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ITALIAN FORCES CONTINUE THEIR VICTORIOUS ADVANCE

Have Captured More Positions—Austrian Retreat Becoming a Rout—British Maintain Their Bombardment Over Seventy Mile Front—Situation Unchanged at Verdun—Americans Withdraw From Positions to Concentrate at the North.

BRITISH GUNS BOMBARDING 70 MILES OF FRONT.

LONDON, June 29.—A despatch from British headquarters the British artillery continues the bombardment of the enemy's lines over a front of seventy miles.

Numerous trench raids are being made and groups of the enemy captured.

The British have released gas at certain points when the weather is favorable.

CONTINUOUS ITALIAN ADVANCE: DRIVE FOR TRIESTE BEGINS.

ROME, June 29.—The Italian war office reports that the Italian forces have captured additional Austrian positions in their contained Trentino advance. A new drive for Trieste has begun on the Isonzo.

BULGARS FEAR RUMANIA TURNING TO ALLIES.

AMSTERDAM, June 29.—Bucharest despatches to German papers say Bulgaria has closed her frontier to Roumania as a result of rumors that Roumania was turning to the Allies.

Bulgaria is also taking precautions against Greece, following the Greek capitulation to the Allies.

VIOLENT FIGHTING ON MEUSE LAST NIGHT.

PARIS, June 29.—The French War Office reports that violent fighting occurred during the night on the east bank of the Meuse but the general situation is unchanged.

CASEMENT TRIAL ORDERED TO PROCEED.

LONDON, June 28.—A motion to quash the treason indictment against Sir Roger Casement on the ground that it was fairly was rejected today by Lord Justice Reading and associate justices. The trial is ordered to proceed with its evidence.

ATHENS, June 28.—The situation in Greece remains critical and full of uncertainty, although the demands of the Allies are being rapidly carried out. King Constantine yesterday signed the royal decree for the general demobilization of the Greek army.

PRUSSIAN CASUALTIES TOTAL 2,740,196.

AMSTERDAM, June 28.—The latest Prussian casualty lists covering the period from June 8th to 20th bring the total of Prussian losses to 2,740,196. This figure is not believed to include the losses at Verdun.

TRATE IN NORTH.

MEXICO CITY, June 28.—The American forces under the command of Gen. Pershing have abandoned Bachimba and San Geronimi in order to concentrate to the north according to advices received here. The Carranza forces have occupied and organized the abandoned positions.

SIR THOMAS WHITE AND BANKERS CONFER.

OTTAWA, June 28.—The conference between Sir Thomas White and representatives of the Canadian Bankers' Association regarding a further credit to the Imperial Government is proceeding satisfactorily.

RUSSIANS TAKE NEARLY 200,000.

LONDON, June 28.—The Russian official statement says: "According to the latest reports from Gen. Brusiloff's army, the total prisoners and booty captured between June 4 and 23 amounts to 4,031 officers, 194,941 soldiers, a total of 198,972 officers and men, 219 guns, 644 machine guns, 196 bomb-throwers, 146 artillery caissons and 38 searchlights."

ITALIAN DRIVE NOW IRRESTIBLE.

LONDON, June 28.—Continuing their successful drive in the Trentino, the Italians have captured two important towns—Posina and Arsiero—and have hurled the Austrians from five peaks and the crests of two ridges of commanding position.

The fighting has now passed to the north of the Arsa Valley. All indications are that the Italian counter-offensive is gathering speed. Despatches from Rome describe the Austrian retreat at some places as bordering on rout. Nevertheless the Austrians are not neglecting to impede the progress of their pursuers with every means at their command. They are destroying the bridges with the passage of their rearmost detachments, and are burning the towns as they quit them.

King Victor Emmanuel is present with the army during the engagements, and shares the perils of battle like any private. During the disorderly fight of the Austrians Italian guns and machine guns caused horrible carnage. There was no time to capture any prisoners. The losses of the Austrians in the last few days are estimated at 50,000.

Now the Austrians hold only a few positions on Italian territory, and they cling to these with the object of covering the retreat of the main body.

HAROLD LLOYD IS MISSING

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lloyd, Franklin St., Receive Letter From Chaplain—May Be Prisoner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lloyd, Franklin St., have received the letter printed below informing them that their son Trooper Harold Lloyd of the 8th Mounted Rifles was missing. The chaplain however, expresses the hope that he may be still alive and among the prisoners of war.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE. Soldiers' Institute, Chaplain's Service Canadian Corps. Address reply to F. Q. 8th Brigade, C.M.R., France.

Dear Friends: You will have heard long before this reaches you through other sources that your dear one was missing after one of the biggest battles the Canadians have been in since the war began. The battle began about half past seven in the morning of June the 2nd, and lasted until almost the following Wednesday. It was a gallant stand our men made against a terrible artillery bombardment and their unflinching attack by the Germans. Our boys had to fight nearly three times their number, and died or were taken prisoners with their faces to the foe. Probably the Canadians never showed more courage or took more punishment before. The official English paper reports say nothing has ever surpassed in the whole war the heroism of the artillery employed by the enemy. Naturally after such a time there are many who are prisoners. The enemy's official report says that they have 350 unaccounted prisoners and about 200 wounded to your dear one may yet be returned to you. Only time will give us the official news from Germany. The power authorities will then immediately report to you any information. On the meantime let us all be strong and brave. Know what a time it is to suffer and to be strong. We have much to be thankful for. No man was a coward. Every man did his best against heavy odds. We shall be hopeful until all official returns are in and if the worst has happened then let us still remember the immortal grandeur of Jesus said, "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." Hundreds and many thousands have done and are doing that very thing and by so doing they fulfill the law of love.

I shall be glad to hear if you obtain any news and if I have any I shall immediately convey it to you. Sympathetically and sincerely yours, George O. Falls, Chaplain.

A FINE BOY WHO DID HIS DUTY

Walter Craig Gallantly Died in the Discharge of His Duty Says Capt. O'Flynn.

Mr. William J. Craig received the following letter yesterday from Capt. B. D. O'Flynn telling how his brother, Pte. Walter Craig, did his duty and gallantly came to his death. June 8th, 1916.

Mr. Wm. Craig, Belleville, Can., Dear Bill,—I am sorry to inform you that your brother Walter was killed in action on the 4th of this month.

He was killed by a high explosive shell, and death was instantaneous, he did not suffer for an instant. His body was buried and we have the map location of his grave which I will send you at some later date.

Walter was a fine boy and did his duty well, he was keen and always anxious to do his bit. You have every reason to be proud of him. Well Bill I must close with sincerest sympathy. Yours sincerely, E. D. O'Flynn.

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The matter was referred to the executive. A requisition from the Board of Education for a lot of \$2,500 for public schools and \$12,500 for High School and grammar schools was referred to the executive.

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A DENTAL CLINIC

Has Been Established at Potawawa For the Artillery.

Capt. J. M. Wilson, Assistant Director of Dental Services, has returned from Potawawa where he established a dental clinic for the artillery man in training there. Capt. E. M. Wilson, now on the Barrfield camp staff, and Captains Wright of Ottawa and Baird of Carleton Place, have been detailed for that work and will take over the new duties immediately. The same system used at Barrfield will be in use at Potawawa.

JOHN ROBERT JOES

The Sunday School and the congregation of the Methodist church in Belleville, Ontario, are proud to have in their midst a young man who is a true hero. John Robert Joes, a native of Belleville, is a member of the 12th Battalion at Bowmanville.

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Social and Personal

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