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In Severe Fighting British Lose Ground

Retire From Advance Posts in Northern France But Hold New Main Positions

London, June 18.—The British have fallen back from some of their advanced posts in Northern France, according to an official statement issued by the war office this morning. The main new positions are still held.

The statement follows:—"Early this morning the enemy delivered a strong local attack, under cover of a heavy bombardment, upon the positions captured by us on the morning of June 14, east of Monchy Le Preux. After severe fighting our troops were compelled to fall back from certain advanced positions, which had been established by us in front of our main new position which we still hold on Infantry Hill.

"There was considerable artillery activity on both sides during the night north of the Scarpe. Hostile artillery continues in the neighborhood of some Russian fighting.

Petrograd, June 17, via London, June 18.—The official statement issued by the war office today, says: "In the region of Lyslets, southward of Stanislaw, our scouts, forcing their way through the enemy wire, penetrated behind his advanced posts and dispersed the occupants. Our aviators bombed several important points behind the enemy's lines. "There were fusillades on the western Roumanian and Caucasian fronts."

Paris, June 18.—"Intermittent cannonading occurred at various points on the front last night," says today's official statement. "Our reconnoitering parties penetrated the enemy lines near Lantrey and southwest of Senones, bringing back prisoners."

Austrian Statement. Vienna, June 18, via London, June 18.—The following official announcement was given out here today: "Eastern theatre—Local patrol skirmishes occurred on the eastern border of Hungary. Russian raiding parties were repulsed near Brezany."

"Italian theatre—In the region of Gorizia, Austro-Hungarian air squadrons threw bombs successfully on Italian concentration point. Otherwise there were no developments.

"Southwestern theatre—The situation is unchanged."

RUSSIAN BASE IN RIGA BAY DESTROYED, SAYS GERMAN REPORT

Berlin, June 18, via London.—German airplanes on Friday effected a landing on an island in the Bay of Riga and destroyed a Russian base there. The statement reads:—"Greater activity by Russian naval forces in submarine and mine warfare made necessary defensive measures on the German side, especially in the following results: On June 18, our airplanes dropped explosive and incendiary bombs in large quantities on Russian bases, obtaining good results. On June 14 the military station on the island of Runco in the Bay of Riga was bombed with visible success. Following this enterprise our airplanes on June 15 landed on the island and destroyed the remaining portions of this base. All our airplanes returned."

A Good Sign. Petrograd, June 16, via London, June 18.—The first act of the pan-Russian congress of all councils of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates, upon which depends the immediate destiny of Russia in regard to both international and domestic questions, was to ratify the provisional government's expulsion of a Swiss socialist, Robert Grimm, who is reported to have been the medium through which the Germans attempted to arrange a separate peace with Russia.

SUNDAY CONVERTS IN NEW YORK 98,264

Free Will Offering on Last Day For War Purposes, \$114,000 and More to Come

New York, June 18.—The Rev. William A. Sunday preached his farewell sermon in New York last night, and will start today for his home at Winona Lake, Indiana, where the evangelist will take a few days' rest before going to the Pacific Coast. The free will offering up to ten o'clock last night totalled \$114,000. Checks received today will considerably increase this amount. All of this money will go to war charities, the Red Cross and the Y.M.C.A.

Mr. Sunday preached to more than 4000 persons in three services yesterday in the Tabernacle. The total number of trail hitchers at the three services was 7,228. This is believed to be more than double in any one day in any other city in which Mr. Sunday has conducted campaigns.

The grand total of converts for the entire ten weeks was 98,264.

SOLDIER HONORED

A very pleasant time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Ring, Pleasant Point, when friends gathered to bid farewell to their son, Pte. Harold G. W. Ring, of the Forestry Battalion. During the evening games and dancing were enjoyed, and a bounteous supper was served. Later on, on behalf of the assembly, James Ryder presented to the young soldier a beautiful military watch. From No. 10 Section he received a New Testament. Pte. Ring is a very popular young man and many friends will wish him a safe return.

INSTEAD OF DEATH

London, June 18.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen quotes the Social Democrats as declaring that the Austrian court of justice has requested the supreme court to commute the death sentence of Dr. Friedrich Adler, assassin of Count Karl Stuergh, Austrian premier, to a term of imprisonment and that there is no doubt the plea will be granted.

The despatch adds that the Russian socialists have appealed to the Council of the Central Powers to prevent the execution of Dr. Adler.

W. S. HAMILTON DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED IN WAR

John R. Hamilton Receives News of Son

FATHER CIVIL WAR VETERAN

Was Wounded at Gettysburg—News of Casualties Comes to Other Homes in City—Frederick Soldier is Hit

John R. Hamilton of 560 Main street, received a telegram from Ottawa yesterday notifying him that his son, Pte. Winfield Scott Hamilton had been admitted to No. 7 Clearing Station in France dangerously wounded. No particulars were given.

Private Hamilton left here last year with a Winnipeg battalion and upon his arrival in England was drafted to France to another battalion. During the months he served at the front he went through many large engagements and escaped injury until June 14, when he was wounded.

It is a coincidence that fifty-four years ago the same message "dangerously wounded," was received by the parents of John R. Hamilton, who then was fighting in the ranks of the 123rd New York regiment then taking part in the battle of Gettysburg. During one of the engagements between the troops from the north and south Mr. Hamilton was shot through the right shoulder, the bullet passing through his body and inflicting serious injury. His comrades left him on the battle field for dead, but four hours later hospital attendants noticed him nose and carried him to a hospital.

Mr. Hamilton has another son serving in the Canadian forces in France, Sgt. Wilbert A. Hamilton, who joined the 6th battalion in Montreal. He signed on as a private, but after his arrival in England he was promoted first to be lance-corporal, then to be a corporal and later to sergeant.

Relatives in Frederick this morning were notified that Pte. Winfield S. Gallagher had been admitted to No. 9 British Red Cross hospital, Calais, France, with a gunshot wound in the chest, but it was originally reported with the Westmorland and Kent battalions, but upon that unit being broken up, went to an Alberta regiment. While in England with that unit he held the rank of sergeant and was an instructor in bayonet fighting and physical training. On March last he resigned his stripes and returned to Canada.

Miss Kathleen Smith, of 244 Charlotte street, has been informed that her brother, Pte. Wilfred Joyce Smith, was wounded in the hip on May 27. He is not yet twenty years of age. He joined Colonel Fowler's battalion and was transferred into another fighting unit in England with which he crossed to France. Pte. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, belong to Young's Cove. When war broke out he and his brother, Thomas, enlisted. Both have seen active service and have done well in the service of their king.

CROSS OF LEGION FOR BRAVE MEN OF RHEIMS

Paris, June 18.—President Poincaré, accompanied by Leon Bourgeois, minister of labor, has visited Rheims, where he pinned the cross of the Legion of Honor on the breasts of Cardinal Lucon, Deputy Mayors De Brugnot and Charbonneau and Managing Editor Drouas of L'Edelstein De L'Est, which continues to appear throughout the bombardment.

The ceremony took place in the building where the municipal offices have been lodged since the city hall was burned down. Afterward, the president visited the cathedral and the quarters of the city which have suffered most from the German guns.

AUSTRIANS SUFFERED A BIG LOSS IN MUNITIONS

Vienna, June 18, via London.—It is officially announced that an explosion has occurred in the military munition depots at Steinfeld near Wiener-Neustadt, thirty-one miles from Vienna. The statement says three of the depots have been destroyed thus far and that 100 persons are reported to have been injured.

Unofficial reports say six persons were killed and 800 wounded in the Steinfeld explosion. Great damage was done in Haschiendorf and Sigersdorf.

CERIALS IN FINLAND TO BE REQUISITIONED

Petrograd, June 18, via London.—With the approval of the Finnish diet and the provisional government, the Finnish senate has ordered the requisition of all cereals.

THE HINDERBURG CANDLE



WILHELM—It is near the end. When this is burned out I shall have to go to bed in the dark.—II, 420, Florence.

CHINESE DICTATOR

General Chang Hsun in Power and Wants War

Would Fight Germany—Urges Provisional Council Such as Exists in Russia—Insurgents Calling Convention

Peking, Friday, June 15.—General Chang Hsun is now dictator, President Li Yuan Hung being little more than a figure head. The insurgents are calling a convention at Tien Tsin for the purpose of forming a provisional government headed by the dictator, who is expected to act as president and premier.

General Chang Hsun's motives are obscure, but it is believed he is attempting to obtain from the former leaders of the Manchu dynasty, an agreement for restoration of the empire. He has urged the president to form a cabinet as soon as possible, suggesting that a provisional council similar to that in Russia be established and that a declaration of war against Germany be then made.

Southern leaders, who are congregating in Canton, assert that the president signed the mandate for dissolution of parliament under pressure. They say they will fight for maintenance of constitutional rights.

IRISH PRISONERS WELCOMED HOME

London, June 18.—Large crowds gathered in Dublin this morning to welcome the released Irish prisoners, all of whom, with the exception of Countess Markievicz, arrived at eight o'clock. Men with banners escorted the former prisoners to their homes. There was much singing of Irish songs and a great deal of cheering, but there were no signs of disorder.

Countess Markievicz led a band of revolutionists which attempted to capture Dublin Castle, killing a guard. She was sentenced to death, but the sentence commuted to penal servitude for life.

SCHOONER LOST ON OLD PROPRIETOR

Agent Chesley of the marine department received a telegram this morning stating that the schooner Edgar W. Murdoch, en route to this port with potatoes, is ashore on Old Proprietor and total loss. She is consigned to J. T. Knight & Co. Mr. Chesley has wired for further particulars.

Western Miners' Strike

Calgary, Ala., June 18.—R. F. Green, M.P., who was here for a fortnight in connection with the miners' strike, left on Saturday night for Ottawa, without making any announcement.

Weather Report

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Sturp, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Moderate depressions exist in the lower St. Lawrence Valley and in Manitoba; elsewhere pressure is generally higher. Rain has fallen lightly in many parts of the western provinces and heavily locally in Quebec and New Brunswick.

Ottawa Valley—Fair and warm today, showers and local thunderstorms on Tuesday. Cheerful Forecast

Maritime—Fresh south to west winds, a few scattered showers today, but mostly fair. Tuesday, moderate to west winds, fair and warmer.

New England forecast—Probably fair tonight and Tuesday. Warmer in the interior tonight. Moderate west and southwest winds.

BREAD FIRST

New British Food Controller Speaks of Task

Powers Wide Enough to Include Taking Over Food Supplies of Country—Speculator in Life Necessaries Must be Treated as Blackmailer

London, June 18.—Invited to make a statement as to his intended policy as food controller, Baron Rhondia, president of the local government board, yesterday told the press that it would obviously be premature to enter into details, but he could say that the government had given him ample powers, even should it be necessary to the extent of taking over the food supplies of the country and the adoption of such measures to check all speculation in the necessities of life.

"The man who seeks to profit by the necessities of his country at this hour of peril," said Lord Rhondia, "is nothing short of a blackmailer and must be treated as such."

The controller added that attention would first be directed toward the securing of a reduction in the price of flour, which was the urgent need of the moment.

DRUNKENNESS CHARGE IN SEVERAL CASES

Good Record Since May 1 is Broken—Soldier Says Invalid Wine Bought in Drug Store

It is some time since there were so many prisoners on Monday morning in the police court as there were this morning. Four men were before the court charged with drunkenness. Three were soldiers. The magistrate said that "last week was very bad about the streets. Men were commencing to show signs of liquor," he said, "we are going to wake up this week and have all such arrested."

In private hospital, said a soldier in the military hospital, said that he had bought a bottle of Wilson's invalid port wine in a drug store in Charlotte street for \$1.25. There were five soldiers in the party and several bottles had been purchased.

Inspector Crawford said that he noticed the five soldiers on Saturday night in Princess street under the influence, and this defendant was the worst. He spoke to him and declared his identity, but the soldier would not tell him where he got the liquor. He was given in charge to Policeman Coughlan by the inspector.

It is understood that the wine will be analyzed to find out whether or not it comes under the act. Nothing over two per cent can be sold as non-intoxicating.

Two other soldiers—Ptes. Creary and Jeffers—were before the court on drunkenness charge, resisting the police and also using profane language in Brussels street. They said that they received their liquor from a traveler who was passing through the city. They were remanded. Another man arrested in Mill street appeared not to have a clear remembrance as to where he got his. He was also remanded.

Harold Crawford was before the court on a charge of making threats against his father's life and also for breaking furniture in their home in Brooks street. The mother said that he had been arrested over a month ago for a like offense. He was then in jail about a week and let go. Since then he was at times unruly but never so bad as on Saturday. She said that the boy had worked a little and gave his earnings to her. On the day in question his father came home, she said, and between the son and father there passed some words. The young man flew into a rage and chased the father through the house with a stick, saying "I will kill you." Mrs. Crawford said that they were separated and the young man was arrested. He was subject at times, she said, to violent fits of temper. He is twenty-one years of age. He was remanded until the father goes to court.

RECOVERING. William McConnell, who fell off the Ballast Wharf last week is reported this afternoon to be steadily improving in the General Public Hospital. Fred Bartlett, who fell through a window in Main street and severely cut his neck is said to be almost completely recovered.

Crops in Centre Of Province Suffer

Conditions Worst In Years—Highways Inundated and Rivers Swollen

Fredericton, N. B., June 18.—The heavy rainfall of June has made farming conditions in the central part of New Brunswick the worst in years. Planting has been seriously interfered with and in many sections potatoes and other seed have rotted in the ground, making it necessary to replant or to plough under and put in a new crop. The weather, however, is said to be favorable to grass and grain crops.

The highways have been hard hit by the rain and motorists have been reported to have stuck at several places. The provincial public works office has not received reports of any serious damage to bridges or roads. In Sunbury county the low lands are flooded and roads in places are below the level of the rivers. In many places crops on side hills, which have not been properly ditched, have been washed out and soil also has been washed away.

The St. John river at this point is now very little below the highest point reached during the spring freshet. Since Saturday there was a rise of two feet at Woodstock and a foot and a half here. The Nashwaak is now high at any time this year. The Nashwaak Pulp & Paper Company has again been forced to suspend rafting operations at the mouth of that river. At Douglas the crews of the St. John River Log Driving Company are still at work in spite of a strong current. The two drivers of that company below Grand Falls came in on the big rise of water.

WANT A POLICY OF WIDER SCOPE

Greater Toronto Labor Party Oppose Borden Conscription Measure—"Half Hearted One"

Toronto, June 18.—The Greater Toronto labor party is opposed to the Borden conscription policy, but favorable to a policy of wider scope. At a meeting in the labor temple on Sunday afternoon, attended by more than 100 delegates, the party went on record as in favor of the conscription of man-power only on condition that food, wealth, railways, steamships and all other resources of the nation are conscripted for the winning of the war. The views of the party were set forth by James Ballantyne, who characterized Premier Borden's bill as a "half-hearted measure" because it was to conscript man-power only.

If the government ignored the labor men's representations, said Alderman Jos. Gibbons, the only thing to do was to turn them out when the time came and for the labor party to take the reins.

READY IN SPRING TO DRIVE HUNS FROM AIR

Washington, June 18.—Full approval has been given by the war department to the air supremacy programme of the defense council's aircraft board and President Wilson has been asked to put the administration's support behind the great project for which an appropriation of \$600,000,000 is sought.

Under the plan the United States would become immediately a great elementary training base for all the allied and enormous numbers of training machines would be turned out while American plants are developing a serviceable battlecraft type.

By next spring the board proposes to have the allies ready literally to drive the Germans from the air.

THE ALLIES AND GREECE

Paris, June 18.—Premier Ribot has sent the following message to Eleftherios Venizelos, ex-premier and head of the provisional government at Saloniki: "In confiding to France the mission to take in their name measures to facilitate the return by the Greek people to the unity they helped to found, the protecting powers desired to show that the principles that inspired them a century ago, when the heroes of the war of independence shed their blood to assure Greece a place among the free nations, have remained unaltered through the vicissitudes of history."

"Who could better appreciate the concern with which the three protecting powers were animated and their firm resolution to assure the destinies of Greece in the traditional path that led to its grandeur than the eminent leader, whose generous ardor and disinterested courage, no less than his political foresight, renewed the internal life of the Greek people and realized most of their legitimate desires for expansion."

"Nothing could better respond to the deepest sentiments of the French people than to be so intimately associated with the great national movement which will be pursued with the support of the protecting powers by those who in the difficult hours never doubted them and were able to prepare for the triumph of free institutions."

REVOLUTION IN SPAIN AVERTED

London, June 18.—A despatch to the Times from Madrid says: "The crisis is past. The crisis between the government and the army has been removed by the premier granting infantry officers the right to form committees of generous ardor and disinterested courage, which seemed imminent a week ago, has thus been averted."

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Many friends of Mrs. Joshua Ward of Dorchester street will regret to hear that she is very ill at the General Public Hospital, where she was taken on Saturday for a critical operation of the throat. Her condition today is said to be unchanged. Her wide circle of acquaintances will hope for a change for the better within the immediate future.

British In States Must Join Colors

New York, June 18.—All male British subjects between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, now in the United States, are to be compelled to join the British colors. This was made known here on Saturday. British consuls and recruiting agents throughout the country are compiling lists of these men. Brigadier General W. A. White, in charge of the recruiting, has gone to Washington to confer on methods to carry the plan through.

ANXIOUS OVER MISSING BOY

Little Ronald Totten of Lombard Street Not Seen Since Sunday Afternoon

Ronald Totten, three and a half years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Totten of 85 Lombard street, wandered away yesterday afternoon, and up to two o'clock this afternoon no trace of him could be found. His parents, who are distracted with grief, have been vainly searching the city and about Hockwood Park. He was last seen yesterday afternoon about four o'clock near the foot of Dorchester street, but where he went to after that is a mystery.

When he left home he wore a brown velvet coat with black patent leather belt, a brown velvet hat with steel buckle, black boots, black stockings and grey trousers. He has ruddy cheeks and blue eyes. He wore on his left hand a ring set with a reddish brown stone.

The police have been notified and are endeavoring to locate the little fellow. Mr. Totten has also asked Boy Scout officials to organize a searching party to scour the woods about the park, as it is thought he might have wandered in that direction. There is also a suspicion that he might have boarded a freight car and, falling asleep, been carried out of the city on a freight train, which went west last evening.

Anyone who might have seen a boy answering the description given would confer a favor by notifying the parents or Sergeant Smith of the north end police division, who is diligently searching for the little chap.

INDUSTRIAL ARMY OF NATION STRONG IN SUPPORT, SAYS KING

London, June 18 (via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—The King in a farewell message to the Lord Mayor of Newcastle on concluding a visit to the northern industries says: "The outspoken sympathy of the citizens of the northeast coast fills me with courage and confidence. I was never more convinced that the industrial army of the nation is strong in that loyalty, fortitude and devotion which have built up the empire and will, under God's guidance, help us to victory."

MILITARY NOTES

It is rumored in military circles that the draft of the Canadian Field artillery under Lieut. Mackenzie, at present in Newcastle, will be for Petawawa camp for training.

Captain Wilson, senior medical officer for New Brunswick, is in Sussex today engaged in the final examination of No. 2 Forestry battalion. This same company will undergo inspection this afternoon by Brigadier-General H. H. MeLean, who has gone to Sussex for that purpose.

One hundred and twenty-five recruits of the Kiltie battalion arrived in Fredericton from Boston yesterday. One hundred and sixteen more are expected today.

Wheat Again Weak

Chicago, June 18.—Large world shipments tended today to ease down the wheat market. British stocks were reported to be increasing and the amount on ocean passage liberal. Opening prices, which ranged from 112 to 112 1/2 lower, with July at 219 and Sept. at 195 were followed by a slight rally and then a fresh setback.

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