

Foch Likely to Take Offensive Shortly; The Germans May Try for Paris Again

GREAT WORK IN CANADIAN SHIPBUILDING

The London Times Tells of Remarkable Achievement By the Dominion.

GOOD PROGRESS IN INDUSTRY ALL OVER

Replacements Will Soon Overtake Submarine Losses Is Opinion.

BRITISH TONNAGE OUTPUT DOUBLES

Shortage of Labor Is Severe Handicap to Industry Just Now.

London, June 6.—(Via Reuters Ltd.)—The return of new merchant ships completed in May, says the Times, "shows a great advance on the previous month and this is not only proof of the energy now being thrown into shipbuilding, but also a sign of the months ago that there is no longer any open orders in another piece of evidence. There has been great deal of enterprise in the extension of existing yards. These achievements afford proof that the industrial energy of the country is not exhausted and has a reserve."

Other items of news point to a general increase of activity in shipbuilding, not only here but in the United States and Canada which will be certainly stimulated by the new German offensive of the American coast.

Canada Prominent

"According to the statement of the imperial munitions board in Canada one quarter of the total merchant tonnage produced by the United Kingdom in 1917, and four-fifths of it will be completed this year. That is a remarkable achievement for a country in which, ten years ago shipbuilding hardly existed in embryo. All this enterprise will bear fruit in due course and before this time next year the shipping position will be totally different from that of today."

Private Stephen Steele Found Guilty of Damaging City Property.

Halifax, June 6.—In the county court today Pte. Stephen Steele, was found guilty of damaging city property in the riot of Saturday, May 25. He was remanded until next week for sentence.

EASTERN STEAMSHIPS COMMODORE DEAD

Capt. Frank Brown, Senior Captain of Fleet, Passes Away in Maine.

THOUSAND PERSONS HOMELESS IN ARIZ.

More Than One Hundred Houses Destroyed By Fire.

Jerome, Ariz., June 6.—More than a thousand persons were made homeless today by a fire of undetermined origin which swept through the Mexican district and destroyed more than a hundred homes and several large rooming houses. Two children were reported missing. One Mexican, it was said, would die.

THE AMERICANS IN POSSESSION OF HIGH LAND

With the American Army in France, June 6.—Extraordinarily heavy railway train movements from the northeast to the westward in the rear of the enemy lines northwest of Toul were reported today. Aerial observers made similar reports, saying that at one time several trains were visible simultaneously. The trains were apparently headed in the direction of St. Mihiel.

With the American Army in Picardy, June 6.—American marines attacked the Germans this morning and gained three and a half kilometers over a four kilometer front and captured 100 prisoners in the Chateau Thierry sector. The French attacking at the same time on the left took 160 prisoners. The Americans now hold all the important high ground northwest of Chateau Thierry.

A SERIOUS FIRE IN HALIFAX DOCKYARD

That City Has Big Illumination At An Early Hour This Morning and Great Crowd Assembles.

NORWAY'S SHIPPING LOSSES STILL HEAVY

During May That Country Lost Fourteen Vessels of 11,791 Tons, Making Total 769 With 1,127,310 Tons.

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U. S. GENERAL DEAD

Paris, June 6.—General Robert E. L. Michie, of the American army, died in a railroad train near Rouen yesterday. His death was sudden and unexpected as he had not been ill.

PARIS ROADS ARE BLOCKED TO GERMANS

For the Present At Least All Roads To Capital Securely Closed.

ENEMY PREPARING A FRESH BLOW?

German Army Has Made Practically No Progress Last Three Days.

AMERICAN FIGHTING FORCES DO WELL

Germans Becoming Worried Over Ever-Increasing U. S. Army.

APPEAL TO THE IRISH

Viscount Bryce Asks People of Ireland To Make It Plain To World That They Stand in Line With Allies.

London, June 6.—Viscount Bryce, the former British ambassador at Washington in a statement today in reply to the appeal of Mrs. Max Green, daughter of the late John Redmond, on May 24, endorses her appeal for unity between England and Ireland. He urges the British parliament to hasten the passage of an adequate Home Rule Bill, but at the same time asks the people of Ireland to "make it plain to the world that the Irish people stand in line with Britain, America, Italy and France in their determination to save the world from the menace of German ruthlessness and tyranny."

Viscount Bryce says in part: "Up to 1886 there was marked opposition between the majority of Irishmen and the majority of Englishmen, because both great English parties had failed to understand the grounds on which the claims of Home Rule were based. Since 1886 sentiment and sympathy for Ireland had been strong in the Liberal party, and today this feeling is no longer confined to the Liberal party."

Up to Ireland.

"There is now among the bulk of Englishmen of all parties a wish, as far as possible to meet and satisfy the desire for a large measure of self government. It is not too much to say that the question of Home Rule is now a question not between England and Ireland, but one between two sections of the Irish people. This ought to be better known in other countries, as well as more fully read in Ireland. There need be no fear of a return to the unfortunate conditions of fifty years ago, when mistrust and suspicion were estranging the two peoples. These conditions have passed away forever."

"What is most wanted today is that the people of both countries should get to understand each other more completely."

"There be no need of fear in Ireland that the English democracy bewildered though they are by the reckless violence and wild language of the Sinn Feiners have any intention of going back on the home rule policy which parliament has solemnly sanctioned. The British people desire with all their hearts to see prosperity and contentment in Ireland under a home rule parliament, and they hope that when Ireland gets this she will vindicate those principles and nationality upon which she found her own claims."

foiled by the camouflage of the militarists.

Make no mistake the Germans are worrying about America. Much heavy fighting will come this summer. Perhaps we shall see a battle greater even than the struggles of the Somme and the Marne. Ludendorff will continue his efforts to smash the offensive power of the British and French.

Although America has not yet brought her full strength effectively to bear, she is a decidedly big factor in the war at this very moment and will become a greater one when next the Germans offer peace.

HALIFAX GETS READY FOR A GERMAN RAID

Halifax, June 6.—In response to an appeal by the mayor for 200 citizens to enroll as constables for special duty in Halifax in the event of a hostile raid, either by air or sea D. McGillivray, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Halifax has sent in his name. A number of other well known citizens responded.

The citizens will be supplied with revolvers and will be secretly instructed as to what they are to do in the event of an attack from the enemy.

Every member of the city council may enroll. A suggestion that this be done was made at the city council meeting tonight by an alderman who said that the elected representatives should not ask the citizens to do something which they had not done themselves.

ENTENTE MAY START A BIG ATTACK SOON

American Marines Assault Enemy in Picardy and Gain Much Ground.

SHARP FIGHTING AT CHATEAU THIERRY

Everywhere Germans Essayed Attack They Have Been Met With Repulse.

ALLIED LINE IS MUCH STRONGER

Anticipated Austrian Drive in Italy Has Not As Yet Materialized.

Although the latest German official communication announces that the situation on the battle front is unchanged there has been a change on one of the most important sectors in Picardy. American marines are responsible for it.

Attacking on a front of about 2 1/2 miles in a night that began Thursday with the break of day, the marines in four hours drove back the enemy over a distance of virtually 2 1/2 miles and occupied "the important high ground northwest of Chateau Thierry, which village in a previous fight the American machine gunners had turned into a shambles by the accuracy of their aim as the Germans tried to wrest a bridge from them."

Return to Fray.

"After a breathing space in Thursday's battle the Americans late in the afternoon returned to the fray, and at last accounts hard fighting was in progress for this important sector, which commands the Marne at that part of the front where the battle line swings eastward toward Rheims. The marines took 100 German prisoners in the early encounter, while the French troops on the left also gained an advance over the enemy and made 160 captives."

So hard pressed have the Germans been by the attacks of the Americans in the Chateau Thierry sector during the past few days that they have been compelled to strongly reinforce their front, using three divisions of picked troops in an attempt to hold back the men from overseas.

This far, however, their efforts have been unavailing. The Americans would not be denied their objectives.

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