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FRENCH WIN BACK LOST GROUND BY COUNTER ATTACKS

Battle Still Raging Between Montdidier and Oise River

Additional Progress Made By French On Left Wing; Enemy Fails, Despite Repeated Efforts To debouch on South Bank of Matz River -- The Situation In Review

By Courier Leased Wire.

PARIS, June 12—The battle continued during last night on the front between Montdider and the River Oise, without great change in the situation, the war office announced to-day. On the French left additional progress was made by French troops in the region east of Mery and Genlis wood. Near the centre, along the Aronde front, in the region of St. Maur, the Loge farm and Antheull the French repulsed violent attacks by the enemy. Despite repeated efforts, the Germans on the French right were not able to debouch in the south bank of the Matz river. The French are holding in that part of the battle area south of Chevrincourt and Marest-sur-Matz.

South of the Aisne on the front between Soissons and the Marne, the Germans attacked them. Fighting is going on between the rivers and Villers-Cotterets forest. Violent combats are being fought on the front of Dommiers, Cutry and south of Ambleny.

The text of the statement reads:

"The battle between Montdidier and the Oisne continued without great change during the night. On our left, all attempted attacks by the enemy against positions we had reconquered were broken.

"The French troops have realized new progress east of Mary and the Genlis wood. Violent German attacks have likewise been repulsed by the French on the Aronis front, at St. Maur, the Loge Farm and Antheuil.

"The French troops have withstood the shock of attacks, and inflicted heavy losses on the assailants, while guarding their position.

"On the right, the Germans, despite the repeated efforts, have not been able to debouch south of the Matz. The French are holding that part of the field south of Chevincourt and Marest-sur-Matz.

"According to new information from the battle front, the French counter-attack yesterday occurred while a powerful German attack was in preparation on the same front. French troops came in contact with heavy forces of the enemy and threw them into disorder.

"Prisoners taken by one French division are found to belong to four different German divisions.

"South of the Aisne, the Germans attacked this morning between the river and the Villers-Cotterets forest. Violent combats are going on, on the front of Dommiers, Cutry and south of Ambleny."

By Courier Leased Wire

London, June 12.—An enemy raiding party last night attacked a British post in Aveluy wood, but was repulsed, the war office announced to-day. The British carried out a successful raid in the Boyelles region, capturing a few prisoners.

There was sporadic activity by the enemy artillery during the night in the region west of Lens.

U.S. ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

With the American army in Picardy, Tuesday, June 11—(By the Associated Press)—American artillery aided the French in their counter attack against the Germans southwest and south of Montdidier to-day by directing a harressing fire against the enemy.

On the right of the American sector German aviators have been busy. One enemy flying machine bearing a French insignia as a disguise, flew over the line at a height of 500 metres and attacked with bombs and machine gun fire American soldiers on the march. The soldiers took cover and there were no casualties. Reports that the Germans have been using French signs on their airplanes have been numerous during the past fortnight.

HEAVY TOLL SUNDAY.

With the French army in France, Tuesday, June 11—(By the Associated Press)— French cannon and machine guns have reaped a heavy toll since Sunday. An entire division of the famous jaegers was cut in pieces at Ressons-sur-Matz, while a guards division lost a great proportion of its effectives. Other divisions, it is learned, suffered equally during the preparation for the attack and the advance to the narrow valleys, all the passes of which were dominated by the Allied guns. Every prisoner taken seems horror stricken at the slaughter of his comrades.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

By Courier Leased Wire

Ottawa, June 12.—To-day's list of 75 casualties reports six Canadian soldiers killed in action, four died of wounds, one died, six presumed to have died, 14 missing, one prisoner of war, 29 wounded, ten gassed and four ill. The names follow:

Infantry.

Killed in action—189,557 T. Collins, St. Thomas.

Died of wounds—Lieut. H. L. Scully, Owen Sound; 123,456 W. P. Burns, St. Thomas, Ont.

Presumed to have died—863,129 W. J. Owlette, Bridgeburg, Ont.

Wounded—844,164 G. H. Corbin, London; 142,258 J. Burton, Oakville; 853,503 A. B. Douglass, Hobarton; 853,390 C. Pourie, Port Severn.

Cavalry.

Missing—226,129 W. Little, Owen Sound.

Medical Services.

Wounded—169 H. Tozer, 12 Woodward avenue, London; 160 E. M. Osborne, 78 Albion street, London.

Railway Troops.

Died—562,679 R. B. Whitaker, 144 Chatham street, Brantford.

Emile Verbeke, 14 years old, who robbed a Chatham residence, afterwards escaping from the Detroit police and holding a posse of farmers at bay, was sentenced to a term in the Mimico Industrial school.

William Leffler, now serving a life sentence in Kingston Penitentiary, is made defendant in a divorce brought by Mildred Leffler in Wayne Circuit Court, Detroit. Non-support is the charge.

A $1,750,000 freight yard is being built at Providence, R.I., by the New Haven Railroad.

WEATHER BULLETIN

"Zimmie"

Toronto, June 12. —The disturbance which was near Lake Superior yesterday morning has moved eastward to the lower St. Lawrence valley causing strong winds and gales with showers and thunder storms in Ontario and Quebec. The weather in the west has been fine and not quite so warm.

Forecasts.

Strong winds and moderate gales from northwest, fair. Thursday — Westerly winds; fine.

SIXTY IS NOT THE LIMIT

All Persons Over That Age Must Register With the Others

J. S. Dowling, registrar for Brantford under the Man Power Act, this morning stated that a misapprehension was generally entertained in regard to the registration. Many sections of the public believe that the registration is to include only men and women between the ages of sixteen and sixty, and that persons over sixty years of age need not register. This is erroneous, according to Mr. Dowling; there is no maximum age limit set and all persons over sixteen, whether under or over sixty, must register on or before June 22.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OPEN SESSION TO-DAY

Three Candidates Believed to be in the Running for Presidency

SESSIONS MAY BE HOT

The question of imperialism, as affecting the Canadian National Council of Women, will be one of the principal subjects under discussion by the Council in session here this week. The Council opened its sessions this morning, when a meeting was held in camera, with the press excluded. This afternoon the meeting was thrown open.

It is generally understood that the contest for the presidency of the Council is to be a three-cornered one, with Mrs. H. A. Hamilton and Mrs. Adelaide Plumptre of Toronto and Mrs. W. E. Sanford in the running. Mrs. Plumptre some time ago declared her intention of not allowing her name to go before the convention, but it is now stated upon good authority that she has reconsidered her decision, and will remain in the field.

The Toronto Telegram last night said:

"This week's sessions of the National Council of Women threaten to be warm because there is a section which thinks too much Internationalism has hurt it as a national council of Canada. There has been too much of Lady Aberdeen, and there are many who hope that this week's sessions will see that influence removed from it.

So declares a woman who is closely in touch with National Council affairs.

"It was humiliating to many of us," she went on, "to have to read that I.O.D.E. resolution, which so distinctly called for our repudiation of all affiliation with German women. As international President, Lady Aberdeen should have taken a firmer stand on this at the beginning of the war.

DEFIED SUBMARINES

At Atlantic Port, June 11.— A large British passenger liner which arrived here to-day, was warned to look out for German submarines, and was escorted into port by a scout seaplane which met the ship some distance at sea, some of the 176 passengers said. News of U-boats in American waters reached them before they sailed from Europe, they said, and the same precautions as observed in the war zone about British Islands, were observed all the way across the Atlantic. Nothing of an alarming nature was seen.

AT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

MRS. R. D. FAIRBARN, Toronto, Secretary National Council of Women.

MRS. TORRINGTON, Toronto, President National Council of Women

LADY FALCONER, President of Dominion Council Y.M.C.A.

GERMAN ADVANTAGE IS NULLIFIED BY FRENCH

Brilliant Counter Attack Delivered Yesterday Has Undone Most of the Success Gained by Enemy—Teutons Incur Serious Wastage of Man Power

By Courier Leased Wire.

PARIS, June 12.—The brilliant counter-attack delivered by the French left has undone most of the advantages gained by the Germans in the first two days of the battle, threatening as it does the flank of the enemy columns in the centre marching on Compeigne, from which they are now only six miles away.

The point thrust forward by the Germans in the center is extremely precarious, unless the enemy succeeds in flanking it by gaining possession of the heights on either side. This the Germans secured Monday by the capture of Mery plateau on their right and Thiescourt wood on their left. Tonight they have lost the former and their efforts to improve the situation on their left have been baffled by the French who hold firmly. If anything, the German centre is in great danger, inasmuch as it has advanced further.

After three days of fighting in which the Germans have incurred a serious wastage of man-power, the general situation remains unchanged. The enemy has failed to reach Compeigne, his immediate objective. His advance on the right bank of the Oise is not sufficent to place in jeopardy the Allied positions on the other bank between the Oise and the Aisne. At the other extremity of the battle line, the Montdidier plateau the situation has not been changed

With the French Army in Franec, Tuesday, June 11.—(Night).—(By The Associated Press).—The Allied troops to-day showed the Germans they could not have it all their own way by executing a number of counter-attacks which were invariably successful. Some important territory was won back and inroads even were made into the German positions. It was, in fact, a thoroughly good day for the Allies, who, in addition to regaining ground, captured more than 1,000 prisoners.

The principal counter-attack occurred between Domfront, near Ribescourt and Wacquemoulin, south of Belloy, a front of about 12 kilometres. Allied infantry, supported by tanks, achieved an advance, averaging 100 metres. They re-took Belloy, reached the edge of St. Maur, arrived north of Porte and Loges farms and obtained a foothold at Antheuil.

The French troops displayed remarkable courage and willingness to get at the foe who appeared completely disconcerted by their dash. Horse teams could be seen galloping forward to save their guns and some of the Germans lost their heads completely. The battle ground is literally covered with German dead.

The counter-attack on the French left wing, which was the first carried out to-day, took the French close to the original lines as they stood Sunday. The Allies also got beyond Mery in another assault, while a further fierce return blow enabled them to reach the vicinity of St. Maur.

CALLING OF 19 CLASS DELAYED UNTIL FALL

By Courier Leased Wire

Ottawa, June 12.—The call to the colors of 19-year-old men is delayed. When the proclamation requiring these men to register was published, it was intimated that they would not be required actually to report for duty before July. It is now considered improbable that many, if any, of the men will be summoned before September or October. Up to the present 51,883 men of 19 years of age have registered for military service. Of these it is estimated 75 per cent. would probably rank in medical category A, that is men fit for general service overseas.

The difficulty arises over the limitation stipulated in the Military Service Act on the number of reinforcements which may be secured under its provisions. The act provides that these reinforcements shall not exceed 100,000.

During the session, the act was amended and extended by order-in-council passed under the war measures act; but no change was made to the 100,000 provision. It was further intimated that any amendment to it would not be made by order-in-council.

Now up to the present 58,663 men have actually been placed on active service under the act. In addition 11,814 men have been ordered to report by registrar—making a grand total of ordered to report 71,640. From these figures have to be deducted "duplicates" that is men ordered to report in one district and voluntarily enlisting in another; men who voluntarily enlisted in the States before ratification of the Slackers treaty and men who had not been medically examined before being ordered to report.

How far these will affect the total of 71,640 is now under investigation by the military service branch of the Department of Justice. Approximately it is thought, the total will be brought down to 665,000, leaving another 35,000 recruits which may be secured under the military service act. Further additional reinforcements are daily being made available by the expiry of exemptions to class one men were called out.

In view of these circumstances it it regarded as improbable that the 19 year old men will be called for the time being. While no decision has been made in the matter, it is suggested that should military needs be continued, parliament may be called in the early fall to consider the situation with the view to extending the 100,000 limit.

DARING NAVAL RAID BY ITALIAN TORPEDO BOATS

Austrian Naval Division Was Attacked And Three Battleships of Largest Class Shelled—Raiders Escaped Unscathed

By Courier Leased Wire

Rome, June 11.—An official statement issued by the Italian Admiralty to-day follows:

"At dawn on Monday, near the Dalmatian Islands two small Italian torpedo boats, under command of Commander Rizzo Luizi de Milazzo attacked an Austrian naval division consisting of two large battleships of the Viribus Unitis class, escorted by ten destroyers. Our units having boldly broken through the line of destroyers, hit the leading battleship with two torpedoes and the other with one and returned to their base unscathed. One of the destroyers which pursued them was damaged seriously."

Battleships of the Veribus Unitis type are four in number and are the largest in the Austrian navy. They displace 20,000 tons and carry 1,000 men each.

Airmen Active.

Bulletin, London, June 12. — Twenty-one enemy airplanes have been destroyed on the Italian front by the British air forces operating there, according to to-day's war office statement reporting on the British operations in this area.

CAN'T STOP TROOP FLOW

Not Even U-Boats Can Halt Passage of American Army to Europe

By Courier Leased Wire.

Boston, June 12.—"The flow of troops from this country to Europe is at the rate of a quarter of a million a month and nothing can stop it, certainly not the kaiser with his U-boats," declared Lieutenant-General Thomas Bridges, British High Commissioner to the United States at a dinner tendered him last night by a number of prominent British and Canadian residents.

"I have it on the best authority," he continued, "that General Foch with whom I am intimately acquainted is very certain he has the situation well in hand and can now hold the Germans.

"We have to-day 200,000 American troops brigaded with British and French soldiers and this intimate association will have a far reaching effect on the future of the nations."

BATTLE TO-DAY WILL GIVE ONE SIDE VICTORY

Crucial Moment in Present Offensive at Hand, Says French Critic

SCALES ARE NOW EVEN

Each Side Has Won on One Wing and Decision Must be Made

ENEMY LOSSES HEAVY

By Courier Leased Wire

Paris, June 12.—To-day's fighting probably will decide on which side victory will rest in the present battle, says Henri Bidou, the military critic, in reviewing the situation. He says the fighting is taking the classical form in which each side has won on one wing. The scales are now even.

By their counter-attack the French stopped the enemy from carrying out his plan and at the same time assured themselves of a better line of defence. The Germans are now obliged, M. Bidou believes, to keep their effectives on the firing line and to dip into their stock of reserves for fresh divisions.

The German plan for the present battle, says Marcel Hutin of Echo de Paris, in reporting the statements of prisoners, included the attacking and storming of Compeigne by the cavalry of the guard under General von Schoeler on Sunday evening. Now the Germans not only are not at Compeigne, but they show a great deal less vigor in their efforts except on their left.

Heaped With Dead.

Paris, June 12.—The ground over which the French advanced in their counter-attack Tuesday was literally heaped with German dead, says the Havas correspondent at the front. In retaking Belloy and reaching the southern outskirts of St. Maur the French surprised the Germans, who until then thought they were masters of the situation. The Germans retired in disorder and brought horses to the first line in full gallop in order to carry away their guns.

The ardent and valiant counter-attack, the correspondent says, proved that the French have not lost their hitting power.

Says French Beaten

Amsterdam, June 12.—"A great part of the French army has been beaten," General von Stein, the Prussian war minister, declared in a speech to the Reichstag, according to Berlin advices.

"The so-called Foch reserve army no longer exists," the minister asserted.

"The success of the Crown Prince's carefully prepared attacks against the French and British on the Chemin des Dames front on May 27 inflicted one of the gravest defeats the Entente has suffered during the entire war."

General von Stein made these statements in a review of the military situation at the second reading of the army budget in the Reichstag yesterday.

"Besides his losses in men," continued General von Stein, "the enemy suffered an enormous loss in war materials and equipment. Immense stores of ammunition, which were heaped up along the lines of communication behind the front of the defeated French army likewise fell into our hands, just as previously we captured enormous stores from the British army."

The U.S. Supreme Court holds that draft boards are not responsible to Federal Courts.