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T W E L V E P A G E S — O N E C E N T

Another Mighty Blow
By British Expected

Signs Point to German Preparations For Further Withdrawal

Haig Pressing Them on Almost Entire Front in Hope of Delivering Shattering Attack—Italians Resuming Offensive—Russians Livelier—Is Alfonso to Lose Crown?

British troops are striking along almost the entire line they held in Northern France, not with the terrific force which marked the victories of Arras and Messines, but in a more or less tentative manner, giving weight to the belief that Field Marshal Haig is preparing to launch a mighty blow on a hitherto unprecedented scale.

The features of the fighting stand out with sharp significance; the first is the feebleness with which the Germans are reacting and the second is the surprising promptness with which Berlin admits retirements in various sectors.

The whole situation is entirely similar to that existing prior to the great "strategic retreat" of the Germans from the Somme. There is considerable evidence that Von Hindenburg is planning another great withdrawal and that Haig is pressing him at all points in the hope of delivering a shattering blow if such a second "retreat to victory" materializes.

The Italians, having successfully maintained their advance in the face of the most formidable Austrian counter attacks, are apparently preparing for a resumption of their offensive.

Vienna reports that the Italian guns have opened with the greatest violence in Carinthia, indicating that General Cadorna has chosen a new sector in which to deliver his next blow. The scene of the bombardment is some thirty miles north of Gorizia and an offensive in this region would support the reports that the Italian commander has far more ambitious plans than even the conquest of Trieste.

SPAIN'S CROWN IN DANGER

The upheaval caused by the great war, which has already dethroned two monarchs, now seems to menace the ancient crown of Spain. The utmost exertions of the Spanish censor have failed completely to suppress the reports of grave happenings in the peninsular kingdom. From what little is known the Spanish army is taking the lead in the revolutionary movement which is feverishly accelerated by the food scarcity and industrial unrest. Rumors of revolt have been current for several months and at the end of May it was announced that the constitutional guarantees would be suspended while the government prohibited all public manifestations in respect to international questions. This was followed by an outbreak at Barcelona on June 1, the seriousness of which was indicated by the fact that the soldiers sided with the revolutionaries and imprisoned some of their officers.

The exact part which the issues of the war play in the Spanish crisis is difficult to determine. The masses of the people have been generally credited with being strongly pro-ally in sentiment, while the aristocracy leaned toward the side of Germany.

Vienna, via London, June 16—Increased fighting on the Russian front in east Galicia and Volhynia is reported in the official statement issued by the war office on Friday. The statement follows: "In east Galicia and Volhynia there is increased Russian fighting and activities continued at several points.

"Italian theatre.—There is nothing important to report from the Isonzo army. In Carinthia the enemy artillery fire has increased in the Ploeken sector with the greatest violence. An attack upon our position at Monte Romben was repulsed. Artillery fighting on the Sette Comuni plateau has increased in violence."

French Report.
Paris, June 16.—The French repulsed several raids in the region of Hill 804 on the heights of the Meuse, last night, according to an official statement from the war office this morning.

Petrograd, June 16, via London.—The newspapers report that Admiral Madzinskii, commander of the Black Sea fleet, has left his post and returned to the Rear-Admiral Yevdorskii. General Yudevich, commander in chief in the Caucasus, has been replaced by General Prjvalovskii. Two officers and two men of the Austrian espionage bureau have been arrested while visiting Russian lines in the guise of parliamentarians.

THREE A WEEK
British Captures of Submarines Equal Construction by Germans

New York, June 16.—Arthur H. Pollen, an English expert on naval gunnery, whose articles on Land and Water, are credited with having helped to force the re-organization of the British Admiralty, has arrived in New York to give a series of lectures on the war.

In an interview, Mr. Pollen said that the Admiralty was using every means to overcome the submarine, but whether the danger was diminishing or not would make no material difference in the final outcome.

"From what I have been told by those in a position to know," Mr. Pollen continued, "the British Admiralty has captured or sunk three German submarines a week since the beginning of February, and in one week it believes the average was one a day. The Germans are putting out three new submarines a week, which equals the destruction of the craft the British."

REMOVING THE RUINS
Edward O. Leahy, who was engaged by the city to clear away the ruins of the collapsed warehouse at West St. John, started work yesterday. He estimates that a few days will be sufficient to get the debris out of the way so that a survey of the piling supports may be made. Until this is done and the investigation shows the conditions at the bottom it will be impossible to make further progress with the preparations for rebuilding the warehouse.

GERMAN TROOPS HEARTILY SICK OF THE FIGHTING

Admission in Anxious Statement by Major Morath

JUST HOME FROM FRONT

Noted Military Critic Makes Rather Wobbling Statement—Says it is Either Extension or Extinction for Germany

London, June 16.—The German troops in the trenches are heartily sick of the war, but believe that the military caste must continue to rule the fatherland or the empire will collapse.

This, effect, represents the opinion of Major Morath, a noted military critic who, according to a Berlin despatch, had just returned from the front and expressed his conclusions in the Deutsche Tages Zeitung.

"We can only get rid of war," he writes, "if we learn from history the true lessons of this war, that is, if we develop the army which is the empire's strength. This is only possible on the tried foundations of our military foundations."

"In the view of our most intelligent leaders the great structure of our army will be extended. The army may be altered in spots but the structure must have no weak joints.

Every German soldier, he says, will be pleased at the end of this war, but he rejoices at present that there is no enemy on German soil and he demands that we must secure ourselves against such surprise attacks as was made by our enemies in 1914. Major Morath indicates that extension or extinction are the alternatives before Germany. While he predicts that the soldiers are hopeful of extension, there is an undercurrent of anxiety in his remonstrances against the liberal demands. This undercurrent tends to shed doubt upon his own assurances.

BLAMES PUBLIC FOR HIGH PRICE OF FUEL
National Defence Council Member Also Says U. S. Faces Oil Famine

Washington, June 16.—Francis S. Peabody, chairman of the coal committee of the council of national defence, told the senate public lands committee that the country was not producing oil enough to meet the requirements.

"The public has gone crazy," he said, "because it is afraid it won't get coal. Everybody is bidding the other person up. If the public would leave us alone it wouldn't be long until everybody had been taken care of and there would be a drop in prices over night. But if the panic continues there will be no relief."

Mr. Peabody appeared in connection with a bill to permit the government to lease coal and oil lands.

LONDON HEARS OF UNREST IN SPAIN
Rumors of Serious Revolutionary Movement But Information Not Definite

London, June 16.—Rumors of a serious revolutionary movement in Spain are given prominence in a section of the press. There has been an almost complete absence of news from the peninsula since the appointment of the new ministry.

Rumors of something abnormal in the Spanish situation have been given prominence in the last two or three days in a small section of the press, and today several papers print articles declaring that something important is happening.

One suggestion is that a movement to bring Spain into the war is materializing, but the little information available is to the effect that the crisis is purely a domestic one and largely due to the demand for reforms by the rank and file of the army.

THREE MILLION PEOPLE GIVE THREE BILLION DOLLARS FOR U. S. LIBERTY LOAN BONDS

According to a report from Washington last night it was estimated that 3,000,000 people had invested in liberty loan bonds and that the subscription might reach a total of \$2,862,000,000. New York alone gave \$1,000,000,000 of that enormous sum.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER AFTER THE WAR



German Blockade Of Cadiz And Huelva?

Paris Believes Germans Have Sent Fleet of Submarines There—French Transport Torpedoed

Paris, June 16.—A semi-official note says that the German submarine U-82, which was towed into Cadiz, Spain, on June 11, was operating outside that port.

On June 12, a Norwegian steamer was torpedoed off Huelva, and a Russian sailing vessel, the 'Krasnaya Zvezda', was sunk in the Bay of Biscay. There were no casualties. The Annam was a vessel of 8,076 tons. She was built in 1899 in Copenhagen, and was owned in Marseilles.

transport Annam was torpedoed in the Ionian sea on June 11, while proceeding under escort. Bombs were at once thrown in the track of the submarines, which did not re-appear.

The Annam was taken in tow by one of the convoying ships, but sank in a few hours. There were no casualties. The Annam was a vessel of 8,076 tons. She was built in 1899 in Copenhagen, and was owned in Marseilles.

GERMANY NOT GETTING ALL ROUMANIAN OIL YET
Copenhagen, June 16, via London.—In contrast to the recent semi-official statement that Roumanian oil production had been resumed on a normal basis, the Berlin Voessische Zeitung says that while production has been resumed it will be some time before peace conditions are reached in the oil fields.

The question is one of high importance to Germany on account of the role which gasoline, lubricants and fuel oil play in the operations of the navy and in railroad transportation. Difficulties in both these directions have been due in no small measure to the lack of lubricants.

PERSONALS
Herbert McLean, of St. George, Charlotte county, was in the city yesterday, after a visit to Digby. He returned to his home this morning.

The condition of William McConnell, who fell off the Ballast wharf on Thursday morning, is reported to be unchanged in the General Public Hospital today. Physicians say that he will recover.

The wedding of Miss Florence Collins, formerly of Lunenburg, and a nurse in the Provincial Hospital, West St. John, to Pte. James W. Jordan of Minneapolis, Minn., will take place in the near future.

Mrs. I. J. D. Landry is to spend a short time at Wayside Inn, Hampton. Her daughter, Mrs. Edmund Bress, left yesterday to visit friends in Gloversville, New York.

Mrs. R. P. Sweetman arrived from Toronto yesterday on a visit to her mother, Mrs. A. Phillips, Main street.

Ottawa society news in Montreal Gazette.—Mr. and Mrs. L. V. DeBary, of Montreal, are spending a few days in town.

W. R. Devenish, superintendent of the St. John-Truro section of the Canadian Government Railway, was in the city yesterday on an inspection trip.

Captain D. F. Pilgerton, of St. John this week in connection with his pay, left for Ottawa yesterday.

Mrs. T. W. Johnston and Miss Starr of Digby (N. S.), are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peniston Johnston, Sewell street.

Mr. Edgar March, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Gordon Dickie, in Newfoundland, has returned home.

Me. C. B. Lockhart, Mrs. Lockhart and Miss Alice Lockhart, West St. John, left here on Wednesday on a trip to the Pacific Coast.

MILITARY NOTES
It is understood in military circles that the machine gun draft under Lieutenant J. K. Scammell will be moving long. The recruiting is about finished.

A rear party, consisting of about thirty men of the 26thth. Kiltie Battalion has remained in Fredericton under Captain D. Black. There were about twenty other men left behind owing to illness.

Loss Of The Bremen At Last Is Admitted

Commerce Submarine Not Heard From Since Last August—Carried Valuable American Securities

London, June 16.—(New York World).—The Neuste Nachrichten of Kiel, according to the Hague correspondent of the Daily Mail at last admit the loss of the commercial submarine Bremen with its valuable cargo. The newspaper says:

"The commercial submarine Bremen left Hamburg in last August and since then unfortunately has not been heard of. She carried a large parcel of American securities. The owners of part of the shares have applied to the railways in question and have asked for duplicate shares on the ground that the Bremen had been lost with her whole cargo."

"The railway companies have made out fresh papers after the deposit of suitable guarantees by the share owners."

COBB LEAPS INTO LEAD

Georgian In Front Place As Batman For First Time Since Last August

Chicago, June 16.—For the first time since August, 1916, Ty Cobb is leading the American league in batting. Coming from behind with a rush, the Detroit star disposed Tris Speaker of Cleveland to whom he surrendered championship batting honors last season.

The Georgian's average is .388, according to unofficial figures which include games of Wednesday. Speaker is three points behind him. Cobb has driven out safe hits in forty-seven games including twelve doubles, nine triples and leading base stealer with seventeen.

Chapman, Cleveland, holds the lead in runs scored with thirty-six. Boston is showing the way in team batting with an average of .268.

Leading batters who have participated in half of their club's games are Cobb, Detroit, .388; Speaker, Cleveland, .385; Krumler, St. Louis, .383.

A single point separates Burns of New York and Roush of Cincinnati, tied at .382, for the lead in the National League. The New Yorker also is leading in runs scored, with thirty-five, and is pressing Zeider for stolen base honors, being only one behind the Chicagoan, who has twelve. Wheat of Brooklyn and Doyle of Chicago are tied for sacrifice hitting with twelve each. Hornsby of St. Louis is giving Cawath a race for home run honors. Hornsby having five and the Philadelphia star six. Philadelphia is leading in team batting with .264.

Leading batters who have participated in half of their clubs games are Burns, New York, .348; Roush, Cincinnati, .348; Jack Smith, St. Louis, .336; Cruise, St. Louis, .333.

Summer may not be coming, but the tax bills are on the way.

Of course Commodore Stewart's reference to the crown of the opposition party at Fredericton was not intended as a reflection on any of the St. John members. No?

Revelations of the late government's methods of finance need not be taken as an example to be followed by private citizens. The ordinary individual would be liable to go to jail if he tried to emulate their way of doing business.

CONFIRMATION IN CATHEDRAL; 174 RECEIVE SACRAMENT

The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered in the Cathedral this morning at seven o'clock to 174 candidates—seventy-eight boys, sixty-five girls and twenty-one adults. His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc celebrated mass, assisted by Rev. Miles P. Howland and Rev. H. L. Coughlan, after which Rev. William M. Duke, rector, gave some short instructions to the candidates. His Lordship then administered the sacrament, assisted by the priests of the Cathedral staff.

Bishop LeBlanc delivered an address to the children and adults and gave the total abstinence pledge to all those under twenty-one years.

Last evening a novena which has been proceeding in the Cathedral in honor of the Feast of the Sacred Heart, was brought to a close. Yesterday was the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Benediction was given by Rev. Miles P. Howland. There was a very large congregation.

One next Monday His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, accompanied by Rev. Wm. M. Duke of the Cathedral, will leave on a confirmation tour of the counties of York and Carleton counties. During the week His Lordship will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to large classes at Mr. Adam, Debec, Woodstock, Newburg Junction, Williamstown and Johnville.

FUNERAL TODAY
The funeral of Mrs. Jane Hamu will take place this afternoon at three o'clock from her late residence at Grand Bay. Following burial services interment will take place in the family burying lot.

COUNTRY MARKET
Potatoes are gradually dropping in the local market. Beef is fifteen to thirty-three cents a pound; veal, twenty-two to twenty-five; lamb \$1.25 to \$2.50; fowl, forty cents; turkey, forty-five cents; pork thirty cents a pound.

WATER WORKS
Preparations for the renewal of the concrete water main in the Loch Lomond extension at Lattimer's Lake are under way. For the last week men have been engaged in sinking test pits to determine the best route for the location of the new main which is to be laid. When this work is completed, plans and specifications will be prepared and tenders invited.

The contractors whose tender for the Lancaster extension has been accepted expect to be able to start work at the first of the week. The time limit placed on this contract is September 1.

The departmental staff is busy also on the Princess street renewal and other routine repair and renewal work.

REPLIES FROM VON TIRPITZ AND THE FIELD MARSHAL
Copenhagen, June 16, via London.—Admiral von Tirpitz and Field Marshal Von Hindenburg have replied approvingly to telegrams of greeting from the pan-German committee for a German peace, at Esen.

Von Tirpitz replied: "The submarines will reach their goal if we at home retain our nerve."

Von Hindenburg, who misses no opportunity of answering telegrams from meetings arranged by the Junker committee, although it is openly in opposition to Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, responded with assurances that a complete victory and "a peace worthy of Germany's sacrifices and assuring the prosperity and growth of the country are within reach if the struggle is continued manfully."

The Tages Zeitung emphasizes the significance of these repeated Hindenburg responses to the manifestations of the anti-Bethmann committee by effusively thanking the field marshal for his willingness to "strengthen the will to victory of the nation by his stirring replies."

TROUBLE IN NEW YORK
Clash Follows Arrest of 25 Men Suspected of Not Having Registered
New York, June 16.—National guardsmen tried vainly for nearly two hours last night to disperse a riotous crowd which had assembled around a hall in the heart of the east side in which an anti-conscription meeting had been held earlier in the evening.

The anger of the crowd was roused because guardsmen and police had seized twenty-five men who were suspected for not having registered. A crowd of men and women surged around the hall, and troops who tried to disperse them were almost overwhelmed. The police took little part in the attempt to quell the disorders, evidently not caring to interfere with the soldiers.