

KITCHENER AND STAFF PERISHED ON CRUISER

London, June 6.--Earl Kitchener, British minister of war, and his staff were on board a British cruiser which was sunk by a mine or torpedoed off the Orkney Islands. It is feared that all are lost.

RUSSIANS TAKE UP OFFENSIVE ON LONG FRONT BELOW PRIPET

Begin Advance Against Austrians Over 250 Miles. TAKE 13,000 PRISONERS Army of Archduke Joseph Ferdinand Under Fire. WILL HELP THE ITALIANS Report From Vienna Indicates Alarm Over the Situation.

LONDON, June 5.—What is believed to be the long contemplated Russian offensive against the Germans and Austrians commenced Sunday on a front extending from the Pripet marshes south to the Rumanian frontier, a distance of 250 miles.

The official Petrograd announcement of operations says 13,000 prisoners have been taken.

The front is held by Austrians and Rumanians, part of it by the army commanded by Archduke Joseph Ferdinand, which, the Austrian statement says, was under fire.

The offensive came at a time when it is likely to prove of great aid to the Italians who are hard pressed by the Austrians.

The Russian announcement says: "The German artillery has bombarded the Ikskull bridgehead. In the Drinsk region north of the Poniwesch railway the enemy following gusts of fire, attempted an offensive, but was repulsed."

Began Sunday Morning. Sunday morning an engagement began on the front from the Pripet to the Rumanian frontier, supported by artillery. Our troops obtained successes in many important sectors, and took 13,000 prisoners and a number of guns and machine guns. In the course of the fighting our artillery destroyed successive enemy shelter works, enabling our infantry to capture enemy positions. In the course of the fighting our brave commanders, Col. Lourie, was killed, and Col. Vontsigier was seriously wounded.

Vienna Alarmed. VIENNA, Sunday, June 5.—Via Berlin.—The Russians began heavy artillery actions over a large part of the front this morning, the war office announced today. There are signs of impending infantry attacks. The announcement follows: "The enemy's artillery this morning entered into action on the whole Besanibian and northwestern front. The artillery fire was especially violent on the Diester and lower Stripa, north-west of Tarnopol, and in Volhynia. A sector 25 kilometres long near Olyka held by the army of Col. General Archduke Joseph Ferdinand, was under the Russian gunfire.

The Russians made an attack with gas on the Diester but did no damage to the Austro-Hungarian forces. Everywhere there were signs of impending infantry attacks."

BAD WEATHER HALTS FIGHTING ABOUT VERDUN

The Bombardment Continues Around Vaux Without Infantry Attacks. SITUATION IS UNCHANGED Repeated Enemy Assaults on Sunday Night Are Unsuccessful.

BUTCHERY IS TERRIBLE

Column After Column of Germans Fall Before the French Guns. PARIS, June 5.—10:05 p.m.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads: "On the front north of Verdun bad weather hindered the operations. There was no infantry action during the course of the day.

"The bombardment continued with considerable intensity in the region of Vaux and Damloup and on the Vaux front, where the situation is unchanged.

"On the left bank of the Meuse there was an intermittent artillery duel in the Avocourt sector. The day was calm on the rest of the front."

Belgian communication—"Calm prevailed." Violence Undiminished. With undiminished violence, the Germans continued their attacks last night along the Verdun front east of the Meuse. The war office report of this afternoon says these assaults were unsuccessful.

GREAT LAKES CAPTAIN ENDS LIFE WITH GUN

Body Found Near Home in Duluth—Disappeared On Friday. DULUTH, Minn., June 5.—The body of Capt. Duncan J. Clow, president of the Clow and Nicholson Transportation Company of Duluth, was found today not far from his home with a bullet wound under his heart. His coat, rolled into a pillow, was under his head. The heel of his right shoe rested near the trigger of his gun.

Capt. Clow, who was well known on the Great Lakes, disappeared last Friday. The Clow family said he had been in falling health and that he had been despondent. He was 51 years old.

INSPECTS TILLSONBURG CADETS. TILLSONBURG, June 5.—Capt. Burkle of London inspected the public school cadets this morning on the beautiful grounds of the school. He heartily congratulated the instructor, Principal J. H. Wilson, for their excellent appearance and splendid exhibition of drill and physical exercises.

DISCRIMINATION BY THE MILITARY HITS METHODISTS

London Conference in Uproar Over the Question of Chaplains. MEMORIALIZE SHANNON Ottawa Said To Have Appointed Twelve Over O. C.'s Head.

WATFORD MAN COMPLAINS

Belgrave Minister Is Sidelined for Anglican—Not Military Church. [Special to The Advertiser.] KINGSVILLE, June 5.—Compared with the discussions which took place this afternoon in the London Methodist Conference on the question of discrimination against Methodists in the appointment of chaplains, the reference to the subject on Thursday last was a preliminary matter, a slight skirmish preceding a big engagement.

The program was progressing towards an uneventful conclusion for the afternoon when the explosion came in the form of a memorial emanating from Strathroy district to the effect that while Dr. Long of the army and navy board of the church, had stated that according to enlistment figures available, the appointment of Methodist chaplains for the Dominion was in proportion to the number of Methodists who had enlisted, the London Conference was conscious such allotment had not prevailed in No. 1 Military District, which is practically co-existent with the London Conference.

While exact enlistment figures are not available, the Methodist population is 154,475; the Presbyterian 140,321; and the Anglican 84,537.

The Memorial. "We cannot believe," said the memorial, "that patriotism and willingness to sacrifice is less strong among the Methodists than others. The number of Methodists who have made application to be appointed chaplains is 18 ministers and probationers. Five have been recommended to the military authorities by the army and navy board. Not one has received an appointment to a battalion within Military Division No. 1. There appears to be unfair discrimination in appointment."

In view of this, a protest was proposed and an appeal to the authorities of church and state, to be forwarded to the army and navy board, Col. Shannon, district commanding officer, and Major-General Sir Sam Hughes.

Seconding the adoption of the motion Rev. Dr. Dougall of London, stated that the one chaplain belonging to London Conference, Rev. Prof. Graham of (Continued on Page Three.)

Captain Hugh Niven of the Famous Pats Is Among Wounded

Distinguished London Officer in Casualty List From Battle of Hooge. Capt. Hugh Niven of this city is reported among the wounded on last night's casualty lists. This is the second time the famous officer of the Princess Pats has been hurt. About a year ago he was struck in the arm by a shot, but escaped serious injury. Capt. Niven has been repeatedly mentioned in dispatches for the courage and resourcefulness with which he has led his men in action. In addition the leading military writers in their accounts of what the Canadians have accomplished in Flanders have invariably featured his work. Some of the fiercest fights recounted are those in which Capt. Niven and his men took a leading part. Frederick Palmer, the famous war correspondent, who lectured in London in the winter, made special mention of Capt. Niven's work, and in his war books and stories of the battles the London officer is mentioned often. The accounts of the fights he has been in show that Capt. Niven has had numerous wounds. He is now one of the few survivors of the original "Princess Pats" which left Canada.



CAPT. NIVEN.

SEVEN HUNDRED NAMES SO FAR RECEIVED BY MILITIA DEPARTMENT

OTTAWA, June 5.—Evidences of the toll paid by the Canadians in the recent fighting about Ypres are shown in the casualties being received at the militia department. About seven hundred names of the rank and file have already been received and will be made public as soon as the next of kin is notified. The list is steadily growing and the casualty and record office staff has already inaugurated an all-night turn of duty to promptly notify relatives.

The names of 125 officers were made public in two lists issued today. The following list was received tonight.

Killed in Action—Lieut. Bruce C. MacFarlane, Capt. E. J. Vessey, Montreal; Princeps Patricia. Wounded—Capt. N. C. Kelly, Toronto (severely); Lieut. A. P. Norman, Vancouver; Lieut. C. McGowan, Elora, Ont.; Capt. R. H. Gregory, Edmonton; Major C. Y. Weaver, Edmonton; Lieut. Harold Drabble, Edmonton; Lieut. K. G. Houghton, Edmonton; Lieut. Arthur Evans, Winnipeg; Lieut. P. McA. Murdoch, Princess Patricia; Lieut. Arthur J. Pearson, Regina; Major Albert K. Hobbins, Edmonton; Lieut. W. E. C. Irwin, Ottawa; Lieut. Charles Hamilton, Vancouver; Lieut. Stanley Wharton, Vancouver; Capt. Hugh Niven, Winnipeg; Lieut. V. H. S. Heron, Halifax; Lieut. Gilbert T. Lea, Western Ontario; Capt. W. Ross Creighton, Montreal; Capt. McR. Crobbie, St. Catharines, Ont.; Lieut. E. Douglas, Peterborough, Ont.; Lieut. Charles L. Blonnie, Winnipeg.

Morning List. The following is a list of casualties among Canadian officers in the week-end battle at Ypres, as received by General Sir Sam Hughes this morning: On June 2 killed—Lieut. P. S. Nisbet, 24th, St. John. On 3rd, killed—Captain E. A. Whitehead, Montreal; Captain W. H. Malone and Lieut. G. A. Ross, Toronto; Lieut. E. B. Grondin, Montreal; Lieut.-Col. H. C. Buller, P.P.C.L.I.; Lieut.-Col. A. E. Shaw and Lieut. B. P. Rowles, 1st C.M. R., Brandon; Lieut. E. L. Berkinshaw, Victoria; Lieut. C. H. D. Otty, Sherbrooke, Que. Died of wounds. Lieut.-Col. G. H. Baker, M. P., Sherbrooke, Que.; Capt. J. Pitts, Sherbrooke; Lieut. T. L. Harling, Sherbrooke. Wounded.—Capt. G. K. L. Hyman, Saskatchewan; Lieut. D. N. McLean, Montreal; Major A. S. Howell, Montreal; Lieut. V. G. Rexford, Montreal; Lieut. R. Weir, Montreal; Lieut. T. Evans, Montreal; Lieut. W. E. Beaton,

BOTH TORONTO AND MONTREAL SUFFER HEAVILY

Prominent Men Are Killed or Wounded in Battle of Last Week. GAULT WOUNDED AGAIN Organizer of Princess Pats Is Stricken for Third Time. M. P. IS AMONG DEAD Private Secretary to Manager of Bank of Montreal Is Killed.

OTTAWA, June 5.—In a list of 125 officers so far recorded in the casualty list from the fighting about Ypres, there are three battalion commanders dead and one is missing. Gen. Victor Williams, wounded and missing, was commandant of the famous Valcartier camp, and crossed the sea with the first Canadians. Gen. Mercer, wounded and missing, was regarded as one of the best soldiers sent from Canada.

Col. Buller Killed. Col. H. C. Buller, now killed, left the Duke of Connaught's household to cross with the Princess Pats Light Infantry. He had been twice wounded previously, and lost an eye at the Hill 60 fight, when the Princess Pats were so badly cut up.

Gault Again Wounded. Major A. Hamilton-Gault appears on a casualty list for the third time. Twice before he has been put into hospital. He supplied a large proportion of the funds to raise the regiment.

Col. G. H. Baker, killed, was a member of the Canadian House of Commons, having defeated Hon. Sydney Fisher in the last election. Col. A. E. Shaw, killed, was a cousin of Gen. Sir Sam Hughes.

Capt. Hugh N. Fraser, who is reported missing, is the son of Mr. S. G. Fraser, vice-president of the Bank of Ottawa. Before the war he was with the Toronto General Trust Corporation here and an officer with the G. G. F. G. He was staff captain of the brigade of mounted infantry under Brig-Gen. Victor Williams. When the news came that Gen. Williams was missing Capt. Fraser's many friends in Ottawa began to fear for his safety.

Lieut. D. R. McLean, wounded; went over with the 53rd Battalion, and was transferred to the 12th Battalion. His brother resides here. Prominent Athlete. TORONTO, June 5.—Capt. A. J. Sinclair, reported wounded in action, was formerly an employee of the postoffice here and was a prominent athlete, being well known as a rugby player.

Lieut. Lyman E. Gooderham, listed among the missing, is a son of Mr. S. G. Gooderham of this city. He went overseas with the Canadian Mounted Rifles and was later transferred to the Major-General Mercer's staff as an aide-de-camp.

Lieut.-Col. J. F. R. Usher, missing, is a well-known Toronto broker. He went overseas as a major and was later promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. Lieut.-Col. Usher was a member of the Standard Stock Exchange and was formerly a partner in the firm of Usher, Playfair & Martens. He fought during the South African campaign as a private. Lieut. Wm. C. Ince, reported missing, was formerly attached to the 21st Grey County Regiment. He was a Toronto officer. Lieut. H. C. Young, missing, was formerly attached to the 21st Grey County Regiment. He was a Toronto officer.

CANADIANS COMPELLED TO GIVE GROUND BEFORE TERRIFIC BOMBARDMENT

Unable to Hold Positions Recaptured From the Germans at Ypres—Enemy Holds Mile of Front, W. a Depth of 350 Yards—Canadian Losses Heavy. [Canadian Press Cable.] LONDON, June 6.—3:26 a.m.—The Times' correspondent at British headquarters, describing the situation at Ypres, explains that the Canadian forces were unable to retain their ground recaptured from the Germans last Saturday owing to the intensity of the German artillery fire. The correspondent concludes his dispatch by saying: "You must be prepared to hear that the Canadian losses have been very heavy."

"As soon as they had re-occupied the trenches and killed or driven off the enemy," the correspondent says, "the Canadians found themselves again under the same terrific artillery fire as had preceded the first enemy assault on Friday. Everywhere the trenches themselves were either demolished by gunfire or heaped with dead. To hold the positions won was impossible, for the mere reason that no one there could live."

Germans Retain a Mile. "The Germans are now in possession of a mile of front to a depth in places of three hundred and fifty yards back from the original Canadian front line. "It is considered by competent judges that the character of the bombardment here during the last two or three days represents the high-water mark thus far attained on the western front. It has certainly been, and continues to be, of the most terrific severity. It has been so marked as to almost create a new phase in the war. The scale on which guns and ammunition were used is almost incredible judged by any standard of experience."

MEN FIGHTING STRENUOUSLY TO RETAIN GROUND HELD

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, June 4.—Via London, June 5.—11:10 p.m.—The British and Germans are fighting hard in the region of Ypres, where last Saturday the British in hand-to-hand encounters, and with the aid of bombs, recaptured most of the trenches the Germans had previously taken from them in the sector from the Ypres-Comines Canal to Hooge Point.

In face of the repeated attacks, the British have been unable to retain the bulk of the recaptured ground, but are still fighting strenuously to keep what they have and to recapture what they have lost. MUCH SHELLING. SAYS WAR OFFICE. LONDON, June 6.—12:04 a.m.—The British official communication issued early this morning says: "There is no material change at Zillebeke. The night (Sunday) passed quietly, but today (Monday) there has been a good deal of shelling by both sides. The enemy made a small night attack in this locality, but was easily repulsed. On the other parts of the line several minor enterprises were carried out by both sides. The enemy made a raid near Boeselle after a heavy bombardment. Some few casualties were caused to our troops before the enemy retired, leaving his dead. "A second hostile raid was attempted after a mine explosion northeast of Arras, but it was unsuccessful. The enemy was driven back and we occupied the crater. Our infantry entered German trenches in five different places between Chinchy and Fauquissar. Two of our parties were particularly successful in causing loss to the hostile garrison, killing 40 of them."

Mine warfare continues actively in the sector from Hulluch to Givenchy. Five mines have been sprung by us, one by the enemy during the past hours."

Close Poolrooms, REGISTER ALL MEN TO HELP RECRUITING Officers Frame Suggestions for Militia Department. NIAGARA, June 5.—Lieutenant-colonels from all overseas battalions in this district, Brig-Gen. Logie and the headquarters staff and Lieut.-Col. C. S. McInnis, headquarters, Ottawa, today discussed plans for recruiting. The prevailing opinion was that national registration, which meant that men who ought not to exist would be singled from those who should offer their services, was the proper means by which Canada's voluntary contribution to the allied armies would reach the maximum. Major Williams, chief recruiting officer of the district, left for Ottawa, with the suggestions made by the different commanders. The principal suggestions are: The suppression of poolrooms in the province; co-operation of industrial organizations with the military department; requiring eligible leaving the country to take out passports; suppression of news detrimental to recruiting; and the issuance of special buttons to those exempt from military service by reason of other work for the Empire.

Germans Naval Base Closed to the Public for Few Months; Fleet's Condition To Be a Secret COPENHAGEN, June 5.—Via London.—The Zeitung of Wilhelmshaven, the German naval station, whence the high sea fleet is reported to have set out on the expedition which led to the North Sea battle, publishes a notice dated May 29 and signed by the governor of the fortress, informing the public that permission for temporary visits to the town will be granted only in cases of the utmost urgency during the next few months. Written applications must be sent to the police in advance.