

GERMAN FORCES HAVE NOT BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM EAST FRONT

The Teuton Armies Confronting the Russian Troops Are as Large as Ever.

A despatch from London says:—With the recent captures in the Messines region the British now hold all the vantage points along their line on the Franco-Belgian front, as a result of which there has been an enormous decrease in the number of British casualties.

(about 80 miles) long, and we are in the German trenches for this entire length with the exception of a few sections which total about 25 kilometres."

75 MILLIONS FOR WAR SUPPLIES

Canada Makes Further Advance to Imperial Government to Finance Munitions Here.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Sir Thomas White has arranged to make a further advance of seventy-five million dollars to be used for the purchase of munitions and supplies in Canada. The advances will be made at the rate of twenty-five millions a month during June, July and August.

FRENCH GAINS IN CHAMPAGNE

Score Success on the Aisne and Regain Lost Ground.

A despatch from Paris says:—The big German offensive against the French line east of Vauxaillon Monday, in which trenches were stormed and captured, has gone for naught, for the French forces in a violent counter-offensive had regained nearly all their lost ground Tuesday night.

Likewise, in Champagne, the Crown Prince has been badly battered between Mont Carnillet and Mon Blond. In an attempt to recapture positions previously taken from them, the Germans first were repulsed by the French, who then assumed the offensive and advanced their line on a front of more than 600 yards and to a depth in excess of 300 yards.

Markets of the World

Grainstuffs
Toronto, June 26—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$2.58; No. 2 Northern, \$2.55; track \$2.60; No. 3, \$2.53 to \$2.58, according to freights outside.

Country Produce—Wholesale
Butter—Creamery, solids, per lb., 36 to 37c; prints, per lb., 36 to 37c; dairy, per lb., 29 to 32c.

Provisions—Wholesale
Smoked meats—Hams, medium, 30 to 31c; do, heavy, 26 to 27c; cooked, 41 to 42c; rolls, 27 to 28c; breakfast bacon, 33 to 36c; bologna, plain, 36 to 37c; corned, 39 to 40c.

Montreal Markets
Montreal, June 26—Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 75c; No. 3, 75c; extra No. 1 feed, 82c; No. 2, 82c; No. 4, \$2.21; No. 5, \$1.98; No. 6, \$1.83.

Winnipeg Grain
Winnipeg, June 26—Cash prices—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$2.41; No. 2, \$2.37; No. 3, \$2.32; No. 4, \$2.27; No. 5, \$1.98; No. 6, \$1.83.

United States Markets
Minneapolis, June 26—Wheat—July, \$2.17; September, \$1.71; cash, No. 1 hard, \$2.57 to \$2.62; No. 2, \$2.47 to \$2.52; No. 3, \$2.37 to \$2.47.

Live Stock Markets
Toronto, June 26—Choice heavy steers, \$11.60 to \$12.00; good heavy steers, \$11 to \$11.35; butchers' cattle, choice, \$11 to \$11.40; do, good, \$10.75 to \$10.90; do, medium, \$9.60 to \$10.10; do, cow, choice, \$10 to \$10.50; do, good, \$9.25 to \$9.50; do, rough, \$8 to \$8.50.

MERCHANTS BANK

NOW A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR INSTITUTION.

Assets Increased by nearly \$25,000,000 in the Past Year, while Current Loans, and Discounts Increased by \$13,902,393.

The 54th Annual Statement of the Merchants Bank of Canada, just presented to the Shareholders, shows most gratifying progress during the year ending April 30th last. Not only have Deposits and Assets grown very substantially, but current Loans and Discounts, the measure of the Bank's participation in the commercial development of the Dominion, have increased over 28%, reaching a total of \$62,737,958.

The increase in assets for the year amounted to \$24,769,195, or over 25% bringing the total assets up to \$121,130,558, and enrolling the Merchants Bank among Canada's Hundred Million Dollar Institutions. This is all the more creditable since it has been accomplished without amalgamation or absorption of any other bank.

The confidence of the public in the Merchants Bank of Canada was strikingly shown by the 27% increase in deposits, which have now reached a total of \$92,102,071. Such increase is also an evidence of a healthy state of business, and of a general practice of thrift.

During the year the General Manager, Mr. E. F. Hebden, was advanced to the position of Managing Director, while the Montreal Manager, Mr. D. C. Macarow, was appointed General Manager. In speaking of the annual statement, the latter referred with pardonable pride, to the fact that of 874 male members of the staff of military age at the beginning of the war, 520, or 59%, had enlisted and gone overseas.

NEW KING OF GREECE WILLING TO CO-OPERATE.

A despatch from Athens says: The Official Gazette prints the following letter sent by King Alexander to Premier Zaimis: "I am following with the utmost interest the Government's effort to the restoration of the unity of the country. As for myself, remaining the faithful guardian of the constitutional charter, and convinced of the good intentions of the powers, I am willing to co-operate sincerely with them in maintaining tranquility, thus bringing about a reconciliation of the different elements of the nation."

ALL RUSSIAN FRONTS AWAKING INTO ACTION.

A despatch from Petrograd says: The official statement says that fusillades and aerial activities have occurred on all fronts.

CANADIAN HEAVY BATTERIES SILENCE GERMAN GUNS

While the Air Scouts Keep Close Watch and Check on the Movements of the Enemy Batteries.

A despatch from Canadian Headquarters in France says:—The enemy is still very nervous along the western front. The slightest sign of an abnormal movement on the part of the British or Canadian troops brings down what the official report characterizes as "hurricane barrage," the enemy depending chiefly upon his guns for the holding of the line. To counteract this, our heavy artillery

is taking on daily for destruction several of the enemy's more aggressive batteries. Enemy guns, large and small, are ranged along the Canadian front and in the rear. Some are over six miles behind the enemy trenches, and the duty of the aviators sent out to check up the condition of the German batteries is no sinecure. Its peril seems to be an added attraction, for there is no lack of candidates for admission to the ranks of eagles.

TWELVE-LEGGED MAN-EATER.

Remarkable Animal With Three Sets of Legs and Reversible Head.

An important contribution to our knowledge of natural history has been made by the discovery of a remarkable animal with three sets of legs. Found exclusively in the wildest and least accessible parts of the Coast Range, in California, and reputed a man-eater, it is known as the "whintosser"—a name the derivation of which is uncertain.

Though rare, the lumbermen of that region have long been acquainted with it, but the first scientific description of this strange creature is given by Mr. William T. Cox, State Forester of Minnesota.

The whintosser's head is fastened to its body not in the ordinary way, but by a neck that operates in the fashion of a swivel. So likewise is with short, tapering tail—and both head and tail can be spun around at a rate estimated at 100 revolutions a minute. The body is long and triangular in section, with three complete sets of legs.

"This last," says Mr. Cox, "is a great convenience in an earthquake country. If the floor suddenly becomes a ceiling, it does not matter, for the whintosser is always there with the legs."

"A cat's nine lives are few compared with those of the whintosser. The beast may be shot, clubbed, or strung on a pike-post without stopping its wriggling, whirling motions or its screams of rage. The only successful way of killing it is to poke it into a flume-pipe so that all its feet strike the surface. Then it immediately starts off to walk in three different directions at once, and tears itself to pieces."

NO MISTAKE MADE.

Characteristic Incident in Life of Noted Author.

Sydney Porter, who is better known to the multitude of his admirers as O. Henry, possessed an innate nobleness of nature that prevented him from becoming bitter even after three years in prison on a charge of alleged embezzlement, of which he would have been acquitted had he not fled to South America to escape trial. His charity was boundless and his sympathy with suffering, especially when the sufferer was "down and out," as prompt and as instinctive as the glance of the eye, says Prof. C. A. Smith in his biography of O. Henry.

He was talking to a friend on the streets of New York one day when a beggar approached and asked for help. O. Henry took a coin from his pocket, shielded it from the view of his friend, and slipped it into the beggar's hand, saying:

"Here's a dollar. Don't bother us any more."

"Mister," he said, "you were good to me and I don't want to take advantage of you. You said this was a dollar. It's a twenty dollar gold piece."

O. Henry turned upon him indignantly. "Don't you think I know what a dollar is? I told you not to come back. Get along!"

He then continued his conversation, but was plainly mortified for fear that his friend had detected his ruse.

RUSSIA WILL STAY IN THE FIGHT

Will Resume Offensive and Reorganize the Army.

A Canadian Press Despatch from London says:—Despatches from Petrograd to the Exchange Telegraph Company say that the Congress of Soldiers' and Workers' Delegates from the whole of Russia on Thursday voted confidence in the Provisional Government and unanimously passed a resolution demanding an immediate resumption of the offensive and the reorganization of the army. A War Cabinet was formed, including the leaders of the Russian army and navy and technical representatives.

A despatch from Washington says:—Ambassador Boris Bakmeteff, head of the Russian War Mission to the United States, on Thursday formally outlined the political and military program of "New Russia." Speaking for the Russian people and their new Provisional Government, the Russian special plenipotentiary asserted that the new Government in Russia is seeking to achieve the same ends as the United States Government—universal peace and the preservation of democracy—and gave most emphatic assurance that Russia will stay in the fight against German autocracy until that aim is won.

ORDERS OF CHIVALRY NOW OPEN TO WOMEN.

Two New Distinctions Announced By King George.

A despatch from London says: Orders of chivalry open to women will be one of the outcomes of the war. It is announced that in recognition of the manifold services rendered in connection with the war, both by British subjects and their allies, the King has been pleased to institute two new orders. The first is an order of Knighthood styled "Order of the British Empire." It will follow the precedents of other similar orders and consist of five classes or grades and will be awarded both to women and men for services rendered to the Empire at home and abroad. The first two classes will be in the case of men carry the honor of Knighthood, and in the case of women the privilege of prefixing the title "Dame" to their names. The second order, which will be closely restricted as to numbers, will be entitled "Order of Companions of Honor." It will consist of one class only, to which women will be eligible equally with men. It will carry no title.

Friend (to professor, whose lecture, "How to Stop the War," has just concluded)—Congratulate you, old man—went splendidly. At one time during the afternoon I was rather anxious for you. Professor—Thanks, But I don't know why you should have been so concerned on my behalf, Friend—Well, a rumor did go around the room that the war would be over before your lecture.

SUMMARY OF SUBMARINE TOLL.

Weekly Total Given Since the Middle of April.

A despatch from London says: Since the middle of April, when the undersize boat activity recorded its highest toll, 303 British vessels, of which 220 measured more than 1,000 tons, were sunk, the weekly total being as follows:

Week ended	Over 1,000 tons	Under 1,000 tons
April 21	40	15
April 28	38	13
May 5	24	22
May 12	18	5
May 19	18	9
May 26	18	1
June 3	15	3
June 10	22	10
June 20	27	5

BATTLE RAGES ON THE TRENT FRONT.

Extends Along Entire Italian Line From Sugana Valley to Asiago.

A despatch from Amsterdam says: The Cologne Gazette's correspondent on the Tyrolean front says that the new battle on the Sette Comuni Plateau has assumed extraordinary dimensions. Drumsfire continued during the whole night, reaching such violence in the morning that the mountains in all southern Tyrol echoed. The battle, says the correspondent, extends along the entire front from the Sugana Valley to Asiago.

PRES. WILSON AIDS RECRUITING

Sets Apart Week of June 23 to 30 to Secure 70,000 Soldiers.

A despatch from Washington says: President Wilson has put his shoulder behind the wheel of army recruiting in an effort to have the regular army brought to full war strength of 293,000 men by July 1 next. Secretary Baker on Wednesday announced that the President had by proclamation designated the week of June 23, covering the period from June 23 to June 30, as recruiting week for the regular army, and that Brigadier-General William P. McCain, the Adjutant-General of the army, will use the President's recruiting proclamation in instructing his recruiting officers to emphasize especially their work in the week designated to fill up the regular army with its added increments and the National Guard to war strength.

TOOLS OF GERMAN EXPELLED FROM GREECE.

A despatch from Athens says: Steps are being taken to rid the country of German propagandists. Thirty-one of them, including former Premiers and other Ministers and officers of the Greek general staff and of the reservists have been ordered expelled from the country, while others will be placed under surveillance.

A chain that can be adjusted to fractions of an inch has been invented for holding automobile top arms to save the use of projecting brackets and straps.

"Doctor," asked the mother of a year old baby, "When should I begin to train my baby?" "Madam," replied the doctor; "you have already lost much valuable time. His training should have commenced twenty-five years ago," and this is undeniably true. The child's education must begin in the training of the parents.

The Doings of the Duffs.

