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**PROBS**—A few scattered showers not much change in temp.

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**RUSSIANS BEGIN DRIVE IN ARMENIA WITH TWO SUCCESSES  
FRENCH LOSE SOME GROUND IN FIGHTING NORTH OF AISNE  
Graham, Nesbitt and Buchanan Liberal Insurgents---Income Tax Coming**

**ALLIES ENGAGE FOE IN HEAVY LOCAL FIGHTS**

French Strenuously Combat Germans Along Chemin-des-Dames.

**RUSSIAN GUNS ACTIVE**

Bad Weather Confines British Operations to Minor Actions.

London, June 22.—The French and Germans in the region north and northeast of Soissons and in several sectors in Champagne have been engaged in furious fighting for two days with varying results, while in the eastern theatre in Volhynia and Galicia the Russians are using their guns against the Austro-German lines in bombardments which may prove the prelude to the commencement of infantry activity.

The British line in France had weather has brought the operations of General Haig's army almost to a standstill, except for bombardments, which are being reciprocated by the Germans, patrol reconnaissances, and aerial operations. Likewise in the Austro-Italian theatre the offensive of the Italians was resumed Wednesday on the front southeast of Trent, but slackened materially in intensity. On the other fronts only minor actions have taken place.

Having lost back to the French the greater portion of the trenches which they had captured in the vicinity of Verdun, the Germans on the western front have delivered violent attacks along a front of about a mile and a quarter, extending from Epine Chevriere to La Rompe. In the latter direction, in large numbers were used in the assault, and again, as before Vauxsaillon, the French guns inflicted heavy casualties on the Germans, driving the assaulting waves back into their trenches, except in the centre, where repeated attempts, the forces of the German crown prince entered a French salient.

**French Retake Point.**  
In Champagne, southeast of Moronvillers, according to the Berlin office, the Germans in a surprise attack conquered a French position, but the French later in counter-attacks regained a portion of it. Near Carville, the French penetrated the German line, but were unable to consolidate the position owing to the counter-attacks.

Diapers again have broken out among the sailors of the Russian Black Sea fleet at Sebastopol. They are reported to be connected with the retention of the commander of the fleet, and propaganda by forces of reaction. The trouble is not believed to be serious.

Official advices from Vienna are to the effect that the cabinet crisis has not yet been settled. It is said the Count Clam-Martinic, the premier, has been unable to form a new ministry, and has requested Emperor Charles to relieve him of the task.

**BRITISH REPULSE RAID ON LINE EAST OF EPEHY**

Germans Leave Several Dead Comrades on Wire Entanglements.

London, June 22.—The war office communication issued tonight, says: "A hostile raiding party was repulsed during the night east of Epehy. The enemy left several of their dead on our wire entanglements and a few wounded Germans were made prisoners."

"An enemy attempt to capture one of our posts near the Belmont farm, in the same neighborhood, also failed."

"Work in conjunction with our artillery was continued by our airplanes yesterday, and despite the bad weather good results were obtained. In air fighting one German airplane was brought down and six others were driven down out of control. Three of our machines are missing."

**FORMER U. S. CONSUL ALLIED WITH ENEMY**

Gaffney Goes to Stockholm From Berlin on Special Mission.

London, June 22.—A despatch to The Exchange Telegraph from Stockholm says T. St. John Gaffney, former American consul at Munich, has arrived in Stockholm from Berlin, to urge the Dutch and Scandinavian Socialists' delegations to consider the question of Irish independence at the International Socialist conference.

Gaffney was dismissed from his post as consul by order of President Wilson, because of his openly expressed antagonism to the entente allies.



French soldiers standing in front of a ruined church in the Somme district, with one of the figures from the church which has been mutilated by German shells. (Official French photograph.)

**BRITAIN DEFIES GERMAN PLAN OF STARVATION**

United States Working With United Kingdom Can Smile at Huns.

**TO STOP SPECULATION**

Baron Rhondda Also to Eliminate Bulk of Middlemen.

London, June 22.—The United States and Great Britain, working together on the food supply problem, can smile at German threats to starve England." Baron Rhondda, the new food controller, declared today during an informal talk with newspaper correspondents in regard to the food situation. Baron Rhondda said that he wished to work in the closest co-operation with Herbert C. Hoover, the American food administrator, and that the powers conferred on him as British food controller are as comprehensive as those which President Wilson is asking congress to grant Mr. Hoover. Baron Rhondda declared that his first move would be to reduce the price of necessary food articles, bread, sugar, milk and meat being the first things with which he would deal.

"I am going to take strong action in this matter," he said, and he added that he proposed to do away with all food speculation in the country. He assured them that in foodstuffs, notably grain and produce, it already had been eliminated, and that all speculators must go. Further than that, he continued, he would reduce the number of middlemen to the lowest limit.

Questioned as to whether he needed any additional powers to enable him to carry out his plans, Baron Rhondda said he already had all necessary authorization as food controller.

He was empowered to fix prices, regulate food and control the whole of the foodstuff supply coming into the country.

He expressed himself as delighted with the food campaign now being carried on in the United States, and he spoke especially of the housewives' league, saying that women have the main influence in a movement of this nature.

**Create Rank in Canadian Navy Of Skipper and Chief Skipper**

Ottawa, June 22.—The rank of skipper and chief skipper in the Canadian navy has been created. A chief skipper will have a rank relative to that of commander, and a chief skipper will have the same pay and emoluments as for chief warrant officers. The rank of skipper will have the relative rank of warrant officer.

**A CLEAR CONSCIENCE IS THIS MAN'S REWARD**

But What Shall Be Said for the Other Man Who Was Saved From a Large Financial Loss?

While walking across the corner of King and Yonge streets the other day a bank messenger kicked a small bundle. He picked it up, looked at it and knew at once that it contained a large sum of money. On opening it he found \$15,000 worth of stock certificates, including five war loan bonds for \$1000 each. Now, if the messenger had wished he could have held the parcel, knowing that a large reward would have been offered for the return of the certificates. But he didn't hold it. He went to his bank and turned in the parcel. Of course, the bank knew the firm to which the certificates belonged. They sent the messenger across the street with the parcel. It contained, remember, \$15,000 worth of negotiable securities. When the bank messenger handed in the parcel that he had found he was given—a receipt.

**HANNA TO COPY UNITED STATES' FOOD PROGRAM**

Canada's New Controller in Washington to Confer With Hoover.

**PLAN TO COOPERATE**

System to Be Followed Virtually One of Joint Control.

Washington, June 22.—Food control in the United States and Canada will be made as nearly alike as conditions in the two countries will permit. In many respects it will amount almost to a joint control, it was said today after a conference between Herbert Hoover and W. J. Hanna, just appointed Canadian food controller.

"Food laws already enacted in Canada, Mr. Hanna said, closely approach the administration's food legislation pending in congress. The purpose of his trip to Washington was to discuss with Mr. Hoover the American program that Canada might follow it as closely as possible. In most respects, Mr. Hanna explained, the United States and Canada have identical food problems. Both are exporters of grain and both this year will have larger crops than normal."

Mr. Hanna will remain here some days for conferences with officials of the temporary food administration. He thinks food control will be put into operation in Canada as soon as he returns, and is pleased with Mr. Hoover's idea of making the food administration a voluntary organization, and his intention of operating it wherever possible thru the voluntary assistance of food interests instead of invoking harsher measures.

Millers from the west and south met with Mr. Hoover today and pledged their co-operation for the food administration.

All other phases of the rather perturbed fight in the house over food control bill were overshadowed tonight by interest in preparation by prohibition advocates for a determined effort to insert a stronger "dry" provision before the final vote tomorrow.

The amendment which would authorize the president to limit, regulate, prohibit or reduce the supply of food materials or feeds used in making alcoholic liquors falls short of the demands of a majority hopes for absolute prohibition of the use of grain for beverage purposes during the war. They are not agreed on any one proposed amendment however, and their divisions may result in leaving the present provision unchanged.

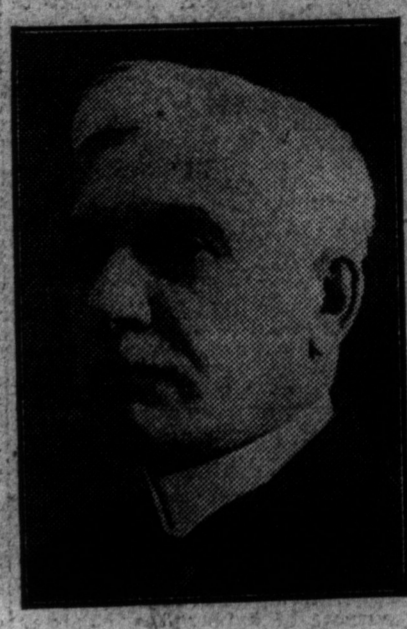
Except for the prohibition drive, nothing was in sight tonight to prevent passage of the measure tomorrow in the house, and the outlook in the senate for quick action also was considered good.

**RUSSIAN GUNS ACTIVE**

Vienna, via London, June 22.—The following official communication dealing with the activities Thursday in the war zones says: In Galicia the increased firing continues. Otherwise the situation everywhere is unchanged.

**GRAHAM AND OTHERS ADDED TO DESERTERS**

Nesbitt, North Oxford and Buchanan, Medicine Hat, Join Ex-Minister in Supporting Conscription—White Foreshadows Income and Real Estate Taxation.



Hon. George P. Graham, former minister of railways, who has joined the Liberal insurgents on conscription. —British and Colonial Press Photo.

By a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, June 22.—Three English-speaking Liberals declared themselves today in favor of conscription. They were Hon. George P. Graham (S. Renfrew), E. W. Nesbitt (N. Oxford), and W. A. Buchanan (Medicine Hat). Mr. Nesbitt did not declare himself on the referendum, but said he would vote for the second reading of the bill. He reserved to himself the right to vote against the bill on the third reading unless some necessary amendments that he has to propose were agreed to by the government.

The conscription debate was resumed in the house this afternoon by Mr. Graham, who, after criticizing the government severely for its alleged mismanagement of recruiting and its failure to properly mobilize the resources of the nation, declared himself in favor of conscription. He was about to refer to the charge that Sir Robert Borden had interfered with recruiting a year ago, when the prime minister rose and made a sweeping denial of the charge made against him in that regard by Sir Sam Hughes in the course of the debate on Tuesday last.

Income Tax Coming.  
Mr. Graham was followed by Sir Thomas White, who made an eloquent appeal for conscription. Sir Thomas, during the course of his speech, mentioned that an income tax and a tax on real estate might soon be resorted to by the Dominion government.

Speeches were also contributed to today's debate by Messrs. Nesbitt (N. Oxford), Coakshut (Brantford), and Buchanan (Medicine Hat).

Mr. Speaker Rhodes, Sir Robert Borden and Mr. Barrett (Berkeley), in their speeches made statements to the house respecting the charge of Mr. Gauthier (St. Hyacinthe) that the six months' hoist had been moved by Mr. Barrett at the instigation of the government and that, for that reason, it had not been ruled out of time. The prime minister and Mr. Barrett agreed that there was no collusion between the government and the Nationalists in respect to the six months' hoist amendment. Mr. Gauthier was absent from the chamber at the time.

Hon. George P. Graham resumed the adjourned debate on the conscription bill. He intimated that he was breaking with his party on the conscription issue but he said he had Sir Wilfrid Laurier's consent to take such action in this crisis as he thought right. Nevertheless, Mr. Graham said, he resented the attacks that had been made on his revered leader by supporters of the government during the conscription debate. Personally, he was sure that Sir Wilfrid was animated in his present course by the highest motives of patriotism. He was sorry that they could not see eye to eye on the subject of conscription.

Mr. Graham said he had always stood by minorities and hoped that the French-Canadian situation would not question his motives in the present instance. He quite appreciated some of the reasons why the government should not proceed with conscription. He and they could not understand why the government should have suddenly sprung conscription upon them after saying over and over again that there would be no conscription. The conscription bill had been thrown into the arena in the most irritating way and it had been presented in the most irritating and awkward way to the people of Canada.

Criticism of Hanna.  
Mr. Graham then discussed the economic situation of the country and commended the government for having finally appointed a food controller. He finally appointed a friend of Hon. W. J. Hanna.

**FRENCH REPEL ENEMY IN STUBBORN FIGHTING**

Germans Manage to Penetrate Ally's Centre Near Braye-en-Laonnois—Foe Uses Large Forces of Special Troops.

Paris, June 22.—Heavy attacks by special troops, which attacked with the Germans north of the Aisne have been repulsed by the French troops with severe casualties, according to the official communication issued today. The attack, which was along a front of about one and one-quarter miles, the Germans only at one point succeeded in penetrating the French trenches. The communication says:

"On the Chemin des Dames the bombardment of our positions to the south of Flaisis and in the region of Braye-en-Laonnois continued up to this morning and was followed by a series of very violent attacks on a front of more than two kilometres, extending from the west of the La Roche farm to Epine Chevregny. The Germans used large forces, composed of special troops, which attacked with the heaviest weapons despite the heavy losses which were inflicted on them by our fire."

**RUSSIANS BEGIN DRIVE IN ARMENIAN THEATRE**

Ally's Troops Capture Two Mountain Peaks From the Turks—After Defeating Foe, Muscovites Continue Advance in Caucasus.

Petrograd, June 22.—The following official communication was issued today: There have been fusillades and aerial operations on the western (Russian) and Rumanian fronts.

Caucasus front: West of Kalkit our detachments attacked a Turkish position on one of the northern heights of the Jamur ridge. All the defenders were bayoneted, with the exception of a few men, who succeeded in making their escape.

North of Serzesht, after a minor engagement with Kurds, our troops occupied a summit and continued to advance.

Captain Kruten, who in the course of numerous air flights had brought down six aeroplanes, was killed while descending at the aerodrome.

**CANADIANS GO TO RUSSIA TO AID RAILWAYS**

Lieut.-Cols. J. W. Boyle and J. A. MacDonnell to Reorganize Lines.

**HAVE WON LAURELS**

Both Engineers Have Done Splendid Service Behind British Front

London, June 22.—The American commission of engineers in London, a body of prominent engineers organized to render advisory and practical assistance to the United States Government and the entente allies during the war, has sent to Russia a committee of two military railway experts to offer advice and aid in reorganizing the railroads already built. The London committee also will give its assistance to the American railroad commission now in Russia.

The London committee's representatives are Lieut.-Col. J. W. Boyle, of the Canadian militia, and Lieut.-Col. J. A. MacDonnell, of the Canadian pioneer and railway battalions. They carry credentials to the British and American ambassadors and the Russian provisional government, from members of the British Government and representatives of the United States and the Russian Governments in England.

Both Lieut.-Col. Boyle and MacDonnell have had wide experience since the war began in the construction of military railways in France and prominent Russians in London express the belief that their advice and assistance will be of great value to the Russian Government. (Concluded on Page 6, Column 3.)

**ALLIES SUPPORT GREEK COALITION**

Followers of Zaimis and Venizelos to Constitute Commission.

**MANY DEPORTATIONS**

Gounaris and Other Prominent Greeks Take Ship at Piraeus.

Athens, June 22.—Charles C. A. Jonnart, the high commissioner representing France, Great Britain and Russia in Greece, today approved the Greek Government's proposition to appoint a mixed commission, consisting of two ministers each from among the followers of Premier Zaimis and former Premier Venizelos, in order to bring about a unification of Greek policy. The attitude of M. Venizelos on this proposition is not yet known.

The deportation from Piraeus of a large number of prominent Greeks, including Demetrios Gounaris, former minister of justice and communications in the Zaimis cabinet; Gen. Dousmanis and Col. Metaxas, was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators.

With the exception of officers who have been transferred to Peloponnese, all pro-Germans are now under surveillance, and must remain in their homes. Notable among these persons are former Premiers Dragoumis, Skoulioudis and Lambros.

**Bavarian Socialists Start Agitation for General Peace**

London, June 22.—According to the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company Socialist workmen held a public meeting in Munich, Bavaria, Wednesday and passed a resolution in favor of Socialists of all belligerent countries starting an agitation for an immediate peace on the basis of no annexations.

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