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## Story of New Russian Offensive is Being Kept Back from the World

With the Exception of a Few Brief Official Statements no Reports of the New Big Russian Offensive on a Front of More Than 250 Miles has Come from Petrograd—One of the First Acts of General Brusiloff, the Russian Commander on the Front, Was to Send Press Correspondents Back to Petrograd

PETROGRAD, June 8.—With the exception of brief official communications regarding the new offensive movements with bare details, almost no news has been received regarding the campaign the Russians are conducting on a front of more than 250 miles, although every indication shows the operation was carefully prepared, but the story of the campaign, thus far, has been kept from the world. Petrograd correspondents have been permitted to cable only a few despatches regarding the expected political effects, and other subsidiary features. They have been allowed to estimate the Austrian forces engaged, but not the Russian, placing the former at about six hundred thousand men. This lack of information concerning the campaign is probably due to the policy of Genl. Brusiloff, the Russian Commander on this front. It has been reported that one of his first acts on assuming command was to send all correspondents back to Petrograd. The official Russian report stated that about 25,000 men have been taken and to-day reports indicate the capture of 15,000 additional men in the intervening 24 hours. There have been no indications with regard to the sections of the front on which the principal successes have been won.

### German Attack on Fort Vaux Repulsed

PARIS, June 7.—The Germans attacked on Fort Vaux started at 8 o'clock last night, and was promptly checked by fire of French machine guns. It is announced that the Germans retreated in disorder, abandoning many dead. At Hill 394 a artillery duel is in progress, and also at Caurettes Woods. Two German patrols, which tried to cross the river Aisne, were dispersed.

### French Destroyer Sunk

PARIS, June 7.—The French destroyer Fantassin has been sunk in collision. The crew were rescued.

### The Germans Capture Fort Vaux And 700 Prisoners?

BERLIN, June 8.—Fort Vaux, one of the Verdun defences, has been captured by German troops, according to an official statement issued from headquarters to-day. The French garrison finally surrendered and an attempt to relieve the fort on Tuesday resulted in the capture by the Germans of 700 unwounded prisoners.

### Germans Lost Another Third Class Cruiser

LONDON, June 8.—A despatch from Amsterdam says a German official statement declares that the loss of the cruisers Lutzow and Rostook in the battle off Jutland was withheld for military reasons. Both ships are said to have sunk while on their way to harbor for repairs.

### POLITICAL STRUGGLE MAY RESULT

The Appointment of Kitchener's Successor May be Cause of Fresh Political Troubles—Some Favor Civilian for Post While Others Want a Military Man—Lloyd George Named for Post

NEW YORK, June 8.—The Evening Sun publishes the following: "London—There was marked stimulus in recruiting to-day. To-day was the last day under the voluntary group system. The general demand for the interment of all enemy aliens in Britain is one of the immediate results of the death of Kitchener. There is a possibility of a political struggle in the background concerning the appointment of his successor, this lies in the fact that some believe the post should be given to a civilian, while others are for the appointment of a military man. Sir Wm. Robertson, Chief of the Imperial Staff and Lord M'Iner have been mentioned for the place, as has Lloyd-George, Minister of Munitions."

### WOULD BE LITTLE USE TO ENEMY

Its Loss to the French Would be Regretted on Account of Moral Effect and for the Sake of the Garrison Who Have Struggled so Gallantly for Weeks

PARIS, June 8.—The fate of Fort Vaux remains in suspense, according to latest reports received by the French War Office. Its loss would be regretted by France on account of the morale effect and for the sake of the garrison who struggled so gallantly amid its shell-swept ruins; but military critics assert that its possession would be of little benefit to the enemy. The fort has long since been dismantled and is regarded by the French command as merely of value as an observation post. It is asserted that its occupation will not help the Germans to take Verdun any more than the capture of Fort Douaumont, which they have held for three months without being able to make a step forward.

### MANY TRIBUTES PAID TO MEMORY OF LORD KITCHENER

New York Audience in West Forty Street Theatre Pay Graceful Tribute to Builder of Britain's Army—As Orchestra Played "Nearer My God to Thee" the Entire Audience Rose and Stood in Silence Until the Strains Died Away—Premier Botha and Jos. H. Choate also Eulogize the Dead Soldier

LONDON, June 7.—The British Army went into mourning to-day for the late Chief. Every officer wore crepe on his left arm. Throughout the country flags were at half mast. There was no suspension of activities having to do with the prosecution of the war, and at the War Office and other Government departments officials continued to work out the details of the scheme which Earl Kitchener formulated. From the Allies and neutral countries, Dominions, Colonies and Dependencies, came a flood of cables expressing sympathy. The news was received in the South African Assembly during the discussion of the estimates. Premier Botha, who was deeply affected, made an immediate announcement and moved adjournment, while members, Dutch and British, remained standing as a tribute to the man who had won the Dominion for Great Britain against forces in which many of the legislators had fought.

Newspapers and many commercial organizations have taken up the demand for the immediate internment of all aliens from enemy nations, on the ground that the Germans may have been advised from England of Earl Kitchener's departure and that such have been responsible for the destruction of the Hampshire.

NEW YORK, June 7.—Morning newspapers publish columns on the death of Kitchener, including sketches of his career, eulogies of his achievements and expressions of sorrow at his death. All agree that the passing of Kitchener is a great loss to Britain and her Allies, but as the Herald puts it, the vast machines he created exist, ready to continue the pressure necessary to bring about the end desired. This great soldier's greatest work was long since done.

Joseph H. Choate, one of the United States Ambassadors to Great Britain, characterized the death of Kitchener and his staff as a "frightful calamity." "I regarded him as the greatest soldier of Great Britain," said Mr. Choate. "I think he was in his right place at the head of the War Office. I believe this calamity will stimulate the British people to increased effort until their final triumph is won."

NEW YORK, June 7.—A silent, but intensely impressive tribute to the memory of Lord Kitchener, was paid by a large and representative audience at a theatre in West Forty-Fifth St. last night. The tribute was spontaneous, and was not anticipated by anyone in the audience. A film entitled "How Britain Prepared" was being exhibited as an object lesson for "Pre-

### SAW SINKING OF CRUISER HAMPSHIRE

Eyewitness Says Night Was Wet and Stormy but Light was Good from Shore—Following a Great Column of Steam and Smoke the Hampshire Sank in Twenty Minutes

EDINBURGH, June 8.—The "Scotsman" prints the story of an eye-witness of the disaster to the cruiser Hampshire. This man, who saw the tragedy from the shore, is quoted as saying: "The night was wet and stormy, but the light was good from shore. A column of water was seen suddenly to rise from the Hampshire, which was followed by a great column of steam and smoke. In twenty minutes the ship had disappeared beneath the waves. A heavy sea was running at the time and four boats were seen leaving the ship, but were not again sighted."

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### PEACE RIOTS BREAK OUT IN VIENNA

Big Army of Women Parade Vienna Streets Calling at Emperor's Residence Demand Austria Sign Separate Peace With Russia—Allied Air Squadron Get in Good Work at Hoboken

LONDON, June 8.—An Amsterdam despatch says peace demonstrators, most of whom were women, marched from Vienna on Monday evening to Schoenbrunn Castle, the residence of the Emperor and demanded a separate peace with Russia.

LONDON, June 8.—An Allied air squadron has successfully bombarded the wharves at Hoboken, near Newport, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from Mastrecht. The Germans are said to have been building destroyers at Hoboken. The squadron was fired on by German batteries, but returned to its base safely.

### So Mr. Dooley Says

CHICAGO, June 8.—More political leaders are predicting the nomination of Justice Charles E. Hughes, to-night than at any time since the Republican National Convention began to assemble. They declare that unless the accumulation of overwhelming circumstantial evidence fails to reflect the situation in its true light the nomination of the Justice will come even sooner than is predicted.

### For Better or Worse

LONDON, June 8.—Mrs. Claude Grahame White, formerly Miss Dorothy Taylor, of New York was to-day granted a divorce from her husband. The decree was granted on the ground that Grahame White, now a flight commander in the British aviation service had not complied with the decree for restitution of conjugal rights granted his wife last January.

### HEAVY FIGHTING IS REPORTED FROM VARIOUS FRONTS

British Are Fighting Desperately in the Vicinity of Ypres.

LONDON, June 8.—Fort Vaux, lying some five miles north-east of Verdun, which for the past week the French have been stubbornly defending against terrific onslaughts by the Germans, has at last fallen into the hands of the Teutons, according to Berlin. The men who defended the fortress at last surrendered to the Germans, who also captured a large number of guns, machine guns, and bomb throwers. Paris, however, says the fort was still in French hands early on Wednesday morning, but that since then it has been impossible to communicate with the fort owing to the violence of the bombardment.

Gains of considerable proportions by the Russians over the Teutonic Allies, by the Turks over the Russians, and by the Germans over the British are recorded in the latest official communications from Petrograd, Constantinople and London. In the region of Verdun a violent combat is in progress, while on the Austro-Italian line the Italians continue to hold the Austrians from further advances. In the fighting that is going on from the Pripe Marshes to the Roumanian frontier, the Russians in their big offensive movement have dislodged the Teutonic Allies from fortified positions, and brought their aggregate of men captured up to about 41,000, they have also taken 77 guns, 134 machine guns, and 40 bomb throwers. Among the men made prisoners are 900 officers.

As an offset to the Russian gains over the Teutonic Allies, however, Constantinople asserts that in the Kope Mountain district of Asia Minor the Russians have been driven eight kilometres eastward from positions extending over fourteen kilometres and suffering losses of more than a thousand men killed and wounded. Fighting in this immediate vicinity covers a front of over 31 miles

with the Turks as aggressors and with the situation favourable to them, according to Constantinople. In addition to this in Mesopotamia the Turks claim to have defeated and dispersed the Russian wings which were endeavouring to carry out an enveloping movement against them near Khanakin, north-east of Bagdad but Petrograd asserts the Russians here have captured additional Turkish positions and put to sabre several battalions of Turks and Germans. The British are still fighting desperately in the vicinity of Ypres, both sides using their artillery in heavy bombardments, and their infantry in occasional attacks. In an infantry attack against the ruined village of Hooge, east of Ypres, the Germans succeeded in capturing the British front line of trenches running through the village, but all their attacks elsewhere failed.

Around Verdun, in the region of Hill 304 on the right bank of the Meuse from Damloup to Douaumont, bombardments continue to be intense.

The Austrians have again essayed violent attacks against the Italians in the Upper Arso Valley, north-east of Asiago, but everywhere were repulsed. In the latter sector the Italians drove back the Austrians in a hand-to-hand conflict to the bottom of Campo Mulo Valley.

### German Losses in the Naval Battle

LONDON, June 7.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail learns from Kiel that the first official estimate of German losses in the North Sea gives the number of killed at 800, of wounded at 1,400, and of missing 5,400.

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## Lord Kitchener's Death Caused Profound Sorrow Throughout Russia

### OFFICIAL

BRITISH LONDON, June 8.—A British trench running through Hooge has been captured by the Germans, according to a British official issued at midnight which reads:

"Last night there were heavy artillery bombardment on both sides. East of Ypres in the fighting of yesterday, the enemy succeeded in capturing our front line trenches running through the ruins of the village of Hooge. Attacks made against other positions of our line failed."

Infantry attacks delivered early this morning against our trenches west of Hooge were repulsed during the night. Our Australian troops entered the German trenches east of Bois Grenier inflicting loss and bringing back prisoners. Our troops also carried out a successful attack east of Cunchy. Hostile artillery and trench mortars were active again to-day against our trenches around Ovilheres, Hamel, Souchez, Loos and Neuve Chapelle. Our artillery shelled enemy batteries about Lievin, east of Souchez and about Loos. There has been some mining activity by the enemy north-east of Neuville St. Vaast and Givenchy.

### HUN PRESS ON DEATH OF KITCHENER

Berlin Press Devotes Much Space to Kitchener's Death—Generally Acknowledged Him as Organizer of Great Ability—Don't Base any Hope for Future on Strength of his Death

BERLIN, June 8.—The newspapers devote much space to Earl Kitchener, whom they generally acknowledge to have been an organizer of the greatest ability, but there seems to be no disposition to exaggerate the importance of his death, or base any particular hope thereon.

The Lokel Anzeiger commenting rather bitterly, declares that Kitchener's wars were mainly won against spearmen and half-naked wild peoples and that the Boer War was really won by interned women and children and the permitting of thousands to die. Count von Reventlow in the Tageszeitung also indulges in personalities. Other papers, however, for the most part refrain from attacking the Germans' dead opponent. The Tagliche openly confesses its dislike, but also its admiration for Kitchener, saying: "He was an honourable enemy, he never visited Germany to admire our philosophy and manoeuvres, he never dropped honeyed praises about a rapprochement, never pretended to love us. We then hint from this that he was a brutal man, but he was a man."

### Memorial Service

LONDON, June 7.—A memorial service for the officers and men killed in the naval battle will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral on June 13th.

British Ambassador at Russian Capital Receives Stream of Messages from Russians of all Ranks and Classes Expressing Deep Sympathy Over Kitchener's Tragic Death—Barron Scheeling, Under Secretary for Affairs, said "The Allies Have Sustained a Grievous Loss in the Death of Kitchener Whose Ability and Worth Was Fully Recognized by Russia"

PETROGRAD, June 8.—Field Marshal Earl Kitchener's death has profoundly affected the whole of Russia. His proposed visit to Russia had been looked forward to with intense interest, not only by officers, but by the public generally, as evidence of the further cementing of the growing cordiality between Britain and Russia; and as a concrete token of complete co-ordination between the fighting forces of the respective countries. Russia's remoteness from the Allies prevented that closer co-operation which exists between France and Britain and Earl Kitchener's visit was expected to unify Russia's efforts with the other nations with which its lot is cast.

Baron Schelling, Under Secretary for Affairs, in the temporary absence of M. Sazonoff, said with regard to the death of Kitchener, "The Allies have sustained a grievous loss in the death of Kitchener, whose ability and worth was fully recognized by Russia. The loss, however, great as it is, can have no appreciable effect on the future conduct of the war."

Sir Geo. W. Buchanan, the British Ambassador, has been the recipient of a constant stream of messages of condolence on the death of Earl Kitchener from Russian officials and men of all ranks and classes.

### HUNS SAY THEY LOST ELEVEN SHIPS

Berlin Official Says the German Losses in the Jutland Naval Battle Were One Battle Cruiser, One Ship of Older Construction, Four Small Cruisers and Five Torpedo Boats

BERLIN, June 8.—An official statement issued to-day gives the total loss of the German High Sea forces during the battle of Jutland and up to the present time as one battle cruiser, one ship of the line, of older construction, four small cruisers and five torpedo boats.

### Emile Faguet Dead

PARIS, June 8.—Emile Faguet, Academician and Man of Letters, is dead. He was born in 1847.



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