

40 AMERICANS KILLED CLASH WITH MEXICANS

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CZAR'S ARMIES AT GRIPS VOLHYNIA WITH GERMANS RUSHED TO HELP THEIR ALLY CHECK THE RUSSIANS

FRENCH CURTAIN OF FIRE CHECKS FURIOUS GERMAN ATTACKS

MUNS FAIL IN FURIOUS THRUSTS ON VERDUN FRONT

All Day Shelling in Region of Hill 320 Followed by Attacks West and South of Fort Vaux—French Curtain of Fire and Machine Guns Drive them Back with Heavy Losses.

London, June 21.—The following communication was issued by the war office tonight: "The day has been devoid of any important incident. It passed very quietly on most parts of the front. Intermittent shelling occurred near Hebuterne, the Stouchez valley and Felinghen, while mining continued briskly near Neuville-St. Vaast and the Loos salient. Near La Bassée yesterday evening five of the enemy's ammunition lorries came under the fire of our artillery. One of them was hit and all of them exploded."

German Attacks Break Down. Paris, June 21.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight says: "On the left bank of the Meuse a German attack against new trenches conquered by us on June 15 on the slopes south of Le Mort Homme was completely arrested by our fire. "On the right bank, after a violent bombardment with big shells, which lasted all day in the region of Hill 320, the Chaptre Wood and Fumin-Lee trenches, the Germans attacked our positions west and south of Fort Vaux. Our curtains of fire and the fire of our

machine guns twice broke the assaults of the enemy, who suffered heavy losses. "There was an intermittent cannonading on the rest of the front." Belgian communication: "Artillery duels occurred at various points, especially north of Dixmude. There was bomb fighting in the direction of Steensstraete. "Aviation: On the nights of June 20-21 one of our bombing groups dropped 210 shells on the station at Amerville, and 276 on the military establishments and the Metz station."

Turkish Report. Constantinople, June 21, via London.—The war office today issued the following statement on military operations: "Iraq front: The situation is unchanged. "Caucasus front: On the left wing a surprise attack, attempted by the enemy failed owing to our fire. "On Sunday nine enemy aeroplanes attacked El Arish with bombs and machine guns for two hours but inflicted no damage. Two aeroplanes were brought down, one of them aflame by our fire."

SIR GEO. FOSTER FIVE KILLED IN LONDON IN EXPLOSION

War Has Brought All Parts of Empire Together, He Says—Production Only Basis of Trade.

London, June 21.—(Montreal Gazette cable)—Coinciding with the publication of the resolutions adopted at the Paris economic conference, today's Mansion House meeting, under the auspices of the British Empire Producers' Association created deep interest. It was left to two overseas delegates, Premier Hughes, of Australia, and Sir George Foster of Canada, to drive the lesson home. Sir George pointed out that the war had performed a great service in sweeping away old prejudices and bringing the nations of the Empire into closer union. He hoped that when peace came there would be the same willingness and ability to banish the old controversies and disputes. He emphasized the fact that production was the only basis of trade, and within the British Empire was every diversity of climate, rendering it possible to produce for all requirements. He believed in nationalization, particularly in regard to raw materials, when there was an attempt at monopoly. Referring to the sacrifices made for the military struggle, the minister thought that the Allies would be capable of similar sacrifices in any trade war against the Central Powers.

The Australian premier, in his usual vigorous style, urged that the Paris resolutions be given effect by immediate action. There must be control of raw materials within the Empire, re-peopling of the land, and inter-empire trade.

NO "HARD" STUFF IN LONDON BARS AFTER 5 P.M.

London, Ont., June 21.—London hotel keepers, at a meeting here today decided to place the ban on the sale of all "hard stuff" after five o'clock in the afternoon. This ruling, which is in response to a request from the military authorities, goes into effect at once and applies to civilians as well as soldiers. From now on only beer, ales and porters will be sold after the hour agreed upon.

MEETING OF GOVT (IS CONCLUDED)

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., June 21.—The provincial government met for only a short time this afternoon owing to the Board of Education meeting, but the executive council will be in session tomorrow about all day. Hon. F. G. Mahoney arrived from Ottawa today. Attorney-General Baxter returned to St. John tonight.

CORTON LIGHTSHIP SUNK BY A MINE; 5 OF CREW DROWNED

London, June 21 (4.35 p. m.)—The Corton Lightship, situated several miles off the English east coast, has been sunk, with the loss of five members of its crew, drowned or killed, says a Central News despatch today from Great Yarmouth. Whether the sinking was due to a mine or submarine is unknown.

The survivors of the disaster, badly injured, have been landed. Yarmouth, June 22.—The Corton Lightship was sunk by a mine, according to the survivors, two in number. They say that Captain Rudd, at the bow, sighted a mine and gave warning. The explosion came an instant later, and the force was so terrific that the vessel was raised out of the water and completely broken up. She sank immediately. The survivors were picked up by a fishing boat after ten minutes in the water. There was no sign of the captain or the other members of the crew. This is the first lightship sunk during the war.

U. S. CAVALRY AND CARRANZA TROOPS CLASH

Forty American Soldiers Killed and Mexican Losses Said to be Heavy.

GEN. FELIX GOMEZ AMONG THE KILLED.

Details Lacking, but Washington Views with Alarm What May Prove to be Start of Open Hostilities.

El Paso, Texas, June 21.—A detachment of American cavalry clashed with Carranza's forces at Carrizal, about ninety miles south of El Paso, early today, both sides suffering heavy casualties, according to unofficial reports received by Mexican military authorities in Juarez tonight. According to the report, which the Mexican authorities are investigating, forty Americans were killed by machine gun fire in a surprise attack. The Mexican losses were said not to have been so heavy, but General Felix Gomez is named as being among the Mexican dead. The American command is said to have been part of a scouting patrol from Anzman, returning to Gen. Pershing's line of communication. Later General Francisco Gonzales, Mexican commander at Juarez, gave out a statement, in which he announced officially that the Mexican command has taken seventeen American prisoners. He also said that Gen. Gomez's death had been confirmed, but said he had no official reports as to the number of casualties on either side.

Funston's Report. Washington, June 21.—General Funston reported late tonight that he had received official confirmation of a clash between Carranza and American troops early today, near Carrizal, Mexico. He transmitted to the war department the following report from Gen. Bell at El Paso: (Continued on page 2.)

GERMANS MAKE DESPERATE EFFORT TO HALT STEAM ROLLER

Determined Attempt to Resume Initiative by Strong Attack on Gen. Kurapatkin's Army in the North—Prisoners Captured by the Russian Armies Reported to Number Almost 173,000.

London, June 21.—The official communications issued today by the German, Austrian and Russian war offices all indicate that, as has been anticipated, the Germans are making a determined effort to resume the initiative lost by the Russian General Brusiloff's diversion by a strong attack on General Kurapatkin's armies in the north, especially in Volhynia on the Stry and Stokhod rivers, in an effort to prevent the Russians receiving reinforcements.

Although up to the present time the Germans are making no striking advances they are clearly holding up their opponents. Most stubborn fighting, with fluctuating results, is proceeding around Gruziatyn west of Koihl. The Germans also are again attacking farther north, in the Smorgon district and the region of Rias. Military experts say that it remains to be seen whether the Germans will be able to bring sufficient pressure in these sectors to relieve the hard pressed Austrians in Bukowina and enable them to make a fresh stand on a new line.

Confirms Story of Gen. Pfanner's Defeat.

London, June 21.—Confirmatory reports of the cutting in two of General Pfanner's army in Bukowina are contained in a despatch to the Star from Petrograd today. When the Austrians retired from Czernowitz, says the correspondent, part of them retreating due south along the Rumania border and others toward the Carpathians, their hope was to have time to hold the Russians on the fortified line running from Kut to Sereth along the rivers Mikhodra and Sereth. But despite the delay caused by the prolonged defence of Czernowitz, General Lechtitzky, threw his reserves upon the heels of the retreating Austrians at such speed that he succeeded in reaching that line simultaneously with them.

The result was that Gen. Pfanner's forces were cut in half, midway between Kut and Sereth at Stroginet.

172,484 Captives Now.

Petrograd, via London, June 21.—The war office announced today that the number of men captured by the Russians in the offensive in Volhynia and Galicia, up to Thursday of last week, was 172,484. "The total number of prisoners taken by Gen. Brusiloff from June 3 to 15 inclusive," says the statement, "was 3,350 officers and 189,134 men. We also captured 198 guns, 550 machine guns, 189 bomb throwers, 119 artillery limbers, thirty-four searchlights and a large quantity of other war material."

"On the Dvina front German artillery violently bombarded the region of the Iskallu bridgehead, and the northern sector of the Jacobstadt positions. "On Tuesday night the Germans, after an intense bombardment of our lines to the southwest of Smorgon, succeeded in penetrating our trenches, but were soon dislodged by our artillery and driven back to their own lines by a counter-attack. "In other sectors in this region all enemy attempts to attack were repulsed either by our fire or by the bayonet. "Enemy aeroplanes dropped about forty bombs on the Vileika station. "On the Olenki Canal there were some isolated encounters and violent artillery duels at different points. "Caucasus front: Near Diarbekir, our scouts ambushed and shot down a strong enemy detachment which was on the way to relieve outpost. "In the direction of Mosul, our detachments

including Georgian tribesmen, put to flight a strong band of Kurds, who left a large number of dead." The official announcement says that in a severe engagement on the Stokhod river German troops, which made an attack in massed formation were repulsed and took to flight. The announcement follows: "Desperate fighting continues in the region north of Gadomitchel, on the Stry. The village of Gruziatyn changed hands several times. Yesterday afternoon we entered the village and captured eleven officers, 400 men and six machine guns, but gists of German artillery fire compelled us to evacuate the town again. "With the furious persistence the Germans operating in the region of Voronichne, northwest of Kiselino, under cover of gusts of artillery fire from both light and heavy guns made repeated attacks on the evening of June 20 against our young regiments. Our troops by impetuous attack put the Germans to flight, taking nine machine guns and a number of prisoners belonging to various regiments. "At 3 o'clock on the following morning, in the region of the village of Rajniesto, on the Stokhod river, northeast of Voronichne, the enemy attacked in mass formation. The engagement became a hand-to-hand struggle in which the Germans, unable to sustain our steady pressure, took flight, leaving in our hands wounded and prisoners not yet counted. "Desperate fighting is in progress in the region of Kiselino and further south. "On the extreme left wing we are still pursuing the enemy, and have crossed the Sereth river."

Berlin Admits Russians Have Crossed the Sereth.

Berlin, June 21, via Sayville.—With the Austrian rear guard closely engaged them, the Russians have crossed the River Sereth, the Austro-Hungarian war office announced in its report of June 20. The official statement follows: "While fighting with our rear guards the enemy has crossed the Sereth. "Between the Pruth and the Dniester, on the Stripa, and in the district of Radziviloff relative calm prevailed yesterday. "In successful defensive engagements southeast and northeast of Lehtschel our troops up to this time have captured 1,300 Russians, one cannon and three machine guns. "In the district of Kiselino, attacks by the Allies (Teutonic) troops are progressing in tenacious fighting. "Repeated strong attacks by the enemy between Sokul and Koihl were repulsed. "Near Gruziatyn, where the enemy attempted for the fourth time to penetrate our lines, bitter fighting is still in progress. "Italian front: On the Dolomites and Isonzo fronts the activity has ebbed to the normal level. Renewed Italian attacks upon several positions on the front between the Brenta and the Asolo were repulsed. "Balkan front: Small engagements have occurred near Seras, on the Lower Vovusa."

POTATO FAMINE IN COLOGNE.

Amsterdam, via London, June 22.—According to the Vorwerk's potato famine is threatened in Cologne. The quantity available at the present time is two and one-half pounds per head per week, but the paper declares the sale of potatoes is to be completely stopped in the next few days.

TWO MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY PRESENT PENSIONS.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 21.—Recommendations of the special committee of parliament which last session examined the question of war pensions have been adopted by the government and the pension board of the militia department has been authorized to put in force the new scale. It will be made retroactive. Later on a permanent pensions board will be appointed. The new scale is much higher than the old rate and already there are 5,500 names on the list. These will all get the benefit of the retroactive enactment. It will take over two million dollars annually to pay the present pensions and it is estimated that before the war is over it will amount to over twenty million dollars. Hon. J. D. Hazen was chairman of the pension committee of the Commons.

ADMIRALTY HAS NO COMPLAINT ABOUT AMMUNITION SALE

Cable Received Yesterday Says Manner of Purchase and Payment Entirely Satisfactory—Calculations of Grit Counsel at Davidson Inquiry Given Hard Jolt.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., June 21.—The admiralty does not appear to be worrying about the ammunition which came to it from Canada. Though the transaction has been made the subject of official enquiry by Royal Commission in Canada, in England the admiralty cables that it got the ammunition, that it got it in the way it wanted to, and is satisfied with both the ammunition and the financing of the transaction. These facts were disclosed through the reading of a cable message this afternoon at the meeting of the Davidson enquiry. The message comes from the British colonial secretary. It was addressed to the Duke of Connaught, as was an earlier one which stated that the admiralty paid \$25 a thousand for ammunition for which Canada was paid \$20 a thousand. Like first cable Government House turned the second cable message over to the auditor general. The message is as follows:

"This cable completely upset the calculations of the opposition here, Hartley Dewar, the Liberal counsel, had objected earlier in the day to the cable being read. The reason was obvious. "This concludes the evidence and the commission will meet next Wednesday to receive written statements of counsel. (Signed) BONAR LAW."

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Struck During Heavy Fog—Bound for Sydney from Philadelphia.

Halifax, June 21.—During a dense fog yesterday the Canadian steamer Stormont from Philadelphia for Sydney struck Gull Rock, four miles from Guysboro on the east coast of Nova Scotia and will be a total wreck. The crew arrived here tonight. The vessel registered 1,251 tons. The sea was calm at the time and the crew had no difficulty in reaching Mar's Joseph, four miles from the scene of the wreck.

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Washington, June 21.—An identical note protesting vigorously against the interference by the Entente Allies with the marine trade of Greece has been presented by the Greek minister to the state departments and the diplomatic representatives of the Latin American governments. It asserts that "traditional principles" have been violated and that Greece has been unable to obtain any official explanation in response to inquiries. Since June 6, the note asserts, the Greek coast has been subjected to a limited blockade, ships being held up and searched and taken to naval bases established by the Allied forces. Various vessels flying the Greek flag, it is said, have been taken to Bizerta, Algiers, and there converted into transports by the Allies. As a result, it is declared, Greece's food supplies have been cut off, and her maritime commerce, "the essential of her national economy," stopped.