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### UNITED STATES HAS NO DESIRE FOR MEDIATION

Latin-American Efforts to Prevent Mexican War Have Collapsed.

### CARRANZA STILL SILENT

Washington Shows Determination to Press Issue to Final Decision.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Efforts toward Latin-American mediation in the Mexican crisis, favored by Carranza officials, collapsed today without having reached the stage of a formal proposal to the United States.

It was made plain by Secretary of State Lansing to Ignacio Calderon, minister of Bolivia, who called with the intention of asking whether the United States would entertain an offer of the services of its southern neighbors to aid in avoiding war, that the Washington Government sees nothing in the situation that would warrant arbitration proceedings.

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### VILLA WAS SHOT BY TREACHEROUS MEXICAN

Bullet From Rear May Have Ended Career of Bandit.

PITKLD HEADQUARTERS, June 26, via Columbus, June 26.—(Delayed.)—Francisco Villa was shot from the rear by a Mexican he had impressed into his ranks during the battle with Carranza troops at Guerrero, but his fate still is unknown.

This information was contained in a semi-official account obtained by Major Robert L. Howe, who was close to Villa's trail in April, and given out here today. Whether Villa died was not stated, however. Major Howe learned the details of the wounding of the bandit chieftain from one of the Mexicans Villa drafted, and who afterward deserted.

### THREE TOWNS BURNED BY FLEEING AUSTRIANS

Trenches Filled With Corpses and Quantities of Ammunition Abandoned.

ROME, June 26.—In a later report concerning the retreat of the Austrians in the Tyrol, Italian headquarters say: "The enemy withdrew rapidly before our advance. He blew up the bridge at Foxi and set fire to Aspe, Stanna and Stainbri. Along the whole front we found trenches of the enemy filled with corpses, large quantities of arms, ammunition, food and other material left by the enemy. Sharp fighting is still going on."

### BRITAIN TO ACT FOR U. S. IN THE EVENT OF WAR

Diplomatic and Consular Officials in Mexico Volunteer Their Services.

LONDON, June 26.—American affairs in Mexico will be taken over by British diplomatic and consular officials in case of war.

### VERDUN FRONT SHELLED BY HUNDRED BATTERIES

German Concentrated Efforts in Froid de Terre and Fleury Regions.

PARIS, June 26.—An official review of the fighting on the Verdun front during the last week, says the bombardment assumed a character of unrelenting violence on June 27, and that French observers counted 100 German batteries in action. They were concentrating their principal efforts on the region of Froid de Terre and Fleury, east of Verdun.

On Saturday the Germans succeeded in penetrating the village of Fleury, the account says, but the French were able to hold the greater part of the town. Two new German divisions, which had been taken from other fronts, were identified.

### ALLIED FORGES 'BIG OFFENSIVE' BELIEVED NEAR

Rapidity of Movement of Canadians to Front is Taken as Sign.

### FOUR DIVISIONS READY

Many Canadian Officers in England Have Leave of Absence Curtailed.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Ont., June 26.—It has been evident for some time around military headquarters that a big British offensive was expected. The rapidity with which troops have been sent across the Atlantic has only been equalled by a similar movement of Canadian troops from England to France.

Just previous to the German offensive at the Ypres salient the fourth Canadian division was practically mobilized in England under Major-General David Watson, who commanded an Ontario battalion in the first division and won his promotion on the field to command a brigade and then a division. In France at that time were three Canadian divisions and a certain number of corps troops. From these corps troops the shattered third division has been brought up to strength and also the establishments of men and officers in the first and second divisions have been recruited to their authorized number.

The reserve of officers in England have been heavily drawn upon. It is believed here that not only are the four divisions all now in France, but that there has been recruited a large reserve of corps troops, ready to be drawn upon to keep the four divisions to full strength.

Leave Cut Short.

During the past month many Canadian officers in England on leave of absence or on furlough have been ordered to report for duty at once. Most of these officers were entitled to leave and many were fitting themselves for special military work. The order for them to rejoin their commands came unexpectedly, which has given rise to the opinion that an immediate offensive is contemplated.

There have been in all 315,000 men sent across the Atlantic, but from these must be deducted about 35,000 wastage in killed, wounded, sick and missing. This is making allowance for those who have been wounded and returned to their regiments. This leaves 190,000 effective men, and of these 50,000 are in the four divisions, 20,000 in corps troops and 90,000 in England ready to cross the channel when required.

What of Canadians?

Some Ottawa military men do not expect the Canadians to be in the first attack on the German lines. They reason that having held their own in the Ypres salient they will be permitted to recuperate and act as reserves for a time, but others say that they will be sure to be utilized to drive home the big push.

### "CATCHING THE GERMANS NOW IN MUNITIONS"

So Says Lieut. Brittain, Back From Service With Pats.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Ont., June 26.—Lieut. A. E. Brittain, company sergeant-major of the original Princess Patricia's who enlisted in Toronto, has returned home and is now in Ottawa. Lieut. Brittain was eleven months in the trenches and has been called home to undertake instructional work.

"We will win as soon as we have the guns and ammunition. We are catching the Germans now in munitions, but we will win sure," was his summary of the war situation.

Lieut. Brittain is the last of ten company sergeant-majors in the Princess Patricia's who were killed while fighting at Ypres last spring and, outside of minor wounds, came thru unscathed.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL EXAMS.

Allowance Will Be Made For Mistakes

Owing to an unfortunate accident, candidates writing on the ancient history paper of the departmental middle school examination on Monday, the 26th inst., were not supplied with the outline map which was to be used in answering the first question. The minister of education now wishes it to be generally understood that due allowance for the omission will be made when the results of the middle school examinations are being settled.

### FUSE INQUIRY REPORT LOOKED FOR NEXT WEEK

Sir William Meredith and Justice Duff Hard at Work.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, June 26.—Sir William Meredith and Mr. Justice Duff are hard at work this week on their report dealing with the evidence taken at the fuse inquiry. It is likely that their report will be in the hands of the government at the end of the week, or at the latest, next week. As the findings of the commissioners are likely to come up in cabinet council before being given out it will probably be well towards the end of next week before the report is made public.

### GREEK STEAMER LOST IN MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Nista is Believed to Have Been Victim of a Torpedo.

LONDON, June 26, 4:50 p.m.—The Greek steamer Nista, which sailed from Norfolk on June 5 for Savona, Italy, has foundered in the Mediterranean. Her crew were saved.

A Lloyd's dispatch from Alicante, Spain, says that the Nista was torpedoed and sank off Cape Palos.

### DUKE MAY BECOME VICEROY OF IRELAND

Ottawa Inclined to Give Some Credence to Latest Rumor.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Ont., June 26.—The latest rumor regarding the Duke of Connaught is that he is to become the first viceroy of Ireland under the new home rule scheme of Lloyd George. No official confirmation or denial of the story has yet been obtained, and the government has refused to discuss the matter.

As a matter of fact, the plan of settlement of the Irish problem is not far enough advanced as yet, so that no announcement can be made. While the story is only one of these rumors that are constantly cropping up in the capital, there is a disposition in political circles to believe that it is correct.

The duke left this afternoon for the west. He will inspect the camp at Petawawa tomorrow, and will also inspect the camps at Hughes and Vernon.

He will stay two weeks at Banff and one at Victoria. The Duchess and Princess Patricia accompanied him.

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Duchess and Princess Patricia to Accompany Him on Tour.

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### SHACKLETON FAILS TO RESCUE PARTY

Twenty-Two Men Are Left Marooned Upon Elephant Island.

Way Blocked by Ice

Shackleton Retains Hope That Men Will Be Ultimately Saved.

LONDON, June 27, 1:50 a.m.—Lieut. Sir Ernest Shackleton has been unable to rescue the men, numbering 22 and comprising the main body of his Antarctic expedition, who were left on Elephant Island. This information was received in a despatch from Shackleton from Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The explorer has evidently returned on the steamer which had been placed at his disposal by the Uruguayan government for the purpose of effecting the rescue of his men. According to his despatch the ice conditions had increased severity that he was unable to get nearer than 20 miles of the island. He thinks that there are still hopes for the men, however, as there is an excellent chance that they will be able to survive on short rations, supplemented by penguins, until another rescue party, provided with an ice-breaker, can push thru to them.

The steamer Institutopeca, provided by the Uruguayan government, left Montevideo on June 8, with Lieut. Shackleton aboard, to succor the men on Elephant Island.

### RUSSIANS APPROACH PASSE LEADING TO TRANSYLVANIA

Cossacks Occupy Perzoretz in Foothills of Carpathians, Cross Dniester South of Buczac and Capture Two Towns—General Brusiloff Drives Wedge Towards Vladimir-Volynski.

### TURKISH ATTACKS REPULSED NEAR TREBIZOND AND BAGDAD

General Offensive of Moslem After Making Initial Progress is Checked by Russians in Armenia and Mesopotamia.

PETROGRAD, June 26, via London.—The war office statement today, on operations in the Caucasus and Mesopotamia, is as follows: "Caucasus front: We repulsed night attacks in the Trebizond sector in the regions of Pistana and Djivizlyk."

"On the right bank of the Euphrates the Turks assumed the offensive and seized a height in the region of Nourik early in the morning, but toward noon we dislodged them."

"Mesopotamian frontier: The enemy, after artillery preparation, took the offensive at Rivandouza (near Mosul) and captured sectors of our position, but was driven out by a counter-attack, leaving a number of killed and wounded before our works."

"In the direction of Bagdad, a Turkish offensive was frustrated by our troops, which inflicted severe losses upon the enemy."

### AUSTRIAN TRANSPORTS SUNK

Rome, June 26, 8:30 p.m.—Two Austrian transports have been sunk in the Harbor of Durazzo by the Italians. The transports were loaded with troops and ammunition.

An official communication regarding the sinking says: "Italian warships ordered Durazzo on the night of the 25th and sank two Austrian transports, one of 5000 tons and the other of 3000 tons, laden with arms and munitions. The warships returned without loss to their base, notwithstanding the heavy fire of the enemy."

### AUSTRALIA BUYS FIFTEEN VESSELS

Premier Hughes Takes Measure to Get Wheat to Consumers.

LONDON, June 27, 1:58 a.m.—Wm. Morris Hughes, premier of Australia, who has been in London for some time past, has solved the difficulty of dearth of ships for moving the Australian harvest by going into the market and purchasing 15 large steamers, which will be renamed and operated by the Australian Government as the commonwealth government line.

The vessels purchased are the Strathendrick, 4975 tons; Strathavon, 4400 tons; Strathairly, 4826 tons; Strathleven, 4996 tons; Strathree, 4409 tons; Strathpey, 4482 tons; Strathgarry, 4998 tons; Strathides, 4838 tons; Strathesk, 4838 tons; Strathearn, 4419 tons; Ardangon, 3970 tons; Ardangon, 4414 tons; Ardangon, 4571 tons; Daltonhall, 3534 tons, and Kirkowald, 4021 tons.

### ADMIRALTY PRAISES CANADIAN SAILOR

Capt. Blanchard Henry of Montreal Wins Special Mention for Services.

LONDON, June 26.—Capt. Blanchard Henry, in command of the transport Ionian, has been especially mentioned by the admiralty for his work in the evacuation of the sick and wounded from Gallipoli. He carried out these responsible duties, says lords of the admiralty, with devotion, zeal, readiness, resource and dispatch never known to be equalled. Captain Henry's home is in Montreal and he has had 30 years' service with the Allan Line. He commanded the transport carrying the first Canadian Contingent during the South African war.

His son, Pte. Charles Henry, proceeded to France from McGill University and is now in England securing a commission with the Imperial army. Another son in training at McGill holds a medal for being a crack shot.

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### OFFICERS WERE PROMOTED BEFORE GOING OVERSEAS

Special to The Toronto World.

ST. THOMAS, June 26.—Prior to the departure of the 91st Battalion, four officers were notified of their promotion. Capt. H. B. Madden, commander of B. Company and Capt. D. E. Gerrard, commander of D. Company, were promoted to major, while Lt. Geo. M. Baldwin and Lt. Arthur Jones were promoted to captaincies, and Private A. Hocken received the commission of lieutenant. The military authorities at Ottawa instructed Lieut. Yorkhardt, recruiting officer of St. Thomas, and district to secure 25 recruits for a construction battalion here, and a number today came in and signed up this morning.

### CRUISER IN COLLISION

NEW YORK, June 26.—A British cruiser collided with a ship reported to be the Massachusetts nautical training ship Ranger, 50 miles outside New York harbor today. Wireless messages said that neither vessel was badly damaged.

### BORIS HAMBURG RETURNS.

Boris Hamburg has returned from New York and will take up his late father's directorship of the Hamburg Conservatory, which reopened yesterday.

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## WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

THE chief forward movements of the Russian front continue to be in its extreme south in Bukovina and southwestern Galicia, for the Russians have pressed on their mounted infantry into the foothills of the Carpathians, and they are about to force an action to seize the passes into Transylvania, but whether to make an immediate descent into one of the fairest of Austrian provinces or merely to hold the gateway for an invasion at a later time is not yet apparent. West of Czernowitz they are getting under way again, and they are now within 10 miles of Kolomea junction. On this point they are moving along the line of the Pruth River. A few miles north of that stream runs the mighty Dniester, and in harmony with their progress along the Pruth they have become active on this Dniester, and after fighting they have forced a crossing of it south of Buczac, and seized two towns on the southern bank.

In the direction of Kovel the Germans are still delaying the advance of the Russians by the primitive process of throwing reinforcements as they arrive into the breach to be used by the Russian fire. The enemy is preparing to make a desperate defence of Brody. Farther north on the Sty the Germans have brought up heavy guns and opened an offensive against the Russian lines, but all their attacks there are being repulsed. On the whole, it looks that a battle of tremendous proportions will be fought here for the possession of Kovel. The best immediate outlook appears to be in the south, where the Russians are making use of their superior forces by rapidly lengthening their lines. The effect of their progress towards Transylvania and Hungary will soon, perhaps, draw off considerable forces of the enemy in the centre and enable the Russians to get on more

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