

BRITISH VICTORY CERTAIN, DECLARER AMERICAN
LONG-RANGE GUNS AGAIN THROW SHELLS INTO DUNKIRKWOULD BEALIVE TODAY
BUT FOR HUMANITARIANITY

"Gunner" Bob Mercer's Death Caused Not On the Field of Action But in Subsequent Shelling of Hospital, Writes Major Leonard, Who Was Also Struck By Bullet That Was Stopped By Accoutrements.

Another instance of Hun atrocity, and the absolute absence of humanitarian principles in the breasts of the German invaders of France, is rectified by Major Wood Leonard of this city, in a letter received by his parents in this case it meant the death of a London soldier, Gunner Bob Mercer of the 6th (London) Field Battery, the artillery section under command of Major Leonard.

Major Leonard declares that the wound the London gunner received in action was not, in his opinion, sufficient to cause death, but that it was the subsequent wounds received when the Germans fired on the Red Cross and shelled the hospital in which the artilleryman lay.

"First Aid" in Trench.
The major, almost casually it might be said, refers to the fact that a German bullet struck him in the same action. It embedded itself in his first aid bag, however, making that a first aid in more senses of the word than one.

"Peggy" referred to in the letter, is the major's favorite charger, taken by him from his own stables in this city.

The letter follows in full:
France, May 29, 1915.
I find two letters of yours among my unanswered mail, so will write a few lines in reply now.

The proportion of men in my battery who were injured, 20 out of about 125, was fairly large, but even at that we were lucky. Williams had his arm broken by a fragment of the same shell which killed McGowan's horse under him.

This happened while they were passing through Xpress one day after bringing up ammunition to the battery. Williams is a man for whom I had implicit confidence, and I was more than sorry he was hit. However, it is not serious, and I expect his wife will have heard from him direct long before this.

Mercer was a hinder gunner (the man who is responsible for keeping his own gun clean), and his gun was always spilt in it and his work was often held up as an example to the others.

He was hit when going down to help remove the guns by hand from a position where teams could not go on account of shell fire. He was taken to a dressing station at once and I think there was killed by another shell, as the Germans were shelling the dressing station at the time despite the Red Cross flag. This is one of their usual practices, but I only think Mercer's death was due to this because his original wound was in the leg and would not, in my opinion, be fatal in itself.

Marvelous Escape.
Canning was a bombardier on the same gun as Mercer (No. 2), and I gave him his stripe a couple of months ago as a reward for hard and faithful work. He was hit in the chest by a shrapnel bullet from a shell which burst over us in the position from which the guns were later removed by hand. Strange to say, another bullet hit me, but embedded itself in my emergency bandage, and did no harm.

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Recommended for Medal.
I recommended one of my men, A. W. James, for the Distinguished Conduct Medal, and I hear today it has been awarded him. He is not, however, a Londoner, coming, I think, from Smiths Valley.

Peggy is well, but I only see her when the battery moves, as our horses are kept some miles in the rear, and I live more or less continuously with the guns. At present we are without shelter of any kind, but the weather is good, so it does not much matter. From where I am writing I can see both a French and a German observation balloon. They look like the tiny black sausages against the blue of the sky.

Believed Dead, Is Restored By City Pulverizer

Dundas Street Woman Is Brought Back To Life By Use of Fire Department's Lung Motor Early Today—Unconscious Seven Hours.

After being believed to be dead for over seven hours, following a very acute attack of asthma, Mrs. Joseph E. Lawrence of 1227 Dundas street, was restored early today by the use of a pulmotor. Mrs. Lawrence has had asthma for some time, and has had several very bad attacks, but last night about 10 o'clock she was taken with the worst she has yet experienced. Four doctors, J. B. Campbell, E. Williams, Schaefer and McConnell worked over her for six hours. When they arrived she was not breathing, and there were no signs of life. The medical men, however, worked their hardest, and used all kinds of artificial methods of respiration. For hours they toiled, and still Mrs. Lawrence was apparently dead. Early today it was decided to phone the fire department, and Chief Aitken hurried out with it. In a short time, after its use, Mrs. Lawrence began to show very faint signs of life and as the work continued these grew stronger. Her breathing finally became perceptible, but she remained unconscious, and this afternoon she is still in a partially unconscious condition.

"We certainly want to thank the doctors and the fire chief for the way they worked," said Mrs. Lawrence to The Advertiser today. "To all appearances, my wife was dead, but the doctors worked over her and stayed with her all the time. The pulmotor is certainly a wonderful thing, and brought her around after everything else had failed and we had all given up hope."

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MIGHT HAVE LIVED
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Advertiser Illustration.
GUNNER BOB MERCER of London, whose command Major Wood Leonard, declares was Jim of the London street, through their ignoring of humanitarian principles by shelling Red Cross station.

ITALIANS CAPTURE
AUSTRIAN POINTS

Troops Occupy Ponte Tascia and Upper Cordevoli Valley.

Also Take Two Forts

Below Zero Weather On the Mountains Forces Suspension of Operations.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Rome, Via Paris, June 22.—The following official statement was issued last night at the headquarters of the general staff of the Italian army:

"There is nothing to report on the Tyrol-Trentino frontier, except small engagements between reconnoitering parties. In the San Pellegro Valley, where we occupied Ponte Tascia, and the Upper Cordevoli Valley. Reconnoissances disclosed the existence at several points of strongly entrenched lines protected by steel plates and some times concrete.

Vain Attacks.
"In Carnia we continued our fire against Lajborgeth, notwithstanding the difficulties caused by cloudy weather. During the night of the 20th-21st, the Austrians renewed, as usual, their vain attacks on Freicoval.

"In the eastern zone of Monte Nero, operations started on the 19th, were carried to a successful conclusion on the 20th, notwithstanding the difficulties of the ground, increased by inclement weather, and the enemy's resistance supported by the fire of his heavy artillery.

"Along the Isonzo front we noticed frequent night alarms in the enemy's trenches."

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Received Letter From Col. Becher Dated June 7

Industrial Commissioner Philip Gets Acknowledgment From London Officer Now Dead.

Special Interest attaches to a letter just received by Industrial Commissioner Gordon Phillips from the late Lieut.-Col. Becher, dated "Trenches, France, 7-15," and reading as follows:

"London Board of Trade, Lieut.-Col. Becher begs to acknowledge with thanks the kindness of the board in making him an honorary member during his services with the British Expeditionary Forces."

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18-POUND SHELL
FOUND BURIED
IN HOTEL YARD

Small-Sized Scare Follows Porter's Discovery in West-Port Hotel, But Absence of Fuse Causes Excitement To Die Out.

An 18-pound shrapnel shell, believed by detectives to have been stolen from one of the local plants engaged in making munitions of war, was found in the rear of the Western Hotel today by Ralph Creih, the porter.

Creih, while engaged in his duties in the rear of the hotel about 5:00 a.m., noticed the shell half buried in the dirt a few inches from one of the barroom windows. He immediately notified William Jennings, the proprietor. The latter went to police headquarters, and Detective Harry Down was assigned to the case.

The shell was loaded, but the detectives and Jennings believe there was no attempt to wreck the Western Hotel, as there was no fuse attached to the shell, and an investigation of the premises failed to reveal any.

It is the opinion of the detectives that some person working in one of the factories stole the shell, and then became afraid of having it found in his possession and threw it away.

The military authorities have been notified, and with the aid of the police they are attempting to locate the parties who had the shell and where it was secured.

6 YEARS AND FINE FOR GEN. DE WET

South African Traitor Is Sentenced At Bloemfontein On Eight Counts.

[Canadian Press.]
Bloemfontein, Union of South Africa—Via London, June 22.—A sentence of six years' imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000 was imposed today on Gen. Christiaan De Wet, one of the leaders of the South African rebellion against the British Government, who was found guilty of treason yesterday on eight counts.

Gen. De Wet was commander-in-chief of the Free State forces during the Boer war.

In 1914 he headed a rebellion in the Orange Free State and Western Transvaal against Great Britain. He was promptly captured, however, and the trial which resulted in the sentence of today was begun June 10.

CHUMS KILLED DAY AFTER HE FELL

London Soldier Learns of the Deaths of Men Who Rendered First Aid.

WATER SAVED HIS LIFE

Threw It In Face To Relieve Terrible Choking of German Gas.

Harry Bennett, quartermaster-sergeant of 7th Field Company, Canadian Engineers, has received an interesting letter from Sapper Clement Brooker, formerly a member of the same company, and now in the Queen's Canadian Hospital at Shorncliffe, England, as the result of wounds received at the front.

Sapper Brooker killed some months ago as the result of an English soldier of the same rank, name and corps, being reported in the casualty list.

He says: "Received your letter yesterday. I wrote you a letter about two weeks ago, telling you I was wounded on April 24 on the Yser Canal. It is true this time. I saw a good lot of London boys over here in the second contingent.

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THE ADVERTISER POPULAR OVERSEAS



Advertiser Illustration.
A group of soldiers of the 18th Battalion snapped at Sandling Camp, Kent, reading The London Advertiser. Pte. W. J. Bartlett, who sent the picture, writes: "It's a red letter day for the soldiers of the 18th Battalion when the Canadian mail arrives in camp, and one of the first questions asked is 'Who has the London Advertiser?' As soon as the proud possessor of one of the papers is found the boys gather around in great numbers.

A copy of The Advertiser seen in the above picture passed through hundreds of soldiers' hands, and was eagerly read.

LEMBERG APPEARS CERTAIN TO FALL

Only Sudden and Unexpected Blow By Nicholas Could Save It.

WILL RELEASE ENEMIES

Allowing Troops To Be Used Either in East or West.

[Canadian Press.]
Petrograd, June 22.—Via London—With the Russians opposing their Austro-German antagonists in a line six miles from Lemberg, according to the most recent information reaching Petrograd, it is unofficially considered here that the evacuation of the Galician capital cannot now be avoided without a sacrifice of men out of proportion to the strategic importance of the place.

LONDON OPINION.
London, June 22.—Nothing but a sudden and unexpected blow by Grand Duke Nicholas, commander-in-chief of the Russian forces in the field, can now save Lemberg, the capital of Galicia, in the hands of the Russians for nearly ten months, from returning to the possession of its former owners, and the almost immediate evacuation of the city by the Russians is expected in London.

After yielding on the Grodek lines, the Russian armies retired to virtually the outskirts of the city of Lemberg itself.

Merely Incidents.
The Austrian official announcement on hostilities speaks of the Russians as attacking at many points, but these flights are assumed to be merely incidents to the main operations to enable the main forces to withdraw.

In the opinion of British observers this retirement has been, up to the present time, a well-executed movement. Dispatches reaching London say that the armies of Emperor Nicholas are virtually intact, and that their ability to resume the initiative once their ranks have been replenished has not been greatly impaired.

Give Germans Time.
This interval, however, it is argued, will give the German allies opportunity to reap the fruits of the victories in Galicia. They will be able to withstand assaults from the east with much smaller forces than were required successfully to attack, and large masses of men will be released. Whether these are to be used against the Russians further to the north or against the British and the French in the western arena of the war is a secret of German (Continued on Page Three.)

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 75; lowest, 47.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 63; lowest, 49.

TOMORROW—FINE AND WARM.
Toronto, June 22-8 a.m.
Forecast.
Today—Fresh west and northwest winds; fair.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria. 64. 40. Clear.
Galt. 64. 41. Clear.
Winnipeg. 68. 42. Clear.
Port Arthur. 56. 45. Cloudy.
Pelly. 50. 40. Cloudy.
Montreal. 74. 50. Cloudy.
Toronto. 70. 52. Cloudy.
Ottawa. 72. 50. Cloudy.
Quebec. 70. 46. Cloudy.
Father Point. 62. 40. Cloudy.

Weather Notes.
The areas of low pressure which were east of the Great Lakes yesterday are now passing quickly eastward across Ontario and the Middle Atlantic States, while the Atlantic low area is almost stationary south of Nova Scotia.

The weather is fine and warmer in the Western Provinces.

Showers have occurred pretty generally in Ontario, and heavy rain has fallen in the Maritime Provinces.

GERMANS AGAIN
SHELL DUNKIRK
AT LONG RANGE

Some Civilians Killed by Fourteen Missiles, Says French Report.

GERMAN TRENCHES TAKEN

Progress Made in Lorraine and in Valley of the Fecht.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, June 22.—The French war office this afternoon gave out a statement on the progress of hostilities which reads as follows:

"The seaport of Dunkirk was bombarded last night by a piece of long-range artillery. Fourteen shells were thrown, and some persons belonging to the civilian population were killed."

"Belgian troops, at a point to the southwest of St. George, took possession of a German trench, all the defenders of which were either killed or taken prisoners."

Part of Trench Lost.
"In the sector to the north of Arras, during last night the enemy, following a bombardment of great intensity, attacked at several different points. They were driven back everywhere, except at a point in the southeast of Souchez, where they were successful in gaining a footing in a section of a trench. In the region of 'The Labyrinth' the enemy suffered heavy losses. A German counter-attack last evening directed against the positions which we had captured to the east of the Quenevies Farm, was checked by our infantry and artillery fire. The enemy made use of bombs containing asphyxiating gases."

"In the Argonne, near the roadway running from Binerville to Vienne-le-Chateau, the situation has undergone no change."

Fresh Advances.
"In Lorraine we have, as a result of a fresh attack, advanced for 200 yards to the north of the eastern slope of Reillon, occupied the ridges to the south of Remabois; repulsed easily a counter-attack which began at Leimerville, and pierced to the southeast of Parroy and taken a number of prisoners."

"In the valley of the Fecht all our gains have been retained, and we continue to make progress. We have passed to the north of Metzeral, as well as to the south of this town, and we have furthermore gained ground beyond the River Anderswasen."

"In the region of Sondernach we took one prisoner and captured three machine guns."

GENERAL ATTACK
ON STRAITS NEAR

Fleet Activity in Dardanelles Leads To Belief—Turks Repulsed.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, June 22.—Although operations on the Gallipoli Peninsula have assumed of late the aspect of siege warfare, local attacks and counter-attacks continue, says a Havas dispatch from Athens dated Monday. Fighting was particularly intense last Wednesday, when the Allies repulsed a Turkish attack and took 700 prisoners.

The allied trenches at the southern extremity of the peninsula, the dispatch states, are four miles from Seddih Bahr and form a square near Avri Burnu.

Great activity has been noted in the allied fleet for the past few days, leading to the belief that a general attack on the straits is imminent.

GOES TO TORONTO FOR
NEWS OF MISSING SON

Mother, However, Fails To Learn Of Pte. Billy Groshaw.

The failure to receive any news in regard to Pte. "Billy" Groshaw, of the 48th Highlanders, since the battle of Langemarck, has caused greatest anxiety to his mother, Mrs. Groshaw, who immediately telephoned to the Toronto News and obtained the address of Sgt. Anderson, and decided to go to Toronto for the week-end for a personal interview. When she called at the Anderson home it was only to be disappointed by the news that Sgt. Anderson was still in England. She obtained his address, and is communicating with him, and also taking every other possible step to trace her son.

MANITOBA ELECTION BEFORE REFERENDUM

Winnipeg, Man., June 22.—Premier Norris practically told a delegation from the Methodist Conference today that it was the Government's intention to first hold a general election before submitting to the people a referendum on the liquor question. The Government first wanted the confidence of the electorate at the polls before submitting or enacting any reform legislation.

Elections will likely be held late in July.

Building permits took a big jump today with the addition of one for \$70,000 for the new Princess avenue school.

Up to date there have been 94 permits issued for June, the total value being \$121,500. Building Inspector Piper is well pleased with the way they are coming in, and expects that the total for July will be the largest yet, exceeding probably \$200,000. Today's permits include one for a \$1,000 frame building to be used for dog shows at the Western Fair grounds.

TAGES ZEITUNG NOW
SUSPENDED FOR ITS
REVENTLOW ARTICLES

Americans Believe This Is Significant As Writer Was Bitter Against States and Fought Any Modification of Submarine Warfare.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]
By Carl W. Ackerman.
Berlin, Via The Hague, June 22.—That the German foreign office desires to avoid anything likely to interfere with a peaceful understanding with United States was the interpretation placed today on the suspension of the Deutsch Tages Zeitung.

Announcement that the paper would not appear for an indefinite period was made last night. The ban is said to have been ordered because of an editorial that appeared yesterday morning. While no further explanation was offered, it was accepted here that Count Reventlow's comments upon the Lusitania sinking and German-American negotiations furnished the reason.

Most Significant.
The American colony considers the suppression of the Tages Zeitung the most significant development of the whole situation. Reventlow, the Tages Zeitung's widely-quoted naval and military writer, has shown the least tendency toward conciliation of all the German writers. The fact that the paper that carried his articles has been suspended, is, therefore, looked upon as a matter of great importance.

Germany's reply to the second American note probably will be delayed for at least ten more days. An official of the foreign office told me today that the situation is such that it is impossible to state exactly when the reply will be completed.

The matter is now in the hands of Admiral von Tirpitz, personally. While he is formulating his suggestions, the foreign office is analyzing the data brought to Berlin by Dr. Anton Meyer Gerhard.

[Canadian Press.]
Berlin, via London, June 22.—The Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung today publishes the following: "In the Deutsche Tages Zeitung almost daily for some time an impassioned campaign has been (Continued on Page Five.)"