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LARGE ALLIED ARMIES STAND BEFORE PARIS

Present Battle May Actually
Decide Fate of
Germany.

IMPOSSIBLE TO WIN

Kaiser's Forces Are Sure to
Suffer Another
Defeat.

London, June 10.—Commenting on
the new German offensive, The Star
says:

"The third phase of the battle which
commenced March 21 may well decide
the fate of Germany. It cannot de-
cide the fate of the allies for what-
ever may be the outcome, they will
fight on until America and the Amer-
ican armies can turn the scale and
deliver the world forever from Prus-
sian hegemony. The Germans are
not going to win. There are great ar-
mies of the French and British be-
tween them and Paris.

"We expect those armies, with the
rapidly increasing American army, to
beat them flat. We decline to go half
way toward defeat of any kind. We
believe in victory, and nothing but
victory.

"We have beaten the Germans in a
hundred battles since Mons. We shall
beat them now."

KAISER'S MEN CAST IN SLAUGHTERHOUSE

Most of Them Will Never Make
Exit From Shambles Prepared
for Reception.

ALLIES CLING TO HEIGHTS

Only Chosen Divisions Enter
Conflict—Twenty Already
Engage French Troops.

With the French Army in France,
June 10.—Fighting in this war prob-
ably never has been more severe than
that going on today in the great bat-
tle of French and German armies be-
tween Montdidier and Noyon.

The Germans attacking on a ground
where the entente allies were ready
to receive the shock, have found them-
selves thrown into a slaughterhouse
whence most of them never will make
an exit.

When the German infantry began
coming over in the densest masses,
they encountered immediately an ex-
tremely hot fire from both machine
gun and artillery, which mowed them
down. Ever since, as fresh waves en-
tered the conflict, they were subject-
ed to similar punishment.

The German progress must not be
taken to mean that the German forces
have overcome the defenders, who in-
tended from the beginning to retire
from their actual lines of combat as
soon as the action developed.

Some idea of the determined nature
of the fighting may be gathered from
the struggle on each wing. The Village
of Courcelles changed hands numerous
times and when this despatch was sent
was in the possession of the allies. At
the other end of the line, Mont Renaud
was still making a magnificent defense,
and last reports showed that Le Ple-
mont was yet in allied hands.

The centre, about Recons-sur-Matz,
where the Germans made their most
obstinate effort and formed a pocket
extending southeastward, is the only part
of the line against which the Germans
have been able to report a real gain.
Their intention is to try to reach the
banks of the Oise and threaten the al-
lied salient which extends to the vic-
inity of Noyon.

The Germans knew when they open-
ed the attack that their task would
be difficult. Therefore, they sent into
the fray only the best divisions, which
must have been specially trained for the
task. It is estimated that they en-
gaged approximately twenty divisions
while behind these, ready to take the
place of the exhausted divisions, there
were probably a similar number, per-
haps even greater.

LARGE U. S. FORCE SENT TO FRANCE

Over Seven Hundred Thousand
Soldiers Carried Across
the Atlantic.

Washington, June 10.—More
than 700,000 American soldiers
have been sent to France, Sec-
retary Baker said today in a
speech to French "blue devils,"
who came to the United States
to aid in the third Liberty Loan
campaign. Mr. Baker's last of-
ficial announcement some weeks
ago was that more than half a
million had gone over.

TRANSPORT ENGAGES GERMAN SUBMARINE

American Vessel Discharges
Five Shots at Long Range With
Unknown Results.

An Atlantic Port, June 10.—An
American transport fired five shots at
a German submarine this morning 75
miles off the Jersey coast, with un-
known results, according to infor-
mation brought here tonight by the cap-
tain of a Brazilian steamship.

The freight ship, bound north from
a South American port, sighted the
submarine soon after ten o'clock. Im-
mediately full speed ahead was order-
ed, and the vessel zig-zagged. A few
minutes later a vessel in the distance,
which later was identified as a United
States army transport, opened fire on
the submarine. Two shots were heard
followed almost immediately by three
others.

The Brazilian steamer continued its
course with all possible speed for this
port without waiting to ascertain the
result of the encounter.

CORONER'S JURY ADVISES AGAINST USE OF LIQUOR

Strongly Recommend Prohibition of
Drink Among Members of Royal
Air Force.

Following the ending of the inquest
at the morgue last night regarding the
death in an airplane collision of Cadet
Lloyd H. Carter, and the bringing in
of a finding by the jury in which the
Royal Air Force was called upon to
absolutely forbid the use of liquor by
any R. A. F. members whether on
duty or leave, Coroner W. A. Young
stated he was forwarding a copy of
the jury's finding to the crown at-
torney, requesting him to forward it to
the Ottawa authorities, and they in
turn to the imperial government in
London, Eng., asking that all R. A. F.
men, whether in uniform or in mufti,
be not allowed to have liquor in
camps, thus following the rules of the
camps of the Canadian expeditionary
force.

Evidence was given at the inquest
last night by Donald C. Thane, one
of the two aviators in the other air-
plane, who sustained serious injuries
in the collision. Thru the direction of
questions by Assistant Crown Attor-
ney Snyder it was shown that liquor
had been brought into the flying
camp. The witness, who is a member
of the Foreign Legion, has three years
of service in France to his credit, and
after being gassed came back to Can-
ada to recuperate.

The jury's finding:
"We find that Cadet Lloyd H. Car-
ter came to his death March 1, at
Leaside Camp, thru the airplane in
which he was flying colliding with an-
other in midair, and that the death
was accidental. The jury, on their
oath, further state that while they do
not wish to blame any of the parties
concerned with this occurrence, they
feel most strongly that the use of
liquor by any of the Flying Corps, un-
der any circumstances, while on duty
or on leave, should be absolutely for-
bidden, and that the jury call upon
the proper authorities to frame and
put into force the most stringent regu-
lations to this effect."

ARTILLERY FIRING ONLY.

London, June 10.—"Beyond artillery
activity on both sides in the different
sectors," says Field Marshal Haig's
report from British headquarters in
France tonight, "there is nothing to
report from the British front."

INTERPROVINCIAL CONVENTION IS OFF

Baptists Definitely Announce
Cancellation of Ontario-
Quebec Meeting.

TORONTO IS OPPOSED

Protest Offset by Over-
whelming Majority Against
Convention.

Definite announcement was made
at the Baptist offices yesterday after-
noon that the annual interprovincial
convention of the Ontario and Que-
bec Baptist Union would be called off
for the present year. The fact that
the Toronto Baptist District Associa-
tion was opposed to the desire of the
executive to call off the convention,
and that a strong protest had been
made by Rev. Dr. O. S. C. Wallace
of Montreal in behalf of the Quebec
Baptists, was authoritatively stated
to have been more than offset by "an
overwhelming majority against the
convention." The votes are in the
hands of the secretary of the exe-
cutive, Rev. C. E. McLeod.

ITALIANS WIN ADVANTAGE IN AERIAL OPERATIONS

Rome, June 10.—Five hostile air-
planes were brought down and four
tons of bombs were dropped on the
enemies' depots and communication
junctions, according to the official
statement issued by the war office to-
day. The text of the communication
reads:
"Artillery duels were frequent from
Tosone to the Brenta River and on
the lower Piave. In Val Lagarina,
Valarosa and at Sbonche, Laghi and
Porte di Salton, enemy surprise at-
tacks by large detachments were frus-
trated.

"In a raid on Col Dell Orso our own
and British patrols drove back recon-
naissance parties at various points and
captured arms and materiel. Four
tons of bombs were dropped on enemy
depots and communication junctions.
Five hostile airplanes were brought
down."

SEA TANK EMPLOYED IN ITALIAN NAVAL RAID

London, June 10.—"According to
Vienna newspapers received here,"
says the Central News correspondent
at Amsterdam, "the Italians used a
'sea tank' during their last attack at
Pola, Austria's naval base on the
Adriatic. The boat was 40 feet long,
six feet wide and propelled by elec-
tricity.

"There was an endless rotary chain
round the vessel fitted with harps
which cut nets and other obstacles,
like the land tanks. The vessel has
two torpedo tubes."

THIRTEEN WOMEN KILLED IN HOSPITAL ATTACKS

London, June 10.—The Germans
bombed British hospitals in France
seven times between May 15 and June
1, according to a statement made in
the house of commons today by J. I.
Macpherson, under-secretary of the
war office. The casualties numbered
91. These are as follows:
Killed—Officers, 11; other ranks,
318; nursing sisters, 5; women's aux-
iliary corps, 8; civilians, 6.
Wounded—Officers, 15; other ranks,
534; nursing sisters, 11; women's aux-
iliary corps, 7; civilians, 72.

BALKAN FRONT ACTIVE.

Spirited Artillery Activity Prevails on
Both Banks of Vardar.

Paris, June 10.—A French official
statement says: "Eastern theatre—On
both banks of the Vardar there was
spirited artillery activity by the en-
emy, who bombarded our communica-
tions behind the front with a long-
range piece. Our batteries replied
with destructive fires, which blew up
an enemy munitions depot. There was
great artillery and patrol activity on
the front of the Serbian army, where
several enemy detachments were dis-
persed by our fire. An enemy air-
plane was brought down."

FRESH FRENCH TROOPS PREVENT GERMANS MAKING HEADWAY

BRITISH ADVANCE ON MILE FRONT IN COASTAL REGION OF PALESTINE

Several Observation Posts Are Carried in Local Operation—
Arabs Make Another Attack on Hedjaz Railway.

London, June 10.—The following official communication dealing with
the operations in Palestine was issued this evening:

"Saturday morning our troops in the coastal sector by a successful
local operation captured a portion of an enemy trench system and sev-
eral observation posts on a mile frontage. Counter-attacks were re-
pulsed and the new line is being consolidated.

"In the Hedjaz region Arab forces raided the railway in the vicinity
of Towaira. A train and culverts were destroyed and the track and
telegraph line demolished."

NEARLY FOUR HUNDRED REGISTER WITH POLICE

These Who Intend Being Out of City
Are Taking Advantage of the
Privilege.

Up until 10.30 last night some 381
persons had registered at the various
police stations throughout the city, in
compliance with the recent order in-
council that persons who will be away
next week may register in advance.
While in most divisions only those
who were going to leave the city were
allowed to register, a few availed
themselves of avoiding the inevitable
rush by registering at the police
stations, and in most cases the police
officer obliged them.

At No. 1 station (Court street), 58
men and four women had been re-
gistered late last night. The first man
to appear during the day was Samuel
Daniel Abell, of 135 Ellsworth avenue,
who was leaving the city. He was
registered by Inspector Sawdon. The
filling in of the form takes about five
minutes in every case.

At Covans avenue station no hard
and fast line was drawn, and all who
applied for registration were given
their cards. A few of the other di-
visions refused to register anyone who
was not leaving the city before June
17.

BRITISH FLYING MEN SWEEP BATTLEFIELD

Bombing Squadrons Impede Ger-
man Advance—Other Flights
Use Machine Guns.

London, June 10.—"On Sunday our
flying squadron, co-operating with the
French on the Noyon-Montdidier bat-
tlefront, worked continually from
dawn till dark," says the official state-
ment on aerial operations today. "Our
bombing squadrons impeded the en-
emy's advance and harassed his troops
and transport with constant machine
gun fire.

"Strong patrols of scout machines
swept the battle area through the day,
while high flying airplanes protected
those below from air attack.

"Among the targets hit were an air-
drome near Ezy, where hostile ma-
chines on the ground were set afire;
an ammunition dump at Montdidier,
which went up in a sheet of flame;
canteens and wagons at Couchy, Lor-
ries at Laguy and Hainvillers, and in-
fantry in trenches and on the roads
along and behind the whole fighting
line."

"On the British battlefield there was
little enemy activity in the air, but
our machines carried out a good deal
of artillery observation work, until
stopped by rain. One of our machines
forced a two-seat German machine to
land and surrender at the air-drome to
which our machine belonged.

"Fourteen other German planes were
downed and four disabled. A hostile
balloon was shot down in flames. Four
of our machines are missing."

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JAPANESE LANDING BELIEVED IMMINENT

Allied Diplomatic Corps Send
Strong Recommendations for
Intervention by Nippon.

RAILWAY PUT IN SHAPE

Public Opinion in Manchuria
Generally Welcomes Prospect
of Allied Support.

Harbin, Manchuria, June 10.—Altho
it has been reported that General
Semenoff, commander of the forces
operating against the Bolsheviks in
Siberia, is hourly in expectation of
Japanese troops to support him, there
is no confirmation that these troops
actually are on the way.

It has been learned, however, that
strong recommendations have been
made by the diplomatic corps for the
immediate intervention of the Japa-
nese in the face of the growing Ger-
man menace. These recommendations have
been forwarded to the governments of
the respective diplomacies, including the
Washington government.

The friction between Lt.-Gen. Hor-
vath, military commander at Harbin,
and General Semenoff has subsided,
Semenoff having agreed to recognize
Horvath's authority. Semenoff, how-
ever, will have a free hand militarily
in Irans-Balkala.

Admiral Katochak has relinquished
his post in the Chinese eastern rail-
way directorate, and accepted com-
mand of the troops operating in the
like the fourth trainload of Amer-
ical General Orlotof's contingent departed
today to support General Kolmakoff's
expedition against Nikolok.

What seemingly lends color to Gen-
eral Semenoff's announcement of ex-
pected Japanese support is an order
issued by the railway authorities pro-
hibiting freight shipments between
Harbin and Chang-Chung for eight
days. There are also rumors that the
railway has received instructions to
prepare for the early transportation of
a large force from Chang-Chung. Re-
ports of Japanese military movements
are officially denied, but it is admit-
ted that definite operations by China
and Japan with allied co-operation are
imminent.

Public opinion generally welcomes the
idea of intervention, recognizing the
necessity which throws the burden up-
on Japan. Expressions of regret have
been heard, however, that American
troops will not take part in the inter-
vention, as the greatest confidence is
reposed in them.

AMERICANS MAKE GAIN NEAR CHATEAU THIERRY

With the American Army in France,
June 10.—The United States marines
attacked the Germans after daybreak
this morning and penetrated the Ger-
man lines for about two-thirds of a
mile on a 400-yard front in the Bel-
leau Wood, northwest of Chateau
Thierry. The Germans now hold only
the northern fringe of the wood. The
Americans captured two minenwerfer,
which are the largest pieces yet taken
by them.

Enemy Attacks Fail to Carry Two Villages on Right and Left Wings, But After Tremendous Losses Germans Succeed in Driving Small Wedge into Allies' Centre—700,000 American Troops Now in France.

The Germans in the centre of their new attack on the front be-
tween Montdidier and Noyon have gained additional ground against
the French, but on both the left and right wings they are being held.

In violent successive attacks Monday they captured the Villages
of Mery, Belloy, and St. Maur and also pressed forward and gained
a footing in the Village of Marquiesle, the last named place repre-
senting the deepest point of penetration since the offensive began—
between five and six miles.

The French still are exacting a heavy toll in lives from the Ger-
mans as they deliver their attacks in waves, and are giving ground
only when forced to do so under superiority of numbers. Nowhere
has the enemy been able to pierce the front, which has been bent
back in perfect order whenever the necessity arose.

The battle is described by correspondents as one of the most
furious that have been fought since the war began, with the enemy
unusually reckless in wasting life to gain his objectives.

The latest official communication from the German war office
says additional ground has been gained by the Germans southwest
of Noyon against newly brought up French reinforcements and the
Germans have taken about 3,000 prisoners and some guns.

STRONG ATTACKS ON MARNE.
Near Bussieres, northwest of Chateau Thierry, the Americans
and French again have delivered strong attacks against the Germans
and taken more ground. They also captured a number of prisoners
and thirty machine guns. On the remainder of the front in France
and Belgium, the operations have been of a minor nature, altho south
of the Somme the British, near Bouzencourt, have carried out an
operation which straightened out a nasty salient that sagged in their
line.

As the Austrians continue to bring up large forces of men behind
their lines in the Italian district, the artillery activity and raiding op-
erations are daily increasing. Throughout the mountain region from Tosone
to the Brenta River and along the lower reaches of the Piave River,
the guns of both sides are engaged in violent duels. Numerous sur-
prise attacks have been attempted by the Austrians on various sectors,
but all of them were successfully repulsed. Aerial operations on a
large scale also are in progress and fights in the air are of daily
occurrence. Large quantities of explosives have been dropped on
enemy positions by Italian airmen and a number of enemy aircraft
have been shot down.

In the Macedonian theatre there has also been an increase in
the artillery activity, the enemy bombarding the allied lines on both
sides of the Vardar River. On the part of the front held by the Ser-
bians the artillery fire has been unusually severe.

Official announcement has been made to the house of commons
at London that 348 officers and men, nurses, women of the auxiliary
corps and civilians, were killed between May 15 and June 1 by Ger-
man air raiders bombing hospitals and that 643 persons were wound-
ed in these attacks.

OFFICIAL REPORT FROM PARIS.

Paris, June 10.—Several small villages were occupied by the
Germans on the centre in the Montdidier-Noyon sector, including
Mery, Belloy and St. Maur, according to the war office announce-
ment tonight. This was done by repeated assaults and at the cost
of great sacrifices.

South of Recons-sur-Matz, the Germans gained a footing in
Marquiesle. Further to the east the battle continues in the south-
ern outskirts of Elincourt.

The text of the statement reads:
"On the second day of the offensive the enemy sought by
powerful attacks in large force without cessation by new effective
to advance in the direction of Estrees St. Denis and Ribecourt. Our
troops fulfilled with tenacity their mission of resistance.

"The enemy was able to take successively by repeated assaults
and at the cost of heavy sacrifices the Villages of Mery, Belloy and
St. Maur. The plateau of Belloy was the theatre of heroic engage-
ments.

"South of Recons-sur-Matz the Germans gained a footing in
Marquiesle, and further east the battle continues in the southern
outskirts of Elincourt.

"On our right the enemy succeeded in debouching from Thies-
court Wood. On our left, between Courcelles and Ruoscourt, we
broke down the enemy attacks and held our positions. East of the
Oise a German attempt to retake a fort failed.

"On June 9 our pursuit escadrilles destroyed or put out of com-
mission eleven enemy airplanes. Our bombing airplanes attacked
without respite enemy troops massed behind the front of the attack.
"In the day of June 9 and the following night, despite the bad
weather, 18 tons of projectiles were dropped on concentration points,