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Fighting in Verdun Sector Continues With Great Fury

It Was Only After the Gallant Defenders Were Worn Out by Many Hours of Bombardment That Enemy Gained an Advantage---The Big Russian Drive.

PARIS, June 24.—Late details show that yesterday's fighting near Verdun equalled in fury anything yet experienced. The total German forces engaged on a two mile front are estimated at between four and five divisions. It was only by the last overwhelming rush, when the defenders were worn out and thinned by many hours of bombardment, that the enemy succeeded in rushing Thiamont wood and adjacent advanced trenches.

The Thiamont fortification covers the approaches to Fleury, and the enemy hoped to continue the charge and sweep away the defenders of the latter place; but the French counter-attacked with such vigor that he was only able to cling to the positions first gained, which he was busily engaged in strengthening all night in preparation for fresh attempts to push his advantage.

Commentators in the German papers freely admit that the Germans scored a success, but point out that this success cost more than it was worth, the losses being placed at from 40 to 50 per cent of the effectives engaged.

The Germans have captured the Thiamont wood after three weeks of effort, but the French advanced line still holds good possession of the greater part of Hills No. 320 and No. 321.

French Troops in Vigorous Offensive

Recover Portion of Ground Recently Lost

PARIS, June 24.—The battle of Verdun continued last night with the utmost violence on both sides of the Meuse.

The War Office announced today that the French have regained a large part of the ground lost northeast of Verdun, near Hills 320 and 321.

Undertaking a vigorous offensive, the French drove back the Germans over the ground which they won yesterday. The battle was particularly violent in the vicinity of Fleury. The French did not succeed in regaining possession of Thiamont wood. More than six German divisions participated in the offensive action east of the Meuse yesterday.

Berlin Report Says Germans are Now

Pressing the Russians Back Towards Lutsk

BERLIN, June 23 (via London, June 24).—The German counter attack against the Russians under General Brussiloff in Volhynia has now developed over a front of eighty miles, extending from Kolki on the Stry river almost to the Galician frontier. General Von Linsingen's forces have enveloped the Russians, who here had driven a big bend into the Austro-German lines, in front and on two sides, and now, according to all reports reaching here, are slowly but surely pressing the Russians back all along the line in the general direction of Lutsk.

Although considerably reinforced, Von Linsingen is confronted here by highly superior numbers, which, however, have been unable to check his counter-attack, and start the steam roller again in the direction of coveted Kovel and Vladimir-Volynski. The Russian losses are described as enormous. The Russian officers' line and again led their men in desperate but fruitless charges against the German lines.

Four Hundred Lives Lost When the

Russian Steamer Mercury Went Down

PETROGRAD, June 24 (via London).—Four hundred persons lost their lives, according to latest reports, when the Russian passenger steamer Mercury was sunk in the Black Sea by a mine. The total number of persons aboard the steamship was approximately 550. The disaster occurred about ten in the morning off the village of Grigorievka.

The passengers felt a tremendous shock in the forward part of the vessel, which staggered ahead for three ship lengths and then went down bow foremost in five minutes.

Survivors tell harrowing stories of the scenes that ensued. All available steamers and tugs steamed from Odessa and rescued the survivors clinging to life boats and wreckage. Five were taken from the masthead a few feet above the water. Many women still clasped babies in their arms.

The passenger steamer Kniaz Potemkin had just preceded the Mercury, and although aware of the disaster the passengers forcibly prevented her captain from plying back to give aid.

AN OFFER TO ROUMANIA.

ROME, June 24.—It is reported from Bucharest that Russia has offered Czernowitz to Roumania if she will join the Allies. Roumanian opinion is said to be favorable to the proposal.

NO MORE KILTS FOR THE OVER-SEAS FORCES

Ottawa, June 24.—The Militia Department has decided that for the overseas forces no more kilts will be issued and the units which have kilts now will have to wear trousers when the present clothing has been worn out.

The decision of the militia council will have a far-reaching effect, since many Scottish battalions have been raised by the 5th Royal Highlanders of Montreal, the 48th of Toronto, the 91st of Hamilton, the Cameron Highlanders, Winnipeg, and the Seaforth Highlanders of Vancouver.

Down in Nova Scotia a Highland battalion is now being formed. These battalions were to have all been kilted, but with the exception of the pipers will now have to wear trews.

The chief reason is that the kilts are not suitable for the trenches, particularly in cold and rainy weather, when they cause a great deal of trouble to the ordnance department.

Capt. Barry Honored.

North Shore Leader: Wishing to honor their commander before his departure for Valcartier, the boys of the local Cadet Corps on Monday presented Capt. A. L. Barry with a handsome pipe in case. Capt. Barry expressed his thanks and wished the boys all success in their work when they took it up again after the summer holidays. The presentation was made by Cadet Capt. Harold Bate.

Rev. Father Ryan, of Woodstock, was in the city yesterday.

Sir Thomas Tait, of Montreal, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

NATIONALISTS APPROVE OF LLOYD-GEORGE'S PROPOSAL

Great Triumph for John Redmond, the Nationalist Leader---Settlement of the Vexed Question Now Believed to be in Sight.

BELFAST, via London, June 24.—A Nationalist convention of representatives from the six counties of Ulster which would be excluded from the operation of Home Rule for the period of the war under the plan of David Lloyd-George, met here today and by a vote of 475 to 265 accepted Mr. Lloyd-George's scheme. John Redmond, the Nationalist leader, and Joseph Devlin, thus secured no narrow marginal triumph, but virtually a two-thirds majority vote.

This striking vote on the part of the Nationalists from the counties especially affected by Home Rule, means that a settlement of the situation is virtually in sight, as the Ulster Unionists already have accepted Mr. Lloyd-George's plans.

NO SERIOUS OPPOSITION EXPECTED.

Since this is the decision of Irishmen who will be excluded from the operations of Home Rule, and who thus are principally concerned, it is not expected that any further serious opposition to the proposals will be made. The most powerful of all arguments that recommend the adoption of the settlement proposals was the clear intimation in today's convention that John Redmond had staked his position and career on the acceptance of his advice by the convention. Joseph Devlin declared that the Nationalist leaders were resolved to stand or fall with Mr. Redmond.

ANOTHER LIST OF CASUALTIES AMONG THE CANADIAN TROOPS

Ottawa, June 24.—Maritime names in the early morning casualty list follow:

Artillery.	Moncton.
Wounded.	Pioneer Herbert McDonald, Glace Bay, N. S.
Gunner Stewart Waring Campbell, Little River, N. B.	Pte. Rod. A. McKenzie, Caledonia Mines, N. S.
Admitted to Hospital.	Pte. John McNaughton, Eureka, N. S.
Pte. Herbert K. Sansom, Stanley, N. B.	Pte. James M. O'Tolle, Florence, N. S.
Infantry	Pte. John Owens, St. John.
Wounded.	Lance Corp. Freeman G. Pearce, Dartmouth, N. S.
Pte. Chas. Taylor, Sydney, N. S.	Pte. Edward R. Pents, Truro, N. S.
Pte. Harry Tennant, St. John.	Pte. Ernest Power, Moncton.
Pte. Gerald Thompson, Halifax.	Lance Corp. Ralph Raymond, Bloomfield, N. B.
Pte. John Mathias Miller, Halifax.	Lance Corp. Hugh Spencer, Kentville, N. S.
Pte. Geo. P. Murphy, Elmsville, N. B.	Pte. Leonard Bruce Tower, Sackville, N. B.
Lieut. Charles L. O'Brien, Halifax.	
Capt. B. Hunter Tyndal Mackenzie,	

GERMANY SAID TO BE NEGOTIATING FOR PEACE THROUGH KING OF SPAIN

Visit of Submarine to Spanish Port is Now Explained---Peace Overtures From King Alfonso Looked for Within a Fortnight.

LONDON, June 24.—Discarding her hobnailed boots of two months back, Germany is now sleuthing for peace in gum-shoes. She tried out the United States, and having found opposition to that country acting as an agent of the Kaiser, she has despatched a message via submarine to King Alfonso, who has already played an active part as a neutral in this war through his efforts along humanitarian lines on behalf of all the belligerents.

The overtures have been going on for some time, and culminated in the arrival of the U-35 at Cartagena with a letter ostensibly expressing the Emperor's thanks for the excellent care given the refugees from Kamerun. The next step is the reported journey, which may have already been begun, of the Spanish Ambassador to Germany from Berlin to Madrid.

Ostensibly he is going for a holiday, but there is every reason to believe that he bears a message from the Kaiser to the King. It would not be surprising if fresh peace overtures come from Spain within the next fortnight. There have been frequent rumors of late that Berlin and Madrid were in communication with each other. Madrid newspapers stated even a month ago that King Alfonso might negotiate peace overtures in the near future. I have the best authority for stating that Germany has never made a direct peace overture to the combined Entente Allies, though on the other hand she has sounded separately all except Great Britain.

A BULGARIAN FORCE IS MARCHING ON THE IMPORTANT FORTRESS OF FEAPETRA

SALONIKI, June 24.—A despatch to the London Daily Chronicle says:

It is stated here on good authority that the Bulgarians are marching toward the important fort of Feapetra. From the same source I learn that the Bulgarians have crossed the river Mesta, which for some length inland from its mouth forms the frontier between Greek Macedonia and Bulgaria.

The news with regard to the Feapetra is that patrol combats are reported from the Kupa and Osen regions, where some movements by the enemy forces also are reported.

Enemy airmen have been active in the Vardar region, but have not accomplished any material damage. Artillery has been active today on the front as usual.

A combined British and French squadron bombed Gumuldjina, this being the first occasion on which British airmen have been taking part in a raid in this region. Veles was again bombarded by French airmen yesterday.

CANADIAN OFFICER UNDER ARREST IN NEW YORK FOR BREACH OF NEUTRALITY LAWS

NEW YORK, June 24.—An Associated Press despatch from Seattle, Washington, this morning, says: Lieut. Ernest Austin of the Canadian army is in jail here today, charged with violating the neutrality laws of the United States by recruiting men here. Lieut. Austin was taken before a United States commissioner, who fixed his bail at \$5,000, in default of which he was locked in the city jail.

Russell Anderson, special agent of the Department of Justice, who signed the complaint upon which the arrest was made last night, charged that Lieut. Austin had offered to pay him \$5 a day to obtain bandmen for the American Battalion being recruited at Victoria, B. C. Detectives who searched Lieut. Austin's rooms found his enlistment papers in the Canadian army, a newspaper advertisement calling for bandmen and offering them "good chance to see the country." The advertisement was signed "Carl Lemberg."

Government agents said that besides the evidence disclosed in the complaint, they had additional evidence showing that Lieut. Austin had been engaged in an active recruiting campaign here for the Canadian army.

RIDER HAGGARD'S MISSION.

HONOLULU, June 24.—Rider Haggard, the English author, who is making a tour of British overseas possessions to investigate the possibilities of colonization plans for the benefit of English soldiers at the conclusion of the war, arrived here yesterday en route to Canada. The province of Rhodesia, in South Africa, has agreed to give half a million acres to the war veterans, said Haggard. Similar grants will be made by the governments of Australia and New Zealand.

SUSPENDED BY ROYAL DECREE.

ATHENS, June 23 (via London, June 24).—A royal decree suspending the sessions of the chamber of deputies has been published.