

INTENSE BOMBARDMENT ON ENEMY IN VICINITY OF SOMME

FRENCH HAVE RECAPTURED ANOTHER SECTION OF TRENCHES ABOUT THIAUMONT, VERDUN

Germans Claim Success Against Russians Near Sokul; Positions Stormed

MEDIATION IS A DEAD ISSUE SOLDIERS READY FOR BORDER, TRAINS HAVE A CLEAR TRACK

"Nothing to Arbitrate About", United States Tells the Bolivian Minister—Red Cross Officials Taken Under Direct War Command.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Washington, June 27.—Mediation of the dispute with Mexico was a dead issue to-day, and 12,000 national guardsmen were ready to start for the border to enforce the United States demand on General Carranza's government.

Even greater efforts were made by the war department to eliminate "red tape," and expedite the dispatch of national guardsmen to relieve the regular army border patrols for a possible Mexican campaign. Orders issued will permit postponement of final physical examinations until troops reach their destination.

Progress of the resolution authorized by the national guards in federal service was delayed while the House to-day was to

consider amendments made yesterday by the Senate. The upper-house eliminated the \$1,000,000 appropriation for families of guardsmen, but those whose families are dependent upon them. The House may not concur and thus make further delay by forcing the resolution into conference committee.

Red Cross Censored. New York, June 27.—The war department has placed the movements of the Red Cross under the same cover of secrecy as those of the regular army and the militia. Officials of the Red Cross throughout the country have been advised to be careful as to information they give out as to the disposition of their forces would indicate the points where troops are to be sent.

Troops Moving Already. The Red Cross now has 6,000 nurses who are expected to respond if needed. It was arranged also to provide equipment and personnel for 400,000 men and to turn these over to the government in event of war.

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Identifying the Attackers

By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, June 27.—Nine German divisions concentrated in the recent attack on Thiaumont, north of Verdun, have been identified, according to a statement supplied from semi-official sources to-day.

HAS CAPSIZED. By Special Wire to the Courier. London, June 27.—The American Steamer Seaconnet from Archangel for London, which has been ashore on the Sereby Sands, following an explosion, has capsized.

ASQUITH ASKS FOR NO QUESTIONS

At His Request Enquiries on Irish Situation Were Postponed.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, June 27.—Questions regarding the progress of the Irish negotiations directed to Premier Asquith in the House of Commons to-day were postponed at his request. This suggests that hopes of a settlement have not been entirely abandoned, despite the action of the English Unionists in the House of Commons.

The attitude of Casement himself is far from being one of gravity. He appears neither crushed nor subdued by the seriousness of his position and takes the proceedings in a light and casual manner. With folded arms or head resting on his hand, he usually has the air of being bored, except when he chats with the three policemen who sit around him in the iron barred dock.

NOT MUCH INTEREST TAKEN IN TRIAL OF SIR ROGER

Attention is Directed to France, Where Great Offensive is Expected.

IRISH SOLDIERS SPOKE THE BROGUE Moved Audience to Levity, So Judges Had to Issue a Rebuke.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, June 27.—The second day of the trial of Sir Roger Casement for high treason opened with no change in the apathetic attitude with which the general public regards the case. Although the chief justice of England is presiding over the trial and the prosecution is being conducted by the highest law officer of the crown, it might seem to interest all of the popular excitement of the day, it attracts. The principal reason offered for this lack of interest in the trial is focused on the continent where what possibly may prove the decisive phase of the great war is at a crucial stage on both the eastern and western fronts.

Laughed at the Brogue. The spectators of the trial, besides members of the bar, consist mostly of men about town who have no useful task to do elsewhere. The atmosphere of the court room is not that of a trial for life and the chief justice was compelled yesterday to insist that there must be no laughter in court. The laughter was evoked by the rich brogue and smart repartee of the Irish soldier-witnesses.

Nothing New Brought Out. The prosecution to-day resumed

Roosevelt to Dine With Hughes

By Special Wire to the Courier. New York, June 27.—Theodore Roosevelt has accepted an invitation to dine with Charles E. Hughes, at the Republican presidential nominee's hotel here to-morrow evening, it was learned here to-day. Only the candidate and the Colonel, it was stated, will be present at this dinner, which will be held in Mr. Hughes' apartment.

the introduction of testimony immediately the court opened. The witnesses were the same as those called at the preliminary hearing at the Bow street police court, and few new points were brought out during the early proceedings. Witnesses gave accounts of the movements of Sir Roger and his companions, Capt. R. Monteith and Daniel J. Bailey, from the time of their landing on the morning of Good Friday in a boat from the German submarine near Tralee, until the arrest of Sir Roger.

John McCarthy, an Irish farmer described finding the boat in which the three men were said to have landed, and told of discovering buried on the beach two handbags containing revolvers and ammunition. Sergeant Gil's Testimony. Mary Gorman, a pretty servant girl with a pronounced Irish brogue, identified Sir Roger as one of three men she met hurrying away from the beach early Friday morning. She was followed by Thomas "Boss" O'Sullivan in the Irish constabulary, who told of trading Sir Roger to the ruined fort in the vicinity of which he arrested him. Sergeant McCarthy identified revolvers, maps of Ireland (Continued from page four.)

L. E. & N. to Dover Will Run by Steam from Simcoe. The Lake Erie and Northern Railroad intend to provide a service from Simcoe to Port Dover by steam, on July 1st. The terminus at Port Dover for that day will be at Main street. Connections will be made at Simcoe with cars to and from Brantford and Galt.

COUNTER-ATTACK OF GERMANS MADE BREACH IN RUSSIAN LINE

Vienna Hears News Calculated to Cheer it Up—German Strategic Railways Make it Very Easy For Them to Rush Reinforcements.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, June 27.—According to the latest Vienna communication the Austro-Germans have effected a breach in the Russian front in the Lutsk salient near Svidnik bridge head, an important position on the direct road to Kovel. This statement is in contradiction to the Petrograd report, but it probably was issued later. Otherwise than in the Lutsk region neither side has made any headway in this theatre.

The Times' correspondent at the Russian headquarters on this front explains the facility with which the Germans can reinforce their line and says this makes the maintaining of the Russian positions here very difficult. Fighting Against Odds. "The Russians," says the correspondent, "are holding against heavy odds. The situation is excellent now, but with the German system of railways behind their line, it is clear that the issue depends upon the extent to which Germans are able to drain their other fronts and to keep

advance is that the Russians virtually nowhere have used guns exceeding 100 millimetres in calibre and that the preliminary artillery fire in no place lasted above thirty hours and at many places not more than twelve hours. Last summer's experience was not forgotten by the Russians and there probably has been the most economic use of ammunition here than on any of the fronts in this war. Ammunition rarely was the so-called hurricane fire directed on any positions before an assault, but the artillery checked each shell that fired and its target.

UNITED STATES WILL ACT IF TROOPS ARE NOT RELEASED WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS

Discussion of the Mexican Crisis Occupied To-day's Session of the Cabinet. No Change in the Situation, Says Lansing.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Washington, June 27.—Discussion of the Mexican crisis occupied to-day's brief session of the cabinet. When it was over Secretary Lansing announced there was no change in the situation that the administration was awaiting word from General Carranza and Secretaries Baker and Daniels said no new army or navy orders had been given.

There were clear indications to-day that if American cavalrymen captured by Mexican troops at Carrizal were not released within forty-eight hours action would be taken by the United States.

The impression prevailed in official circles that President Wilson would not wait beyond Thursday at the latest and possibly not beyond to-morrow afternoon for a definite reply from the Carranza Government to this note demanding the immediate release of the prisoners and a declaration of intentions. Special agent Rodgers at Mexico City reported in an overnight message received to-day that he delivered the note to the Mexican foreign office yesterday morning. He did not indicate how it had been received or when a reply might be expected.

While the diplomatic aspects of the crisis awaited Carranza's action, the war department drove forward its efforts to hasten mobilization of the national guard on the border. It is certain that no aggressive military operations can be undertaken until a substantial number of state troops is available to back up General Funston's regular for unquestionably would lead any movement.

President Wilson's first step, should he decide to force the issue, probably would be to lay the whole situation before Congress in a joint session. It is believed he has so informed members of the foreign relations committee of both houses. Mexican officials here have expressed the opinion that Gen. Carranza would surrender the American prisoners, whatever reply he might make to the demand for a diplomatic expression of his purposes. The state department has had no official report tending to confirm this view.

No Figures Given Out. At the war department and in congress hurried measures are being taken to provide supplies promptly for the army ordered to the border. A definite statement of the number of guardsmen en route to the border was not available. Secretary of the Navy Daniels stated to-day that his department had now supplied ample accommodation for all refugees who may reach the seacoast.

The Atlantic fleet will not be ordered to Mexican waters, he said, except "under exceptional circumstances." Consular advisers reported quiet.

leged plot to blow up the Welland canal in September, 1914. Tucker testified that he met Von Der Goltz accidentally in New York and that the latter engaged him to help "get Canada." The witness told of a trip to Buffalo with two other assistants in the alleged conspiracy. He said that while in Buffalo a suitcase containing dynamite was left in his room for a few days and then taken away just before a policeman searched the apartment.

NEW YORK, June 27.—How he served Horst Von Der Goltz, self-confessed conspirator, as "secretary" at \$2 per day, was told to-day by Charles Tucker, in the trial of Hans Tauscher, former German army officer, charged with complicity in the

HOSPITAL BY-LAW CARRIED BY 175

Very Tidy Majority Rolled Up Yesterday as Result of Voting.

The Hospital By-law was carried yesterday by a majority of 175 votes out of 763 cast. The results in detail:

Table with 3 columns: Ward, For, Aest. Ward One: 33 Egerton Street 98, 66 Oxford Street 29, 82 Dundas street 24, 55 Albion street 87, 122 Market street 99, 194 Nelson street 37, 233 Murray street 30, 8 Sarah street 39, 106 Eglar street 41, 122-124 St. George 469, 294

BUREAU TO FOSTER FRUIT RAISING

German Government Has Inaugurated New Scheme to Get Food.

By Special Wire to the Courier. The Hague, via London, June 27.—The German government has inaugurated a new bureau to foster fruit and vegetable raising and the distribution of the crops. The government has also forbidden the sale of growing crops.

At a session of the Prussian house of deputies, the Socialists protested vigorously against a proposed measure for increased taxation for the duration of the war, while the non-Socialists apparently were willing to foot the bills only until the end of the fiscal year of 1917.

Billy Malone's in town. Of the fourteen sons, all living, of Mrs. Mary Wolfe, of Baltimore, Md., six now wear the uniform of United States soldiers.

BRITAIN HAD POINTED OUT OBJECTIONS

United States Reminded of Impropriety of Work of Bombers.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, June 27.—Foreign Secretary Grey in reply to a question in the House of Commons to-day from C. W. Bellairs, said representations had been made to the United States Government in regard to attempts by German sympathizers to blow up ships of the allied nations in American ports by means of bombs. The foreign secretary says he has no further attempt had been made, but he added, all proper precaution had been taken to prevent them.

THANKS FOR HIS RELIEF

Shackleton Sends His Grateful Regards to Uruguay.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Montevideo, Uruguay, June 27.—In a despatch to the British Minister here reporting his return to Port Stanley after having failed, because of heavy ice conditions, to effect the rescue the main body of his antarctic expedition, left on Elephant Island, Lieut. Sir Ernest Shackleton extends thanks to the Uruguayan Government, which placed a vessel at his disposal for the purpose. The explorer's message says: "Please convey to the Uruguayan government my earnest thanks for their services in the attempted rescue of my high appreciation of the valiant efforts made by Commander Hinchliffe and his officers who reluctantly turned back in defiance to my ice experience."

Sir Ernest praises the officers and crew of the relief ship well.

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Auction Sale

W. J. Bragg, auctioneer, has received instructions from Mr. Sidney Gibbon, 216 Nelson Street, to sell by public auction,

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Parlor—1 Morris upright piano, 1 large couch, 1 parlor table, 2 oak rockers, 1 wicker rocker, 15 yards Wilton carpet, 1 oak jardiniere stand, 1 foot stool, 2 large blinds, 1 large pattern oak sideboard, 4 leather staid chairs, 1 oak round table, 1 walnut extension table, 15 yards of blue cloth.

Kitchen—1 Art Treasure cook range, high shelf and reservoir, 1 sideboard, 1 drop-leaf table, 1 arm chair, washing machine and wringer, 2 tubs, 1 boiler, 1 3-way gas plate, 1 step-ladder, 1 ironing board, 1 basket, 1 chest of drawers.

Bedroom No. 1—1 oak dresser, 1 commode, 1 iron bed, springs and mattress, 9 yards linoleum, 1 toilet set, 14 yards carpet.

Bedroom No. 2—1 dresser, 1 commode, child's table, 1 rocker, 1 large mirror, 2 screen doors.

Yard—5 hens, 1 cockerel, 1 portable chicken house, 1 child's wagon, 2 sleds, large bench, tools. Remember the date, Thursday, June 29th, 1 1/2 p.m.

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