

RUSSIAN SHIPS SCORE VICTORY IN THE BALTIC

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MARITIME—MODERATE WINDS,
FAIR AND MODERATELY
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CZAR'S ARMY AT THRESHOLD OF CZERNOWITZ

Railway Lines from North Cut
and Fall of City Im-
minent.

GEN. BURSILOFF'S ARMY ON WAY TO KOVEL.

Enemy Retreating so Fast are
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Forces at Many Points.

Petrograd, June 14.—In their advance upon Czernowitz, the capital of Bukowina, the Russians have occupied the village of Slatyn, 20 miles northwest of the city, the war office announced today.

In addition to their previous captures the Russians have taken 20 officers, 6,000 men, six guns and ten machine guns.

Russia's most successful operation of the war is being pressed vigorously along the whole front in Volhynia and in Bukowina. Having cut the railway communications of Czernowitz from the north, the Russians have carried the fighting for possession of that city into its very outskirts. Its fall is momentarily expected.

At the same time the extreme right flank of Gen. Brusiloff's forces is swinging out toward Kovel, another important railway junction, controlling communication to Lemberg from the north. Southward of Kovel they have pushed a wedge westward to Torchin, in the direction of Vladimir-Volynski. This piercing of the Austrian line places the right flank of Prince Leopold's army in a precarious situation.

At many intermediate points between the northern and southern points of contact the Austrians are reported to be retreating so hastily that they are out of touch with the Russians.

It is rumored that the Austrians are evacuating Lemberg.

Says Russian Reports Untrue.

London, June 14.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Agency from Amsterdam says the Austrian press bureau at Vienna has issued a statement in which it is declared that the Russian claims of prisoners captured are greatly exaggerated, and asserts that the Russian casualties are twice or three times greater than those of the Austrians.

What Berlin Says.

Amsterdam, via London, June 15.—The following statement has been given out in Berlin in connection with the attack by Russian warships in the Baltic:

"During the night of June 13 the German auxiliary cruiser Herzmann was attacked by four Russian destroyers in the Bight southeast of Stockholm. After a courageous resistance the vessel was set afire by shells, and was blown up by her crew. The commander and most of the crew were saved."

DE CASTRO IS
CHOSEN PRESIDENT.

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, June 14.—The senate today designated J. A. Castro De Castro president of the republic, in succession to President Jimenez. His name was sent to the chamber of deputies for approval. The chamber last month took a vote for provisional president, but Rear-Admiral Caperton, in command of the American forces of occupation, requested that the election be postponed until quiet was restored throughout the republic.

GERMANS HAVE THROWN THIRTY-NINE DIVISIONS INTO DRIVE AGAINST VERDUN

New York, June 14.—A Paris despatch to the New York Journal today says:

"Figures compiled from reports received by the French war office stated that the Germans, since the beginning of the movement against Verdun, have had thirty-nine divisions, or approximately 750,000 men, either completely or partially 'demolished.' These are the losses for the five months since the Verdun battles have been raging.

Austrians Have Yielded Thirty-five Miles.

Geneva, Switzerland, via Paris, June 14.—It is reported from Innsbruck that since June 7, the Austrians have been compelled to abandon between thirty-five and forty-five square miles of Italian territory which they gained during the first rush of their offensive. The Austrians have evacuated Chiese in the fear that their retreat would be cut off.

The Austrian general who was appointed governor of the Italian province of Verona is said to have been captured, with his troops, at Dubno by the Russians.

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RUSSIANS TAKE ENEMY BY SURPRISE IN THE BALTIC

Convoy Dispersed, a Destroyer and Auxiliary
Cruiser Sunk and Twelve Merchantmen
Sent to Bottom—Russians Came On So
Fast Germans Fired Only Few Shells.

Copenhagen, via London, June 14.—Describing the Baltic fight the Dagens Nyheder says that the Russian squadron won an important victory. The Russians had six destroyers and several submarines, and were going at such speed that the Germans were taken completely by surprise and only fired one shot, then making for port in the utmost haste.

"It is believed," says the paper, "that twelve merchantmen were sunk, while a German armed trawler, which arrived at Nykoping, had 150 men aboard from a German destroyer that had been sent to the bottom. The German auxiliary cruiser was the Konig Von Sachsen, which was also seen to sink, and it is supposed that all of her crew were drowned."

The Dagens Nyheder names the following ten German steamers as having been lost in the attack of the Russian squadron: Norma, Umasy, Arda, Mecklenburg, Isella, Italia, Detover, Weeser, Konal Schultze and Algeba.

CONVOY DISPERSED.

Nykoping, Sweden, via London, June 14.—Thirteen German merchantmen, which were coming from the north, conveyed by an auxiliary cruiser and some torpedo boats and armed trawlers, were attacked early this morning at a point near Hevringe, by a squadron of Russian destroyers, torpedo boats and submarines near the Swedish Baltic coast. The German convoy was dispersed, and the merchantmen fled toward the coast.

It is reported that some of the vessels were sunk.

ANOTHER REPORT.

London, June 14.—A Reuter despatch from Nykoping, Sweden, gives a report of a naval engagement in the Baltic, between midnight and one o'clock this morning, at a point near Hevringe. It is supposed that six German armored trawlers which were seen going northward last night, were engaged. Two hundred shots were heard. The fight lasted for 45 minutes. A German trawler with five wounded men entered Nykoping.

All information was refused.

NEW C.P.R. STATION
IN TORONTO OPENED

Toronto, June 14.—There was a representative gathering at the National Club, Toronto, tonight on the occasion of honoring Mr. A. D. MacTier, the general manager of the Eastern Lines of the Canadian Pacific Railway, when Mayor T. Church presided at the preliminary proceedings to the official opening ceremony of the North Toronto station of the Canadian Pacific which took the form of a banquet. There were present amongst others to honor Mr. MacTier, Sir James Carroll, Mr. G. H. Ham, C. B. Foster, W. B. Howard, W. F. McLean, M. F., J. T. Arundel, W. D. Matthews, director of the C. P. R., and aldermen and members of the Board of Trade.

The ceremony at the station was a gigantic success. The public turned

out in thousands and the city had elaborately decorated the depot with bunting. The 48th Highlanders and the 250th Overseas Battalion were in attendance and the bands of the two regiments enhanced the proceedings with appropriate selections.

Mr. MacTier formally declared the station open for business.

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ITALY'S NEW PREMIER 79 YEARS OLD

Boselli, Dean of Parliament,
Heads New Ministry—No
Change in Heads of Navy
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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IS BEHIND WILSON

Shows Approval of Conduct
of Foreign Affairs—Bryan
Weeps as Victories of Peace
are Pictured.

St. Louis, June 14.—The Democratic National Convention, at its first session today heard the keynote of Americanism and peace, preparedness and prosperity sounded by Former Governor Glynn, of New York, as temporary chairman and, with a high pitch of enthusiasm, emphatically registered by demonstration after demonstration, its approval of President Wilson's peaceful conduct of foreign affairs.

The convention, which had got underway with such perfunctory demonstrations as mark every national gathering of the kind, soon stirred itself into roaring cheers as Chairman Glynn, cited historic parallels to show that other presidents, including Republicans, had adjusted threatening foreign situations without resort to war.

William J. Bryan, as a newspaper correspondent in the press stand, wept with emotion as Glynn pictured the victories of peace, but he laughed with the crowd when a Texas delegate interrupting Glynn, leaped to his chair and cried: "And don't forget that policy also is satisfactory to Wm. J. Bryan."

It was plain that the telling points on the delegates were the recital of President Wilson's efforts to keep the country at peace.

"This policy," he said, "may not satisfy the fire-eater and the swashbuckler, but it does satisfy the mothers of the land, at whose hearth and fire-side no jingoistic war has placed an empty chair. It does satisfy the daughters of this land from whom brother and brag have sent no living bluster to the dissolution of the grave. It does satisfy the fathers of this land and the sons of this land, who will fight for our flag and die for our flag when reason primes the rider; when honor draws the sword, and when justice breathes a blessing on the standard they uphold."

The last of the words were drowned

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BRITISH SQUADRON MADE ITS WAY TO RUSSIAN PORT DURING JUTLAND FIGHT?

Petrograd, June 14.—Reports are persistently circulated here, though, of course, they would not receive official confirmation, even if correct, that during the recent Jutland naval battle a British squadron of the latest dreadnoughts and battle cruisers, made its way through the channel between Denmark and Sweden and reached a certain Russian port, where the warships are now at anchor. The passage of the narrow waters was conducted in the face of attacks by a German destroyer flotilla. The Germans are fully aware of the fact that British warships in overwhelming strength and mounting guns without an equal in the whole German navy are now commanding the naval situation in the Baltic and tightening the stranglehold blockade on the German empire's throat.

CANADIANS MORE THAN EVENED UP THE SCORE

British Headquarters Report Declares Attack
Gallant and Successful and Took Huns by
Surprise—As Result of Canadians' Work
British Are Again Holding Original Front
Line in Ypres Salient.

British Headquarters in France, June 14, via London.—The operations in the vicinity of Ypres have passed into a new and, for the British, a most satisfactory retook the greater part of the ground lost on June 2, including the Armagh Wood and observatory ridge, and the British front line has returned to its original position. The German losses were large, and the latest reports show about 150 prisoners, including four officers, in British hands.

The attack began at two a.m. the ground was quickly gained, and by noon the situation was comparatively quiet. The Germans, apparently, did not anticipate so speedy and determined a counter-attack, and a destructive effort of the British artillery fire, which had quite prevented them from properly consolidating the position during the occupation of the disputed ground. Whether the British shall choose to hold the old line, now almost destroyed, cannot be said, but it seems assured that the option now rests with them. At any rate, the operation was a most gallant and successful incident, in which the Canadians amply repaid any debt they owed the Germans. The outcome has caused great rejoicing in the ranks of the Canadians.

It was after two weeks of the most unseasonable cold, rainy weather known to the oldest inhabitants of this region, making the low ground around the Ypres salient a morass, that the Canadians charged in the midst of a downpour at 1.30 o'clock in the morning, and recovered observatory ridge and Mount Sorrel, important high ground which was still held by the Germans after the first stage of the battle of Ypres on June 2-3. So heavy and continuous had been the British artillery fire on the Germans vainly trying to fortify Mount Sorrel during their few days, that they have been unable to remove the munitions and food stores left there.

"We were delighted with the way the guns supported us," said the Canadians. "They gave the Germans a taste of their own Viper tactics. We are getting Lloyd George's munitions now, all right."

A German officer who was taken prisoner paid tribute to the increased power of the British artillery.

Still Holding Their Ground.

London, June 15.—The Canadians are still holding to the positions they recaptured from the Germans Tuesday near Zillebeke, east of Ypres, although they have been heavily shelled by the Germans.

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