A. GILBERT

in the left hip, was the news received by his sister, Mrs. H. J. Reinhart, of 16 Guilford street, St. John West. Reference to the casualty was recently made in The Times.

Lance Corporal Gilbert is a native of England, but resided in Norton for some time. He is only twenty-two years of age and this is the third time he has been wounded. The first time he was struck in the head and the second in the back.

His family record is a notable one. One brother, Corporal Grantley Gilbert, a member of the 14th Battalion, gave up his life on the battle field a year ago last April, and another, Ernest, is a prisoner in Germany. Two other brothers, John and William, are on board a British warship. Mrs. Reinhart's husband is at present in a hospital in England suffering from shell shock.

STILL NO WORD OF MISSING BOY

Is There Something to The Gypsy Theory?

Lad Seen With Man in Rockwood Park—A Letter Which Hurt Received by the Distressed Parents

Heartbroken and half crazed with grief Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Totten sat in their home this morning when a Times reporter sought to learn if anything had been heard of their lost child, Ronald, aged three and a half years, who wandered away last Sunday afternoon and disappeared as if the earth had opened and swallowed him. Theory upon theory had been advanced by friends and sympathetic citizens but all have been followed and still no trace of their child.

Many rumors are in circulation and these are gradually being investigated in hopes of obtaining some clew, which will enable the relatives or police to learn of the child's whereabouts. A report is that on Sunday afternoon about five o'clock the little fellow was seen in company with a man near the animal cages in Rockwood park. After showing him some of the animals it is said he gave the boy five cents and sent him into the refreshment booth for ice cream. The boy politely thanked the young lady who waited on him, and it was this which attracted the clerk, who passed the remark "what a cute little fellow." The proprietor of the store hearing this remark looked at the little boy and yesterday, when he saw a photograph, he recognized the little boy as the one who purchased the ice cream. Where the man and boy went is a mystery which has yet to be cleared up.

Yesterday afternoon a letter came through the mail addressed to Mrs. Totten. It was to the effect that the writer had seen the boy in the park on Sunday in company with a man and that it was likely he was being better treated than if he was at home. It also contained a censure to the effect that if he had been to Sunday school instead of in the strets he would not have been lost. The grieved parents were indignant and apparently justly so. Mr. Totten pointed out to a Times reporter that his wife had always taken the best of care of her children, they were clothed neatly and given them plenty to eat and also were trained in their religion. When he went outside the door Sunday she had dressed him in his Sunday clothes and admonished him not to get them soiled. Mr. Totten also drew attention to a chubby little fellow a year and a half old who was playing around the house and asked if he looked as if he had been neglected.

There is some belief that the child might have been kidnapped by Gypsies, who were encamped near the city during the last few weeks. The police are tracing bands which were encamped in the county and a search is being made for the lost child.

Last evening four bands of boy scouts under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Waring searched the woods in the rear of Mount Pleasant and all through the woods about the park, but their efforts were unavailing. They will take up the search again today and will continue.

BIG THEFT FROM EXPRESS CAR IN THE STATES

Chicago, June 20—Official announcement that gold and silver coin stolen from an express car safe here late last night amounted to nearly $80,000 was made today by G. M. Curtis, general manager of the western department of the Adams Express Company.

CONDITION UNCHANGED

No change is reported in the condition of Robert Harris at the St. John Infirmary this afternoon.

OVERSEAS DRAFT OF 62ND

Lieutenant-Colonel J. L. McAvity, who was some months ago authorized to recruit and command a unit in the Canadian Defence Force to be known as the 62nd C.D.F., was notified this morning that the men recruited in the overseas company of his unit were to be transferred to the overseas draft of the 62nd, which is under command of Major J. S. Frost.

Colonel McAvity and his officers have worked day and night in an endeavor to recruit this unit, but their efforts were in vain as the recruits were not forthcoming. Lieutenant-Colonel McAvity's unit had four companies, three for those men who were unable to proceed overseas owing to physical disabilities and one for those men who were physically fit. The men that are fit for overseas service are to be transferred to the overseas draft of the 62nd, while those in the unit who are fit for only home defence will likely be attached to the Special Service Company. The transfer is to take place at once.

Both Lieutenant-Colonel McAvity and Major May, returned officers of the 26th, have been the back bone in the recruiting of the 62nd C.D.F., and as both of these officers are at present giving their services to their country in aid of recruiting, it will in no way throw them out of positions. Both officers are very competent men and are considered so by prominent military men of the country. If these men could not recruit a unit for the C.D.F., it is considered doubtful whether any officers could.

SEVENTY-TWO FROM NEW YORK FOR THE ARMY

Toronto, June 20.—Toronto mobilization centre depot at the armories yesterday welcomed the biggest party of recruits that has arrived from the British mission, New York city, the contingent being 72 strong.

DEATH OF BOY

Many will learn with regret of the death of Christen Albertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Albertson of 225 Sydney street, which occurred this morning from tuberculosis. He was fifteen years of age, and came to this country four years ago with his parents from Denmark. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon.

WAR ONLY STARTED, SAYS NORTHCLIFFE

Bases Opinion on Result of "Much Experience at the Front"

Boston, Mass., June 20.—The war, in the opinion of Lord Northcliffe, British commissioner to the United States, is just beginning. In a communication from him read at a meeting to further the Red Cross fund, Lord Northcliffe said he based his opinion on the result of "much experience at the front."

AMERICANS PROMPT IN AIDING IN THE HOSPITAL WORK IN WAR ZONE

London, June 20.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from British headquarters in France says: "The supply of doctors, anaesthetics and nurses has been immensely increased during the last week or two by the rapidity of the American organization, which already has taken over the complete work in some of our general hospitals, leaving the staffs of the hospitals free for work nearer the front."

The correspondent adds: "I know of no finer example of American promptitude and thoroughness."

MISS MAUDE DORMAN AND MRS. V. W. DYKEMAN DEAD; BOTH FUNERALS IN ST. JOHN

Moncton, N. B., June 20—The death of Miss Maude A. Dorman, daughter of Frederick W. Dorman, of St. John, occurred this morning at the summer cottage of her brother, G. S. Dorman, Point du Chene. She is survived by her father, four brothers—Charles S. of Missoula, Montana; George S. of Moncton; Harry C. of Spokane, and William W., overseas; also one sister, Mrs. James W. Barnes of St. John. The funeral will be held in St. John on Friday.

Mrs. V. W. Dykeman died this morning at her home, 128 Park street, Moncton, after a few weeks illness. She was born in Norton, Kings county. She is survived by her husband, one son, John, and one daughter, Mary, at home. The funeral will be held in St. John on Friday morning.

NOVELTY SHOWER

Miss Retta Cox of 15 Hanover street, was pleasantly surprised last evening when her fellow associates with F. W. Daniel & Co., Ltd., visited her home and tendered her a novelty shower. During the evening music and games were enjoyed and refreshments served. Miss Cox is to be a principal in a nuptial event in the first week in July.

The June Brides

Bishop-Killorn

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception was the scene of an interesting event this morning when Miss Mary (May) Josephine Killorn, only daughter of Mrs. Jennie L. Killorn, was united in marriage to Clarence Francis Bishop by Rev. Francis Walker with nuptial mass at seven o'clock. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Dominick Killorn, was becomingly attired in a tailored made suit of sand gabardine with rose hat with crepe facing. She carried a bouquet of Killarney roses and sweet peas. Miss Maysie Killorn, cousin of the bride, made a pretty bridesmaid. She wore a suit of blue taffeta with pink hat and carried a bouquet of pink carnations and sweet peas. J. Leo Killorn, brother of the bride, acted as best man.

Following the ceremony a tempting wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's mother, after which Mr. and Mrs. Bishop left on a short automobile trip through the province. On their return they will reside at No. 5 Brussels street. The large and costly array of presents gave expression to the popularity of both bride and groom. The groom's present to the bridesmaid was a cameo pendant and chain and to the groomsman a stick pin.

Both groom and groomsman are original members of the famous "Fighting 26th Battalion." Both have seen active service for many months and were wounded and have received their final discharges. The groom is at present in the local customs department.

Donahue-Leetch.

In the Cathedral this morning at six o'clock with Rev. H. L. Coughlan at nuptial mass, united in marriage Miss Martha A. Leech, daughter of Mrs. Agnes and the late James Leetch, to Francis L. Donahue, of this city, in the presence of near relatives and immediate friends. The bride wore a suit of light blue silk with hat to match and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. She was attended by Miss Agnes Cain, who was gowned in navy blue silk with picture hat and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. John J. Donahue, brother of the groom, was best man.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was partaken of at the home of the bride's mother in Union street, where the newly wedded will make their home. The groom is a plumber in the employ of G. E. Blake, Germain street, by whom they were nicely remembered. The F. W. Woolworth Company, Limited, King street, where the bride formerly was employed, sent a cut glass set. Richard Walsh, plumbing inspector of the Board of Health, and Mrs. Walsh sent pieces of cut glass. Numerous other gifts of cut glass, chinaware, and pieces of furniture were received. From George Leetch, an uncle of the bride, a substantial check was received. Both bride and groom have many friends who will join in extending best wishes.

Forrestell-Magrath.

Miss Katherine M. Magrath, daughter of John H. Magrath, of Charles street, was united in marriage to Harry P. Forrestell at a quarter to five o'clock this morning in the Cathedral by Rev. Miles P. Howland, who was celebrant at nuptial mass. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a becoming suit of cream singe with leghorn hat and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Both bride and groom were unattended. Following the ceremony a dainty wedding break-

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WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—Shallow depressions cover Manitoba and the Ottawa valley. Showers have been general in the western provinces with a change to much colder weather. Thunderstorms have been almost general inOntario.

Ottawa Valley—Partly fair and warm, with some local showers or thunderstorms. Thursday generally fair and a little cooler.

Showers and Thunderstorms

Maritime—Moderate southerly winds, fair and warm today, local showers or thunderstorms tonight and on Thursday.

New England—Local thunderstorms this afternoon or tonight. Thursday, probably fair, moderate south winds.