

GERMANY DOES NOT THINK BRITISH CAN BREAK THROUGH

Meanwhile Attacks by the British and French in the West Continues Without Ceasing, Though Berlin Talks of Futile Gas Attacks.

By Special Wire to the Courier. BERLIN, June 30.—(via London)—Attacks by the British and French at various places along the western front yesterday and last night were repulsed by German troops, the war office announced to-day.

The official statement says: "Both yesterday and throughout the night we repelled British and French attacks at various places, and near Richebourg, southwest of Lille, we delivered an immediate counter-attack. The enemy continued his futile gas attacks.

"The intense artillery fire continued without interruption. Southeast of Tahure and near Maisons de Champagne, advancing French detachments were sanguinarily repulsed. On the left bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) we made progress on Hill 304. On the right bank of the river there was no infantry activity.

NO CHANCE OF SUCCESS, SAYS BERLIN. LONDON, June 30.—Berlin newspapers which have just reached London refer to the British activity on the western front. They pretend to believe it is condemned to failure, and say it can only result in the end of the English continental army.

"What is taking place on the British western front," says the Tageblatt, "entirely fulfills our expectations. It is obviously that great common movement in which England purposes to show that her strength has now achieved superiority over ours. We do not under-estimate the gravity of the struggle, but have no desire to permit the English to terrify Germany. The English army has not, and never will have, the operative power to drive us out of northern France and Belgium."

Fine Record For 84th Battalion in England Month of June

125 Recruits Obtained by the 215th Battalion in that Month.

During the month of June, no less a total than 125 recruits were obtained by the 215th Battalion, as most satisfactory for a month's recruiting. A great many more applications were also received from men who, on examination, proved physically unfit, and to whom rejection buttons and certificates were issued.

Authorization has been received at headquarters for Lt. G. A. Duffan, assistant adjutant for the 215th, to proceed to the Provincial School of Infantry for a special examination. Owing to the holiday to-morrow, there will be no parades for the 215th. There will be no church parade on Sunday.

To-day is pay day in the 215th, in common with all other overseas battalions. The work of paying off the men was carried on during the morning by Paymaster Capt. Corey.

No Paper To-morrow. There will be no issue of the Courier to-morrow as it is Dominion Day. The usual Sunday bulletin service will be maintained.

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



"MAMMA, HE'S BACK SOME MORE, YET!"

DECLARES SIR ROGER SHOULD NOT DIE

Manchester Guardian Thinks Death Penalty Too Severe for Him.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, June 30.—The Manchester Guardian, one of the most influential papers in the country, makes a direct plea for clemency for Sir Roger Casement. While admitting that no other sentence but that of death could have been pronounced by the court, the Guardian says: "Casement was a fanatic and his crimes, like those of many other fanatics, are free from the taint of sordidness and meanness. The death penalty will do nothing to kill such a dream as his. Rather it will give them life. For the sake of the new Ireland, which we hope to see, it is a merit for clemency. An indirect plea for mercy is made by other papers on the ground that the execution of Casement would not assist in settling the Irish problem.

FIREMAN DID GOOD WORK IN CHECKING BLAZE

Fire in Brant Cafe Early This Morning Menaced Whole Block.

FLAMES SHOT THROUGH ROOF

By Quick and Vigorous Action, Blaze Confined to One Building.

Prompt and energetic action upon the part of the Central Fire Department checked early this morning what might have proved a blaze of the most serious consequences, to both life and property. Commencing in the basement of the Brantford Cafe, 145 Colborne street, the fire burnt its way through to the kitchen, and with the result that when the fire department arrived on the scene, about 4:20 a.m., the flames were shooting high above the roof of the building in the rear, and even more gravely, the tenants occupying the flats above the front portion of the cafe. All of these, however, succeeded in escaping unhurt, while the firemen at once set vigorously to work. Three lines of hose were laid from Colborne street, and a fourth from Water Street, at the rear of the building, the East end of the street being also summoned to the scene by Chief Lewis. By diligent work, the flames were confined to the rear of the building, and prevented from gaining a footing in the adjoining buildings, though smoke did some damage to the stock of G. H. Malcolm's dry goods store. The rear of the cafe was entirely gutted and the contents almost completely destroyed, so that the damage done, though not definitely ascertained, is considerable. The cause of the conflagration is at present unknown.

Local Casualties. The name of yet another Brantford boy appears in the latest casualty lists as killed in action. Pte. Frank G. Thorne has laid down his life for his country. He was unmarried and 20 years of age, residing with his father here. Two local members of the Canadian mounted rifles are reported as missing, they being Sergt. Oscar Taylor and Pte. Sidney Smythe. Sergt. Taylor of the 4th C.M.R., is unmarried, and went overseas with a quota from the Brant Brigades in the fall of 1914. His father, Alfred Taylor, well known locally as a plumber, is now in the 215th Battalion. Pte. Sidney Smythe of the 8th C.M.R., though a resident of Brant County, enlisted in Peterboro, some time ago, and reached the trenches last March. Pte. James White of Vancouver, well known in Brantford, is reported killed. His wife is a Brantford girl, nee Miss Josie Inglis.

Given Gold Watch. A very pleasing event took place last night in the school room of St. Mary's church, when Rev. Father P. J. Padden was presented with a solid gold watch and chain by members of the Ladies' Aid and St. Mary's Court, Catholic Order of Foresters. The occasion was the anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Following the presentation, a delightful evening was spent by all present.

A historic landmark was wiped out when the cavalry barracks at old Fort Klamath, Ore., was destroyed by fire.

Paris Hard Hit by Casualties. Four Men Wounded, Two Men Missing and Two Men Prisoners.

Paris, June 29.—A despatch received this afternoon reports the following Paris boys wounded, missing and prisoners: Pte. Harold Smith, Upper Town, wounded and a prisoner. Pte. Smith was with the 4th Mounted Rifles. Pte. Chas. Ball of the 4th Mounted Rifles is reported missing. Pte. Taylor of Ganning, missing. Pte. Robert Mullinger, a prisoner. Pte. John Brewins, of the 4th Mounted Rifles, wounded and a prisoner. Pte. Thomas Deaumont, who enlisted with the second contingent, is wounded. Pte. Binch, severely wounded. This is the second time that Pte. Binch has been wounded.

Two Brantford Men Arrived Home Yesterday

Magnificent Reception Accorded Pte. Dawson and Gunner Storer.

It is doubtful if there are in Brantford to-day two happier families than those of Pte. W. Dawson, ex-member of the 4th Battalion, and Gunner Edgar Storer, both of whom returned to the city last evening, invalided home from the front, receiving at the station such a tremendous ovation as has seldom been accorded anyone before in Brantford. Met as they descended from the train at 8:40 by Mr. J. H. Spence, Mr. H. W. Pltton and others, the two returned heroes were at once surrounded by their relatives and friends, all eager to press "BIB" or "ED" by the hand, and to join in welcoming him to his home after such a long absence. B. company of the 12th battalion, under Major T. E. James, was assembled on the platform to see the two old comrades, men who had had line to the front with him, as members of the Mad Fourth Battalion, and had already returned. Their big done. Of the congratulations and hand-shaking that followed each, speaking enough cannot be said, the two returned heroes, together with their families, were conveyed in motor cars to the market square, led by the band of the 12th, where a formal civic welcome was extended them by Mr. J. H. Spence, on behalf of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, and other representative citizens of Brantford, after which the soldiers were conveyed quietly to their homes.

Hit in Six Places. One of the most trying experiences of any suffered by Brantford men fell to the lot of Pte. W. Dawson, who was wounded by shrapnel in six places. In all six pieces of shrapnel entered his body. Sixteen pieces have now been removed, but he still carries around with him two metal souvenirs, one in his knee and the other in the muscle of his right arm. Pte. Dawson, who was wounded in his first contingent, was wounded on a German sniper on March 31 of last year. He recovered and went back to the front, only to receive the casualities which he is still suffering, at Kemmel, Belgium, on the 19th of December last. He believes he is none the wiser for his war experience, as he is incapacitated by a incurable stiffness in the right arm.

KITCHENER LEFT ESTATE WORTH NEARLY A MILLION

Remembered in His Will Officers Who Worked With Him.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, June 30.—The will of Field-Marshal Earl Kitchener, the British Secretary of War, who lost his life in the sinking of the Cruiser was admitted to probate to-day. It was admitted to probate to-day. It shows that he left an estate valued at £171,420 pounds sterling (approximately \$850,000).

The largest bequests were the sum of £20,000 to his nephew, Henry Hamilton Kitchener, and the Brome Park Estate and all lands in Kent county to his nephew, Commander Henry Franklin Chevalier Kitchener, of the Royal navy, a son of the new earl.

The will makes a number of smaller bequests to relatives and friends, including £200 each to several officers who served on Lord Kitchener's general staff. Among these was General Sir William R. Birdwood.

To Colonel Oswald A. G. Fitzgerald, Lord Kitchener's personal military secretary, who was killed with the field-marshal, was willed all Kitchener's lands in British East Africa, amounting to about 5,000 acres, with plantations, etc.

Swords of honor, plate and other gifts from public bodies are devoted as heirlooms in settled estates. The will was dated Nov. 2, 1914.

ADVANCE PARTY NAMED OF 125TH.

Capt. Sager, Lt. Oxtaby and 11 Non-coms. and Pioneers Off To-morrow.

SELECTED MEN TO ACCOMPANY THEM For the Last Time in Brantford Men Will be Paid Off To-day.

The advance party from the 125th battalion, which is to leave the city at 7:05, standard time to-morrow morning, has now been named. It comprises the following:— Capt. G. H. Sager, Quartermaster; Lt. W. G. Oxtaby, Pioneer Sergt. G. Bennett, pioneers, Beney, Grey, Rowe; Cook Sergeant J. Winyard; cooks, Pte. T. C. Burley, Pte. P. Patrick; butcher, Pte. G. Atkinson; transport, Ptes. C. P. Coales, R. Mays, A. R. Sage.

In addition to this detail, one non-commissioned officer and 15 men will be selected by each company commander from his unit, to accompany the party. The advance party will carry great coils, and complete kit and will also provide themselves with the mid-day meal. In connection with the preparations which are being made for going to camp, the following appeared in the battalion orders yesterday:— All N.C.O.'s and men will be required to take to camp with them, all clothing and necessaries which they have issued. Kit inspection will be held immediately after arrival in camp. Stoppage will be made for any deficiencies.

No. 8 detachment of the 125th furnished the down town quiet last evening, parading at 7 p.m., wearing belts and bayonets. To-day is pay day in the 125th, the battalion parading by companies on the gore, opposite the armouries this afternoon, and being paid off in turn as follows:— H. Q. units, Base Detail and "A" Co., 3:00 p.m. "B" Company, 3:15. "C" Company, 3:30 p.m. "D" Company, 3:45 p.m.

HUNS CARRIED FRENCH POSITION BUT THEY IMMEDIATELY LOST IT

Preceded by a Terrific Artillery Fire Hun Forces Captured French Line Trenches East of Hill 304, But Were Driven Out by Counter-Attack.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, June 30.—12:30 p.m.—In a terrific attack upon the French positions east of Hill 304, in the Verdun sector, the Germans captured a fortified work in the first line of the French trenches after the garrison had been literally buried under a storm of shells. The position was recaptured by a brilliant French counter-attack according to an official statement issued by the French war office to-day.

The Germans also delivered a powerful attack on the French positions between Hill 304 and west of Hill 304, but all their efforts are declared to have been checked with heavy losses to the attackers. Considerable activity is reported on the front from Neuport to the Aisne.

The text of the communication follows: "In Belgium last night at about 11 o'clock, following a preparatory artillery fire, German forces attacked a salient of our line not far from the road between Neuport and Lompaertzyde. A counter attack was at once delivered which drove the enemy out of one section of trenches between Chauvigny and Roye where they had gained a footing. A strong German reconnoitering party, caught under our fire, was dispersed before it could reach our trenches.

"Between the Oise and the Aisne, two other German patrols also were dispersed in like manner. One in front of Queuvevires at a point to the northeast of Vingre.

"In the Champagne district a minor attack of the enemy with hand grenades upon our advanced posts to the west of Butte de Mesnil, was easily repulsed.

"On the left bank of the River Meuse, the Germans last night created their offensive activity against our positions stretching from Avocourt wood to a point to the east of Hill 304. They directed upon the principal salients of our line a series of very violent attacks. These were preceded by intense bombardments and accompanied by the throwing of flaming liquids. Between Avocourt wood and Hill 304 all their endeavours were broken by our fire which inflicted heavy losses upon them.

"On the east of Hill No. 304, after several fruitless assaults, the enemy succeeded in taking possession of a fortified work in our first line, the garrison of which had been literally buried by the German bombardment. At about 4 o'clock in the morning a brilliant counter-attack on the part of our troops resulted in our again becoming masters of this work.

"On the right bank of the river the bombardment has been very spirited in the sectors to the north of Somville and Tavannes, particularly in the region of Chenolla. There was no infantry fighting at these points.

Crew of Prize Ship Appam Watching For German Sub

By Special Wire to the Courier. Newport News, Va., June 30.—The crew of the German prize ship Appam, anchored in this port, last night especially avidly listened for news from the German submarine reported to be due here from Germany with passengers and a message for President Wilson. Virginia pilots kept a sharp watch near the Capes for the submarine, while people on the Virginia peninsula several times flocked to the water front in answer to reports that the undesired craft had passed the Capes.

DRAWS MADE FOR BRANT COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Games Start at 9 Sharp, City Time, To-morrow Morning.

ENTRY BADGES AT EACH CLUB

Each Player Goes to Green Allotted and Obtains His Badge.

The draw for the annual Brant County Bowling Tournament has been made and is printed herewith. Greens 1 to 5 are at the Pastime Club; greens 6 to 8 at the Brantford club; greens 9 to 13 at the Heathers, and greens 14 to 18 at the Dufferins. Additional umpires reported are J. Inksater, O. Morris and J. Smiley.

Wherever possible, it was decided to make each rink 15 feet wide. The tournament begins sharp at 9 a.m. new time. The usual penalty will be exacted for late arrivals.

The entry badges will be on hand with one of the members of the executive at each of the bowling greens. Preliminary Round. Green No. 1—J. L. Millar, Heather vs. S. M. Bury, Pastime. Green No. 2—D. Adams, Brantford club vs. W. M. Lewis, Echo Place.

First Round. Green No. 3—R. Hagey, Grydenham vs. T. Hendry, Heather. Green 4—T. L. Wood, Heather, vs. Dr. W. D. Wiley, Pastime. Green 5—R. Inksater, Paris vs. J. A. Ogilvie, Heather. Green 6—Geo. Jackson, Pastime vs. J. E. Wilson, Dufferin. Green 7—S. Isbester, Pastime vs. J. W. Robertson, Heather. Green 8—C. Cuthbertson, Dufferin vs. Jas. E. Inksater, Paris. Green 9—T. R. Logan, Heather vs. F. S. Blain, Pastime. Green 10—F. E. Sheppard, Dufferin vs. Dr. J. B. Gamble, Heather. Green 11—R. C. Burns, Dufferin vs. Bert Inglis, Pastime. Green 12—A. F. Wicks, Dufferin vs. W. H. Biggar, Mt. Pleasant. Green 13—J. S. Bowling, Dufferin vs. R. E. Hale, Paris. Green 14—E. C. Tench, Heather vs. J. H. Sedgewick, St. George. Green 15—W. E. Turnbull, Brantford vs. James Smiley, Paris. Green 16—Dr. Palmer, Brantford vs. R. D. Dymond, Dufferin. Green 17—S. Bull, Dufferin vs. D. Thorburn, Pastime.

STRINGENT ORDERS ISSUED TO STOP VESSELS SAILING

Only Two Harbors Left Open on Western Coast of Schleswig Holstein, by Orders of German Admiralty.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Copenhagen, via London, June 30.—An official announcement signed by Vice-Admiral Bachmann, governor of the Kiel district, placing further restrictions on vessels running between German and foreign ports is printed herewith. The only ports henceforth open to traffic on the east coast of Schleswig-Holstein are the commercial harbors of Kiel and Laboe. Ships' crews will be allowed ashore only within a limited space facing the vessels when loading or unloading. Visits aboard other ships are strictly forbidden. Captains and seamen will be permitted to disembark only when guarded by policemen or soldiers except by special permission of the governor.

Discharged neutral seamen must leave Germany forthwith. All ships departing from Laboe or Kiel must have military guards aboard to a certain distance off shore.

Pte. Fred W. Breedon is Reported Killed; Sergt. Vair Likely a Prisoner

Pte. Fred W. Breedon, reported to-day as killed in action, is the third of his family to die in the present year, as his parents died within two weeks of each other in the late winter months. Pte. Breedon, of the Mounted Rifles, was reported missing in a telegram received in the city yesterday, addressed to his father, the late Mr. Breedon, and bearing the news that Pte. Breedon had been missing since June 2, some four weeks ago. In the latest casualty list this afternoon, his name appears as killed.

Pte. Breedon enlisted in the West in the spring of 1915, going overseas with the 50th Battalion and being later drafted to the C. M. R. at the front.

Sergeant-Major Vair, Company Sergeant-Major Robert Vair is unofficially reported a prisoner of war since June 2nd, is the word received by his wife, at 116 Eagle Avenue. The telegram refers to the fact that he had previously been reported missing, but this is the first intimation of his fate that has appeared.

Sergt. Vair is a married man with six children, the oldest one, Pte. Jas. Vair, with the 215th. He also has a brother, William, with the 215th. He went overseas with the C. M. R. and has been in the trenches all winter, serving under Lieut. Cockshutt. He always thought very much of Lieut. Cockshutt and said he would not leave him, and evidently they were taken prisoners together. Before Sergt. Vair went abroad he had been with the Cockshutt How Co. for five years.

Pte. Thomas Charles Wright, Mohawk Road, who left Brantford with the first contingent, and was reported wounded a short time ago, has died of his wounds, according to an official telegram received to-day.