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## Heavy Fighting Still in Progress Russian Fronts

Both Russian and German War Office Reports Claim Successes For Their Armies in Encounters Along the Stokhod River, West of the Styr and Region of Sokul

HIG GERMAN OFFENSIVE NORTH OF PRIPET MARSHES

The Germans Heavily Bombard French Positions at Hill 304 and Le Mort Homme—French Recapture Most of the Trenches Taken by Germans on Wednesday Between Fumil Wood and Chenois

LONDON, June 23.—The Germans and Austrians in Volhynia are vigorously on the offensive against the Russians and seemingly have stopped, for the time being at least, the Russian drive westward along the Stokhod River and west of the Styr. In the region of Sokul, still further west, and around Mylesk, a sanguinary engagement is in progress. In these encounters, the Russian War Office says, the Germans and Austrians have been repulsed, while Berlin declares that on both sides of the Turina River, southward from Svinfaunki to Grochow, the Russians have been driven further back, and that north-west of Lutsk Russian attempts to dispute German successes were without result. On the Stripa, in Galicia, the Russians have taken more officers, men and guns. From north of the Pripet Marshes, to the region of Riga, the Germans again have opened what apparently is a general offensive and are heavily bombarding the Russian positions or throwing violent infantry attacks against them. While Berlin reports nothing but successful German patrol incursions, Petrograd says the Germans are violently bombarding the Ikskul Bridgehead, and have driven their infantry against the Russian positions around Dvinsk, near Dubatowka, south of Krevo, and on the Oginski Canal. All attacks are declared to have failed, except near Krevo, where the Germans crossed the river, but later were driven back to the west bank.

On both sides of the River Meuse, in the region of Verdun, and to the east of the fortress, in the Woerre, at the foot of the Meuse Hills the Germans are heavily bombarding the French. Especially heavy are the attacks against Hill 304 and at Le Mort Homme, north-west of Verdun, and north-east of the fortress, around Thiaumont, Vaux Wood, Chapitre and Port Lanfes. In counter-attacks the French have retaken from the Germans most of the trenches the French captured on Wednesday night between Fumil Wood and Chenois, north-east of Verdun. The Germans near Givenehy captured British trenches, but later were driven out, suffering heavy losses in a counter-attack.

No important changes in the situation on the Austro-Italian or Asiatic Turkey fronts are reported.

WOUNDED IN FRANCE

Mrs. W. H. Thomas, of Carbonear, recently had word from Ottawa, saying that Joshua Thomas, her son, had been wounded in France on the 5th inst. He had been wounded before but recovered quickly and went back on the firing with commendable pluck and bravery. It is hoped that he will make a quick and perfect recovery.

Rt. Rev. Monsignor McCarthy of Carbonear arrived in the City yesterday on a short visit.

## Additional Tax of 2 Shillings Imposed

McKenna's Resolution to Further Tax Incomes Derived from Foreign Investments is Agreed on by Com-Reso Intion e-ritr arara rarf rarnoms—Kickers try to Defeat Resolution.

LONDON, June 22.—The Commons has formally agreed to the resolution of Reginald McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer, imposing an additional income tax of two shillings in the pound on incomes derived from foreign investments. Several members opposed the resolution and endeavoured ineffectually to induce McKenna to accept an amendment. The only concession the Chancellor would make was to concede that the tax be limited for the duration of the war. McKenna stated that if war continued for some time the Government would be obliged to issue further lists of securities that it was willing to purchase in order to create dollar balances to meet its needs.

The Volunteers new in training here are continuing the good work with the rifle. At the Southside Range yesterday No. 2 Platoon, under Lieut. H. Outerbridge, had practice, some 50 men firing at the targets. Eleven of these made the possible at 100, 200, 300, and 400 yards range.

## PANIC-STRICKEN AUSTRIANS RUSH TO THEIR DEATH

Austrians Cut off From Bridges Rush Into River Panic-Stricken—Hundreds Perished—Only a Miracle Can Save Pfangers Army—Another Austro Army is Completely Surrounded

LONDON, June 22.—An official announcement by the Russian War Office of the capture of Rodantz, a town of 13,000 inhabitants, situated 30 miles south of Czernowitz, and 10 miles from the Rumanian frontier, shows how actively Gen. Letchitsky is pushing the broken Austrian forces. According to a despatch from Petrograd nothing but a miracle can avoid the destruction of Pfanger's army, as Gen. Letchitsky now holds a stretch of 25 miles on the Sereth river. According to a report from Rome an Austrian army, under Gen. Batlin, is shut up in the angle on the frontier near the town of Sereth and completely surrounded by Russians.

An Austrian official received tonight claims that the Austrians repulsed Russian attacks near Curshumora. This town is in the extreme south of Bukovina on the Moldava river, 54 miles south of Czernowitz. Thus, unless some other town of the same name is meant, the Russian pursuit is seemingly extended much further than the Russians claim.

LONDON, June 22.—Hundreds of Austrians were drowned in the Strypa after the recent Russian success. On the eastern bank, north of Buzozac, according to Reuter's Petrograd correspondent, the troops holding some trenches were enveloped by the Russians from north and south. Cut off from the bridges, they rushed into the river, panic-stricken. A few managed to swim across, but the majority perished.



SERVANT: "I can't get this 'ere tall light to burn, Sir." COUNTRY DOCTOR: "Oh, never mind. We're only going home, and I've got the constable safe in bed with lumbago."—Punch.

## CARRANZA INCLINED TO SEEK WAY FOR PEACEFUL OUTCOME

Both Governments Hope to Treat Clash as an Incident Aggravating to the Already Strained Relations—Washington Officials Are Hopeful of a Peaceful Solution of the Present Difficulty—Nothing Official is Heard From Funston or Pershing

WASHINGTON, June 23.—The one fact that stood out tonight at the close of the day's many developments in the Mexican crisis was apparently that both the United States Government and the de facto authorities in Mexico hope to treat the clash at Carranza yesterday as an incident, aggravating to the already strained relations, but not in itself likely to precipitate general hostilities. So far as the Washington administration is concerned, no final decision can be reached until President Wilson has received a report of the fight from the American army officers.

A despatch from General Funston late today said Gen. Pershing had heard of the affairs only through reports from the field headquarters. Cavalry started immediately to get in touch with the detachment, which is supposed to be returning toward its field base at Colonia Dublin, more than 60 miles from the scene of fighting. Many details here have not abandoned hope of a peaceful outcome, basing their hopes against a war on reports that have reached them indirectly saying the Carranza Government is inclined to seek a peaceful way out.

## SPANIARDS KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON VISITING SUB.

Port Authorities at Cartagena Watch Movement of Hun Sub U-35—Submarine Was Forced to Take Anchorage Near Spanish Cruiser—German Officials Had a "Peace" Party

CARTAGENA, June 22.—The German submarine U-35, commanded by Lieut. von Arnould, arrived here today with a letter from Emperor William to King Alfonso. The Lieutenant said that the letter expressed the Emperor's thanks for attention given by Spain to refugees from Kamerun. The submarine first anchored alongside the interned German steamer Roma, but the port authorities required her to move and take up another anchorage near the Spanish cruiser Catalina. The secretary of the German Embassy arrived here on a special train last night for the purpose of receiving the letter. Accompanied by the German consul he went on board the submarine and visited the commander.

The Spanish cruiser and destroyer received orders to watch closely the movements of the submarine. Instructions were given to keep the entrance of the harbor lighted brightly with searchlights. The German submarine departed shortly before daylight.

LONDON, June 22.—An official despatch today says: "The British Ambassador at Madrid yesterday called on the Spanish Prime Minister and expressed the hope that the U-35 would disappear from Cartagena harbor at the expiration of the 24 hours allowed by international law. The minister made no further representa-

## The Carrizal Battle

CHIHUAHUA, June 23.—17 American soldiers, negro troopers of the 10th Cavalry, captured in the battle at Carrizal, were brought here today, together with Lem H. Spillsbury, a scout employed by General Pershing, and were interned. Spillsbury said Capt. Boyd, who commanded the Americans with Lieut. Adair, were among the killed.

## FIERCE COUNTER OFFENSIVE BY ENEMY HALTS RUSSIAN DRIVE

Germans Now Have Taken Over the Defence of Kovel With Newly Arrived Reinforcements From French Front—They Are Making a Desperate Effort to Regain the Ground Lost During the First Ten Days of Russian Big Advance

PETROGRAD, June 23.—The last two days have brought no essential change in the situation on General Brussiloff's front. Crossing the River Sereth, in Bukovina, Gen. Letchitsky's forces have progressed slightly further south in pursuit of the Austrian Gen. Pfanger's army, but in the centre and all along the northern flank the Russian drive has been halted by the fierce counter-offensive of the Teutonic Allies. The defence of Kovel, in the Lutsk region, is being taken over entirely by German reinforcements newly arrived from the French front, who are making a determined effort to regain the ground lost during the first 10 days of the Russian advance. One group of German forces is concentrated at Kovel, where it attempted to advance toward Kolki, but after a sharp conflict in the neighborhood of the Stokhod River, was forced to retire by the Russians. The second group of German forces is defending from Vladimir Volynski to Lutsk, while the third group, with headquarters at Sokul, likewise is joining in a movement to press back the extended northern flank of Gen. Brussiloff's army. On other points of the front further Russian operations are being delayed by the necessity for consolidating the positions already won.

## Had Some 800 Souls on Board

PETROGRAD, June 23.—The loss of life on the steamer Mercury which was sunk by a mine in the Black Sea has been undoubtedly large from later reports received in regard to the disaster. The Mercury had eight hundred passengers, including a large number of college students, who were bound for their homes for the summer vacation. Only two lifeboats were launched and both laden with passengers were overturned.

## French Barque Sunk

LONDON, June 23.—Lloyds announce that the French barque Françoise Damberg, 1,973 tons gross, was sunk by a submarine on Wednesday. The crew was landed at Kirkwall.

## LOCAL ITEMS

LEAGUE FOOTBALL—At St. George's Field to-night at 7 o'clock sharp, Collegians vs. Terra Novas.

The schr. Kitchener arrived here yesterday after a run of 7 days from Sydney, coal laden to T. A. Bown.

The schr. Percy Roy is now loading codfish at the Smith Co.'s premises for Europe.

A boy, a resident of South Side, West aged 6 years, was sent to Hospital today ill of diphtheria.

The Olinda and Atilla are both due here from Barbados. The former is on the voyage 22 days and the latter 21, and both have cargoes of molasses.

A local express with the mails of the Lady Sybil which arrived at Port aux Basques yesterday is due here tonight.

The funeral of the late John Kelly, of the Cross Roads, took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. Interment was at Belvidere cemetery.

A woman from Trepassy and a man from Placentia arrived here by train today for the Lunatic Asylum, and were taken there from Waterford Bridge.

## BURSTING GUN WOUNDS MAN

Mr. W. J. Walsh, M.H.A., arrived by the Placentia train to-day with a fisherman named Joseph Cheeseman of Red Island who is seriously wounded as the result of the bursting of a gun yesterday morning. The man went fishing to Merashen Bank and just as he and his companions set their trawls Cheeseman saw flock of birds, and jumping in a dory took his loaded gun and fired at the birds. The gun burst with a great noise and the man fell in the dory with blood running in streams from his left hand, which had been terribly shattered. His friends took him to Placentia where Dr. McDonald had to remove the thumb and one finger, and the man will likely lose another. The poor chap lost much blood on the way to Placentia and is very weak as a result. He narrowly escaped death and on arrival here Mr. Walsh and Mr. E. Whiteway took him to Hospital.

## NEWS FROM THE WRECK.

It is feared that the S.S. Arachne, stranded at Point Platte, will not be got off the rocks, though nothing will be left undone to refloat her. The ship and cargo are easily worth \$1,000,000 and unfortunately she is badly stranded, being on the rocks from the stern to the midships portion of the ship. The rocks ran up through the ship in various places and if she does come off she will float only by her tank tops. Up to last night late she was making no water. The S.S. Florize on her way from Halifax to St. John's got to the scene of the wreck last night and left this morning, being unable to await to render assistance. The S.S. Portia is now standing by the ship and if the weather remains fine long enough the ship can be lightened by jettisoning part of the cargo, when she may be plucked off. Should an easterly wind spring up the accompanying sea would demolish her in a few hours. The wrecking ship Amphitrite left St. Pierre at 6 a.m. to-day for scene of the stranding.

## THE GLENCOE'S PASSENGERS

The Glencoe which arrived at Placentia this morning brought these passengers—B. Moore, C. Benning, L. Inkpen, T. McCarthy, Rev. C. Edie, Rev. Mr. Jones, Misses A. Ryan, E. King, R. King, Brown, Grant, R. Grant, Waterman and A. N. Jeans.

## Venizelos Will be In Power Again Before Long?

Americans Flee from Mexico City

Carranza's Reply is Hourly Expected—Lansing Says the States Attitude is One of Defence Not Intervention.

MEXICO, June 22.—Two trains, carrying Americans, left Mexico city this morning. The first was composed of 6 passenger coaches, the second of 6 box cars. Both were crowded. The Government giving guarantees to facilitate the travellers, has assured James Rodgers, the American representative, that they will arrive safely at Vera Cruz. No Cabinet meeting was held today. The local press announced that the reply of Gen. Carranza will be published within the next few hours.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—Secretary Lansing today sent a memorandum to the diplomatic representatives of South and Central American nations, reviewing the situation existing between the United States and Mexico, and announcing that if hostilities should eventuate the purpose of the States was to defend itself against further invasion, and not to intervene in Mexican affairs.

## GREECE YIELDS TO ALL DEMANDS ENTENTE ALLIES

It is Reported That M. Zaimis who is Entrusted With Forming of New Cabinet Has Informed Entente Ministers That Greece Will Comply With all Demands

PARIS, June 22.—It was stated that the note that demobilization of the Greek army must be complete and immediate. The Allies demand the replacement of the Skouloudis ministry with a Cabinet which would give all guarantees for the observance of friendly neutrality towards the Entente, in harmony with engagements. The Greek Government is also requested to replace police officials alleged to be under foreign influence.

PARIS, June 22.—The Italian minister at Athens has handed the Greek Government a note from his home government declaring that it adhered to the representations made by the Entente Powers, says a Havas despatch from Athens today.

PARIS, June 22.—An allied fleet has been ordered to cruise before Piraeus, the port of Athens, according to a despatch from Salonika. It is made up of squadrons of the Allied nations, and will be commanded by Vice-Admiral Moreau. It is said that the fleet will, eventually, be supported by a landing party, but the action of the landing party will depend on events.

LONDON, June 22.—Acceptance by Greece of all demands by the Entente Powers is reported by Reuter's Athens correspondent. He cables that M. Zaimis, to whom the formation of a new Cabinet is said to have been entrusted, went to the French Legation, during a conference there of the Entente ministers last evening, and announced in the name of King Constantine that Greece has yielded fully.

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## NOTICE TO CITIZENS!

The Members of WALTER A. O'D. KELLEY'S Mayorality Committee and Supporters are requested to meet at the Basement of the Star Hall This Friday Evening, at 8.30 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving reports and making arrangements for Polling Day. A full attendance is requested. Candidate will be present at 9.30 and address the meeting.

## CITIZENS, ATTENTION!

The Committee and Friends of Messrs. W. G. GOSLING and C. P. AYRE, F. W. BRADSHAW, F. McNAMARA, JAS. McGRATH, I. C. MORRIS, and J. W. WITHERS, will meet TO-NIGHT in the NEW C. C. C. HALL at 8 o'clock, to take up the work of the campaign. Bring along your friends if he is for good Municipal Govt.