

WITHDREW UNDER ANNIHILATING FIRE IN ORZYC VALLEY' BUT HAVE POSSESSION OF DNEISTER

Russian Armies, Battling Against Heavy Odds of Artillery, Have Evacuated at One Point, While the Austro-Germans Have Been Thrown Over Dneister.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Petrograd, June 26.—The following Russian official statement regarding the progress of hostilities was given out here to-day: "During the course of the night of June 24 and the whole of the following day, in the Shavli region, an artillery duel preceded with advance guard encounters on the front of Patkovo-Pobeliary and along the right bank of the Niemen River. To the west of the middle Niemen, the German offensive during the night between the Kovno-Wirballin railway and the Amalva marshes was repulsed by our fire.

Pilica, the enemy yesterday thrice attempted to make headway with weak effective west of Coeliff, but were repulsed with great losses. On the Tanef front, in the direction of Zolkiew and Lemberg, there was no important change. The enemy attempted to attack us along the railway leading from Lemberg to Kamienka and Brzezany. On the Dniester River, during the night of the 23rd we drove back beyond the river the remainder of the Germans who crossed the previous day in the Kozany district. In the direction of Martynoffstavn, on the evening of the 23rd, we captured the remnants of the enemy who had crossed the Dniester, altogether 15 officers and about 700 men. Notwithstanding the disastrous results of these crossings, the Germans and Austrians attempted the very same night to throw their forces across the Dniester by bridges constructed south of Bukasowice, they having previously only crossed near the village of Kousedyvany. The fighting continues. On the rest of the Dniester front, below the points mentioned, there is no change.

CYCLONE IN ALBERTA CAUSES HALF MILLION DOLLAR LOSSES

No Lives Known to be Lost—Town of Redcliffe Blown Down, Buildings Up-rooted and Several People Injured.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Redcliffe, Alberta, June 26.—Damage estimated at half a million dollars was done here early last evening by a cyclone which wrecked a large part of the town. No lives are known to have been lost. The cyclone seemed to strike the whole town, and in all directions buildings were blown down, roofs lifted, telephone poles blown over and when the storm had subsided the town was almost a total wreck. The most every large building was more or less damaged and a number of private houses wrecked. So far no deaths are reported, but about a dozen people were seriously injured. In one two-story frame building, owned by Mr. Rosin, his mother and brother were caught in the wrecked building and it was with some difficulty the firemen succeeded in getting them out from under the debris. Mrs. Rosin had her collarbone broken and her son suffered a broken leg. Among the most important buildings damaged were the ornamental Iron Works, a planing mill, a cigar factory, Spaulding's warehouse, the

Overland Departmental store, the Redcliffe Club, a knitting mill, the Laurel Hotel, the Goodie block, O'Fallen's green house, Crew's block and Dr. Brown's block. All these buildings are three storey brick and in most cases roofs and top storeys are a total wreck. Among the private dwellings damaged were some of the finest in the town. Almost every house in the residential part was more or less badly hit. Some only had the chimneys blown off, while others had their kitchens, porches and verandahs blown away. The private residence of the manager of the Royal Bank, the finest here, had the roof completely blown off, and the city stand-pipe close by, had the top carried 100 yards out onto the prairie. One residence, occupied by Mrs. Ross and two grandchildren, was completely demolished and the old lady had just reached the street a few seconds before the building disappeared. Scarcely any of the smaller buildings are left standing. The streets are literally covered with broken timber, tin roofing and shingles.

WOUNDED FROM THE RECENT FIGHT, NOW SAFE IN ENGLAND

Heroism of Canadian Lieutenant Who Supported a Machine Gun on His Back While Corporal Fired It.

London, June 26.—A party of 46 wounded Canadians has just arrived at the Duchess of Connaught Hospital, Cliveden, mostly victims of the latest fight in the last week of May. This time they are not quite so badly used up as the men who came through the Ypres engagements. Private D. S. W. Best, of the 48th Battalion of Toronto, had a narrow escape of being shot fatally, as the bullet which struck him lodged in the top of his skull. He is doing well, however. Private Best took part in a big action about the middle of June, in which he thinks the Queen's Own suffered heavily later. Among several of the party who had been poisoned by gas was James Burke, of Vancouver, a member of the Princess Patricia's. Burke had been put hors de combat on May 27. He says the men have a new type of respirator served out, but that they occasionally neglect to use it. All are unanimous in emphasizing the need for high explosives.

STORMING THE TRENCHES. The Canadian Associated Press correspondent has gleaned further particulars of the gallant work achieved by the Western Ontario battalion in last week's fighting. The battalion was subjected to a heavy fire on the left when they went forward and captured the trench, being three trenches. The charge was led by Major Smith, the battalion having been reinforced by men from the 101st Edmonton Fusiliers, a number of Edmonton men being among the wounded. If the division on the left had been able to advance with the same rapidity the trenches would undoubtedly have been held, but in the face of the terrific German fire the Canadians were obliged to relinquish them. CHAINED TO GUNS. The first forward movement was made by mine explosions leading to the enemy trench. The dust and

LIEUT. A. BISHOP MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

Gallant Officer a Local Boy—Came Under Gen. French's Notice.

The British army list contains the fact that Lieut. Leonard Arthur Bishop of the 2nd Battalion Middlesex Regiment is mentioned in despatches by Field Marshal French for "bravery in action." He has served continuously since November and was wounded at Fromelles on May 9, where he lost his right eye and is now convalescing in London. Not long ago The Courier quoted from The London Times a report of how he had distinguished himself under circumstances of great danger, and it is for this no doubt that he has now received special official mention. Lieut. Bishop is a Brantford boy and son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bishop, St. Paul's Avenue. He was educated at Ridley College, St. Catharines, and at the R.M.C., Kingston, where he resigned his rank of sergeant-major at the outbreak of the war to accept a commission in the Middlesex Regiment. Hosts of Brantford friends will join in hearty congratulations to himself and the family upon the honor which he has not alone earned for himself but also brought upon the place of his birth.

He Cannot Recommend Acceptance

The following letter was received from Manager Todd: A. K. Bunnell, Esq., Brantford, Ontario. Dear Sir—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst., advising me that the railway committee of the council at a meeting held the evening of the 22nd, adopted a resolution to the effect that they would recommend the acceptance of \$30,000 for the Grand Valley line between Paris and Galt. As I told you at our interview on Monday last, I could not recommend our Company to pay more than \$26,000, you to keep the power plant at Galt, which you have charged up in your books at \$4,000. I am still of the same opinion, but will pass the proposition on to our board to take any steps they may deem fit, and will advise you at as early a date as possible. Yours truly, MARTIN N. TODD, General Manager. Galt, June 24th, 1915. Western Maryland experts predict a big peach crop this year.

THE FIRST FIGHT BETWEEN AEROPLANES AND A ZEPPELIN



The picture shows how the first bomb from an aeroplane was dropped upon a Zeppelin in actual warfare. The Zeppelin is shown in the front of the picture, proceeding rapidly to the right. In addition to her forward speed she is at the same time rapidly rising at no less a speed than 33 1/2 feet a second. The attacking aeroplane is seen above at a distance of 200 feet, and the dotted lines show the course of the bombs as they were dropped on the big airship. The machine which thus had the honor of first stabbing a Zeppelin in the ribs was not a seaplane—it carried no floats—but was an "Avro" biplane.

HUNS DEFEND USE OF GASES AS QUITE HUMANE

Is no Better or Worse Than Flooding, They Maintain, and Only Requires the Enemy to Withdraw in Order to Avoid its Fumes.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Berlin, June 25.—Via London, June 26.—A semi-official statement has been issued here explaining and defending the German use of asphyxiating gases. The first point made is that the British and French employed such gases before the Germans, and in addition to the earlier statements of the German official war reports concerning such, the statement now cites the text of a communication said to have been issued by the French ministry of war, describing two sorts of projectiles designed to produce a stifling gas and the mode of their usage. This communication is said to have been dated February 21, before the Germans employed gas in their attack upon Ypres. PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES. Under the heading "Precautionary measures to be employed in attacks in which such projectiles with stifling gases are thrown," the circular says the vapors caused by such projectiles will not prove fatal, at least in small quantities and that their effects will be only of temporary duration, depending on atmospheric conditions. The attacking troops, it adds, should be provided with protective glasses and instructed that unpleasant sensations in the nose and throat are not dangerous and will not be permanent. ANOTHER ASSERTION. The German statement refers to alleged reports published in American

newspapers that the Lusitania carried 250,000 pounds of tetra-chloride of tin consigned to the French Government and intended for the production of asphyxiating gases. Speaking of alleged efforts to arouse American sympathies against Germany for her use of gas, the statement says the proviso against the use of gas in The Hague convention, adopted against the votes of the American delegates, was added to the protocol of the meeting, that it had not been proven that shells with asphyxiating gases were an inhuman or unnecessarily cruel method of war. Germany finally compares the use of gas with the inundation of fighting areas, instancing the flooding of the region of Neuport by the Belgians some time ago and argues that both methods are equally humane and that an enemy merely needs to withdraw to escape their efforts.

EDITOR OF DAILY MIRROR HAS DIED

Alexander Kinealy, a Distinguished Correspondent.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, June 26.—Alexander Kinealy, editor of The London Daily Mirror, died to-day at the age of 51 years. Mr. Kinealy, who was born in Sussex, England, devoted all his life to journalism. He joined the staff of The New York Herald in 1883, and represented that paper on Rear Admiral Peary's first Arctic expedition. He became a member of the New York World staff in 1895 and was its correspondent with the American fleet in the Spanish war. Mr. Kinealy began newspaper work in London as news editor of The Daily Express in 1901. Three years later he went with The Daily Mirror. Under the nom de plume of Montagu Vernon Ponsonby he wrote "The Preposterous Yankee," and he also was the author of "The Letters of Alphonse Le Mouton."

SOCIALISTS CALL FOR PEACE IN GERMANY

By Special Wire to the Courier. Berlin, June 26, via London.—The board of directors, or managing committee, of the Social Democratic party in Germany has caused to be published in the Vorwaerts a full-page appeal for peace. This interesting page calls for a peace which will make possible friendships with neighboring nations, and it sets forth most clearly the opposition of the party to territorial conquest and annexation. The people want peace, it declares, and the government is called upon, in the name of humanity, to make known its readiness to enter peace negotiations.

GREATER ACTIVITY EVIDENT

Austrians are Reinforcing Their Armies

Rome, June 25, via Paris, June 26.—The official statement issued to-night at the headquarters of the Italian general staff was as follows: "Our reconnaissances, extended beyond the front in the Tyrol-Trentino region, in Cadore and Carniola, indicate increased activity on the part of the enemy in the work of reinforcing and placing new batteries. We are frustrating this work by the efficacious fire of our artillery and the bold operations of small detachments. "In Carniola on the night of June 24-25, the enemy vainly renewed his attacks against our line from Val Grande to Val Piccolo. "Our operations along the Isonzo are developing methodically in spite of the manifold natural difficulties of the ground and the many artificial obstacles skillfully accumulated for a long period and placed by the enemy. Our infantry, supported by the fire of field and heavy batteries, advances bravely and tenaciously, however. "An Austrian battery which for some days has been disturbing our troops by its fire, causing especially serious damage to villages with injury to their inhabitants was located to-day and became the object of a well directed fire from our artillery. Immediately afterward a large white flag with a red cross was hoisted from a villa near the location of the battery with the evident purpose of deceiving us and stopping our fire.

HAMMER WAY TO WARSAW

Big Guns are Now Being Shipped to Bzura River.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, June 26.—A Central News despatch from Amsterdam says several trains loaded with heavy guns have left Essen for the German front on the Bzura River in Poland, where it is believed they will be used in an advance against Warsaw. Since the fall of Lebew, military experts in London have expressed the belief that the Austro-German allies would not be content with forcing the Russians beyond the borders of Galicia, but would attempt to continue their terrific drive and capture Warsaw, the capital of Poland. On previous occasions the Germans have hammered their way to a point almost within artillery range of Warsaw, but have been driven back by the forces under the direction of Grand Duke Nicholas. The success of the Teutonic allies in the Galician campaign was due largely to a preponderance of artillery and the expenditure of an overwhelming number of shells. If additional heavy guns have been sent from Essen, where the famous Krupp Works are located, it would seem to indicate an intention to continue in Poland operations of a similar nature.

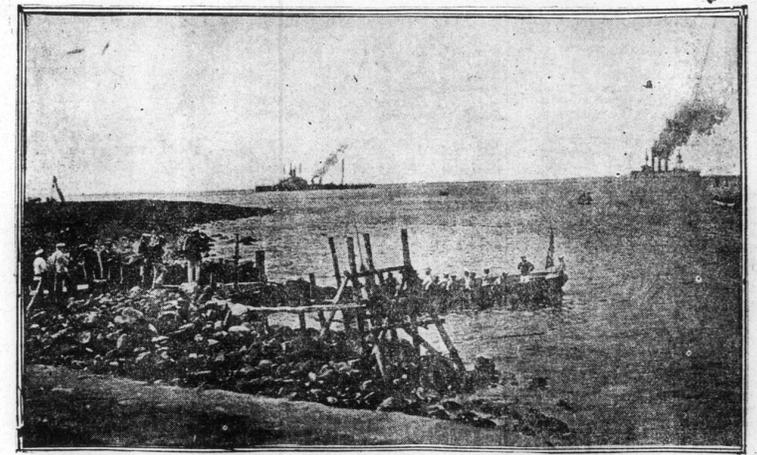
RELEASED PORTLAND

By Special Wire to the Courier. Los Angeles, June 26.—A prize court at Blythe, England, has released the American steamship, Portland, owned by the Globe Grain and Milling Co. of this city, according to word received here to-day by the owners. The vessel with a cargo of barley, beans and dried fruit was en route from San Francisco to Sweden when captured by a British warship.

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AN INCIDENT ATTENDING THE SINKING OF THE DRESDEN



British doctors and sick berth attendants going ashore at Juan Fernandez to attend the Germans after the Dresden had been sunk off that island on March 14, 1915, are shown in this picture. The British boats are also shown picking up wreckage.

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