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## Expecting Attack On British Front

### Military Experts See Grave Events Impending—Germans Ready For New Effort

Paris, June 21.—(Havas Agency)—Grave events are impending on the British front, according to military experts, who see in the intensity of the German commando at various points the preliminary steps of a new German attack. It is pointed out that the fourth army group, under Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, has had leisure for re-organization during the three weeks since it was engaged in battle and is now ready for a new effort along the front.

It has been established that units of Crown Prince Rupprecht's army were engaged in the attack on Rheims on Tuesday night. This is considered proof by the L'Homme Libre that the German Crown Prince's army is tired and exhausted.

## NEW TRIAL ORDERED

### Costs Also in The Fitzrandolph Divorce Case

Frederickton, N. B., June 21.—A new trial with costs was ordered by the superior court today in the divorce case of Charles Fitzrandolph vs. Elizabeth Fitzrandolph, which was tried last February before His Honor Judge Crockett. The judgment was given by Chief Justice Sir Douglas Hailey, Chief Justice McKenna and Justice Grimmer concurring.

Sir Douglas briefly reviewed the case. He learned the trial judge had based his judgment upon inferences which he had drawn from the evidence, there being no direct evidence of the statutory offence alleged. The chief justice quoted authorities to the effect that such inferences must usually be drawn, as direct evidence seldom can be secured.

The evidence concerned three principal incidents which Sir Douglas classified as the golf club incident, the Prince William Apartments incident and the Waterloo row incident. He also referred to evidence of improper conduct on the part of the defendant at the Queen Hotel in Fredericton.

The chief justice said that he had been unable to agree with Mr. Justice Crockett in regard to the circumstances of the golf club incident in Fredericton. He also expressed the opinion that Mr. Worrell, who was connected with that incident, should have returned from Ontario to give evidence on a matter for which he was to a considerable extent responsible. The conduct of the defendant in this particular case had been most indecent, but it was not correct that all the inferences that could be drawn from the learned trial judge had seen fit to base his judgment entirely upon the golf club incident, not considering it necessary to take into consideration the incidents at the Prince William Apartments, St. John and the residence of the defendant, Waterloo row, Fredericton. It was a matter for regret that the learned trial judge had not taken in the other incidents, as the evidence in them was much stronger and reference to them would be valuable in case appeal was taken.

Sir Douglas said it was true that the appeal court had been given the power of making findings upon evidence not considered in the court below and in the case in question could make a finding upon the incidents not taken into consideration by the learned trial judge. However, he did not believe it wise to make such findings and would order a new trial with costs.

## GERMANS TRIED TO STIR UP MOROCCAN TRIBES TO REBELLION

Paris, June 21.—How Germany tried to use the recent offensive for her own purposes in Morocco is told in an official report based on documents intercepted in Morocco in May. They are signed by a German agent named Hermann and Mulli Abdel Malek, uncle of the Sultan of Morocco.

They announced the resumption of the offensive in France as having been set for May 29 and urged the Beniourain tribes to rise against the French troops, as the moment was particularly favorable. Only a few Moroccans were influenced.

## RHONDDA VERY ILL

London, June 21.—Grave reports of the condition of Baron Rhondda, British food minister, come from his home in Wales, where he has been seriously ill. He may be unable to resume his work if he recovers.

London, June 21.—This morning's bulletin announced that he had a good night and a distinct improvement was observable in his general condition.

## Help Needed on The Farms; All Keep This In Mind

Ottawa, June 21.—The Canada Food Board today issued the following bulletin:—"It is true now if never before that Canada is the bread basket of the empire. By August Canada will have shipped 146,000,000 bushels of wheat to report. In the east an increased acreage, not only for wheat but for other crops not reported, has been planted, and the call for farm help has already been raised.

## BREAK DOWN OF IRISH POLICY

### Sharp Comment By The English Editors

### GOVERNMENT CRITICIZED

### Believed Conscripted and Home Rule Both Abandoned for Present at Least—Papers Treat Curzon Speech as Sensational

London, June 21.—The speech of Lord Curzon in the House of Lords last night is regarded in the lobbies as an admission of a breakdown in the government's Irish policy, and it is believed that no further attempt will be made, at least for some time, to introduce a home rule bill.

It is understood the government now favors a federal solution which will be applicable also to Wales and Scotland. Premier Lloyd George has recommended to a deputation of non-party members of parliament desirous of setting up a commission to draft such a federal scheme.

New York, June 21.—The following is an Associated Press cable from London this morning: London, June 21.—Lord Curzon's speech in the House of Lords last night, immediately set on in the lobbies as an admission of a breakdown in the government's Irish policy, indicating, as it did the abandonment for the present at least of any attempt to introduce a home rule bill, is treated in this morning's newspapers as a sensational development and is made the theme of sharp comment.

"Home rule is dead; Irish conscription is dead," says the Daily News, "and the whole Irish policy of the government has fallen crumbling to the ground." The abandonment of the home rule bill, it is pointed out here, is at least of any attempt to introduce a home rule bill, is treated in this morning's newspapers as a sensational development and is made the theme of sharp comment.

"The justice and expediency of the home rule bill is a moot question," says the Daily Express. "If the moderates prevail and crimes cease then, perhaps, when peace comes there will be an opportunity for home rule. If crime and treason continue then Ireland must expect, and will certainly experience, the heavy hand of Lord French will see that there is no rebellion in Ireland."

The Graphic says: "The worst elements in Ireland have been allowed by the committee of the government to get the upper hand. At the moment, largely through the mismanagement of successive cabinets, Ireland is in a worse state of anarchy than probably ever since 1798. . . . Much sterner measures are required before order can be restored."

Lieut. J. C. Lithgow Home.

Montreal, June 21.—Lieut. J. C. Lithgow of Halifax, who went overseas with the 25th battalion, and has been several years in France, reached here today on the Pacific.

Magistrate Ritchie said that there was a flat contradiction and ordered the case to stand until Monday morning when witnesses can be summoned. E. S. Ritchie appeared on behalf of the defendant.

Frank Garson appeared to answer a charge of moving a house through the city streets without having procured a permit. The complaint was made by Building Inspector Carleton. Owing to other business pending, the case was set aside until this afternoon. J. A. Barry appeared for the defendant.

G. H. Henderson, an employee of the Canadian Fairbanks Morse Company, appeared to answer a charge of driving an automobile through the city streets without a front number plate. He was fined \$50, which is the minimum amount for this violation, but it was allowed to stand.

A joint resolution declaring a state of war with Bulgaria and Turkey was introduced in the house at Washington yesterday by Representative Kelly of Pennsylvania and referred to the foreign affairs committee.

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BY THE WAY, WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE AUSTRIAN DRIVE!

## AUSTRIANS NEAR REVOLT AS BREAD SLICE IS THINNED

### Conditions Worse Than Ever Before Since War Began

### Situation Declared Grave—Great Strikes in War Provinces—Protest Against Germany and Hungary—Getting Very Badly Off, Too, in Germany

Amsterdam, June 21.—Messages from Germany and Austria make it clear that the latest troubles in the dual monarchy over the food situation have not been equalled since the beginning of the war. The agitation throughout the country is growing enormously and the authorities in Austria-Hungary regard the situation with the gravest apprehension.

London, June 21.—More than 100,000 persons have gone on strike in the Vienna arsenal and the Warshawski airplane works in Vienna, according to a despatch from Zurich to the Exchange Telegraph. It adds that riots have occurred at Favoriten, Margerthen, Ottakring and Beightznan, suburbs of Vienna.

Amsterdam, June 21.—Austrian exchange, which has been declining fractionally daily on the Amsterdam Bourse dropped another full point on Thursday. All Austrian bonds are lower.

It is pointed out here that reports of difficulties between Austria and Germany are now confirmed despite a despatch made on June 17.

London, June 21.—The workmen's council of Vienna in an all night session ending on Thursday morning adopted a resolution demanding that the bread ration be raised immediately and that until it reached normal size greater quantities of other victuals be given the population.

The council protested against the adoption of a policy of not summoning parliament and demanded that wages be raised and night work in the factories limited to the men and women are unable to do hard work owing to the lack of food. Finally, the council requested the working people to prevent riots in the streets.

RAIL AGAINST THEIR ALLIES.—Further information confirming reports of intense resentment and excitement in Austria over the reduction of the bread ration is quoted from Austrian newspapers by the Times correspondent at the Hague.

Premier Von Seydler is accused by the Socialists of producing a disastrous situation by favoring the agrarians and traders. It says the situation could certainly have been prevented. The paper rails against Germany and Hungary and tells the authorities they must immediately draw the attention of those countries to the fact that food conditions in Austria are intolerable and demand necessary assistance. It adds: "The Austrian people cannot starve while Germany and Hungary have tolerably adequate rations. The Austrian government must be placed under tutelage even in matters relating to the food supply. It has deserved to be subjected to guardianship, but the population must not be punished with starvation for the failure of the government."

What They Have to Eat.—The weekly food ration in Austria, the Daily Mail correspondent at The Hague quotes the Arbeiter Zeitung of Vienna as reporting, is as follows: "Twenty-two ounces of bread; one pound of potatoes of which half cannot be eaten; one ounce of black bran mash; one ounce of another mill product; and an ounce and a half of fat; six and a half ounces of sugar; one egg; seven ounces of meat, and a little jam and coffee substitutes.

The Vienna newspaper says that the meat allowance is obtained "if the applicant waits all night for it."

French Prince Missing.—Paris, June 21.—Capt. Alexandre Berthier, prince and Duke of Wagram, is missing. It is believed that he is a prisoner of the Germans. He is a descendant of the famous Field Marshal Berthier, of the Napoleonic wars.

THIS IS SIGNIFICANT

German Papers Openly Attack Speech Made by Kaiser

Geneva, June 21.—Several German newspapers openly attack the speech made by Emperor William at German great headquarters on his anniversary. The Post of Munich, says that the speech could have been celebrated by a measure of clemency and humanity instead of with a speech of warlike threats against the Allies, without containing words of thanks to his own people. The paper concludes that the Anglo-Saxons are powerful enough to accept the emperor's challenge.

## Serious Yet But Italians Ready

### Looking For Second Phase of Austrian Offensive—All Well Along the Piave River

Italian Army Headquarters, June 20.—(By the Associated Press)—The second phase of the Austrian offensive, featuring attacks to the right and left of Valstagna, along the Brenta River, and in the mountains should logically begin soon, now that the offensive on the Piave has failed. It is felt that if the Austrians do not renew their efforts to penetrate to the plains through the Brenta region and take Montebelluna it would be an acknowledgment of defeat and their inability to carry out the ambitious plans launched a week ago.

The situation, however, is still regarded as most serious and all preparations have been made to meet any new offensive.

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## REV. DR. SHEARER RAPS THE SENATE

Ottawa, June 21.—The action of the senate in their throwing out the amendments to the criminal code, which has been the subject of more severe criticism at various gatherings throughout Canada of late, was again denounced by Rev. Dr. Shearer, general secretary of the Social Service Council of Canada, when he addressed the Dominion W. C. T. U. here yesterday.

Dr. Shearer set forth the text of these amendments, regarding the raising of the age of consent from fourteen to sixteen years; the age for protection of seduction from sixteen to eighteen years; and in the same regard the protection of all female employees to the age of eighteen, and lastly the question of imposing penalties in cases of mis-registration of men and women as married.

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Synopsis.—The barometer is now high over the maritime provinces and western provinces and a well marked low area is moving eastward across the Great Lakes. The weather is very unsettled and fine in all other parts of the Dominion.

Forecast.—Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Southerly shifting light to northwest winds, unsettled with local showers and thunder storms; Saturday, fresh north-west winds, fair and cool.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fresh southerly winds, becoming showery; Saturday, showery at first, then clearing with fresh westerly winds.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf and North Shore—Increasing southerly winds, showery tonight and on Saturday.

Shower.—Maritime—Light winds, fine; Saturday, fresh to strong south and southwest winds, becoming showery.

Western Provinces—Fine and moderately warm today and on Saturday.

New England—Fair and somewhat warmer tonight