

BRITISH ADVANCE NEARLY A MILE

On a Three and a Half Mile
Front East of Nieppe
Forest

LONDON, June 28.—(Official)—This morning English troops carried out a successful operation on a front of about three and a half miles east of the Nieppe forest. Our line on this front has been advanced to an average depth of nearly a mile, and more than 300 prisoners and 22 machine guns have been captured. All our objectives were gained, including the hamlets of Le Pinnette, Verte Rue and La Beocque. The enemy was taken by surprise and our casualties are light. At the same time Australian troops attacked and captured hostile posts west of Merris together with 43 prisoners and six machine guns. On the rest of the front the situation is unchanged.

The Labour Members

LONDON, June 27.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—The Labor members of the Government met today to consider their position in view of yesterday's resolution of the Labor Conference terminating the party truce. In view of Arthur Henderson's emphatic declaration that the Labor Executive did not desire the Labor Ministers to leave that the Labor Ministers have decided not to resign from the Government in the Government, Reuter understands any event at the present time.

BOB BARTLETT GETS BACK GRANT

For Distinguished Leadership After Loss of
S.S. "Karluk"

OTTAWA, June 28.—The Royal Geographical Society has this year awarded "the Back Grant" to Captain R. A. Bartlett for distinguished leadership after the loss of the C. G. S. "Karluk" according to an announcement today by the Naval Dept. This grant which consists of a sum of fourteen pounds, was founded by the celebrated Arctic explorer, the late Admiral Sir Geo. Back, for the reward and encouragement of scientific geographers and discoverers.

Loss of the 'Waterwitch'

Captain Rose and crew of six men, of the ill-fated schooner Waterwitch, owned by the Nfld. Produce Co., reached the city yesterday.

The waterwitch left here with a cargo of fish on November 17th last for "The Rock". From there she went up the Mediterranean, bound to Naples. Owing to adverse weather and for Admiralty reasons she was held at Algiers for twenty-one days, after which she proceeded to Naples and discharged her cargo. She then went to Santa Pola and loaded salt for here. On her return she again called at Gibraltar, where she left on May 16th last. On May 19th the vessel ran ashore, she being carried on a ledge by a false current about three miles off Terifa Lighthouse or about ten miles from Gibraltar. Salvage boats tried to get her off, but were unsuccessful, though the sea at the time was calm. Theday after the ship went ashore the Captain and crew went on board a salvage steamer and it was well they did, for a heavy gale came on that night with a rough sea and the stranded vessel capsized and became a total wreck. The Captain and crew were fortunate, however, in saving their belongings. They were taken to Gibraltar by the salvage boat and from there came to the city in the way mentioned. Up to a month ago the Waterwitch was held fast to the rocks bottom up and a number of photographs, which were taken of her from on board the salvage steamer, were brought along by Captain Rose.

Sagona For North

The s.s. Sagona, Capt. Parsons, calls at eight o'clock to-night on the Labrador mail service. She has a full freight and takes these passengers:—Lewis Dawe and 2 others, W. Crosby and 2 others, P. O'Toole, Miss Bailey, Mrs. Frank, Piercey, Sub-Col. Murphy, Mr. Hayden, P. F. Sullivan and man, Mrs. E. Fitzgerald, Miss Fitzgerald, Mrs. Nicholas Newell, Mrs. B. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. C. Power, J. French, Mr. Penney and party of 4. J. Bishop, P. Kelly, H. Dawe, C. G. Furey, W. Bartlett, R. Letts and 3 wireless operators from H. R. Grace, 10 wireless men from St. John's, Jos. Coveyduck, Jas. Coveyduck, Mrs. Jas. Callahan, M. Bartlett, Mr. Me- Rae, A. M. Earle and lady passenger.

GERMANS GET NASTY SHOCK

British Greatly Improve
Their Position in Im-
portant Sector

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, June 28.—(By the Associated Press)—Field Marshal Hindenburg's troops east of the forest of Nieppe got a nasty and unexpected shock today when the British suddenly drove forward in a surprise attack on a front of more than three miles, and hurled the startled grey-coated soldiers back to a depth of 1500 yards. The operation was an unqualified success from its inception and the attackers reached all their objectives in remarkably short time. By this trust the British not only have greatly improved their position in this important sector, which lies north of Merville, but they inflicted heavy punishment on two hostile divisions that were holding the line here, the 32nd division of Saxons, and the 44th reserve division of Reserves.

French Official

PARIS, June 27.—(Official)—North-west of Mont Didier the French advanced their lines in Senecq Wood and captured 100 prisoners. Between the Marne and the Ourcq, a local operation was carried out south of Dammarie and the French took 22 prisoners. Last night was calm on the rest of the front.

The firemen of the Ranger are looking for the same rate of wages as is being paid the firemen on the Portia and Prospero. These men are now getting \$80 per month.

Serious Accident

Man's Eyes Affected by Lime and He
Loses One of Them.

Edward Kelly, a truckman of King's Bridge, met with an accident a few days ago that nearly cost him the sight of both eyes. He was engaged with his team hauling some material in barrels for doing plastering work, and while in the act of unloading one of the packages a spray of lime flew into his eyes and before it could be removed, which was over an hour later, the burning substance killed the sight of the left eye altogether, while the right eye was left in bad shape, and is now under the treatment of a specialist. There is every hope that the sight of this eye will be saved. At the time of the accident the man Kelly suffered excruciating agony and ever since has been in violent pain.

Yesterday afternoon a lad named Houlihan of Carter's Hill, was knocked down by a horse and had his hand badly crushed by a wheel of the cart passing over it. He was hurried off for medical aid in Mayor Gosling's motor car and was handed over to Dr. Campbell, who dressed the injured member.

We understand Messrs. Campbell McKay & Co. have purchased Mr. G. C. Fearn's foreign fish carriers, and Elizabeth Fearn, Gladys Fearn and Cecil Fearn. The Elizabeth Fearn, Captain Kemp, is now in port and is considered one of the finest ships in our mercantile marine; the Gladys Fearn was formerly the Mary and Mildred, and the Cecil Fearn, a vessel of about 120 tons, recently left the stocks at Placentia and is now being rigged.

Anniversary of His Grace's Consecration

Today, June 29th, being the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, is also the anniversary of the consecration of His Grace Archbishop Roche. The Cathedral and grounds are profusely decorated with flags in honor of the event, and at noon the joy bells rang out. Most of the clergy of the Archdiocese, who can conveniently do so, are in town extending congratulations to their Archbishop on the completion of the third year of his Episcopacy, and to wish him Multos Annos in guiding the spiritual destinies of the Archdiocese of St. John's. In these felicitations the whole city, and more especially the Roman Catholic people, heartily join.

DEFENDER'S LETTER.

Defender's letter in reference to Hon. M. P. Cashin is unavoidably held over till our next issue.

Mrs. F. Fowling, Mrs. J. S. LeDrew, Tobias LeDrew, Miss Bradbury, Mrs. John Dawe and daughter, Mrs. John Dawe and daughter, Miss Hall and nurse for Battle Hospital.

LOCAL ITEMS

s.s. Seal left Westport 3.30 a.m. today going North.

The incoming express is due to reach the city at 5 o'clock this evening.

Although no excursion trains will be run, excursion rates will apply on all trains leaving here today, tomorrow and on Monday.

The Kyle, which was into dry dock for her annual overhauling and renovation, comes off the stocks this afternoon.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered at St. Patrick's Church tomorrow by His Grace Archbishop Roche.

The Highlanders will hold a church parade tomorrow morning when the battalion will attend Divine Service at the Kirk.

Mr. J. J. Legacy, of the Woodstock Typewriter Co., of Nova Scotia, is visiting Messrs. R. B. and S. Ridout of this city, who are representing their firm in Newfoundland.

The work of making alterations and improvements to the S. S. Meigie is practically finished. The well deck forward has been made flush, which gives her a much larger cargo space, and the ladies' stateroom has been converted into a cold storage room, which will be used in connection with the Atlantic Fisheries plant.

Miss Rogers, the nurse who has been engaged by the civic authorities to organize community nursing here, especially with a view to the saving of child life, reached town Thursday. Miss Rogers received her training at the celebrated John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, and has latterly been engaged at child welfare work at Long Island. She will be engaged here under the direction of the Acting Medical Health Officer, Dr. Fraser, and will have an office in the Public Health building.

N.I.W.A. Meeting

June 21st, 1918.

The regular meeting of the Association was presided over by President Bennett.

After the regular routine work had been disposed of a lengthy debate took place on the advisability of the same person holding the dual office of President and Business Manager. As the Association had already determined that Mr. Bennett should hold these offices until the Annual Meeting, the matter of the principle involved will come up for discussion when certain amendments to the Constitution are being discussed. Among these will be one defining the status of the Business Manager. Upon this point we should like to have suggestions from the outport branches.

During the discussion on the matter of the dismissal of one of the employees of the Sanitary Department of the St. John's Municipal Council, several matters were brought to light to which, we think, the Council's attention should be drawn. Dripping cans and leaky carts sow in the streets the germs of those crops of which Death is the harvest. A hole in one cart was plugged last winter with the head of a cat or rabbit which was frozen therein. The Executive was directed to make full enquiry into all the matters complained of.

Several of our members employed in the Civil Service have succeeded in welding together the men in some of the departments. The President was able to report that the Government had the matter of Civil Servants' salaries under consideration and that increases would be given very shortly. The Association is of the opinion that the war bonus of five dollars a month to members of the Fire Department is a step in the right direction, and hopes that the Government will take a few more steps in this direction. It will take several paces forward before the order "eyes right, dress," will enable present salaries to get into line with the high cost of living.

The matter of an honorarium for some of the officers of the Association will be discussed at next meeting. As this is important it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

The next meeting will take place on July 5th and fortnightly thereafter.

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