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## FRENCH on Alert for German Offensive North of Aisne—Ally Recovers Lost Positions Vauxaillon—British Repel Many German Raids—Russians Advance Further in Caucasus—Congress Approves Stringent New Regulations for Control of Food.

### GERMANS LOSE GROUND TAKEN IN AISNE AREA

French Recover Greater Part of Territory Northeast of Moisy Farm.

### ITALIANS INACTIVE Operations in Russia Mostly Continue to Be Patrol Affairs.

London, June 24.—Aside from several sectors in the region between Soissons and Rheims and in the Champagne near Mont Cornillet, little fighting of moment is taking place.

The French, continuing their smashing tactics against the Germans, have now retaken the greater part of the territory lying northeast of the Moisy farm in the region of Vauxaillon, which the army of the German crown prince, reinforced by picked men, captured last week in attacks in which they suffered extremely heavy casualties under the fire of the French artillery and infantry.

To the east of the region of Hurtebise and Craonne, the violent artillery duel continues and the French guns have put down several raiding attempts of the Germans by the intensity of the fire and the accuracy of the aim, keeping them picked for the onslaught fast in their trenches.

The German war office asserts that east of Mont Cornillet, in Champagne, the French have been compelled to evacuate ground they captured from the Germans in two attacks last week.

Austrians Active  
There has been no resumption of the Italian offensive in the Trentino region of the Austro-Italian theatre, but on the Asiago Plateau there has been considerable activity, apparently with the Austrians the aggressors.

To the northwest the Austrians delivered an attack in the Cordevole Valley. The Italians not only stopped the attack but themselves took the initiative and drove back the enemy, inflicting heavy casualties on him.

The operations in Russia and Galicia still have not risen in importance above patrol engagements and reconnaissance. There have been lively incidents.

### HON. FRANK OLIVER, M.P., OPPOSES WAR PROFITS

Writes Letter to Hamilton Veterans Stating His Position on Conscription.

Hamilton, Monday, June 25.—Hon. Frank Oliver, M.P., has sent a letter to the local branch of the Great War Veterans' Association in answer to a resolution passed at its meeting last evening concerning conscription, stating that if he believed that the military bill was framed for the purpose of reinforcing the Canadian line in France he would support it. He goes on to say that the arguments put forward in its support indicate that it is not intended to reinforce the firing line as much as to reinforce the munition plants or other establishments of private profits.

### Biggest Departmental Store in Ottawa in Liquidation

Ottawa, June 24.—Justice Lennox Saturday granted an order winding up the departmental store concern of A. E. Rea, Limited, the largest in Ottawa. The Standard Bank is a creditor for \$700,000 and the solicitor representing the bank together with local creditors, pressed for the granting of the order. Geoffrey Clarkson of Toronto was appointed provisional liquidator.

### Germany to Extend Greatly Requisitioning of Grain

Amsterdam, June 24.—The German national council, according to a Berlin despatch today, has decreed that during the coming harvest year not only bread grain, but barley, oats, peas, beans, buckwheat and millet will be requisitioned in their entirety for control and distribution by the imperial grain bureau.

### Frederick Palmer Attached to General Pershing's Staff

Paris, June 24.—It was announced at American army headquarters today that General Pershing had appointed Frederick Palmer, of New York, to his staff in the intelligence department, with the rank of major. He will have general charge of the army's relations with the American press, and the staff will be able to utilize his war acquired knowledge in other respects.

### CANNONADE INCREASES UPON CANADIAN FRONT

Both Sides Engage in Bombardments With Throwing of Heavy Barrages—Presentation of Decorations Takes Place in Rear.

By Stewart Lyon.  
Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, June 24.—There has been a marked increase in artillery fire all along the Canadian front during the last twenty-four hours. Early this (Sunday) morning the enemy began shelling Vimy and Flixes wood with vigor. About 10 o'clock the Canadian guns began to hammer Coulotte, Avion and Mericourt. A heavy barrage was also thrown upon the enemy's front line, and gradually moved toward his support trenches. This put the German artillery commander on his mettle, and by 11 o'clock he turned on a very creditable barrage of his own, using for it guns from all parts of his line within extreme range. For two hours the guns on both sides, after their exhibition of barrages, maintained a lively bombardment, but no infantry movements followed.

### SINN FEINERS IN CORK SET LAW AT DEFIANCE

Republican Flag Hoisted and Windows in Recruiting Offices Smashed—National Irish Convention Denounced as Trap.

Cork, Ireland, June 24.—The Sinn Feiners were active here early this morning, when they smashed the windows in a number of recruiting offices, and by means of a fire escape hoisted the republican flag on the court house flagpole and smashed the scales held by the figures of justice over the court house. They committed many other acts of violence.

The Sinn Feiners, at a big meeting this afternoon, passed resolutions denouncing the national convention as a diplomatic attempt on the part of the government to place Ireland in a false position and prevent the fulfilment of Ireland's claim to sovereign independence. The resolutions demanded that the executive convene the council to express the opinions of the people and elect representatives to a peace conference.

### RUSSIANS SOLVE PROBLEM OF ARMY

Albert Thomas Finds Offensive Both Material and Moral Possibility.

SITUATION IMPROVES Financial and Economic Difficulties Lessen—Difficulties Await Surmounting.

Paris, June 24.—All thoughts that Russia may conclude a separate peace must be set aside, declared Albert Thomas, French minister of munitions, on his return to Paris last night from an extended trip to Russia. An offensive by the Russian army is both a material and a moral possibility, he said, but he declined to speculate as to when such a movement might be expected. The military organization problems are on the way of solution, and the situation as regards Russian financial and economic difficulties is improving every day, Mr. Thomas declared.

The whole tone of the French cabinet member's talk was optimistic; all he did not minimize the difficulties with which Russia is still confronted.

It is admitted that these are extremely grave moments for the army, because of the antiquated and very brutal discipline that had been enforced and a lack of understanding of the new movement on the part of a certain number of officers. Today, however, the masses comprehend the necessity of a disciplined army and a firm military organization for the preservation of the nation's liberty and to assure its permanence.

"I found that materially and morally an offensive is possible. I cannot specify the date. If I knew it, you can well understand I would not mention it. But that an amelioration of the general situation in Russia has set in under the influence of these shifts of opinion seems to me indisputable."

### EXPLOSIONS DESTROY FOE MUNITION PLANTS

Paris, June 24.—Several disasters have recently occurred in munition plants in Germany, according to the Zurich correspondent of The Matin.

The correspondent telegraphs that he has learned from private German sources that the hand grenade factories at Nuremberg exploded on June 16, and that seven ammunition shops at Marienhall were destroyed by fire on the 18th. Some ammunition factories at Nuremberg also have been turned down, according to this authority.

Spandau is nine miles west of Berlin. Large government munition works are there. Nuremberg, rich in historic traditions, is more noted for its varied industrial plants than as a munition-making centre. By Marienhall, Marienthal in Saxony may be meant.

### Hintze to Succeed Michaels as Prussian Food Controller

Copenhagen, June 24.—Special despatches from Christiania say that Dr. George Michaelis, Prussian food commissioner, is about to be replaced. The despatch adds that he probably will be succeeded by Admiral Paul von Hintze, former German minister to Mexico and China.



A huge shipment of wheat on a wharf at an Atlantic port in the United States awaiting transport to Europe.

### FOOD POLICY HITS U. S. LIQUOR TRADE

The Foodstuffs Conservation Measure Goes to Senate by Decisive Vote.

### BROAD POWERS GIVEN Wilson to Have Full Authority to Handle This Year's Crops

Washington, June 24.—President Wilson's request to congress for food control legislation in time to deal with this year's crops promises to be recalled.

With the background turning to the senate, following the overwhelming passage of the control bill by the house, senate leaders—including those opposing as well as those leading the administration's fight—tonight predicted action there late this week or early next week.

The administration food control bill, giving the president broad authority to control the distribution of food, feed and fuel for war purposes and to prohibit the use of foodstuffs for the manufacture of alcoholic beverages and would give the president authority to take over for war purposes all liquor now on hand.

Retention by the senate of the drastic prohibition amendments proposed by the house, or at least provisions prohibiting the use of foodstuffs for the manufacture of distilled spirits, generally is deemed probable. The principal light on the prohibition question is expected to come from the manufacturers of malt liquors and wines.

### QUEBEC CITY HAS SHELL MYSTERY

French-Canadian Arrested in Toronto Who is Wanted as Witness.

### SUNK IN ST. LAWRENCE Loaded Shells Which Had Been Condemned Disappeared From Arsenal.

With the arrest of Philippe Berthiaume here Saturday night by Detectives Taylor, Levitt and Maurer, it is believed in Quebec, where the man is wanted on a charge of theft, that he will be able to throw considerable light on the theft of condemned shells from the Dominion arsenal at Quebec. The explosives in question were considered too highly charged, and it was decided to sink them in the middle of the St. Lawrence River, opposite the Ross Rifle factory, to obviate danger at the hands of inexperienced persons.

### BIG STRIKE MAY TIE UP RAILROADS IN PRUSSIA

Car Shop Employees Quit to Enforce Nine-Hour-Day Demand.

### FOAMING TANKARDS FOR HARVESTERS OF BRITAIN

Production of Beer Will Be Speeded Up to Meet Demands.

### ORDER INQUIRY INTO SALMON FISHERIES

Sanford Evans, H. D. Thompson and F. T. James Make Up Commission.

Ottawa, June 24.—W. Sanford Evans, Ottawa, H. D. Thompson, Victoria, B. C., and F. T. James, Toronto, have been appointed a royal commission to make an investigation and prepare recommendations with regard to the regulation of the salmon fisheries in British Columbia. The old "hook rating" was abandoned this year and the use of motor boats permitted. The commission has been organized on the ground that care of the catch, arguing that as the fishing is restricted, the number of canneries should be restricted as well. It is at their request that an independent probe is granted, sea traffic less perilous.

### PLANTA AND SHATFORD GET SEATS IN SENATE

Government Announces Appointments to Represent British Columbia.

Ottawa, June 24.—The government on Saturday appointed two senators to represent British Columbia. They are E. A. Planta, of Nanaimo and L. W. Shatford, of Hadley, on the mainland.

### BLACK SEA FLEET MUTINY IS ENDED

American Admiral and Staff Given Cordial Reception by Sailors.

### KOLTCHAK DISTRUSTED

All Officers Save Russian Admiral and Staff Restored to Posts.

### PROVISIONAL CABINET IS FORMED IN VIENNA

Von Seydler is at Head of So-Called "Transition Ministry."

### ALL AUSTRALIAN WHEAT UNDER STATE CONTROL

Four and One-Half Million Tons Available for Export.

### SILK HATS FOR JUNE WEDDINGS

Dinsey's are the exclusive agents in Toronto for the Henry Dinsey silk hat and the Dunlap American hat. More than usually complete styles in other English silks, notably Killgate, Tress and Christy, Dinsey's, 114 Yonge street.

### FOE'S ATTACKS MAY FORECAST BIG OFFENSIVE

Germans Show Signs of Preparing Drive North of Aisne.

### CHIEF FEELER FAILS

Enemy Strives Unsuccessfully to Cut Breach at Vauxaillon.

(By the Associated Press Correspondent.)  
Grand Headquarters of the French Army in France, Saturday Evening, June 23.—There are signs on many parts of the French front that the Germans are either nervous concerning the French intentions or are preparing an offensive. A series of "feeler" attacks has been carried out by Field Marshal von Hindenburg at various points, principally around the Laon plateau. One of the chief of these was a raid to cut a breach in the French line at Vauxaillon, where the German "shock" units temporarily ousted the French from a short trench system on the slopes of Monkey Mountain, on which it was important that both armies should possess observatories.

French counter-attacks immediately regained all the ground lost except a salient measuring a few yards, in which the German position is most precarious. On this occasion the German shock troops advanced in their white sleeves without packs after a terrific bombardment, in which every yard of the adjacent ground was searched by shells.

Fail to Hold Gain.  
The German "shockers" as they are called, succeeded in their determined and courageous effort to turn over the trenches they had gained to the 74th German infantry division, who, however, failed to hold them when called upon for a defensive effort. The correspondent visited the entire position in this sector today and found the French firmly established, while the Germans on the other side of the hill were deprived of observatories, and their artillery was blind.

Another lively affair occurred in the vicinity of Mont Cornillet, where the Germans and French attacked almost simultaneously, the former with the object of recovering prominent points they had lost some weeks ago, and the latter with the intention of getting free elbow room.

As it happened, a unit consisting of only 63 German grenadiers and portable machine gunners, occupied the position coveted by the Germans, and not only drove off the attacking forces, but pursued them and captured a considerable length of German trenches, and in doing so killed more than 200 Germans.

On the Chemin des Dames also the Germans launched yesterday a number of attacks, some of which resulted in most desperate engagements. In the neighborhood of Le Royaux farm the ground was covered with German bodies, while the only success the Germans achieved was to gain possession of a short section of a front French trench.

### RUSSIANS ENTICE FOE INTO CLEVER AMBUSCADE

In Bayonet Fighting Ally's Troops Kill Some Germans.

Petrograd, June 24, via London.—The war office issued the following official communication today: "Western (Russian) front: In the Stokhod River region near the Village of Pozog our scouts prepared an ambush, and, surrounding the approaching Germans, showered hand grenades upon them. In the bayonet fighting that followed some German were killed. Owing to the approach of German reinforcements, however, our scouts returned to their own trenches. On the rest of the front, hostilities became more intense in the region of Krevo."

### Aviation Service of Russia To Be Thoroughly Reorganized

Petrograd, June 24, via London.—The executive council of the workmen and soldiers' deputies has decided to convolve an all-Russian assembly of aviators and manufacturers of aircraft, with the object of improving the fighting capacity of Russian aviation and the reorganization of the whole aviation service. The date has not yet been fixed, but the congress will be held in Petrograd.

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