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British Gains Are Fully Consolidated

Successful Defense Against Counter Attacks Assured—Germans Bewildered—Prisoners Say Like of British Artillery Fire Never Before Seen

British Headquarters, in France, June 9, via London.—(By the Associated Press).—Comparative quiet reigned yesterday along the front of the latest British attack which wrested the Messines Ridge from the Germans on Thursday. The noise of the guns was quite appalling, but otherwise the day was one of almost complete calm. The night was also quiet and the British have thoroughly consolidated their gains and are able to defend them against any counter attack the temporarily bewildered Germans may commence.

Prisoners kept coming in yesterday in increasing hundreds, dashed by nearly a week of most terrifying snuff and half famished as a result of the "starvation barrage" the British had kept on their lines of communication and supply. These men, upon reaching the cool grassy spots within the barbed wire stockades erected for their anticipated arrival, stripped themselves of the waist, tore off their heavy trench boots and flung themselves on the ground, where they were so on lost in the heavy sleep of complete exhaustion. For them the war is over and their relief at being out of it was only too apparent.

New Realization of War. The men who had seen most of their military service on the Russian front were the most demoralized of all. "We had heard much of the conditions on the western front," said one of the captured German officers to the Associated Press, "but we always thought there was much exaggeration about them. We had no realization what war was. When we came from Russia a few weeks ago we were told we were going against the British, but that we need not worry as the English were not in a position to accomplish anything serious against us in view of their offensive at Arras. The artillery fire we experienced when we first came to the Messines ridge was more terrible than anything we had seen or heard on the eastern front. There was a creek ago the English started their intensive bombardment. It was horrible to endure. Few of us ever thought we would get out alive. There was a distinct sense of relief when the mine was exploded on Thursday morning. We knew then that an attack was under way, and that we soon should be dead or in a position to surrender. Most of us can frankly say that we preferred the latter."

No Chance to Win.

"This experience of ours should end the war. We have no possible chance to win. Two days ago my division was made up of three splendid German regiments. We saw these men shrivel up in a hurricane of fire with which we could not possibly compete. Now my division exists no more."

This officer had no complaints to make against the German higher command and no apparent desire to win favor from his British captors. He was so shaken by the ordeal he had undergone that he seemed to find at least momentary relief in expressing, in excellent English, the thoughts which were uppermost in his mind. The experience of his division apartly is evidence that Germany is not finding a solution of her military difficulties here in the transferring of her old eastern units to the western front.

KING ON TOUR OF MUNITION PLANTS



The King and Queen on tour of the munition plants at Chester. Photo shows His Majesty inspecting the hydraulic engineering works in that city. Note the woman laborer who goes right on with her work.

WILL TAKE PART IN CONVENTION

Unionist Council Meeting in Belfast on Irish Matters

SIR EDWARD CARSON PRESIDES

Rely on Government to See That, If No Agreement Reached, No Party Would be Committed or No Plan Forced on Ulsterites

London, June 9.—The Unionist Council met at Belfast yesterday, with Sir Edward Carson presiding. It was decided by the Unionists to participate in the proposed Irish convention. A resolution embodying this decision declared that the council was largely influenced by the government's representations that agreement on the Irish question would materially help in the successful prosecution of the war. It affirmed that the council relied on the government assurances that every form of proposal would be considered by the convention and that if no agreement were reached no party would be committed, and that no plan should be forced upon the Ulster Unionists with which their representatives were not in agreement.

SOLDIER SLAIN IN LONELY SPOT

Rubber Heel May Be Clue to Crime Committed Near London, Oat.

London, Ont., June 9.—A half-worn rubber heel torn from a man's boot was the only clue discovered by the police that may bring to justice the murderer of Gunner Harold Payne, of the 63rd Battery, whose body was found this morning at eight o'clock in the lonely woods on the farm of Wesley Shoobert, between the sixth and seventh concessions of London township.

RUSSIAN GIRLS FORM REGIMENT

Go to Front Under Same Conditions as Men

TWO HUNDRED ENROLLED

Students of Technical Institute in Petrograd Lead the Way—Appeal to Put the Male Strikers to Shame

Petrograd, via London, June 9.—Two hundred girls students of the Petrograd Technical Institute have entered their names on the rolls of a female regiment, which is being raised by Ensign Butchkaeff. The aim is immediately to start to the front and to fight in all respects under the same conditions as men. Scores of girls and women, anxious to fight, appeared yesterday at the offices of the league of equal rights for women, which has expressed its approval of Butchkaeff's plan. Last night the women warriors held their first meeting. They were addressed by Colonel Poponoff of the twelfth army who appealed to the women to shame male strikers and to admit to their hearts only suitors who have actively helped to defend the fatherland.

ONLY 100 HOUSES ARE LEFT STANDING IN SAN SALVADOR

San Juan Del Sur, June 9.—A report received from San Miguel says San Salvador was destroyed, only 100 houses being left standing. Strong earthquakes, the report says, were followed later by lava and boiling water.

THOS. SPELLMAN COMING HOME

Mrs. Walter Whipple of 47 Clarence street received a letter from Thomas Spellman saying that he had been discharged on account of his heart and expects to be home soon. Gunner T. Spellman has been through some hard fighting for the last two years and six months. He went across with the remnants and joined in England after being discharged in Valenciennes. So he was indeed willing to do his bit when war broke out. A field post card from John Spellman of the first contingent, a brother, was received. He is well. Both boys made their home with Mrs. Whipple whose husband is also in the war.

POSTMASTERS GIVE \$2,800 MORE FOR PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Ottawa, June 9.—Representatives of the Postmasters' Association, through J. V. Bourque of Shediac, N.B., secretary-treasurer, and A. B. Foran of Winona, Ont., have presented to the postmaster-general for patriotic purposes a check amounting to \$2,800. This, with the amount previously contributed makes a total of \$15,800 collected from the postmasters by the Postmasters' Association for patriotic purposes.

OKONA CONVOYED FOR 1,000 MILES BY AMERICAN DESTROYERS

An Atlantic Port, June 9.—The British passenger ship Oruna has arrived from the United Kingdom, bringing twenty-five passengers. The ship was convoyed through the war zone and for more than 1,000 miles of her voyage by American destroyers.

SIX THOUSAND MEN TO BUILD GOOD ROADS

Ontario Will Employ, After War, the Equivalent of Six Battalions

Guelph, June 9.—Ontario is to employ at least 6,000 men in building good roads after the war, according to an announcement by W. A. McLean, Deputy Minister of Highways, at a conference with Mr. Warden Howell and members of the Ontario County Council at Alliston, Ont. McLean reached here with a party of representatives of the daily and agricultural press, with whom he motored from Toronto during the day, passing through Allandale, Cookstown, Alliston and Orangeville. "Our department is seeking to interest the public in good roads," he said, "with a view to greatly extending the work after the war, and the employment of 6,000 men or the equivalent of six battalions, will be a considerable step towards equalizing the difficult situation which will certainly be with us after the war."

Wanted War for Sake of Profits

London, June 9.—The Times prints a second article from F. S. Delmer, an Australian professor, who has just returned from Berlin. The following paragraphs substantially cover the points: "What do the people of Germany say about the war? The answer can be put in a nutshell. 'The Germans were enthusiastic for the war only as long as they were convinced it was going to pay a tangible material dividend. As long as it promised to be a big scoop of other nations' wealth, they were for it heart and soul—poor, peasant, socialist and junkie. Their enthusiasm waned as soon as success began to look doubtful. Their doubts will turn to execration the moment they recognize defeat is inevitable. The last of these three stages has not yet been reached, but they are well on in the second. It was during the days immediately following Roumania's entrance into the war that their confidence reached its lowest ebb. About this time criticism of the Emperor, his family, and his policy became positively bitter, so bitter as to alarm His Majesty not a little. The Roumanian debacle saved the situation, and the offer of peace clinched it. "When the limelight-loving Kaiser stepped forward as a protagonist of peace, it was a clever move, with a double object aimed at—throwing dust in the eyes of the pacifists abroad, in order to promote dissension in the ranks of the Allies, and at the same time convincing malcontents at home that they were victims, not of the German Emperor's criminal policy, but of wicked England."

Pay Twice Monthly FOR RAILWAY MEN

Senator Robertson's Bill Gets Second Reading—Goes to Committee

Ottawa, June 9.—In the Senate, Senator Robertson's bill requiring that railway men be paid twice a month was given the second reading and went to the Railway Committee. Senator Nicholson spoke in support of his motion that the senate declare it "expedient to appoint a committee to enquire into and report upon the best measures or methods of conserving and increasing our domestic and overseas trade, to the end that our present prosperity may not unduly suffer when the stimulus resulting from orders for munitions and other war supplies is removed." The debate was adjourned.

SCOUR STATES FOR BRITISH AND CANADIAN ELIGIBLES

Active Canvass to Locate Those Who Are Fitted For Military Service

New York, June 9.—The British recruiting mission announced yesterday that in its campaign for enlistments an active canvass would be undertaken at once to locate British and Canadian citizens in the United States eligible for military service. It was said that names of British and Canadian citizens registered in the recent draft would be placed at the disposal of the British recruiting mission. Thus, aid given by British consuls, was expected to supply virtually a complete record of all British subjects in the United States, from eighteen to forty-five years of age.

MESSINES RIDGE FIGHT IS ANSWER TO KAISER

Amsterdam, June 9, via London.—On the occasion of a demonstration of new defensive methods on the western front, Emperor William delivered a speech to the Brandenburg corps in which he said:—"The enemy is seeking a decision. We await it calmly, placing our trust in God, who heretofore has graciously protected and aided us. Our enemy will be compelled to sacrifice men until he is exhausted and lays down his arms. "You must hasten his exhaustion. When this is accomplished you will have won for the German people the position which they are entitled to occupy. Peace will be dictated through you."

The Man In The Street

Has the weather man any grudge against the Saturday half holiday?

This is the third wet Saturday in succession; if there is any luck in odd numbers let us hope it will be the last.

It isn't encouraging to the chap who is indulging in agriculture for the first time.

The man who neglects to keep his lawn clear of dandelions will have a grand excuse this year; he can say that he is raising greens to increase the food supply.

Now that Hon. J. D. Hazen has announced how the dog fish can be used profitably, perhaps he can tell what to do with the jelly fish in the Borden cabinet.

They don't emphasize the compulsory feature of military service in the United States; when ten million men registered it simply was a grand display of the patriotism for which the nation is noted.

The Kronstadt folk who want a little republic all their own must have been reading about Henri Bourassa.

The London Times protests against the habit of buying peacocks, probably as an illustration of unjustifiable extravagance in war times.

National Council of Women urge that men be required to secure a doctor's certificate before they can get a marriage license. Would a certificate from a "beauty doctor" meet the requirements?

The old saying that two is company and three is a crowd has the hearty approval of the chap who had to face more than one wife in a Moncton court.

It has been announced that Hindenburg has been drafting lunatics for service in his army. No, Dear Reader, the Kaiser and the Crown Prince are not mentioned specifically in this connection.

The small boy who informed the juvenile court this morning that there are only four commandments probably was before the court for breaking some of the six others that he has not yet heard of.

A Canine Hero. A young man who is fond of animals, and who has passed to pat a dog which he usually meets each day, has found that the dog appreciates his friendly attention. As he was coming along the street the other day a cur jumped at his heels, snapping and biting. Before he had time to take measures to deal with a streak of fur crossed the sidewalk and, in a moment the cur was receiving severe punishment from his canine friend. When the job was disposed of and the offender put to night, the latest arrived stood by, wagging his tail and struck an attitude which seemed to indicate that he was all ready to have the medal pinned on his bosom.

The Reason Why. There is more than one reason why a car will not run and a resident of a suburb discovered a new one the other day. On his way home he found his gasoline supply low, so he stopped at a hardware store and had another five gallons put in, and proceeded on his way. He got home all right, but the trouble began the next time he tried to start his car. Like the king of former times "he tried and tried, but could not succeed," and again like the aforesaid monarch "so he became quite sad." He also became indignant. Every effort was a failure and at last he abandoned the task, and sent for an expert. The mechanic made a thorough examination but could not locate the trouble and the only thing that he could suggest was to have it towed to town to a garage where a whole board of consulting experts could give it the once over. The foreman at the garage looked it over and found the car apparently in running order. Then he decided to investigate the fuel supply and opened the valve of the gasoline tank. He was greeted by an odor which seemed familiar but somewhat out of place. "What's the idea, trying to run a gasoline wagon on kerosene?" he asked. The tank was full, but the clerk in the shop had tapped the wrong barrel.

TRUANCY CASES

Several more cases of truancy were taken up in the juvenile court this morning. One lad was before the magistrate on last Saturday and was then sent out of court with the understanding that he would go to school this week. This he did not do. His mother was present today. She said that she worked how many commandments there were he said "four." The mother was told that she was to blame and this was no way to bring up her child. She and the boy was sent below with a fine of \$12 imposed.

ANOTHER DISAPPOINTMENT

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THE COUNTRY MARKET

A poor market is reported today. The prices are a shade higher than a week ago. There is a marked scarcity in veal and pork. The prices prevailing this morning were: Beef, fifteen to thirty-two cents a pound; veal, sixteen to twenty-five; pork, twenty-eight to thirty; chicken, forty-five cents; turkey, forty-five; lamb, \$1.25 to \$2.50 a quarter, and fowl forty cents a pound. Eggs and butter are both selling for forty-five cents. There is an abundance of green vegetables in evidence.

RT. HON. A. J. BALFOUR IN HIS ACADEMICALS



The British statesman walking in procession with President Falconer to receive a degree from the University of Toronto. Canada saw the Balfour smile at its best when, in full academic regalia, the scholar-statesman walked the Toronto campus with a company of scholars and public men.

DEATH OF ROBERT JONES

Prominent Grocer in North End For More Than Half Century

The death of Robert Jones, one of the most prominent retail grocers of the North End, occurred at an early hour this morning. Mr. Jones was born in Petersville, Queens county, eighty-three years ago and came to this city when a young man to engage in the retail grocery business. He had been a prominent figure for more than half a century, during which time he had conducted successfully a retail grocery business in every business. Mr. Jones, for the last eleven months, had been confined to his bed and although suffering at times intense pain because of acute rheumatism, he had been a patient sufferer

SIR HUGH GRAHAM A BARON

London, June 9.—The London Gazette announces the conferment of a barony of the United Kingdom upon Sir Hugh Graham of Montreal by name, style and title Baron Athelstan of Huntington in the Province of Quebec, of the Dominion of Canada, and of the city of Edinburgh, Scotland.

The new Baron Athelstan is proprietor and publisher of the Daily Star of Montreal, and is interested in other publications. The barony was conferred upon Sir Hugh in the new year's honors.

Big Stock Of Meat For The Allies Destroyed

Buenos Aires, June 9.—According to advices from Colon, in the province of Entre Rios, an enormous stock of frozen meats in the warehouses of a British company has been destroyed. The stock was intended for the Entente Allies. The value of it was estimated at 2,000,000 piastres. The persons engaged in the plot are said to be Turks.