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GERMAN RIOTS INCREASE AS HUNGER BITES

Distressful Conditions Revealed by Letter From Amsterdam.

FAMINE NOW EXISTS

Masses of People Suffering From Extreme Privation—Many Die.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

THE HAGUE, June 16.—A correspondent of The Handelsblad of Amsterdam, throws further light on the conditions in Germany as a result of the shortage of food. While various reports from time to time have made it clear that the masses of the people are suffering privation, the latest information received by the paper shows that a state of actual famine now exists and that the duration of the war will be directly affected by the state of affairs.

The Handelsblad claims to have information of a sort which has hitherto been rigidly suppressed by German officials. It has been secured from Hollanders who had been living in Germany until a short time ago, but have returned with stories of appalling conditions.

Heavy Death Rate. They declare that when food is doled out the struggle to obtain a portion almost invariably results in bloodshed and loss of lives and that the rioters are entirely beyond the control of the authorities. Many persons are succumbing daily from lack of nourishment and the mortality is particularly great among women, children and aged persons. This state of affairs exists not alone in the larger centres, but virtually throughout the country. Even the meagre supplies which are barely sufficient to sustain life in those fortunate enough to receive them consist of food that is almost uneatable. The bread is described "not fit food for animals."

Hundreds Shot Down. Much damage has been done recently in Berlin and elsewhere by frenzied mobs, clamoring for food and the stern repressive measures of the police.

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Heroes of Zillebeke Given Congratulations by Borden

"Gallantry and Resourcefulness Displayed in Recent Successful Attack" Warmly Commended—Gen. Byng Cables Appreciation.

OTTAWA, June 15.—Canada's pride in the splendid work of her troops, who last Tuesday morning retook 1500 yards of trenches from the Germans, was expressed by Sir Robert Borden, in the following message to General Sir Julian Byng, commander of the Canadian Army Corps in France: "Pray accept and convey to Canadian forces under your command our warmest congratulations upon the gallantry and resourcefulness displayed in recent successful attack."

EAST AFRICA POSTS SEIZED BY BRITISH

Important Centre of Korogwe and Kilimanjaro Village Occupied.

BIG FOE FORCE FACED

Island of Ukerewe in Lake Victoria Taken by Invaders.

LONDON, June 16.—British forces operating in the eastern part of German East Africa have made further advances, occupying the village of Kilimanjaro and another village nearby. A large German force is confronting the British in this sector. Further south, near the coast, the British have occupied the important post of Korogwe, and to the northwest have seized positions in the Victoria Nyanza sector. The announcements are made in an official statement issued tonight as follows: "Kwedzwa, six miles north of Handeni has been occupied; also the village of Kilimanjaro, close to Handeni. A large German force is entrenched near the Handeni water supply. "The important station of Korogwe and the wagon bridge over the Pangani River have been secured by the British. "The island of Ukerewe, north of the German port of Mwanusi, on Lake Victoria, has been occupied, and two Krupp guns and stores taken."

GAZETTED LIEUT.-COLONELS. Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, June 16.—The following have been gazetted lieutenant-colonels: Major H. G. Carscallen, G. H. Ralston and A. G. L. McNaughton.

CANADIAN FRONT HEAVILY SHELLED

Lines Before Zillebeke Bombarded for Short Time Yesterday.

FOE HIT NEAR QUARRIES

Mines Successfully Exploded by British Round Souchez and Cinchy.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, June 16.—The only feature in the Ypres salient today was the heavy shelling of the Canadian lines before Zillebeke by a short time yesterday afternoon, according to the British official report on the campaign in Flanders, issued tonight. The following is the despatch of Sir Douglas Haig: "Last night we successfully exploded mines in the neighborhood of the Souchez quarries and Cinchy. An enemy mine was exploded near Cinchy but did no damage. "Today the hostile artillery was unusually active immediately north of the Basse canal, and in the Loos salient. Our trenches east of Zillebeke were shelled heavily for a short time this afternoon. The remainder of the front was quiet."

'HYPHEN' PLOTS ARE DENOUNCED

Wilson's "Americanism" Plank Hurls Defiance at German-American Influence

ST. LOUIS, June 16.—The Democratic convention finished its work today by adopting the party platform exactly as approved by President Wilson and submitted by the resolution committee, including the plank on Americanism and that favoring woman suffrage, but not until the harmony of its three day's sessions had been disturbed with a row over the suffrage plank.

No voice was raised against the vigorous declarations of the Americanism plank, but at one time it looked as if the suffrage plank had been lost. After Senator Walsh of Montana, had told the convention that President Wilson himself considered it vital to party success, however, it was voted into the platform by a ballot of 588 1/2 to 18 1/2. The entire platform then was adopted without roll call. The convention then adjourned sine die. As it went into the platform the suffrage plank stands: "We favor the extension of the franchise to the women of this country, state by state, on the same terms as to the men. "The woman suffrage leaders consider it a much more favorable declaration than they got from the Republican convention at Chicago. "The plank on Americanism drawn by President Wilson said in part: "The part that the United States will play"

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SPECIALISTS IN MEN'S STRAWS AND PANAMAS. For over half a century the house of Dineen has been a leader in Men's Hats. Connections made with English, French, Italian, United States and our own Canadian makers have put Dineen's in a position to offer you the finest values in smart Straws and Panamas. This is always a big day at 140 Yonge street. Come in and make a choice.

RUSSIANS NOW BREAKING THRU CENTRE OF LINE

Austrian Forces Are Yielding at the Most Vital Point.

PROGRESS IS CONTINUED

Gen. Brusiloff's Army Pressing on, But Curtain is Drawn.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, Saturday, June 17, 3.30 a.m.—The chief gain of ground announced by the Russians during the past 24 hours was on the Austrian centre, which up to now had held comparatively firm. The Russians claim to be breaking this resistance. The main contest has been on the front just north of Buczacz, on the Strypa River. Here the Russians are declared to have overthrown the Austrian army and taken 6000 prisoners. For the time being the rapid movement on the wings and the cavalry dash in Volhynia toward the Kovel Junction seems to have slackened somewhat. The morning newspapers today print only brief specials from Petrograd, and some of these give evidence of considerable delays in telegraphic transmission. A possible explanation of these delays is given in a despatch from the Daily Telegraph's Petrograd correspondent, who says: "It is likely that the communication lines will become a little obscured during the next few days, for much depends on the secrecy of the execution of the manoeuvres for which the Russians have now got into play."

Progress Unchecked. A semi-official commentary published in Petrograd yesterday says: "The absence from the official communications of the names of places occupied or the directions taken by Gen. Brusiloff's Army do not mean any retardation in his advance. On the contrary his progress continues without interruption. The broad corridor formed by our operations in the direction of Lutsk continues to widen, and is assuming an enveloping character in relation to the enemy's flank. The advance, however, cannot go on indefinitely at the present speed, for the element of unexpectedness to which was due much of its early success cannot be maintained for the duration of a fortnight. Stops must be made for removing the wounded and prisoners, for bringing up fresh supplies and for other work necessary for the freshly elongated lines of communication. "Moreover the immediate aim of the Russian aggression is not to recapture certain towns or areas, but to view the destruction of the vital organs of the enemy's military power, which are his armies."

FIGHT AT BARANOVICHI. PETROGRAD, June 16 (via London, June 17), 4.34 a.m.—A semi-official communication issued here today: "The operations near Baranovichi to which some persons were inclined to attach importance, were nothing more serious than a reconnaissance in force undertaken to obtain information as to the enemy's strength which the simpler forms of scouting had failed to reveal. The German attacks in the Naroc and Byvina districts differed in no essential from the local lunge which the enemy has frequently made on these sectors."

NATIONAL MONUMENT TO EARL KITCHENER

Asquith Will Present Motion in House of Commons on Wednesday.

LONDON, Saturday, June 17, 5 a.m.—The House of Commons next Wednesday will offer in the hours of a motion for the erection of a monument to the late Earl Kitchener.

GREEK MILITARY BASE TRANSFERRED TO VOLO

PARIS, June 16, 6.30 p.m.—It is reported from Saloniki, says a Havas despatch from Athens today, that in consequence of the establishment of martial law by the allies in that district and the taking over by them of the postal, telegraph, railway and customs administration, the Greek military base, as well as the troops occupying the forts around Thessaloniki, has been transferred to Volos, on the coast in Thessaly, about 100 miles northwest of Athens.

RUSSIANS INCREASE GAINS IN BATTLE WITH AUSTRIANS

A Call For Service From Brig.-Gen. Logie

TO THE CITIZENS OF TORONTO.

Speaking with authoritative knowledge of the immediate need for men, I make this appeal to the City of Toronto. Toronto's quota required to complete her Battalions now authorized is 2440 men. This City has never in its history failed to rise to its full responsibility. Surely the women, the Churches, the Board of Trade, the Canadian Club, and other Patriotic and Fraternal Societies, and the business interests will, by one last united effort, give the men so urgently needed.

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WAR SUMMARY THE DAYS EVENTS REVIEWED

AS the returns of prisoners taken by the Russians continue to come in, and as the official reports continue to tell of constant Russian successes on the whole front, between the Pripiet marshes and the Rumanian frontier, the evidence is unshakable that the Austrians have suffered the gravest military disaster that they have yet suffered. The Russians took more than 14,000 prisoners, yesterday's communique announced, and their total successes in this line are 166,000 to 167,000 captives, indicating that the Austrian armies under attack are in grave danger of total destruction. Their units appear to be demoralized, and to be leaking prisoners as a rent sack leaks grains of corn.

The chief feature of yesterday's developments was the further report of progress by the Russian columns, whose task is to turn the left flank of the Austrian forces and to drive a wedge between the Austrian and the German groups of armies. These columns, in a desperate fight, defeated the enemy, who had established himself behind fortified lines on the River Plutchevka and took more than 5000 prisoners. The Cossacks are giving the fleeing enemy a vigorous pursuit, so that he is unable to rest in his retreat, and the consequence will be the gathering in of numerous stragglers as the troops become more and more jaded.

In the centre, heavy fighting is still proceeding northwest of Tarnopol, where the Russians have taken 6000 prisoners and forced the enemy slowly backward. But the task of the troops of our ally on this portion of the front is chiefly to hold the enemy while the enveloping movement on both wings proceeds till the right and left wings of the enemy are bent diagonally to the centre. Then will come the big endeavor to pierce his centre and to complete the disaster. You might say that the battle in this theatre of the war is only about half finished and that unless a miracle occurs, the Aus-

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