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GERMANS ARE THROWN BACK

French Troops South of Montdidier Turn Upon Enemy in Violent Attack and Administer Severe Defeat Over a Front of Seven Miles, Inflicting Enormous Casualties and Taking More Than a Thousand Prisoners—British Transport Sunk.

GERMAN NAVY PREPARED TO SAIL OUT TO FIGHT

Feverish Preparations Proceed for Attempt to Win War. FOR COMMAND OF SEA. Kaiser's Fleet to Emerge if Allies Fall Behind Paris.

Washington, June 11.—Further evidence that Germany, in its efforts to end the war this summer, is planning to support its land offensive by sending its high-seas forces against the combined British and American grand fleet is given in an official despatch today from Switzerland.

"A telegram of an official nature," says the despatch, "is being spread broadcast in Germany, which says that the German admiralty is considering a big naval offensive. Orders are supposed to have been given to keep the whole fleet in readiness, and a certain number of naval officers of high rank have been recalled from Switzerland and other neutral countries, where they have been spending their leaves."

Both in Washington and in the allied capitals a German sea offensive on a grand scale long has been regarded as a possibility. The appearance of the Teutonic fleet in the North Sea at any time would not be unexpected.

CANADIAN HOSPITAL BURNED BY ENEMY

Three Nursing Sisters, Ten Patients, With Operating Staff, Buried in Ruins. Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, June 11.—The Canadian stationary hospital under Col. Reason after coming thru the German preliminary offensive, handling over 30,000 patients was bombed from the air in the middle of the night last week and the main building, which was struck close to the main stairway, burst into flames.

BRITISH TRANSPORT AUSONIA DESTROYED

Forty Members of Crew Missing; Ninety Picked Up—Submarine Sank Ship. New York, June 11.—The British transport Ausonia, owned by the Cunard Steamship Company, has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine several hundred miles from the British coast while on her way westward, according to private cable message received here today. Ninety members of her crew were picked up by another steamship eastward bound and landed on the English coast, the message said. Search is being made for forty more of the crew who are reported missing.

FRENCH BLUE DEVILS COMING TO TORONTO

Famous Soldiers Will Visit the City for Three Days at the End of June. The famous French "Blue Devils," many of whom wear the Mons star, will arrive in Toronto on June 29 and remain until July 1. Full arrangements for their reception will be made today at the parliament buildings. The men were about to leave for France when, thru the efforts of Hon. Claude Macdonell and Ambassador Reading, the French Government gave them permission to visit Canada. Mayor Church has been active in having Toronto added to the list of Canadian places which the French heroes will visit, and as he said last night, "when the blue devils arrive there will be the devil of a time in Toronto." The mayor wants the G. W. V. Association and other organizations to join in the welcome, and invites suggestions for their entertainment.

TEN BOMBING RAIDS ON BELGIAN COAST

British Seaplanes Constantly Attack Zeebrugge, Thourout, Bruges and Other Targets. London, June 11.—During the period between June 6 and 9, inclusive, ten bombing raids were carried out, according to an admiralty statement today. The objectives were Thourout, Zeebrugge lock gates, the Brugeseise works, Bruges docks, Bruges Canal, Ghistelles airdrome, Marliater airdrome, St. Denis-Western airdrome and the Mostacker airdrome. "In all," says the statement, "fourteen tons of bombs were dropped. Flies were started in the Bruges docks, the Marliater airdrome and the St. Denis-Western airdrome. Four fires and two explosions were caused in the eastern basin at the Bruges docks. Two direct hits were observed on the mole at Zeebrugge. Heavy anti-aircraft fire was experienced and attacks by enemy aircraft were driven off. All our machines returned. "In home waters during the same period numerous anti-submarine and hostile aircraft escort patrols were carried out by seaplanes, airships and airplanes. Submarines were sighted and bombed, enemy mines were located and floating mines sunk. "On occasions while on patrol single British machines have been attacked by enemy formations. In one case an enemy machine patrol shot away the control and a British machine was forced to alight. The crew subsequently was rescued by another British seaplane which had been sent to search for them. In another instance our machine, after being disabled, was sunk by hostile machine gunfire, the crew being rescued."

TORONTO IS SWEEP BY ELECTRIC STORM

One of Worst for Some Time Rages for Over an Hour. LITTLE DAMAGE DONE. Torrents of Rain and Vivid Lightning Make Spectacular Evening.

One of the worst electrical storms that Toronto has seen for some time raged over the city for over an hour last night. The rain fell in torrents, and the lightning and thunder followed each other in quick succession. While the storm did not last long, the results were far reaching, and what took a few minutes to do, took many hours to repair.

During the most furious part of the storm, the Bell Telephone Company suspended operating, the girls being off the boards from 9.45 until 10.55 p.m. The Hydro-Electric lights were off in some parts of the city for a few minutes only, but even then there was little darkness, for the brilliancy of the lightning lit up what would otherwise have looked like a city on the look-out for an air raid.

Street Railway Tied Up. The street railway system was badly disorganized, cars being stalled on some tracks for over an hour. The Dundas and College cars, also the Broadview line, were quiet during the storm. Danforth civic cars continued without any interruption. The Toronto Power Company was busy until a late hour last night repairing the damage caused by the storm. Many people were caught far from home, as the storm occurred just about the time all the theatres were getting out. Massey Hall was also filled last night, and various religious meetings throughout the city held their quota of people away from home at a late hour with no street cars moving.

MAJOR BISHOP MADE SQUADRON COMMANDER

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, June 11.—The following Canadian promotions are announced: Major W. A. Bishop, the famous airman, is gazetted squadron commander; Capt. C. A. Morse is gazetted flying officer. The following are appointed commanders of battalions: Col. C. H. Hughes, Centre Ontario; Majors A. H. Gault, Eastern Ontario; E. S. Doughty, Alberta; J. M. Ratston, Nova Scotia; R. Worrall, Quebec. Major H. F. Hertsberg of the engineers is gazetted lieutenant-colonel; Major W. G. Galt is appointed to the command of a forestry district; Col. F. Pawlett, Saskatchewan, is seconded for duty at the war office.

ITALIANS STOP ENEMY ATTEMPTING SURPRISE

Rome, June 11.—The official communication says: "At Monte Korno, in the Frenzela valley and Cortellazzo the hostile infantry vainly attempted surprise attacks. "East of Capo Sile patrols drove back the enemy from the front lines, capturing the 140 prisoners and some war material. "Five hostile airplanes were brought down."

IMPORTANT POINTS RETAKEN BY FRENCH COUNTER-ATTACKS

Engagement So Far Amounts to Considerable Allied Success, With Advance on Seven Mile Front—American Troops Carry Belleau Wood in Brilliant Attack. The French troops fighting south of Montdidier have turned upon the Germans in a violent attack and administered a severe defeat to the enemy over a front of about seven and a half miles between Rubescourt and St. Maur. It was over this front that the French since Sunday's offensive began had held back the Germans from keeping pace with the advance they were making from the centre of the line south of Recons-sur-Matz toward the Oise River and where the onslaughts of the invaders were met with a defence in man and gun power that brought to the Germans enormous casualties.

THREE BALKAN VILLAGES TAKEN IN BRILLIANT ACTION BY FRENCH

Allies in Macedonia Gain Important Success Southwest of Pogradetz, Occupying Crete, Kamia and Popcisti. Paris, June 11.—A French official communication says: "Eastern theatre: Heavy artillery activity continued on both sides west of the Vardar, particularly in the region of Stria di Legen. In the region of Dobropolje the enemy, after violent artillery preparation, attempted a surprise attack against the Italian positions, but were repulsed, leaving prisoners in our hands. Southwest of Pogradetz, French troops, after a brilliant engagement, occupied Crete, Kamia and Popcisti and captured 140 prisoners, including two officers, several french officers, numerous machine guns and important food and munition supplies."

ENEMY LINES RAKED BY BRITISH AIRCRAFT

Aviators Attack Every Target Seen Behind German Battle-front in France. London, June 11.—The official statement on aerial operations to-night says: "In spite of the cloudy weather yesterday our airmen on the French battle front worked early and late, dropping eight tons of bombs on enemy troops, transport and ammunition dumps, guns and trenches. Direct hits were obtained on the railway at Roye-sur-Matz and concentrations of infantry in the triangle comprising Montdidier, Riquebourg and Roye. "Flying low, our machines attacked with machine gun fire every target that offered itself along the roads behind the fighting line, and an immense number of rounds were fired from the air with good effect. "In this area we shot down six enemy airplanes and drove seven down out of control, we ourselves losing five machines. "On the British front there was little aerial activity. One German airplane was destroyed and one was driven down out of control. We lost two machines. "During Monday night we dropped seven tons of bombs on Cambrai and Bapaume. All our night bombers returned."

BORDEN PASSES BUSY DAY

Canadian Premier Sees Gen. Smuts, Walter Hume Long and Lloyd George. Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, June 11.—Sir Robert Borden spent the morning in interviews with the colonial secretary, Walter Hume Long, in conversations with General Smuts and Minister Burton of South Africa, and he saw Lloyd George in the afternoon respecting the order of business for the war cabinet. He met Lord Milner, war secretary, in the evening, and during the day he also conferred with Sir Edward Kemp respecting the Canadian forces.

LT.-COL. E. C. ARNOLD DIES IN HOSPITAL

Commander Canadian Expeditionary Force Artillery Brigade, Succumbs to Complication of Brain. Lieut.-Col. E. C. Arnold, who for three winter training seasons has been commander of the Canadian Expeditionary Force Artillery Brigade, stationed at Exhibition Camp, Toronto, died from congestion of the brain at 8.30 last night in the Toronto Military Base Hospital, Gerrard street east. He had been at the base hospital earlier this year, but had left fairly restored to health. During the month of May he was again admitted to the hospital, suffering from a second attack of paralytic stroke. His home is No. 2, Queen Mary Apartments, Ottawa. He was appointed a lieutenant-colonel in the 8th Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery on Oct. 22, 1914.

FIRE IN GREY COUNTY FARM LEAVES NO SURVIVORS TO TELL THE TALE

Owen Sound, June 11.—One of the worst fatalities in the history of Grey County has been reported here from one of the remote parts of the county. A farm house with all its occupants, five in number, was destroyed by fire at an early hour Saturday morning last. The home was that of Richard Lyons, Euphasia Township, who lost his life together with his wife and their only son, Lawrence, aged eight years. A farmer, Miss Effie Neely, a student at the Markdale High School, and a four-year-old boy, Auldies McLaughlin, of Owen Sound, also perished.

AMERICANS ADVANCE INTO BELLEAU WOOD

Two Hundred and Fifty Prisoners Taken With Important War Material. Washington, June 11.—American troops northwest of Chateau Thierry this morning advanced their position in Belleau Wood, capturing 250 prisoners and considerable war material, including a few machine guns and two trench mortars, according to General Pershing's report to the war department today. The statement follows: "Northwest of Chateau Thierry we were again successful in advancing our positions in the Belleau Wood. We captured 250 prisoners, of whom three were officers, and considerable war material, including a number of machine guns. "Certain squadrons made sorties, and during the day eight tons of explosives were employed in this manner, giving the best results. "On the night of June 10-11 the bombing of the enemy's rear areas was continued actively. Our escadrilles dropped twenty tons of projectiles on convoys, cantonments and railway stations, as well as on two munition depots. An explosion occurred in the region of Chaumes and another in the neighborhood of Soissons. A fire also is reported to have broken out in the station at Flammes. On June 10 four German planes and one captive balloon were driven down by our pursuit machines. "With the French Army in France, June 11.—The strongest effort made by the Germans in the course of last night an dthis morning in their new offensive was in the direction of the railroad connecting Estrees-St. Denis and Montdidier. The Germans met with such resistance that they renounced for the moment their attempts in this region. "Negro troops, supported by entente allied tanks, which did great execution, delivered a brilliant counter-attack in this vicinity and re-

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