

# War News.

## Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

### GERMANS REPULSED.

PARIS, July 24. Two German attacks on the Aisne front north west of Brayen-Laonnois last night were repulsed, the War Office announced to-day. Between Cerny and Allies the Germans also attacked without result.

### SUCCESSFUL RAIDS.

LONDON, July 24. Following is to-day's official report on the Belgian front. We captured 20 prisoners in successful raids last night West of Savioncourt, East of Vermeles and West of Hollebeke.

### TRYING TO CUT THE RUSSIANS OFF.

COPENHAGEN, July 24. The Austro-German flood in Western Galicia has been turned southward in endeavours to get to the rear of the Russian armies between Brozany and the Dniester. Austrian correspondents at the front report in despatches to three newspapers. The Teutonic forces engaged in this operation, they declare, have reached Kosva Station, ten miles east of Brozany, which is in Austro-German hands. The Kosva-Tarnopol Railway has been crossed by them in several places. These despatches forecast the Russian army's stand behind the Sereth and reiterated the reports that Tarnopol was in flames.

### BLOOD AND IRON, IF NECESSARY.

PETROGRAD, July 24. A blood and iron policy will be put into effect, if needed to save Russia, by the Government of Premier Kerensky to which unlimited power has been granted. In an interview to-day, the Premier said, "Relying upon the confidence of the masses and the army, the Government will save Russia and Russian unity by blood and iron if argument and reason, honor and conscience are not sufficient. The situation at the front is very serious and demands heroic measures, but I am convinced the organism of the state is sufficiently vigorous to be cared without a partial amputation."

### ARTILLERY BATTLE RAGING IN FLANDERS.

BERLIN, July 24. An artillery battle, the intensity of which was never paralleled previously, is raging day and night in Flanders, the war office announces.

### GERMANS EXPECT BRITISH OFFENSIVE.

LONDON, July 24. The German announcement indicates that in all likelihood the expected British offensive is at hand. Several times recently Berlin reported heavy artillery fighting in Flanders and the intensity of to-day's bombardment probably denotes the last stage of the preparations before the blow is struck. It has been predicted that the next attack of the British would surpass any effort previously made. The opening of the offensive may be hastened to assist the hard pressed Russians.

### KERENSKY'S PLATFORM.

PETROGRAD, July 24. Premier Kerensky has completed the constitution of the new Provisional Government. Like the ministry of his predecessor, Prince Lvoff, the cabinet is coalition, but limited to ten members. Five ministers belong to the Socialist group and five members to the non-Socialist parties. Other offices of state will be directed not by ministers but by unofficial directors of departments who are not members of the cabinet.

### CONFERENCE TO BE HELD.

PARIS, July 24. A conference of members of the



# WHEN SHALL WE HIT BACK?

## The Way to Stop Air Raids.

(By LOVAT FRASER.)

On Saturday morning England was once more invaded from the air, and London was again bombarded. When are we going to invade Germany?

Considering their chances the German raiders did very badly on Saturday, but we did worse. It is greatly to the discredit of every authority concerned that the enemy crossed our coasts at all.

Lord Sydenham, a scientific soldier who has been a member of the Air Board, told the House of Lords on June 26 that "two effective squadrons of fighter machines, of their equivalent, should be sufficient, if they were ready and in the proper places, to provide very substantial protection at least for London."

I believe his statement to be perfectly correct. If a country that is spending eight million pounds a day cannot provide a couple of squadrons of fighting aeroplanes for the defence of the London front, then it is time, changes were made.

London is the hub of the war. It is, as Lord Montagu de Beaulieu has said, "the chief seat of energy for the war," though no one would have thought so on Saturday when a great squadron of German aeroplanes was flying impudently over the city.

So long as the enemy are able to bomb London, or even to pass our coasts, it is idle to pretend that we enjoy "the mastery of the air." The hackneyed argument about "the claims of the front" is no answer at all. The front is where the enemy attack or where we attack. It is impossible to get over the facts (1) that the Germans were repelled on the coast, and (2) that at the time they crossed our shores on the return journey they had not lost a single machine. Their attack beat our defence. We shall only defeat their objects by attacking on their turn.

There was no great element of surprise on this occasion, for private warnings were received in London nearly an hour before the enemy were sighted here. Saturday's experience has undoubtedly revived the demand for some form of general warning. It ought to be possible to discriminate between threats of attack and the real thing.

We shall only appreciate aright the significance of Saturday's visitation if we realise that these raids are still experimental. Men wondered because London was left unassailed for nearly a month after the severe raid of June 13. Assuredly the air authorities cannot have been wondering, for weeks the weather was unfavorable, but the Germans came again at the first propitious moment. They will keep coming in November and May they came singly, in June five aeroplanes reached London, on Saturday at least a score arrived. Unless the Government and the War Office wake up, they will soon be here in hundreds.

Lord Derby's speech in reply to suggestions made in the Lords' debate on June 26 recalled the bad old days early in the war. It might have belonged to the 1914 vintage. He said that the War Office and the Air Board were trying to give Field-Marshal Lord French "all the aircraft he may require," but "do not let it be supposed for one minute that he is getting all he would like." He also said, "While we are endeavoring to do all we can to meet Lord French's demands, we cannot—I will be perfectly frank about it—we cannot meet them all." Why not? There was a time early in 1915 when the country was told similar things about shells. Mr. Lloyd George (and others) took their coats off and in time the armies in the field got all the shells they asked for. We want someone to take off his coat about aeroplanes. Negative statements will no longer suffice. The public want to know what steps, if any, the Government

are taking to extend aeroplane construction in order that air attacks on Germany may replace the present inadequate defensive policy within these islands.

It is true that many of our aeroplanes rose to attack the raiding Germans, but were they of the right sort? The absence of results over the land suggests that they were not. It is necessary to ask, with Lord Montagu, "why we have not more machines of a better kind."

It is still more necessary to ask the Government to state definitely what their intentions are with regard to air warfare within these islands. They refuse to give a general warning, and Lord Montagu says that they "cannot protect London from attack at the present time." Does the Government share the attitude of the newspaper which said that these air attacks "have got to be endured because they can't be cured," which is the latest equivalent for the original Zepplin policy of "darkness and composure"? Some of us are convinced that there is a cure, that it is to be found in a great extension of aeroplane construction and a better system of control, and that it is a profound humiliation for this country to be asked to submit to repeated bombing without effective retaliation.

The ultimate cure, of course, is attack. The ridiculous talk about "reprisals" has drifted in the wrong direction. This is not a question of reprisals, but of carrying the war into the enemy's country, as they are carrying it into ours. It is not a question of bombing German babies, but of invading Germany from the air. The French bombed Treves and Essen and Coblenz on Friday night. Why are we so reluctant? Apparently a few of our bishops are afraid that if we attack Germany from the air some one may get hurt. That is quite possible, but a great many more of our own people will soon be hurt if we insist on sticking exclusively to the way of the tortoise and "the mole and neglect the way of the eagle and the hawk."

There is much more in this question of the development of air warfare than the mere prevention of air raids upon this country. I believe, with Lord Montagu, that the campaign by air "is going to be the paramount issue before the end." Our rulers are showing a lamentable lack of imagination about this matter of air warfare, just as the last Government did about submarines. We are advancing slowly and painfully on land. There is a quicker way through the air. The Americans have shown much more rapid perception than ourselves. From the moment the United States took up arms, public opinion across the Atlantic realised fully and vividly that the shortest way to end the war was by a tremendous increase of offensive fighting through the air. Why are we so conservative in this new age?

The Germans are straining every nerve to increase enormously their output of aeroplanes, with the object of invading this country continuously. Let there be no mistake about it. They have tried to hit us on land and under water, and now they are going to hit us through the air. Authentic reports continually arrive regarding their activity in aeroplane construction, but we need not trust to mere reports. In the bulletin published to-day Sir Douglas Haig testifies to the appearance of large numbers of enemy machines on the front between Lens and Ypres, and he says that one formation was composed of the unprecedented number of thirty machines.

The Admiralty went comfortably to sleep when we were warned that the Germans were building swarms of

# Our Baseball Column.

## PLAGIARISED AND OTHERWISE.



THIS AFTERNOON'S GAME.

We do not care to prophesy but we should imagine that the 5 innings game between the Red Lions and B. I. S. at the Mount Cashel Garden Party this afternoon will resolve itself into practically a pitching duel between Ellis and Carew—the slab artists for both teams. The victors will be presented with the much coveted H. D. Reid trophy, and an exciting clash is expected. The line-ups will probably be:—

Red Lions.	B. I. S.
Ellis . . . . .	Carew
Hiiz . . . . .	Brazo
Power . . . . .	Catcher.
Buckingham . . . . .	French
Quick . . . . .	1st Base.
Mullings . . . . .	Brien
Jenkins . . . . .	2nd Base.
Rolls . . . . .	Doyle
Heath . . . . .	3rd Base.
McGrath . . . . .	Short Stop.
Williams . . . . .	Right Field.
P. Grace . . . . .	Centre Field.
C. Grace . . . . .	Left Field.

"Chief" Chesman and Major Montgomerie will control the game, while Mr. P. E. Outerbridge will be in charge of the scoring.

### CAREW.

(By Hubie Carter of the Cubs.) A batter heard that Carew's speed was something fierce, and said "I don't believe it's so. Indeed I'll try it on my head."

### TO-MORROW NIGHT'S GAME.

The much looked forward to game between the B. I. S. and Wanderers will be played to-morrow night at 7 o'clock at St. George's Field, thus resuming the regular League fixtures.

### MAYOR GOSLING

Present Salary to Worthy Cause. The high rate of infantile mortality which has existed in this city for some time, has caused much anxiety to His Worship Mayor Gosling, and being deeply concerned with this grave state of affairs he has decided to devote the salary paid him by the city to the cause of combating it.

### MARRIED.

On July 19th, at the Church of England Cathedral, by Rev. Canon White, Elsie E. T. Hann to Joseph Moyst, both of this city.

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### THE MIRACLE MAN.

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### ATTENTION FOOTBALL AND BASEBALL LEAGUES.

Editor Baseball Column. Dear Sir,—May I ask you to publish the following, and I hope I am not doing wrong in addressing it to you.

Whilst we were convalescent in England we were admitted free to any football game, and many of the picture shows were free to wounded men.

While the Boxing Tournaments were held there we only had to show our overseas badge and we would be given a good front seat free. I think it about time that others followed this example, or at least allowed returned men to see the football and baseball games free, not that we want charity bestowed upon us, but every cent is valuable to us now, to enable us to buy smokes at least, out of our pitiful dole of \$8 per month which we receive from our grateful country.

Yours truly,

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### ONE OF THE RETURNED BOYS.

### TO-DAY'S LAUGH.

A Cockey was seeing his first game of baseball, and the "fan" was explaining the different plays as they were being made.

"Don't you think it's great?" enthusiastically asked the fan.

"Well," replied the Cockey, "I think it's very exciting, but also a very dangerous game."

"Dangerous nothin'," replied the fan.

Just then a runner was put out at second base.

"What has happened now," asked the Cockey.

"Click Smith has died at second," laconically replied the fan.

"Died at second?" replied the astonished Londoner. "I knew it was a dangerous game." — Ladies' Home Journal.

### ST. GEORGE'S FIELD.

The boy sat on the upper stand where breezes howl and whiff. He did not heed the winds at all. For he was frozen stiff.

### Patriotic Football.

The sporting fraternity will, no doubt, be glad to learn that the football match, which will be played between two teams of "has beans" for the purpose of procuring funds to buy cigarettes to send to "Our Boys" on active service, is well in hand. The Star football team of 1901 has challenged any one team or any picked city team of players who chased the leather that same year. We understand that the challenge has been accepted by a city team. It will be remembered by old time lovers of the game that sixteen years ago the Star team went through the League fixtures without having a single goal registered against them and they not only won the League Cup, but two other cups as well that were up for competition. All the Star team, who played that year, can be secured, excepting one named Cowan, who played centre half, but a substitute that the team had then is being engaged in his stead. Messrs. Will Stranger and Bob Simms are getting the city eleven together, and Mr. Jim Vinnicombe, whose efforts in all worthy causes are so universally known here is captaining the Star aggregation as he did in 1901. That the game will be well worth witnessing and incidentally prove an eye-opener to our present day footballers is a safe prediction. Remember, the proceeds are to get 'tags' for our gallant soldier lads.

# BULL RUN—Here's a Fine Little Idea That Blossomed In Bull's Noodle but His Brilliant Brother Beat Him to It!



BY CARL ED

# Evening Telegram Fashion Plates

The Dressmaker should keep the Scrap Book of our Fashion Plates. These will be found very refer to from time to time.

### THE IDEAL WORK SUIT FOR WOMEN.



This style is excellent for work in the garden, is popular for indoor work dress, since it is comfortable and easy in movement. The blouse may be made with a collar, and the sleeve length. The gingham, jean, linen, poplin, repp, etc., are good for this style.

Pattern is cut in 4 sizes: 34 (40-42), Medium (42-44), Extra Large (44-46). Medium will require 6 1/2 yards of material.

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This design is fine for crepe, cotton cloth, wash silk, challis, etc. and other soft fabrics. The skirt joins the waist at the waistline, and may be finished with a ruffle heading. It may have a round yoke, as shown, or a back yoke, or be finished with a narrow heading.

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