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GERMAN ATTEMPTS TO CAPTURE LOST GROUND UTTERLY DESTROYED

2,000 Dead are Left on the Field and Gen. Joffre's Troops Capture 250 Prisoners and Six Machine Guns.

London, June 8.—Two thousand German dead were left on the field after a terrific battle fought to the east of Arras yesterday, on the north side of the Aisne, northwest of Cambrai, after the Germans, rushing reinforcements by automobile from a point fifty miles distant, had effected a furious attack against the French lines in an effort to recapture the lines of trenches lost in the fighting of Sunday. Fighting rivaling that north of Arras in intensity is developing at this point, where the Germans apparently fear an attempt to penetrate their lines and threaten the flank of the army facing the French above Arras, are making desperate efforts to stem the tide of the new offensive before serious damage is done.

GERMAN LOSSES HEAVY.

On the sector between this front and Arras another sanguinary engagement was fought to the southeast of Hebuterne, where several hundred German dead were found on the field after two German lines of trenches were taken together with 250 prisoners.

MORE GAINS NEAR ARRAS.

Paris, June 8.—The following official communication was issued by the War Office last night:

In the sector to the north of Arras very violent fighting continues, and we are following up our progress. There has been an artillery engagement throughout the whole day, without interruption, and of a violent nature in the Fond de Buval, at Ablain, near Souchez, at Neuville and at Courcelles.

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we sprayed flaming liquid on the trenches of the enemy, who replied with a bombardment. "On the rest of the front there is nothing to report."

ENEMY ATTACKS FAIL.

The following official statement was issued yesterday afternoon:

"In the sector to the north of Arras last night was marked by an engagement of artillery of extreme severity, particularly in the vicinity of Lorette, of Ablain, of the 'Cabaret Rouge,' near Souchez, of 'The Labyrinth' and of Ecurie.

GAIN NEARLY A MILE.

"On the other hand, our forces have made further progress. Particularly did we gain ground, one kilometre (two-thirds of a mile) east of the Chapel of Lorette, and in the central part of the work called 'The Labyrinth' we advanced about 100 yards.

"This morning at 5 o'clock we delivered an attack near Hebuterne against the positions of the enemy located in the neighborhood of the 'Touvent' farm. Here we occupied along a front of 1,200 yards two successive lines of trenches, made some prisoners and captured some machine guns.

"To the north of the Aisne, not far from Moulin-sous-Toutvent, the counter attacks on the part of the enemy reported yesterday were continued throughout the entire night. In this very intense fighting we have retained our gains, at the same time keeping possession on this front of about one kilometre of the two lines of trenches captured by us from the enemy during the day.

DESTROY THREE '77's"

"We have destroyed by melinite three '77' pieces which fell into our hands Sunday. They were down behind the second German trench which we captured, and it was not possible to bring them into our lines by reason of the violence of the fire.

EXHIBITION AT COLLEGIATE ON SATURDAY

The work of the Industrial and Manual Training classes (under Miss McNally) was shown here on Saturday afternoon.

The needlework and sewing exhibit was of a very high order, many items being worthy of special remark including three kimono's which showed exceptional artistic treatment and fine finish, some well-finished mending blouses and embroidered skirts.

Among the Industrial Class drawings was shown some fine plates including plans and elevations of a two-storey house, a survey plan of the Collegiate Institute and grounds. Drawing of a horizontal engine with details, the ink tracings were clear and distinct. Blue prints were shown taken by the boys. The woodwork exhibit contained some good specimens of work such as a corner cupboard (antique style), a china cupboard in mission, two good looking oak morris chair, finished and upholstered by the boys and a variety of bookcases, writing desks, tables and stools, etc.

There was also an exhibit of Forge work consisting of staples, hooks, brackets, welded rings chipping chisels, etc. The work showed exceptional merit on the part of the young people.

Refreshments made and served by the students of the domestic science classes were dispensed to visitors in dainty style under the supervision of Miss McNally. Miss Gevendoline Bier presided at the tea table.

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NO CONSCRIPTION YET, SAYS PREMIER ASQUITH ---RESPONSE SATISFACTORY

Labor and Some Liberals Declare They Will Resolutely Fight Any Measure Which Points to Conscript Labor.

London, June 8.—All the new Ministers of the British coalition Cabinet appeared on the front bench in the House of Commons this afternoon. Premier Asquith and the new Secretary for the Colonies, A. Bonar Law, and others were cheered by the whole house when they rose to answer questions.

NO SHADOW OF DISCORD

Alluding to the intervention of Italy, Mr. Asquith said:

LLOYD GEORGE'S SALARY

The House went into committee and agreed to the financial resolution authorizing a salary for the Minister of Munitions of not exceeding £5,000 (\$25,000) yearly, and salaries for the Under-Secretaries. The House then adjourned.

LORD CECIL SPEAKS

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WHY ROUMANIA IS DELAYING

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ARMY'S SUPREME NEED

Home Secretary Simon moved the second reading of the bill establishing a Ministry of Munitions. He explained that the new department would concern itself with the supply of munitions, but that the fighting departments would determine the nature, extent and urgency of the nation's needs.

OPPOSES MUNITIONS BILL

The munitions bill evoked some opposition. W. M. R. Fringle, Liberal member for the northwest division of Lanarkshire, advanced the argument that the bill gave the new Minister unlimited power. He was virtually at every stage.

Philip Sowden, Socialist member for Blackburn, announced that if any attempt was made to thrust forced labor on the country he would oppose it at every stage. John Dillon, Nationalist member for East Mayo, said: "Before you say 'Up, dictator,' we are entitled to know what his powers are to be. Certain newspapers are

front when the wheat has been gathered. TROOPS MASSED

Meanwhile troops have been massed along the frontier and the five army corps which compose the Roumanian army in time of peace have been strengthened to their full complement. All able bodied men between the ages of 19 and 21 are compelled to hold themselves at the disposal of the minister of war in time of peace, and these youths are now being trained in their home districts. When these recruits are ready for service Roumania will be able to place in the field an army of more than 250,000 well trained men.

NO CONSCRIPT LABOR

Will Crooks, the Labor leader in opposing the measure, said the House could not make a greater blunder than to believe the country would submit to conscript labor. Secretary Simon replied that the bill had no such aim. If such powers were desired it would be necessary to ask the consent of Parliament.

Sir Henry Dalziel, Liberal, said any attempt to crush trade unionism would merely retard the output of munitions, and probably lead to a revolt on the part of labor which would be reflected in the trenches across the sea.

J. H. Thomas, a Labor member, who was the last person to speak on the bill at yesterday's session, said that if the munitions measure was passed it was incumbent upon the government to give assurances that any relaxation in trade union rules should be only for the duration of the war.

"The Government," said Mr. Thomas, "will not get what it wants by putting a pistol at labor's head. Let the government say what it wants and the labor leaders and the workers will quickly rectify any mistakes that have been made."

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Replying to the question put by Sir William James Bull, Unionist member for Hammersmith, whether Great Britain had sent to China and Japan a note similar to the American note, Lord Robert said:

"Both the Japanese and Chinese Governments are aware of the views of His Majesty's government on the subject."

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GEMS OF THOUGHT.

To speak wisely may not always be easy, but not to speak ill requires only silence.

Self-conceit blinds; self-will de-troys; self-oblation consecrates; self-sacrifice saves.

A wise man sets his face according to his time. Early speed gives margin for slackening toward the end.

Aim at perfection in everything; though in most things it is unattainable; however, they who aim at it and persevere will come much nearer to it than those whose laziness and despondency make them give it up as unattainable.—Chesterfield.

The presence of religion in politics might be salutary. The presence of politics in religion is a menace to morality.

Gifts of money, articles of dress, flowers, food, souvenirs and the like, will wear out, but a lovely thought, cast into the heart of a friend will abide, enriching the heart.

Before you are five and twenty you must establish a character that will serve you all your life.—Lord Collingwood.

Break one thread in the border of virtue and you don't know how much may unravel.

When God bids us to watch and pray, he bids us use our strength, and his. The watching will keep us alert in doing what we can against the wrong—the praying will bring us his strength.

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