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HAIG TAKES 6000 CAPTIVES IN ONE DAY

BULLETIN--British Headquarters in France, June 8, Via London 1:47 pm. (From a staff correspondent of A. P.) The number of prisoners reaching the collecting stations since the beginning yesterday of the new British drive in Belgium has now reached more than 6,000.

Onward Sweep of British Forces is Unchecked

Explosion of Mines Which Preceded Battle Shattered Foe Lines to Atoms; Earth Shook and Quivered, Hill 60 Went up in Fine Dust; Battle Front Presents a Scene Rivalled by no Inferno--More Gains Recorded Today Indicate That The Great Battle Has Only Just Begun

BRITISH LOST BUT FEW MEN

Casualties in Latest Offensive Remarkably Light For Haig's Men COULD NOT BE HALTED Total of Prisoners Arriving at Collecting Stations Over 6,000

By Courier Leased Wire. Bulletin, London, June 8, 3:15 p.m.--The British losses in yesterday's attack in Belgium were light, according to an official announcement issued here today.

British headquarters in France, June 8, via London, 2:10 p.m.--Up to last night 5,650 prisoners had been counted. More came in to the collecting stations early today, bringing up the total to well over 6,000 with many more yet to come.

Of more than 100 officers taken, many are artillery men. All the latter said the British fire of the last seven days had destroyed scores of German guns.

CASUALTIES Ottawa, June 8.--The casualty list issued at noon contains 89 names, of whom 33 are reported as killed, 10 as having died of wounds and 11 as missing.

NORTHCLIFFE'S DUTIES. London, June 8.--The Chronicle, says that the description by the Northcliffe papers of Lord Northcliffe as a successor in the United States to Mr. Balfour is misleading.

Weather Bulletin Toronto, June 8.--The depression which was over Wisconsin yesterday morning now covers the Georgian Bay district with greatly reduced energy.

By Courier Leased Wire

London, June 8.--All the special correspondents at the front, in their descriptions of the Messines battle, feature the tremendous explosion of mines which preceded the British advance.

"We saw what might have been the doors thrown open in front of a number of colossal blast furnaces. They appeared in pairs, in threes and successive singles and with each blast the earth shook and shivered beneath our feet."

"Hill 60 went up in fine dust" The correspondents agree in anticipating desperate counter-attacks. They say the Germans are massing vast forces and intimate that the battle has only begun.

Foe Counter Attacks Failed Bulletin, British Headquarters in France, June 8.--The German losses in their counter-attacks were terrible. The full depth of the British attack was 5,000 yards.

French Official Bulletin, Paris, June 8.--Heavy fighting continued throughout the night below St. Quentin, the war office announces.

The French positions were bombarded with especial violence before the infantry attacks. Severe encounters occurred at various other parts of the front.

"During the night the Germans bombarded our lines in the region southeast of St. Quentin. Our artillery replied effectually to the German batteries and held in check enemy troops which were preparing to leave trenches along the road between St. Quentin and La Fere.

"There was great activity during the night on the whole front north of Moulin de Laffaux, south of Filain and in the sector of Cerny the artillery fighting became very violent for a time. The enemy made attacks at a number of points. He was repelled by our fire.

U.S. STEAMERS SHELLED AND SUNK BY SUB

Survivors of Torpedoed French Ship Tell of Destruction of U-Boat

Paris, June 8.--The torpedoing of a big American steamer and the shelling and sinking by the submarine of the small boats in which the steamer's crew were escaping, is reported by the survivors of the French three-masted sailing ship Jeanne Cordonnier.

BERTHELOT HONORED. Paris, June 8.--General Henri Berthelot, Chief of the French Military Mission to Roumania, has been raised to the dignity of Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor.

Flags, Flags, all kinds, at Wick's, opposite Post Office.

(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)

With the British Armies in France June 7, via London, June 8.--The British armies struck today on a new front and won a victory which supplements the successes at Arras during the last two months.

Ypres is Avenged. Ypres, in a sense, was avenged today, for Messines Ridge has been the vantage point from which the Germans have poured torrents of shells into the stricken city.

The smoke of the giant mines exploded along the battlefield meant time rose in great, curling plumes toward the sky and was punctuated by red signals for help from the stricken Germans in the front and support lines.

nervous Germans. More and more British airplanes began to make their appearance.

SIX HUNDRED Word has been received from Major Jordan of the 125th, that at the time of writing he was leaving for the front in charge of a draft of 600 men.

The Irish, New Zealanders, and Australians who had been rehearsed in every detail of the "show" knew just what to do from the moment the word to advance was given.

As a matter of fact the British soldier, when the fighting is done is inclined almost too strongly to treat the German prisoners as pals. Some of the prisoners taken had only gone into the German lines the night before and had made their way forward under a galling fire and had lost heavily.

CHURCHILL'S APPOINTMENT NOT CERTAIN

Premature Announcement That Winston Would Head Air Board

London, June 8.--The announcement of the appointment of Col. Winston Spencer Churchill, as Chairman of the British Air Board, now appears to have been premature, if not incorrect.

OSTEND AS HULL BASE CRIPPLED

Series of Photographic Plates Show Results of Aerial Bombardment - A STRIKING EXAMPLE Of Development of Photographic Observations and Record of Airplanes DAMAGE DONE SHOWN Effect of British Bombs Upon the Port are Noticeable

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, June 7.--A series of photographic plates of the bombardment of Ostend which have arrived in London afford a remarkable example of the development of photographic observation and record by airplanes.

There are several series of these Ostend plates in the little photographic record room of the Admiralty building, in Whitehall and they must be seen together to understand the result of Tuesday night's work. The first group of these were taken before the bombardment, and show the town in Panoramic squares.

First of all there is the harbor. One is immediately struck by a slight change in the appearance of the great lock gates, on which all the activity of the harbor depends.

Some of the papers ignore the press associations' statement and the announced appointment of George Roberts, Labor member of parliament, as Minister of Pensions, is also now in doubt.