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WEATHER—CLEARING

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CANADIANS WIN IMPORTANT VICTORY; SPIRITED FIGHTING IN NORTH FRANCE

HUN WAVES PARTIALLY WIPED OUT

Teutons Make Terrific Onslaught on French Lines on Vauclere

BUT ARE REPULSED BY GENERAL PETAIN'S MEN

British and French Have Captured 52,000 Prisoners Since April 1.

Paris, June 3.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight gives further details of the heavy German attacks carried out last night and this morning against the Vauclere and Calonne plateau. The Germans advanced to the assault in close formation in waves and, according to the report from French headquarters, suffered very heavy losses without being able to hold any of the ground which they temporarily gained.

The text of the statement reads: "According to supplementary reports the German attacks, directed last night and this morning against the Plateau of Vauclere and Calonne, were carried out by units belonging to two divisions. On the Vauclere plateau the Germans assaulted in very dense waves; at certain points the enemy infantry moved forward shoulder to shoulder, in the first attack and were driven back in disorder by our fire. (Continued on page 5)

RUSSIANS DESTROY 150 SHIPS

Bombard Black Sea Coast Towns and Destroy Much Property.

Petrograd, June 3, via London.—The official statement issued by the war office today follows: "Western (Russian) front: The enemy artillery intensively bombarded with heavy projectiles the region of Krevo-Rogusche. The enemy heavy artillery bombarded Brody. There was rifle firing on the rest of the front. "Caucasus front: Southwest of Van a Turkish company attacked but was immediately repulsed by our fire. In the direction of Djerdzard we repulsed a Kurdish attack.

"Black Sea: During a cruise on May 29 near the Anatolian coast our ships destroyed munition depots and a factory in the region of Tachekiroglu. They afterwards destroyed at Samsun a steam mill, a barracks and artillery depots. At Orani they destroyed the barracks, a mill and the quay. At Oran (Oran) our ships destroyed an observation post, the port administration buildings, headquarters of the enemy rear-guard, the army post office and barracks and various depots. "Our ships also destroyed 147 sailing ships laden with supplies and brought back to Trebizond two schooners."

AUSTRIAN LOSSES, NOT INCLUDING PRISONERS, 95,000 IN TWO WEEKS.

Rome, via Paris, June 3.—Austrian losses between May 14 and 29 are estimated at 95,000 dead, wounded and missing, including five generals, and forty high officers. A hundred cannon have been taken or destroyed. The Gronoble D'Italia says that Emperor Charles will proclaim Trieste autonomous, whereby it will become "a free city," like Hamburg and Bremen. The announcement, the paper says, will be accompanied by numerous amnesties.

Young Man Meets Death in a Pulp Mill at Chatham

William Lloyd Had Been Warned Not to Ride on Car.

Special to The Standard. Chatham, June 3.—Wm. Lloyd, a young married man, was instantly killed Saturday afternoon at the Dominion pulp mill. He had been in the habit of riding into the boiler house on a coal car that brings coal from the wharf, and although repeatedly warned both by the manager and fellow workmen even until half an hour of the fatality of the danger of riding on the car, persisted on doing so with the above result. Death was caused by his head being caught between an iron girder and the moving car. He had forgotten to duck his head as the car passed.

WOMEN URGE EDUCATIONAL MOVIE FILMS

National Council Fears Outbreak of Crime Among Children.

Winnipeg, June 3.—Fearing an outbreak of crime among children owing to indiscriminate visits to moving picture shows, the National Council of Women yesterday, in session at the old law courts, passed a resolution calling on film corporations to inculcate more educational films in their picture services. The resolution reads: "Whereas moving picture shows can be made of great educational value and of beneficial interest to children therefore be it resolved that the local councils be asked to interest moving picture theatres and film companies to provide suitable pictures, such as fairy tales, travel, industrial pictures and wholesome humorous sketches for the benefit and pleasure of the children, and that the whole question be considered by local councils."

The Marchioness of Aberdeen. Mrs. E. M. Murray of Halifax, suggested that four women from the Social Reform Council meet in conjunction with the censor of moving pictures. The Marchioness of Aberdeen told what had been accomplished in England, where the increase of crime among children had been attributed to "movies."

A resolution of the single tax association stated: "Resolved that the National Council of Women of Canada urge upon the Dominion Parliament the justice and the expediency of raising extra revenue by a tax upon the land values of the Dominion of Canada." Prof. Derick moved the adjournment with resumption of the question at ten a.m. Monday.

BIG STEAMSHIP COMBINATION

Cunard, Allan, Dominion and Many Other Companies Reported in Merger.

San Francisco, June 2.—A merger of a score of British steamship companies, including the Cunard Line, Peninsular and Oriental, Commonwealth-Dominion Line, Allan Line, Union Steamship Company, of New Zealand; the New Zealand Shipping Co., the British India Company and several smaller concerns, has been compelled, according to a cablegram received yesterday by Reginald Beck, of the Hind-Roph Company, agent of the Union Steamship Company.

Austrian Statement. Vienna, via London, June 3.—An official communication issued by the war office today says: "A Roumanian thrust in the Putna Valley was repulsed. "Italian theatre: In the region of San Marco Captain Zonewards detachments ejected the enemy from his front trenches. We captured ten officers, 500 men and four machine guns. "Italian airmen bombed Trieste and other places in Istria. At Trieste a woman and child were killed."

COALITION IS NOW STRONG PROBABILITY

Number of Liberal Leaders, Including Dr. Pugsley, Opposed, However.

SIR WILFRID LAURIE SAID TO BE IN FAVOR

Sir Robert Borden Offers to Have General Election on Coalition.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 3.—Although the problem of forming a coalition government was given a serious blow on Saturday there is still a good prospect that it will be accomplished within the next few days. The blow was delivered at a meeting of the leaders of the Liberal party when strong opposition to the proposals developed. It was not a caucus of the party, however, and it is regarded as probable and there is a greater percentage of the members of the party outside of the leaders in favor of coalition than appears from the result of the conference on Saturday.

Pugsley Against Chief. A majority of those present opposed the proposals. It is believed that only four of the Liberal leaders were in favor of coalition, namely: Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. P. F. Pardee, the chief Liberal whip; Hon. Geo. P. Graham and F. B. Carvell, the well known member for Carleton, N. B. The opponents are said to have included: Hon. Frank Oliver, Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Mr. E. M. MacDonald and Mr. L. A. Lapointe. Hon. A. K. MacLean was not present at the conference. He was in Halifax talking over the situation with Premier Murray.

There was another conference of Liberal leaders at the home of Sir Wilfrid Laurier today which indicates that the leader of the opposition himself and those who think with him are still hopeful that they will be able to swing the weight of opinion of the party. Sir Wilfrid was to have had a conference with Sir Robert Borden this evening, but in view of the situation in the Liberal ranks this did not take place and may not take place for a day or two.

Carvell a Coalitionist. The reported opposition of Hon. Frank Oliver to the proposals has been the great surprise. Most of the (Continued on page 2)

Washington, June 3.—Reports have reached the government from a source described as reliable that Germany is attempting to get control of the island of Margarita, off the coast of Venezuela for use as a submarine base. The state department has forwarded the information received to Venezuela for the consideration of President Gomez. The exact nature of the advice is withheld, but officials permitted it to be known that the report had caused some concern here.

'GOTT MIT UNS' DECLARATION OF WILHELM

War Lord Claims to Find Satisfaction with Situation in France and Austria.

Berlin, June 3, via London.—The French and British offensive on the western front has come to a definite conclusion, according to a report from Field Marshal Von Hindenburg. Official announcement is made that the emperor has sent the following telegram to the Emperor at Hamburg castle: "According to a report from Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, the great British and French spring offensive has come to a certain conclusion. Prepared since autumn and announced since winter, the attack of the British and French armies, supported by powerful masses of artillery and technical resources of all kinds has fallen after seven weeks of hard struggle. "God's aid has granted our incomparable troops superhuman force to accomplish these excellent acts and endure successfully the mightiest battles ever seen in the history of war. All our heroes by their deed command the respect and gratitude which every German feels. The Lord be praised. Glory for his help, and thanks for such magnificent people in arms."

The Kaiser also has sent a telegram of congratulation to Emperor Charles on the Austrian resistance to the Italian attack on the Isonzo front, saying: "In a tenacious struggle the Isonzo army defied a mighty and stubborn enemy and caused him to fall. I congratulate you and your brave troops on this great success. God will be with us further."

HIS MAJESTY, THE KING



Germans Scheming For U-Boat Base Off Venezuela

United States Notifies President Gomez to That Effect.

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FEROCIOUS HUN DRIVE ON BRITISH

Enemy Loses Heavily, But Stays Progress of Gen. Haig's Men.

BRITISH ADVANCE ON THE SOUCHEZ RIVER

Successful Raids Carried Out South of Ypres Saturday Night.

London, June 3.—The official report from British headquarters in France tonight reads: "There was fierce fighting throughout the day with varying fortunes south of the Souchez river. The enemy, who lost heavily on our first attack, subsequently delivered a number of violent counter-attacks with considerable forces, in the face of which our troops have been unable to maintain the progress made this morning. We have taken ninety-two prisoners in these operations. "We took a few prisoners early this morning as the result of patrol encounters east of Laventie, and a further sixteen prisoners this afternoon in a successful raid south of Wytchete. "Air activity continued yesterday. Four German airplanes were brought down in the air fighting; five others were driven down out of control; another was brought down by our anti-aircraft guns. Four of our machines are missing."

Enemy Repulsed. London, June 3.—The official report from British headquarters in France reads: "An enemy party which attacked one of our posts last night south of Oppy was repulsed with loss. Artillery activity continued during the day on both sides at different points along our front. "Our airplanes were active again yesterday, much valuable work being accomplished. In the air fighting one German machine was brought down; six others were driven down out of control. Three of our airplanes are missing."

Germans Active. London, June 3.—An official statement issued today by the war office reads: "The enemy positions south of Souchez river were attacked by our troops last night. Good progress has been already made on the front attacked and a number of prisoners have been captured. "In the course of the night the enemy attacked our advanced posts southwest of Cherilly and at first made some progress. Our counter-attacks regained the whole ground lost with the exception of one post. "Successful raids were carried out by us last night south of Ypres where we captured nineteen prisoners. Hostile artillery was again active last night in the neighborhood of Bullecourt."

CONSCRIPTION ENDORSED BY THOUSANDS

Great Mass Meetings in Toronto Also Want Seditious Talk to End.

Toronto, June 3.—With unanimous acclaim of cheers and applause, thousands of people, including many veterans of the great war, in mass meetings in Queens Park here yesterday afternoon, adopted resolutions embodying demands that the Canadian government put a selective draft system of compulsory military service into effect, and to stop seditious

Nfld. Man Charged With Strangling His Sweetheart

Body of Young Woman Examined at Bay des Vieux, Near Burgeo.

St. John's, Nfld., June 3.—A man named Warren is under arrest at Burgeo charged with having caused the death of his sweetheart. Warren will be tried in the supreme court at St. John's. The body of the girl was buried without a post mortem examination being made and it is probable the cause of the young woman's death would never have been known had not the suspicions of neighbors become aroused. The body was disinterred and when an examination was made it was found that Miss Rose had been strangled.

EIGHT N.B. MEN IN THE CASUALTIES

A. O. Winslow and A. Vogel of St. John Wounded—V. L. Lutes of Moncton Believed Dead.

Ottawa, June 3.—Sunday night's list of casualties follows: Wounded—Lieut. K. L. Crowell, Sandy Cove, Digby Co., N. S. W. J. Ill—Lieut. T. M. McLean, Bridgewater, N. S. Artillery. Wounded—Gunner F. E. McRae, Rosevale, N. B. Mounted Rifles. Presumed to have died—V. L. Lutz, Moncton, N. B. Saturday night's list: Killed in action—F. J. Tyler, St. Mary's Ferry, N. B. A. Johnston, Shives, Athol, N. B. Wounded—Lieut. L. A. W. Steven, Moncton, N. B. W. A. Elliott, Millville, N. B. Now not killed, now not wounded—R. L. Weir, Smith's Cove, N. S. Artillery. Wounded—Gunner A. O. Winslow, St. John, N. B. Services. Wounded—A. Vogel, St. John, N. B.

PROMINENT YARMOUTH PEOPLE MARRIED

Dr. Gullison and Miss Ray, and Donald Brittain and Miss Ross Wed.

Special to The Standard. Yarmouth, N. S., June 3.—A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Ray, yesterday morning, when their daughter, Hilda, became the bride of Dr. Fred E. Gullison, only son of Capt. Eugene and Mrs. Gullison of Beaver River. Rev. William Phillips of Providence church was the officiating clergyman. Immediately after the ceremony the couple started on a motor tour through the province. In a few weeks Dr. Gullison will leave for overseas having enlisted in the Medical Corps. Another wedding took place in the afternoon at the residence of Clifford L. Cann, when Mrs. Cann's sister, Eva M. Ross, became the bride of Donald Brittain, of the Cosmos Cotton Co.'s office staff. Rev. J. N. Mefner of Cheverton officiated.

YARMOUTH CO. WATERS SWARM WITH MACKEREL

Special to The Standard. Yarmouth, N. S., June 3.—Mackerel are very plentiful along the shore. The schooner Yaplo arrived yesterday with about 5,000 and a fishing boat from Sand Beach took 1,300 and 1,400 the day previous. The traps took 235 barrels and numerous other boats and schooners secured from 500 to 1,000 fish. The fish are exceptionally large, running from 45 to 60 to a barrel and the waters in some sections seem to be swarmed with them.

WEARERS OF MAPLE LEAF SUCCESSFUL

Capture Important Point to Southwest of Lens and Near Coulotte.

TAKE ENEMY FRONT OF MORE THAN ONE MILE

Germans Made Strong Defense, Fighting Desperately to the End.

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, June 3. (By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent (Canadian Press).—In what is officially spoken of as a minor operation, but which was really a bit of brilliant fighting, involving careful preparation and a final swift attack, the Canadians early this (Sunday) morning captured the electric station southwest of Lens on the outskirts of the village of Coulotte, and a stretch of the enemy front exceeding a mile, with a depth, at its greatest point, of over eight hundred yards. The men who won this notable victory were veteran troops, who, six weeks ago carried "the pimple" by storm. Their depleted ranks had been reinforced by drafts from England, and in this morning's engagement these troops proved their fitness to maintain Canada's reputation at the front. Methodical Gun Fire. My despatches in the past few days have given some idea of the army's preparation. Day by day a methodical fire from our guns of all calibres was directed upon the trenches, wire and buildings in the area across which the attacking troops were to pass. The electric station was smashed out of all recognition by the great shells from the giant howitzers. Three days ago the trenches were obliterated, while La Coulotte, a typical mining village with rows of miners' houses built back to back, was practically obliterated. Despite this terrific pounding, the enemy clung to his positions as the outskirts of the defenses of Lens. He even added to the ruin of La Coulotte. These men had a terrible experience on Friday, when gas projectiles fell on the village. A prisoner taken in this morning's assault says his company had twenty-six deaths from the effects of gas.

Fierce Fighting. Having prepared the ground and shaken the morale of the enemy by high explosives and gas, there remained the task of driving the enemy's troops from the village of Coulotte and the electric station. North of Souchez river also a well-defined gun emplacement gave us trouble. It had to be taken with bombs and bayonets. The first wave went over shortly after midnight. Almost a full moon aided their movements. The Germans were not taken by surprise, as the enemy barrage was promptly followed by our own, and some thing in the vicinity of three hundred guns on both sides joined in the work of destruction.

Many Huns Die Fighting. It is a matter of amazement to the infantry can make headway on a barrage, but the men from the 2nd and 4th divisions, who were in the front, trudged along as if carrying on their backs the weight of the world, with the enemy. Their own bayonet of shell was a veritable pillar of travelling on before to guide out, so to restrain them from proceeding so rapidly. By 1.40 all the objectives were occupied, but it was not till 4.30 that all the Germans within the occupied area had been disposed of. Many of these cornered died fighting. Prisoners taken number eight.

The enemy, early in the morning, made a vigorous bombing counter-attack. It was unsuccessful, and the captured ground had been incorporated in our trench system. Fighting is still going on at the time of filing this despatch, and the village of Coulotte may be added to the ground gained.

On Begun Front. Berlin, June 3, via London.—"In the Wytchete head (Belgian front) there has been a very intense artillery duel," says tonight's army headquarters report.