

## LAURIER FORCES GENERAL ELECTION

Heavy Fighting on Italian Front; Counter Attacks by Austrians | New British Offensive Launched Against Foe Salient Near Ypres | Disorder in Kronstadt Quelled, Provisional Government Recognized

### British Offensive Launched; First Objectives Carried

#### Progress Continues After British Open Sweeping Attack Against Sharp Foe Salient Near Ypres—Many Prisoners Taken in Opening Drive

By Courier Leased Wire

Bulletin, London, June 7.—The British opened an attack on a nine mile front between Meissons and Wytschaete and have taken all their first objectives. The official statement says that the British progress is being continued and that a number of prisoners have been taken.

The new British offensive is against a sharp German salient three miles south of Ypres. For several days the British have maintained a tremendous bombardment for almost thirty miles on this portion of their front. The salient itself is about three miles in width and the same distance in depth. An effective advance in this sector would seriously menace the German hold on Lille, which is about five miles from the nearest British position.

Bulletin, London, June 7.—The text of the official statement follows:

"We attacked at 3.10 a.m. this morning German positions on the Messines Wytschaete ridge, on a front of over nine miles. We have everywhere captured our first objectives and further progress is reported to be satisfactory along the whole front of attack. Numbers of prisoners are reported already to be reaching the collection stations."

#### French Official

Bulletin, Paris, June 7.—(Noon).—A strong force of Germans made an attack northwest of St. Quentin at midnight. To-day's official announcement says the attacker were caught under a violent French fire and retired after sustaining heavy losses.

### Laurier Forces Canada Into a General Election

#### Action of Liberal Leader in Rejecting Proposal of Sir Robert Borden For Union Cabinet Compels Government to go to the People

By Courier Leased Wire

Toronto, June 7.—A despatch from Ottawa to the Daily News says:

"The proposals made by Sir Robert Borden for a union cabinet have been decisively rejected by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. As a result a general election is certain and will be called as soon as the necessary steps can be taken. The situation was explained to members of the house this morning when both parties held a caucus.

"Sir Robert Borden will now endeavor to secure a group of liberals for the government from inside parliament or if necessary from outside parliament.

Ottawa, June 7.—The Conservative Caucus today after hearing a report from the Premier on the failure of coalition negotiation gave what is said to have been practically unanimous approval to a proposal of Sir Robert Borden that the conscription bill should be brought down next week and forced through the house. So far as known there is no intimation of a general election but that may eventuate from development after the bill is introduced.

Correspondence on the coalition negotiations showed that the Premier had made his proposal to the leader of the opposition, who had replied in effect that it should have been broached before conscription was announced. The Premier suggested a cabinet of eight liberals and eight conservatives, with himself as the odd member, giving the present government a majority of one. The Premier also suggested that the coalition bill should be introduced with the pledge that it would not be given effect until the coalition had gone to the country and asked for a mandate on the measure.

The two leaders were unable to agree upon the composition of the cabinet and finally negotiations came to an end yesterday and the deal was declared off.

### RIOTS IN SWEDISH CAPITAL

Workers Clashed With Police in Stockholm; Several Men Injured

#### A SOCIALIST UPRISING

The Laboring Classes Marched on Parliament Building Tuesday

#### CROWDS DISPELLED

Possibility of a General Strike Being Called by Socialists

By Courier Leased Wire.

Stockholm, June 6, via London, June 7.—One man was severely wounded and a second slightly hurt in the clash between the workers and police before the Riksdag building on Tuesday. For some days previously the socialist workers had been working on Tuesday and demonstrating before the parliament building when the socialist interpellations regarding revision of the constitution, shorter work days and higher wages, were scheduled to be replied to by Premier Swartz. Some agitators openly advocated violence.

Hjalmar Branting, the Socialist leader, attempted to stem the mischief by appealing to the Socialist Democrats for peaceable demeanour. Many factories stopped work at one o'clock on Tuesday afternoon and the employees marched to the Riksdag. They found the approaches to the building and to the Royal Palace guarded by police and soldiers. The crowd was noisy and threatening, and tried to overturn a street car. The mounted police, charged and drove the crowd back, while M. Branting emerged from the Riksdag, and vainly attempted to persuade the demonstrators to leave the vicinity. The mob made an attempt to rush the police, who charged fiercely, with drawn swords. Many heads were slashed and other rioters were knocked down and trampled upon. The platoon of soldiers guarding the bridge leading to the palace fixed bayonets and loaded their rifles, but did not fire. There was much bottle and stone throwing but ultimately the police triumphed and the mob melted away. The police estimated that the rioters, including onlookers numbered 10,000, mostly youths.

The Left Socialists later decided to demand a general strike throughout Sweden, but the mob which went out on Tuesday from the large factories, are reported to have resumed work to-day.

Demonstration in Norway. Christiania, via London, June 7.—The demonstration throughout Norway yesterday against the high cost of living passed quietly. In Christiania, 40,000 persons joined in a street parade. A deputaion of the demonstrators, was received by the President of the Storting.

#### Weather Bulletin

Toronto, June 7.—The disturbance which was situated in Iowa yesterday morning, is now hovering over Wisconsin, causing showery weather over the great lakes, elsewhere a fair weather prevails, except that a few local showers have occurred in the northern parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Forecasts. Fresh to strong south to west winds, partly fair and warm to-day and on Friday with occasional showers and local thunderstorms.

#### SUB ROUTED

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, June 7.—The American steamer Silvershell, had a battle with a submarine in the Mediterranean. After an exchange of sixty shots the sub disappeared.

Details were made public today by the ministry of Marine. The Silvershell, commanded by Captain Tom Cahariton, sighted the submarine on May 30. In the running fight which followed the American boat proved speedier than its enemy and seemed also to be the master in gunfire. The disappearance of the submarine was sudden.

The Silvershell is a steamer of 5,605 tons owned by the Shell Oil Company of California. She sailed from America early in May with a crew of 43 men.

### RUMANIA RESUMES FIGHTING

Army Has Been Thoroughly Reorganized and is Ready for Service

#### HER NATIONAL IDEALS

Entered War Not For Conquest, But For Liberation of Enslaved

#### RUSS PEACE FORMULA

"Neither Annexations Nor Indemnities" Regarded as Acceptable

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, June 7.—Roumania has re-organized her army and is ready to resume the fight according to a statement made by Premier Bratianu in an interview with the Petrograd correspondent of the Parisienne. "The Roumanian Premier," said the Roumanian Premier, "has launched a new peace formula, neither annexations nor indemnities" and she wishes to impose that formula on her allies. Roumania finds the formula acceptable as far as she is concerned. She did not enter the war to make conquests. Her single object was and is the liberation of Roumanian territories enslaved by Hungary, which never had the right to dispose of themselves.

"My country is keeping its promises under the most difficult circumstances. It has been invaded by an enemy superior in numbers, it has lost its capital and more than half of its territory; it has suffered famine and disease, but it has made a great and manly effort to re-organize its army and it has never given up the struggle. To-day Roumania is ready to resume the fight, its army is perfectly trained and it has material such as it never had before.

"In the crisis we are passing through, at the moment when the war seems to be approaching its final phase, Roumania, who kept her engagements toward the allies, has the right to expect that the allies will remain faithful to the terms of the treaty, handing them to her.

#### MONS FIXED.

Amsterdam, via London, June 7.—The city of Mons has been fined £20,000 because a Belgian paper published in Holland, announced that Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria was in Mons when the city was bombarded by allied airmen.

#### GOOD NEWS

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, June 7.—The morning newspapers today display with gratification the news of the toll exacted from the German airplanes, which they remark was a terrible price to pay for a raid which resulted in nothing of military importance.

It is said that ten German machines were lost, which some of the commentators express the belief is almost enough to cause the Germans to cease repetitions of their air-raid attacks. The damage inflicted on the raiders, in connection with the reduction in sinking of vessels by submarines and naval and airplane attacks on enemy bases in Belgium has instilled a spirit of elation in the editorials and news columns generally.

### LANDTAG OF ALSACE LORRAINE

"End War Victoriously and Protect Our German Alsace-Lorraine"

#### ALL HOPE FOR PEACE

Kaiser's Offer Denoted Readiness to End Miseries of War

#### UNION WITH GERMANY

German Socialist Deputy Will Hear of No Restoration

By Courier Leased Wire.

Amsterdam, via London, June 7.—The Landtag of Alsace-Lorraine was opened at Strasbourg on Wednesday by the Imperial Stadholder, Dr. von Hollwitz, who said: "This unbending will end the war victoriously, and will further protect our German Alsace-Lorraine."

At the first session of the chamber, Dr. Georg Ricklin, a Centrist was elected President by 29 out of 46 votes. Dr. Ricklin said: "We Alsacians and Lorrainers will never forget that our Emperor, by his peace offer, showed his readiness to end the miseries of the war. We bless every nation tending to shorten the war by a single day and reject everything which, allegedly undertaken to better our lot, in fact only serves to prolong the war and our sufferings. An overwhelming majority of Alsacians and Lorrainers did not want the war and only wanted to work out to completion their position as members of a state in union with the German Empire and to further proceed with peaceful labor. In this connection the war has made no change as far as we are concerned. We make this confession of faith in the face of the whole world. May it be heard everywhere and may peace be restored soon."

Copenhagen, via London, June 7.—A leading article in the Berling Forvarer, today, signed by the Socialist deputy, Herman Wendel, argues that the only possible solution of the Alsace-Lorraine question is the formation of the two provinces in the Federal state on the same basis as the other states of the Empire. Herr Wendel does not even contemplate the possibility of a voluntary return to the provinces of France. He rejects the principle of a plebiscite to determine the fate of the provinces, owing to the difficulty of those entitled to vote. Though admitting that Lorraine is largely French, he says that the Socialist solution is autonomy within the German Empire.

### AUSTRIAN POSITIONS MENACED

Heavy Counter Attacks Delivered Against Italians Failed in Purpose

#### SITUATION THE SAME

Heavy Fighting Still Goes on in Various Sectors of Carso Front

#### CLAIMS OF AUSTRIANS

Charges Made of Capture of Over Ten Thousand Italians

By Courier Leased Wire.

Udine, June 4, via Paris, June 7.—The Austrian advance on the whole Carso front shows the enemy command, after repeated attacks in the Vodice zone, thought it necessary to make a supreme effort of his left wing where every Italian gain constitutes a menace on Libiach and Trieste. General Borsevics assaults failed entirely before the determined resistance of the Italian troops, who even made a further advance between Castagnavizza and Voicizza the tract dominating the Brestovizza Road, threatening the Hermada Stronghold. The modification of the line in the center, south of Jamiano, is due to the fact that the Austrian artillery on Hermada could still sweep the front of the new Italian positions. The whole situation is practically unchanged and the Austrian positions are still closely pressed and menaced by the gains made by the Italians in their last advance.

#### Austrian Official

London, June 7.—The Austrian official statement issued on Wednesday, follows:

"Eastern Theatre: On the Oltus Road a weak enemy thrust was crushed by our barrage fire. Otherwise there was only more lively infantry activity in places. Italian Theatre: The enemy yesterday exhausted himself in fruitless attacks between the Vipacco Valley and the sea, intended to wipe out the defeat he suffered in the last few days on the Carso plateau. His assaults were shattered. Our troops, by storming a height near Jamiano, enlarged their success and in fierce battles maintained all ground won.

"According to preliminary reports the prisoners in the last three days have been increased to 256 officers, including four staff officers, and 10,000 men. Some Italian regiments fell into our hands un wounded, with nearly the whole of their effectives. For instance, the eighty sixth regiment, with 2,686 men, the sixty-ninth regiment, with 1,932 men, and the seventy-first regiment, with 1,821 men. The brigades of Verona, Soracuso, Puglia and Ancona, in whose ranks these units fought were annihilated. In a tunnel near San Viovanne, a large field hospital was captured. The battlefield is covered with Italian corpses.

"On the moonlight night, we visited towns and places far behind our front. In the Austrian interior they came as far as Laibach in the Tyrol as far as Bozen, in addition to raiding the coastal district and Carinthia. Some inhabitants were killed, but there was no material damage."

#### Bulgar Official

Sofia, via London, June 7.—The official statement issued by the war office on Wednesday reads as follows:

"There was weak artillery fire on the whole Macedonian front. On the right bank of the Vardar and south of Huma an enemy attack against Resnikova was repulsed. There was aerial activity in the region of Sarichadan and an enemy airplane was brought down.

"On the Roumanian front there was rifle firing near Sakoha, Tulceia and Masnadie."

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