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British Troops Are Off On A New Offensive

Haig's Men Attack On Nine Mile Front and All Goes Well

Carry Every Immediate Objective and Continue to Press on —Germans Attack French in Force But Are Beaten, With Heavy Losses

General Haig has launched his expected blow at the German lines in Belgium, striking early this morning along a nine mile front on the Messines-Wytschaete ridge between Ypres and Lille.

Success marked the opening of the offensive, the British winning all their initial objectives and pushing on. Their further progress is reported to be satisfactory along the whole front.

While a considerable stretch separates the field of this new offensive from that of Arras, the operation may be considered as in conjunction with the continuing battle on the Arras front. A sweeping salient in front of the city of Lille has been created by the Arras attack, and in a broad sense this salient is now under threat from both the north and the south.

OVER THE RIDGE ON FIRST RUSH

British Headquarters in France, June 7, via London—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press)—The British rush this morning on the Messines-Wytschaete ridge of the Belgian front took them well over the ridge, where they are now entrenching.

Belying the recent German boast that the British offensive from Arras had come to a halt, General Haig earlier this week proved that he had not lost his initiative. He made a successful drive to the south of Lens, carrying a mile of the German front north of the Scarpe.

The reverberations from this blow had hardly died away before today's attack was launched on the other side of the Lille salient.

A sharp, well defined curve in the German line, about three miles deep and the same distance across, is the immediate object of this new attack. In common with other sections of the line in Belgium, along a front of some thirty miles, its defenses had been subjected to a tremendous pounding by the British artillery for days.

The French front is comparatively quiet. The only development of note last night was a German attack northwest of St. Quentin. This was quickly checked by the French fire.

BETTER IN RUSSIA

Conditions in Russia appear more promising from several angles. For one thing the incident at Kronstadt with its revolting fortress garrison and declaration of independence has been adjusted, the self-constituted Kronstadt authorities recognizing the authority of the provisional government.

BRITISH PRESSING ON.

London, June 7—The British have opened an attack on a nine mile front between Messines and Wytschaste and have taken all their first objectives. The official statement says the British progress is being continued and that some prisoners have been taken.

The new British offensive is against a sharp German salient three miles south of Ypres. For several days the British have maintained a tremendous bombardment for almost thirty miles on this portion of their front. The salient itself is about three miles in width and the same distance in depth. An effective advance in this sector would seriously menace the German hold on Lille, which is about five miles from the nearest British position.

The text of the official statement follows:—

"We attacked at 3.10 this morning German positions on the Messines-Wytschaete ridge on a front of more than nine miles. We have everywhere captured our first objectives, and further progress is reported to be satisfactory along the whole front of attack. Numbers of prisoners are reported already to be reaching the colection stations."

LOSE HEAVILY TO FRENCH

Paris, June 7.—(Noon)—A strong force of Germans made an attack northwest of St. Quentin at midnight, says today's official announcement. The attackers were caught under a violent French fire and retired after sustaining heavy losses.

Two German airplanes were brought down on June 6. Supplementary information now at hand establishes definitely that three more German machines were brought down by French pilots on June 3, 4 and 5.

ROUMANIA IS READY TO FIGHT.

Paris, June 7—Roumania has re-organized her army and is ready to resume the fight, according to a statement by Premier Bratiano in an interview with the Petrograd correspondent of the Parisian.

"The Russian democracy," said the Roumanian premier, "has launched a new peace formula, neither annexations nor indemnities and she wished to impose that formula on her allies. Roumania finds the formula acceptable so far as she is concerned. She did not enter the war to make conquests. Her single object was and is the liberation of Roumanian territories enslaved by Hungary, which never had the right to dispose of themselves."

Bulgarian Report

Sofia, June 7, via London.—The official statement issued by the war office on Wednesday reads as follows: "There was weak artillery fire on the whole Macedonian front. On the right bank of the Vardar and south of Huma an enemy attack against Rossilkova was repulsed. There was aerial activity in the region of Sarichadan and an enemy airplane was brought down.

"On the Roumanian front there was rifle firing near Isakcha, Tultcha and Mahmudie."

JOFFRE TO WORK WITH PERSHING

Paris, June 7—Marshall Joffre has been designated by the minister of war to continue his work, begun in Washington, of assisting to organize American participation in the war. He will, therefore, be the representative of the French government in co-operating with the American commander, Major General Pershing. Lieut. Colonel Fabry, as chief of staff, and iLeutenant De Tessan as aid, both members of the French War Commission to the United States, will continue with the marshal.

When General Pershing reaches Paris he will be received by M. Viviani, minister of justice, and Marshal Joffre, and will be escorted through some of the principal streets, so that Parisians may have an opportunity to see the distinguished American soldier.

Hon. Robert Murray Returns.

Hon. Robert Murray, provincial secretary, returned to his seat in the legislature yesterday and was warmly welcomed. Hon. Mr. Murray has been in a sanitarium in Maine with eye trouble, but is much improved.

MORE BOMBING OF THE GERMANS; AND EFFECTIVE

London, June 7—Another aerial raid on Belgium is reported today by the admiralty. Naval airplanes dropped bombs on the airdrome at Nieuwminster, near the coast between Zeebrugge and Ostend. All the machines returned.

SOLDIERS TAKE CHARGE AT LABOR COUNCIL AND PUSH VOTE FOR FIGHTING

London, Ont., June 7—Two hundred soldiers, including returned men and those now training here, unexpectedly took possession of a meeting of the trades and labor council last evening and, after guarding the doors and preventing the police being called, requested that a resolution be passed favoring conscription. This was done and the soldiers then sang the national anthem and departed.

VICTORY FOR LEWIS OVER JACK BRITTON

St. Louis, Mo., June 7—Ted Lewis of England, outpointed Jack Britton of New York in a ten-round no-decision boxing contest here last night, in the opinion of newspapermen at the ringside. The men are welterweights.

NEW INSTALLATIONS

A new hydrant and new catch basin are being installed by the water and sewerage department at the foot of Portland street and a new hydrant at the corner of Brooks and Simonds streets. Work on the water main renewal in Princess street is progressing favorably.

WAITER FIRST TO JOIN THE BRITISH ARM YIN STATES

More Than 500 Men Apply on First Day at Broadway Recruiting Station—Jack Binns Among Them

New York, June 7.—The British recruiting station at 280 Broadway opened with a rush yesterday. More than 500 men applied and about 90 per cent. passed the physical test. Among them were several English actors now playing here, including George Hassell of the "Oh Boy" company, Colin Campbell, Duncan McRae, Leonard Mudie, Roland Bottomley, Malcolm Dunn and Roland Young.

Jack Binns, who as a wireless operator was the hero of the steamship Republic disaster in 1909, went to the station to enlist in the aviation corps. Binns, who is now a newspaper reporter, is married and has two children. It is expected that he will be accepted.

Geo. L. Vezina, 22, a waiter, has the honor of being the first subject of King George to enlist in the British army on United States soil. He passed the examination yesterday and was mustered into the service immediately.

WILSON ASKS FOR QUICK ACTION IN MATTER OF CONTROL OF STAPLES

Washington, June 7—President Wilson has asked members of the senate agriculture committee to act quickly on the pending legislation to give the government control over the nation's staples food supply. He expressed the fear that if Congress delayed, European nations largely dependent on American supplies might begin to compete with each other in buying here in such fashion as to send prices in the United States to alarming heights and bring about unrest in the great cities.

SERIOUS FOOD TROUBLES BREAK OUT IN NORWAY

Government Shuts Off Sale of Liquor In Order to Prevent Rioting

London, June 7.—A dispatch to the Central News from Christiania says that great demonstrations against the unsatisfactory food situation were held throughout Norway on Wednesday. The government, with a view to preventing rioting, prohibited the sale of alcoholic beverages for three days and as a result of this order the restaurants were closed.

The dispatch adds that all stores in Christiania shut their doors, that the gas works and electrical plants are idle and that nearly all workmen are striking.

Christiania, June 7, via London.—The demonstration throughout Norway yesterday against the high cost of living passed quietly. In Christiania 40,000 persons joined in a street parade. A deputation of the demonstrators was received by the president of the Storthing.

NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERMEN LEAVE FOR LABRADOR COAST

St. Johns, Nfld., June 7—Several hundred Newfoundland schooners have sailed for the Labrador coast on their annual fishing expedition, which will be in progress throughout the summer. The number engaged was somewhat less than usual, as the high cost of provisions made the fitting out of two vessels as expensive as the supplying of three in ordinary years.

TAKE UP ST. JOHN BILLS

Many People From City in Fredericton Today

LANCASTER SIDEWALKS

Speeches For and Against Heard by Municipalities Committee—Maintenance of Pauper Patients In St. John Hospital

Fredericton, N. B., June 7—The municipalities committee was engaged mostly this morning in consideration of St. John bills. There was a large delegation of citizens from the city and county present.

Opposition to a bill relating to the Lancaster sidewalks was voiced by Messrs. Linton and Anderson, who said that there was no need for any further sidewalks at the present time. The greatly increased cost of material and labor made it inexpedient to undertake work that was not absolutely necessary, particularly in view of the fact that there was already an over expenditure of $1,600 on roads and streets. To undertake the extension of permanent sidewalks at present would mean that, owing to the high cost, a much less quantity of work could be done for the money than would be the case if material and labor were cheaper.

The bill was supported by Councillor O'Brien and Messrs. Golding and Fenton, who spoke of the immense benefit it would be to the locality in inducing new residents to put in permanent work on the roads and sidewalks. The committee will consider the bill later.

A bill relating to the payment for maintenance of pauper patients at the St. John Hospital by municipalities was opposed by Mr. Taylor on behalf of the County of Westmorland, who thought that the grant of $3,800 to the hospital by the provincial government should be appropriated towards the cost of the keep of such patients. Further, he did not see why any county which owned a public hospital of its own should have to pay towards the upkeep of patients in the St. John hospital.

Warden McLellan said that municipalities would be asked to pay only for their pauper patients when it was absolutely proved that they belonged to that particular municipality.

The committee will take up the bill again later.

A bill relating to the town of Edmundston and Fraser, Limited, was agreed to with certain amendments.

Merchants' Requests

A delegation from the Retail Merchants' Association of New Brunswick waited upon the provincial government this morning and discussed several changes in existing legislation.

The delegation asked that the act passed in 1911, empowering city councils to pass by-laws concerning the early closing of shops and stores be so amended that upon a petition from two-thirds of the retail merchants of any place praying for an early closing by-law such by-law shall be passed.

A second request was that an execution of a justice be made good in any part of the province.

It also was asked that garnishee, which now applies to debts of $80 or more be made to apply to debts of $25 or more.

NO BETTING AT CANADIAN RACE TRACKS AFTER JULY

Ottawa, Ont., June 7—An order in council has been passed prohibiting betting on Canadian race tracks from August 1 until the end of the war. The order will be promulgated as soon as signed by the governor general, probably today.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—The disturbance which was situated in Iowa yesterday is now hovering over Wisconsin, causing showery weather over the Great Lakes. Elsewhere fair weather prevails except that a few local showers have occurred in the northern parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Ottawa Valley—Partly fair today and on Friday, with occasional showers or local thunder storms.

Showers Tomorrow.

Maritime—Moderate winds, fair and warm today, local showers on Friday.

New England forecast—Probably showers and thunder storms today and on Friday; moderate south winds.

American Warships Off French Coast; Supplies For New Allies Arrive

Paris, June 7.—The ministry of marine announced last night that American warships have anchored off the French coast.

Paris, June 7.—A large American transport containing wheat for American troops which are to come later has crossed the Atlantic under the protection of an American warship. The Matin so announces. The transport is now being unloaded at a French port. The newspaper says preparations are being made for the reception of American troops. Bases similar to those of the British army have been organized.

Camps have been laid out for infantry and artillery and aviation parks have been established for American aviators. The Matin says the arrival of the transport means that the provisioning of the army is well under way before the arrival of the troops and that accordingly the American forces will make no call on the French stock of food.

Washington, D.C., June 7.—The naval collier Jupiter has arrived in France. Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced this today. It is laden with 10,500 tons of wheat and other supplies. The ship sailed from an American port without any intimation of her voyage having been given out in advance. She is now at anchor in a French port.

The announcement adds: "The French navy greets with joy on their arrival these new brothers in arms who, under the flag of the great American republic, have come to participate until final victory in the struggle against the common enemy."

ANOTHER OF 'EM WORSTED IN FIGHT

American Steamer Sinks An Enemy Submarine In The Mediterranean

Paris, June 7.—The American steamer Silvershell has had a battle with a submarine in the Mediterranean. After an exchange of sixty shots, the submarine disappeared. Details of the fight were made public today by the ministry of marine. The Silvershell, commanded by Captain Tom Charlton, sighted the submarine on May 30. In a running fight which followed, the American boat proved speedier than its enemy and seemed also to be the master in gunfire. The disappearance of the submarine was sudden.

The Silvershell is a steamship of 5,605 tons, owned by the Shell Oil Co., of California. She sailed from America early in May with a crew of forty-three men.

Washington, June 7.—The Silvershell is the steamer referred to in yesterday's state department announcement as having sunk a German submarine after an exchange of sixty shots in a running fight of an hour and a half.

LONDON PAPERS' TONE JUBILANT

London, June 7.—The morning newspapers today display with gratification the news of the toll exacted from the German air raiders which, they remark, was a terrible price to pay for a raid which effected virtually nothing of military importance. It is generally assumed that ten German machines were lost, and some of the commentors express the belief that this is almost enough to cause the Germans to cease repetitions of their airplane raids.

The damage inflicted on the raiders, in connection with the reduction in sinkings of vessels by submarines and naval airplane attacks on enemy bases in Belgium has installed a spirit of elation in the editorials and news columns generally.

MORE THAN 600 DOG LICENSES THUS FAR

The activities of the policemen have had a stimulating effect on the demand for dog licenses this year. So far the number of licenses totals 681, more than half of the entire number issued last year and a much larger number than had been issued at this date in 1916. Owing to a misunderstanding, there was no police census of the dogs last year and the lack of this reminder reduced the number of applicants to such an extent that the council found it advisable to extend the time for issuing licenses at the ordinary rate for an extra month.

This year there is no such excuse for the dog owners and the double rates of $2 and $4 will go into effect on July 1. As there are more than 1,200 dogs in the city the license clerk is likely to have some busy days before the end of the month.

LANCASTER SIDEWALKS

Councillors Golding and O'Brien of Lancaster, with Wililam Stymest, also of the Highway Board, went to Fredericton to watch progress on bills affecting the parish.

In regard to the sidewalk situation the councillors express themselves as much pleased at last evening's announcement that the bill had been passed. As to the petitions being circulated, Councillor O'Brien said that many names appended were of persons residing outside the sections to be served and looking at the question from a purely selfish standpoint, it was hardly to be expected that they would favor new sidewalks that did not pass their own doors. He also said that the permanent work contemplated would be the cheapest in the long run and declared emphatically that the taxes would not be raised a cent by this method.

Meanwhile the petitions are still being signed and a meeting of the Lancaster Board of Trade, at which it is understood the matter will be further discussed, has been called.

BRITISH SAID TO HAVE CAPTURED MESSINES

British Headquarters in France, June 7, via London—(A. P. Correspondent)—The village of Messines was reported to have been taken early in the fighting. It was also reported that Lenfer and Zareeba had fallen and that Wytschaete had been surrounded by the British storming troops.

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Likely Press Conscription Bill Is Report From Dominion Capital

Another Report Says Election Likely—Letters of Sir Wilfred And Premier Borden

Ottawa, June 7.—A Conservative caucus today after hearing a report from the premier on the failure of coalition negotiations, gave what is said to be practically unanimous approval to a proposal of Sir Robert Borden that the conscription bill should be brought down next week and forced through the house. So far as known there is no intimation of a general election but that may eventuate from developments after the bill is introduced.

Correspondence on the coalition negotiations showed that the premier had made the proposal to the leader of the opposition who had replied in effect that it should have been broached before conscription was announced. The premier suggested a cabinet of eight Liberals and eight Conservatives with himself as the odd member, giving the present government a majority of one. The premier also suggested that the coalition bill should be introduced with the pledge that it would not be given effect until the coalition had gone to the country and asked for a mandate on the measure.

The two leaders were unable to agree upon the composition of the cabinet and finally negotiations came to an end yesterday and the deal was declared off.

Says Election Certain.

Toronto, June 7—A despatch to the Daily News says: "The proposals made by Sir Robert Borden for a union cabinet have been decisively rejected by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. As a result a general election is certain and will be called as soon as the necessary steps can be taken. The situation was explained to members of the house this morning when both parties held a caucus.

Sir Robert Borden will now endeavour to secure a group of Liberals for the government from inside parliament, or if necessary from outside parliament.

LAURIER'S LETTER TO THE PREMIER

Ottawa, Ont., June 7—The following correspondence between Sir Robt. Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier explanatory of the failure of the negotiations for a coalition government was given out this morning by arrangement between the two party leaders.

Ottawa, Ont., June 6, 1917.

To Dear Sir Robert:

On May 12 you asked me to meet you on the following day, which I did. After explaining fully the conditions of the

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FREDERICTON NEWS

Fredericton, N. B., June 7—The condition of J. Howe Dickson, clerk of the executive council, is reported slightly improved today. He passed a good night.

Hon. Robert Murray, provincial secretary treasurer, who has resumed his legislative duties after being in a sanitarium in Maine for some time on account of eye trouble, has been forbidden by his physician to use his eyes by reading or writing.

The campaign conducted in this city last week for funds for the overseas work of the Y. M. C. A., met with great success. A. G. Taylor, of the Royal Bank, who was honorary treasurer of the campaign, is still receiving subscriptions. Up to this morning the amount was $5,687.50. This will be slightly increased. The amount originally expected was $4,000.

BOYS' CLUB LEAGUE

Last evening the Beavers defeated the Boys' Club by a score of 5 to 2. The batteries were, for the Boys' Club, Stack, Graves and Horton; for the Beavers, Appelby and Arnold. The Beavers and Cubs will play this evening. League standing:

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Beavers	3	0	1.000
Alerts	1	0	1.000
Boys' Club	1	2	.333
Cubs	0	3	.000

COMPANY TO MAKE REPAIRS

Repairs to the asphalt pavement in Union street, between Charlotte and Sydney, are to be made next month by the Warren Bitulithic Company, which laid the paving. Under their contract and guarantee, they are required to keep the pavement in repair for a term of years.

HOME FROM WAR

Some New Bruswickers Among 500 at Halifax — Also 800 Women and Children

Halifax, N. S., June 7—Five hundred returned officers and soldiers, besides more than 800 women and children, arrived here today. The New Brunswick wounded are C.S.M. G. P. Black, Cambridge; Private E. M. Bowser, Moncton; Private H. Delong, Nashwaaksis; Private C. W. Greer, Woodstock; C.S.M. W. E. Hunter, Harvey Station; Private H. McArthur, Sussex.

MUST STAND TRIAL; CHARGE IS SLAYING OF THEIR CHILD

Cambridge, Mass., June 7—Joseph Wakelein, a farmer, and his wife, Mrs. Sarah Wakelin, of Melrose, were indicted here today for the murder of their six-year-old daughter, Loretta, whose body was found in the woods near her home on June 1, 1916. Physicians say death was caused by strangulation. The Wakelins were arrested last week and are being held without bail.

KRONSTADT TROUBLE ENDED

Petrograd, June 7.—The Kronstadt incident is closed. The local committee of soldiers' and workmen's delegates has recognized the authority of the provisional government.