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ITALIAN FORCES ADVANCE INTO AUSTRIA FOUR MILES

ITALIANS CAPTURE AUSTRIAN TOWNS AND FORCE PASSES; ENEMY RETREATING IN HASTE

Destroys Bridges Behind Him as He Falls Back Along Extended Front—Invaders Use Bayonets With Good Effect in Mountains.

[Canadian Press.]
Rome, May 25, via Paris, May 26.—Offensive operations resulting in the occupation of Austrian territory along the frontier from Lombardy to the Adriatic are claimed in an official statement issued tonight by the war office. Italian troops have seized various towns in the Trentino and forced their way through mountain defiles. On the lower Isonzo attacks were continued to gain the line of the river. The Austrians are reported to have retired, destroying the bridges behind them. Italian aviators bombarded Montefalco, near the Gulf of Trieste.

The communication follows:
All On Offensive.
"Everywhere on the 24th our troops took the offensive, occupying Forcella, Montezzo, Tonale and Ponte Caffaro in Val Giudicaria, the territory north of Ferrara and Monte Baldo.
"They also occupied Monte Reorno and Monte Poppo, on the slopes north of Lussini; Monte Passabia and Monte Baffano, at the extremity of the Agno and Leomang valleys, and the defiles

BRITAIN OFFERS TO TAKE 30,000 MEN AND PAY PASSAGES

Solution of Unemployment Problem Suggested to Government by Old Country—Can Be Utilized to Provide Ammunition for Allies During War.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, May 26.—A solution of the Canadian unemployment problem was offered this morning. The British Government will take artisans across the Atlantic to the number of 30,000, pay their passage, pay the highest wages of the district and set them to work upon munitions of war.

G. W. Barnes, a member of the British House of Commons, and W. W. Wynne, representing the British Board of Trade, made this proposition this morning to the congress of mayors assembled in Ottawa. This afternoon they reported them to the Canadian Government, which now has them under consideration. Mr. Barnes said that while the munition situation in Britain was improving, there was still great need for men. If the English factories could get 30,000 skilled men from Canada, the situation would be greatly improved within a short time.

WHAT MAYORS SUGGEST.
[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, May 26.—Representatives of the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and the mayors of many Canadian cities, now in convention here today, presented a memorial to Sir Robert Borden, dealing with the causes of unemployment in Canada, and making the following suggestions for its amelioration:
Placing of idle agriculturists on land, settlers to be allotted holdings of not more than 40 acres and to receive from the Government by way of loan sufficient money to purchase stock and equipment and to assist in maintaining themselves until self-sustaining, to be repaid in installments covering two years.

Construction of permanent highways, including a national inter-provincial highway.
Wider Markets.
Extension of Canada's trade to markets formerly supplied by other nations, and encouragement of manufacturing Canada of goods formerly produced by countries now at war with Britain.

Industrial exchanges throughout the Dominion to assist in securing employment where demand for labor exists.
Restriction of immigration to those fitted for and intending to become agriculturists and placing of these people on farms under supervision and assistance.

INQUEST DELAYED
Drowning of Mr. Topholme to be investigated Friday.
Coroner Robert Ferguson stated today that the inquest into the death of J. J. Topholme, who was drowned on Monday, will be resumed Friday night in the county court building.

One more Londoner has given his life in the service of the Empire, and one more mother in the city has made the great sacrifice. Mrs. Alice Torney, 822 Elizabeth street, today learned from a brief telegraphed message from Ottawa that her son Fred, a private in the 1st Battalion of the 1st Canadian Overseas Contingent, died yesterday in No. 14 Stationary Hospital at Wimereux, France, from enteric fever.

Bears News Bravely.
Only yesterday Mrs. Torney had a letter from her son, written on May 8, in which he said he was feeling very well. The news of his death, therefore, came as a terrible shock to the mother, who, however, bravely bore up as she told an advertiser reporter that, mixed with the grief at his loss she had a great pride that a boy of her son's was willing to sacrifice his life for his country.

"I am so thankful," she said, "that he was not married. His death is a terrible blow to me, but it would have been a thousand times worse if he had left a widow and possibly little children." She was unable to control her emotion, but after a minute went on: "In his latest letter he told me he was with the transport wagons, and I had been congratulating myself that he was not in the actual firing line."

Member of 7th Regiment.
Pte. Torney had been a member of the 7th Regiment for ten years, and his mother declared that he was a most enthusiastic soldier. "When recruits were called for," she said, "nothing could prevent him offering himself. He was too good a volunteer to hang back when his country needed him."

Before he enlisted, Fred Torney was employed in the yards of the C. P. R. as his father is also. Besides his mother and father, several brothers and sisters survive him.

GUNNER BLACKWELL AMONG WOUNDED



Advertiser Illustration.
GUNNER PERCY (PETE) BLACKWELL, son of A. Blackwell, of 519 York street, has been wounded in action at the front, according to a telegram received by his parents today from the Adjutant-General of Militia at Ottawa. No details as to the seriousness of the injuries are given in the message.

Gunner Blackwell enlisted in the 6th Field Battery for active service when it was recruited upon the outbreak of the war. He has had many thrilling escapades with the London battery since it got into action early in the winter, but until now he had come through the fighting unhurt.

"Our aviators bombed the electric line on the 24th of May," continued the message. "Medium calibre artillery of the Austrians at Santa Maria and Santa Lucia, to the southwest of Tommino, opened fire on the heights between the Judrio and Isonzo."
"On the lower Isonzo we also continued our offensive to attain the line of the river. Everywhere the enemy retired, destroying bridges and cutting communications."
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NORTHCLEFFE'S ATTACKS UPON KITCHENER BIG HELP TO ENEMY

Excerpts From Editorials Seized Upon as Basis for Sneers at British Position and the Ability of Her Secretary of War.
[Canadian Press.]
Rotterdam, May 26.—German papers are naturally seizing with avidity upon the ammunition scarcity scare of the Northcliffe press, and at a period when from the achievements in the field Germany can create little enthusiasm in the fatherland, are more than grateful for the attacks on Lord Kitchener, declaring these vehement discussions show better than anything else how the real situation is tending. Extracts from the Northcliffe press are freely quoted, the most vehement portions being dish up with great relish, while Count Reventlow finds in them the inspiration for a long article on "British Woe."

Great Glee.
"They are suffering for ammunition," the glee-writer writes, "and there is no confidence any more in the national military spirit, Lord Kitchener. That is especially marked, for from him was expected successes fabulous beyond all previous experience; no other man in the world was capable of such an epoch-making success. We shall follow his further career with interest, whether at the war office or not. They might just as well leave him peacefully at the place where he is, for his successors would have difficulty in bettering his endeavors in the ammunition industry."
What Germany Says.
"That this point is talked of with such vehemence in London and with, next to the sin of Churchill, the principal cause of the defeat of the cabinet, shows more than anything else the direction in which the situation is tending. For Germany all these things prove that the unsustainability of Britain is only a legend—one of the many signs that show how right has been our methods of war against Britain, and that the means used will be more effective the longer they are used."

GAS TO COME FROM DELAWARE?

Reported That City Company is Inspecting Wells.
It was stated on good authority today that the City Gas Company was having an inspection made of the gas fields recently tapped at Delaware.

NO COMPENSATION FOR LUSITANIA SURVIVORS FROM CUNARD COMPANY

Only Hope is in Getting Some From Germany After War.
[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]
London, May 26.—Several Canadian passengers saved from the Lusitania, who approached the Cunard Company regarding their position with relation to compensation, have been informed that the company has no responsibility. They were advised to approach Sir Edward Grey with a view to getting compensation from Germany after the war.

THEY REMAIN IN FOREFRONT OF THE FIGHT

Sir John French's Glowing Testimony to Canadians.

MESSAGE SENT PREMIER

Praises Heroism and Sacrifices of Dominion's Troops.

BIND EMPIRE TOGETHER

Borden Cables in Reply His Pride in the Recent Achievements.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, May 26.—"They remain in the forefront of the fight," says Sir John French today in a message to the Premier on the gallantry of the Canadian troops, "and I feel assured that their heroism and sacrifices, which are contributing so splendidly to the attainment of our immediate ends, will bind together Canada and the British Empire with those indissoluble bonds which are forged on the field of battle."
Sir Robert Borden cabled in reply: "We are proud that our Canadian soldiers have proved themselves worthy of the great traditions of the British army, which, under your leadership, has already achieved such splendid distinction by its valor and heroism during the present war, in which the greatness and unity of our Empire have been made more manifest than ever before."

FURIOUS ATTACKS BY ENEMY PROVE QUITE FRUITLESS

French Not Only Hold Gains But Advance Their Positions.

SHOW SPLENDID COURAGE

Face Intense Bombardment But Retain Ground Won in Past Days.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, May 26.—2:33 p.m.—The French war office this afternoon gave out a report of the progress of hostilities reading as follows:
"The checks inflicted upon the enemy yesterday in the region of Angres and Lorette determined the Germans to come back with an attack of extreme violence. There was furious fighting last evening and during last night. We were successful in retaining all our gains. Our troops gave evidence of magnificent courage and showed splendid tenacity of purpose."
Attacks All Repulsed.
"The Germans in the beginning delivered a counter-attack against the French positions in the northwest of Angres. Furious attempts to take this position were made by them and time again. In spite of the extremely intense bombardment to which our troops were subjected, we retained possession of all of our new positions. Furthermore, at the end of the day, we occupied almost entirely the position near Buvall, where we gained a footing in the afternoon."
Capture Trench.
"Here we are maintaining ourselves under a violent fire. At the same time we have gained ground on the heights to the northeast of Angres, and we have captured a trench of the enemy in the environs of Souchez."
Artillery Engagement of Considerable Severity.
"An artillery engagement of considerable severity developed yesterday in the region of Soissons; there was another such encounter near Rheims."
From the rest of the front no reports have been received.

MAJOR BEATTIE, OF COBOURG, NOW INJURED

Fell From Horse Near Firing Line in France.
[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]
London, May 26.—Major Beattie, chaplain of Cobourg, Ont., is now in a London hospital, suffering from a fall from his horse close to the firing line. He is progressing satisfactorily, but some weeks are bound to elapse before he is able to resume duty.

STEAMERS ARRIVED

Montreal, May 26.—Arrived: Steamers Ramore Head, from Dublin; Engleham, from Bristol; Northland, from Liverpool.

IGNORING AMERICAN FLAG, GERMAN PIRATES TORPEDO U. S. SHIP BOUND FOR HOME PORT; WASHINGTON FORCED TO DRASTIC ACTION BY DEFIANCE OF ALL RIGHTS, VIEW HELD

The Fortress Strongholds of Italy



Map showing location of the big forts of Italy's interior and sea coast. Rome is guarded by a circle of forts.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS IN FAVOR OF PROHIBITION

[Canadian Press.]
Cleveland, May 26.—State and national prohibition was unanimously endorsed last night by the biennial convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

GERMANS ADMIT THAT BRITISH TOOK TRENCHES

Fierce Fighting Now in Progress in Both War Zones.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]
Berlin, May 26.—Germany's official announcement from the war office reported that "fierce fighting is now proceeding southeast of Radymow in the direction of Przemyel."

UNIONIST M. P.'S HEAR DETAILS OF SITUATION

Meet in London to Be Told Particulars of New Cabinet.

[Canadian Press.]
London, May 26.—12:15 p.m.—An important meeting of Unionist members of both Houses of Parliament was held today at the Carlton Club, in connection with the political crisis and the formation of the coalition ministry. The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the rank and file of the party with the details of the negotiations which resulted in the new Cabinet, and to invite their support in future action.

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KING CONSTANTINE'S CONDITION CRITICAL

[Canadian Press.]
London, May 26.—The condition of King Constantine of Greece continues critical, according to a dispatch received today by the Exchange Telegraph Company from its correspondent at Athens.

Rush Orders Go to American Ambassador in London and President is "Obviously Concerned"—Was Attack's Object to Force United States Into Conflict.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Washington, May 26.—The administration here was distinctly shocked today by the news of the torpedoing of the American steamer Nebraska in the war zone.

The incident not only suggested that Germany has not ceased her submarine warfare, but caused especial comment, in that it involved an attack on a craft flying the American flag and on its way to a home port, so there could have been no suspicion that it was carrying contraband.

PRESIDENT AND BRYAN WORRIED

President Wilson and Secretary Bryan received the news with obvious concern.

There was noticeable relief when word came that no lives were lost and that the Nebraska had escaped being sent to the bottom. Until a complete report is received, it is said, there would be no further representations to Germany. Rush orders were sent to Ambassador Page and Consul-General Skinner in London, however, to cable all available information and the fact that they were told to use the cable instead of waiting for mails was taken as indicating that no time would be lost in demanding a German disavowal of the attack and reparation.

MINE THEORY REJECTED.
All the news dispatches spoke so positively of a torpedo that it was the general opinion that the mine theory would not hold good.

The fact that the vessel was torpedoed while homeward bound was a great surprise. It was pointed out that heretofore most westward-bound steamers have been unmolested by submarines, and just why the Nebraska was attacked, the officials could not guess.

SUBMARINE STRIKES NEAR IRISH COAST

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]
London, Eng., May 26.—The United States steamer Nebraska has been torpedoed by the Germans. She was on her way from Liverpool to Delaware Breakwater, having sailed on May 24. Lloyds' registry shows her captain to be G. B. Knight, while in other reports he is said to be Capt. Green.

The Nebraska is a steel twin screw steamer of 4,409 tons, owned by the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, and is under American registry from the port of New York.

She is 360 feet in length and 46 feet at her beam. She was built in 1902 by the New York Shipbuilding Company, at Camden, N. J.

A later report said the Nebraska was proceeding, and that no lives have been lost. It is evident that she was not seriously damaged.

NO ENTHUSIASM FOR NEW CABINET

British Papers Refrain, However, From Expressing Any Strong Disapproval.

LLOYD GEORGE WANTED

And Is Expected to Again Become Chancellor of the Exchequer.

[Canadian Press.]
London, May 26.—As might have been expected, the new cabinet, while it meets with no strong disapproval at the hands of editorial writers in the London morning papers, raises but little enthusiasm in any quarter. The most that is accorded is a disposition to give the new Government every opportunity to prove its worth.

More disappointment is noticeable among the Liberal than the Conservative papers, mainly at the shelving of Viscount Haldane and the appointment of Sir Edward Carson as attorney-general.

Will Come Back.
Some dissatisfaction is also expressed that the new cabinet instead of being smaller is larger than the old one, and also at the loss of David Lloyd George as chancellor of the exchequer. It is understood, however, Lloyd George's appointment as minister of munitions is only temporary, and that he will come back to the chancellorship when the question of munitions becomes less acute.

Others Criticized.
Other appointments much criticized include that of Mr. Balfour as first lord of the admiralty, the ground being taken that the giving of this portfolio to him deprives the nation of the services of Lord Fisher. The elevation of Sir Stanley O. Buckmaster also is criticized.

Result of Contest Known Tomorrow

Judging by the progress made today in the work of totalling the votes of candidates in the Panama-Pacific trip contest the result will be published in the evening edition of The Advertiser on Thursday (tomorrow).