War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

BRITISH GAIN—CAPTURE HUN TRENCHES.

LONDON, June 11.

The British have captured another mile of German trenches southeast of Messines, together with seven field guns and prisoners, according to an official from the British Headquarters to-night. The statement reads: Our progress southeast of Messines continued early this morning. We captured the enemy's trench system in the neighbourhood of La Poterie farm, on a front of about one mile. During the day our troops gained further ground in this area. In addition to some prisoners, seven German field guns were captured by us to-day as a result of these operations.

ITALIANS ON THE MOVE.

ROME, June 11.

The Italians have turned from the Isonzo front, where they made important gains toward Trieste in opening their offensive, to the Trentino front for the drive just begun. The positions captured are in the Sugana Valley region, southeast of the City of Trent, one of the great Italian objectives in the war. It was over this ground the Austrians in May of last year made their most powerful attack in the war against the Italians. After their initial successes they were halted in their advance toward the Venetian plains and driven back. Since that time there have been frequent engagements in this sector, although no operations have been undertaken on a scale indicated by the Italian announcement.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, June 11.

To-day's official announcement says: There was rather unusual activity of artillery on both sides north of the Somme and in the region of Cerny. To the west of this village the enemy attempted a new surprise attack and was repulsed. Patrol encounters occurred near Hill 304 and in the Woevre.

BRITAIN SENDS RUSSIA A NOTE.

LONDON, June 11.

Britain has sent to Russia a note in reply to the latter's request for a statement of the British war aims. The note, although not yet made public, is stated to be in general agreement with President Wilson's note to Russia.

BORDEN INTRODUCES MILITARY BILL.

OTTAWA, June 11.

In the Commons to-day, Sir Robert Borden introduced and explained the Military Bill. There are to be ten classes, as follows: (1), Those who have attained the age of 20 and were born not earlier than 1894 and are unmarried or widowers without children; (2), Those born from 1889 to 1893 inclusive, unmarried or widowers without children; (3), Those born in 1883 to 1888, unmarried or widowers without children; (4), Those of 20 years, born not earlier than 1894, married or widowers with a child or children; (5), Those born in 1889 to 1893, married or widowers with a child or children; (6), Those born in 1883 to 1888, married or widowers who have no child; (7), Those born in 1876 to 1882, unmarried or widowers without children; (8), Those born in 1876 to 1882, married or widowers with children; (9), Those born in 1872 to 1875, unmarried or widowers without children; (10), Those born in 1872 to 1875, married or widowers with children. The number to be secured is 100,000. The Bill provides for local Exemption Boards to whom application is to be made by those claiming exemption. One member of the Board is to be chosen by the County Judge, the other by the Minister of Justice; then there will be an appeal tribunal, composed of a Judge appointed by the Provincial Chief Justice, and finally a Central Appeal Judge to be chosen from the Supreme Court. Clergymen and men who are in any branch of the army or naval service or have retired from it are to be exempted.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.

PETROGRAD, June 11.

The following official report was given out here to-day: On the western front a scouting party made nocturnal reconnaissance. Notwithstanding the explosion of mines by the enemy, at the point of the bayonet, we threw back their barrier of guards. Elsewhere the situation is unchanged.

NORTHCLIFFE'S MISSION.

LONDON, June 11.

Replying to a question in the Commons to-day with regard to Northcliffe's mission to America, Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, said that in order to co-operate fully with the Government of the United States in the conduct of the war, several missions representing a number of British Government departments, had for some time been in America. It was necessary that there should be sone one at the head of these missions to revise and co-ordinate the work, Lord Northcliffe, the Minister said, had undertaken this task, which was not in any sense of a diplomatic nature.

EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY.

NEW YORK, June 11.

A News Agency despatch from Rome to-day says four violent earthquakes early to-day caused panic at Ternia. Despatches received here assert that considerable damage was done. All the inhabitants of the town fled to open fields and are now camping out there, fearing further earth tremors. Ternia is a town of about 35,000 population in the Province of Berugia, 49 miles northeast of Rome. A big government arsenal is there. The town is famed for its Roman ruins and a cathedral.

AVERAGE DAILY EXPENDITURE.

LONDON, June 11.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Bonar Law, said in the Commons to-day that the average daily expenditure of the Government for the first nine weeks of the fiscal year worked out at £7,884,000.

SURVIVORS RESCUED.

LONDON, June 11.

Two of the missing boats from the British steamer, Southland, which was torpedoed and sunk on June 4th, have been found, and 40 men who were in them safely landed. Edward Rigney, of New York, who had been reported missing is among them. The Southland's captain reported that one American was killed in the sinking of the ship, but that he does not know that man's name.

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THE AIMS OF THE NEW MINISTRY.

MADRID, June 11.

Eduardo Dato, who has accepted the task of forming a new Cabinet, declared to-day that the Conservative Party which he represents, would follow its traditional policy of helping to solve the problem of the government. In the moment of difficulty for the country and the monarch, said he, the party could not refuse its aid. That was the significance of his return to power. He declared and he pointed out that all preceding ministries had had his loyal and absolute support.

WILSON'S COMMUNICATION.

NEW YORK, June 11.

President Wilson's communication to Russia is unanimously endorsed by the leading newspapers here as an admirable expression of the United States aims in the war. The Herald editorially says that the message is a clear and concrete presentation of America's as well as the Allies' purposes. There must be no restoration of the status quo ante, no return of the day when swashbuckling militarists armed to the hilt and maddened by pan-Germanic lust for conquest and plunder forced the peaceful nations of Europe to a constant heartbreaking struggle to keep themselves armed to meet the ever threatened plunder and conquest..

VOTING IN ALBERTA.

EDMONTON, June 11.

The result of the voting in the Province of Alberta last Thursday probably will be: Liberals 35, Conservatives 18, Independents 3.

A BIG LOAN.

LONDON, June 11.

In reply to a question in the Commons to-day, Bonar Law announced that since the beginning of the war Britain borrowed from the United States a total of two billion dollars.

STEAM TRAWLER ASHORE.

HALIFAX, June 11.

The steam trawler Orantes, Capt. Marshall O'Hara, for Chatham, N.B., from Vancouver, via the Panama Canal, is ashore at Beaver Harbor, 70 miles east of Halifax. Second Officer King, of a steamer here from St. John's, reports passing through 60 miles of almost solid schools of mackerel.

Here and There.

Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine only 15c. bottle.—may1,tf

INSANE CASE.—Last evening two policemen were despatched to a nearby settlement and brought to town a young woman who was acting very strangely. On being examined by a doctor she was found to be suffering from mental aberration and was ordered to the Insane Asylum.

WOUNDED WITH CANADIANS.—The following Nfldrs. are reported in a recent Canadian casualty list: Wounded—J. Holden, St. John's; J. P. Guy, Carbonear; A. H. Mercer, Nfld.; H. E. Jones, Auburn; J. Moriarity, Nfld.; F. W. Fowlow, Trinity. Died of wounds—G. Squires, Nfld.; Previously reported missing now in hospital, P. E. Walsh, Nfld.

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LIKE MASTER, LIKE DOG.—While five dogs were engaged in a lively fight on King's Bridge Road last evening, the owners occupied their time in a stiff argument which eventually came to blows. When the fight had reached the stage of bloodletting, a third party, who was also accompanied by a dog, intervened and put a stop to the bout. By a coincidence the dog fight ended simultaneously.

SAGONA SAILS; DESOLA IN THE WAY.—The s.s. Sagona experienced some difficulty last evening in an attempt to back out into the 'ship's run' owing to the presence of a large steamer the sunken wreck Desola, of which for the hundredth time we recommend the removal. The Sagona will call at Hr. Grace and other ports along the coast and take down a number of fishermen to the Labrador.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEET.—At a special meeting of the Municipal Council held alst night the system of tickets for the picture shows to be used on July 1st and after, in connection with the Council's tax, was explained. The Council, in considering the lighting regulations, upheld the position they took at the last general meeting, namely that it is not within their power to issue such an order. The notice will therefore come from the same source as last year.

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