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Fierce Fighting Continues In Vicinity of Verdun

Germans Launch a General Attack on the Right Bank of the Meuse---French Lines Penetrated at One Point--- Enemy Attacks Repulsed.

Persistent hammering by the Germans on the defences of Verdun, northeast of the fortress, has resulted in gaining them ground near the Thiaumont Farm, about a mile southwest of Fort Douaumont. This advance occurred during a general attack along the entire front on the east bank of the Meuse, which, according to this afternoon's bulletin from Paris, was repulsed in all other sectors with heavy losses to the Crown Prince's troops. The French are still holding what is known as the Douaumont-Triaumont line, and the French military opinion is that they will not be obliged to fall back to the inner defences about two miles southwest of Fort Vaux, as the guns of Souville are still able to sweep the crests running from Vaux to Douaumont.

Latest reports from the Eastern front show the Russians to be continuing successfully their great offensive on a front of 250 miles or more from the Pripet marshes to the Roumanian border. They have already made a breach said to be 100 miles wide in the Austrian lines, and have captured more than 50,000 prisoners in the past few days.

French Troops Resist the Furious Efforts

Of the Enemy to Compel a Retirement

PARIS, June 8.—The fall of Fort Vaux with its gallant little band of defenders is regretted, but public opinion is not discouraged. The withdrawal of the French lines to the inner defence of Verdun on the right bank of the Meuse, which was forecasted by military writers as a natural consequence of the capture of Vaux, has not yet taken place. The French have resisted the furious and repeated efforts of the enemy to compel his retirement. Violent onslaughts both in the Thiaumont region and on the trenches in the vicinity of Vaux were made by the Germans in the last twenty-four hours. According to the latest reports received by the War Office, all of these attacks were repulsed.

German Troops, After a Week's Hard Work,

Have Advanced Their Lines About a Mile

By a week of uninterrupted attacks in which it is said a number of divisions were destroyed, the Germans have advanced their lines about one mile. They have taken the southern part of Gaillette wood, part of the Chapitre wood, Damloup village, and now Vaux fort. In past wars the enemy's progress on the right would have compelled the French to fall back automatically from the Douaumont-Thiaumont lines; but under the present conditions it has been found that such a saw-toothed front can be held. The French found this to their disadvantage in the Champagne offensive.

Before the enemy will be able to make full use of his week's conquests he will have to enlarge his front by the capture of Souville fort. This fort runs as high as 388 metres, and is situated to the southwest. Its guns sweep the line running from Vaux to Douaumont, and its seizure will be a hard task which will entail desperate fighting and heavy sacrifices.

Russian Troops Direct Furious Artillery

Attacks Against the Austrian Forces

LONDON, June 9.—A despatch to the Daily News from Petrograd says: During the whole war such artillery fire has not been seen on the Russian side. In preparing the attack on the chosen fronts there was not half a yard left unsown by shrapnel. Wire entanglements often twenty feet deep were destroyed. Further, there have been actual artillery captures by isolating Austrian groups by means of a curtain of fire, compelling their surrender although they were not attacked by infantry.

A long way behind the enemy's lines all wire of the field telephones and telegraphs has been cut by shrapnel destroying Austrian regimental communication with each other and staffs.

Russian Losses Disproportionate to

The Wonderful Successes Achieved

The Russians, after their first unexpected advance, attacked the enemy on the flank and broke through to the rear, thus cutting off considerable forces and making large captures of men and undamaged guns, and even of reserve arsenals far behind the enemy's front positions.

Though the Russian losses naturally were heavy at the outset, they were not disproportionate to the success achieved. Perfect organization brought up the reserves so swiftly that the primary success was followed up without allowing the enemy the smallest breathing space for the reorganization of their defensive.

FUSE ENQUIRY WILL CLOSE THIS AFTERNOON

Ottawa, June 9.—An enlivening dialogue between the commissioners and G. F. Henderson, K. C., counsel for Col. J. Wesley Allison, and some caustic judicial references to war contractors were the features of the closing day of the fuse enquiry this morning.

Mr. Henderson had smooth sailing when on general lines he defended Col. Allison, but he struck repeated snags when he justified the circumstances under which Allison accepted the commission from Yoakum. The arguments will conclude this afternoon after addresses by Messrs. Lafamme and Nesbitt, for the Shell Committee.

More Canadians In Casualty List

Ottawa, June 9.—The midnight casualty list contains 73 names, of which the following are from the Maritime Provinces:

Wounded—Pioneer Tremaine Jos. Bushen, Halifax; Lieut. Victor Wm. Syngé-Heron, Halifax; Frank Richard, Buctouche, N. B.; George Shanks, St. John, N. B.; Andrew J. McDonald, Halifax; Lieut. Thos. Fletcher Morrison, Halifax; Geo. Albert North, Halifax; Thomas F. Sone, Halifax (Mounted Rifles).

Killed in action—Lieut. Geo. Nugent Dickson Otty, Hampton, N. B.

Wounded—Mark McIntyre, 29 Hanover street, St. John; Stanley Moss, Halifax.

BALLOTING FOR A CHOICE TO START THIS AFTERNOON

Chicago, June 9.—Chairman Harding of the Republican convention said today that the representation will follow the regular procedure when the session is called to order, and that balloting probably would be reached at least by four o'clock this afternoon.

"The first business of the day," said the chairman, "will be the presentation of the names of the candidates, followed by seconding speeches. I think we ought to get to balloting by 4 o'clock, but I cannot guarantee that."

The chairman said he knew nothing about the report of the Republican members of the peace conference committee.

"But," he said, "that report is privileged and can be submitted at any time."

Chicago, June 9.—Delegates to the Republican and Progressive national conventions are assembled at the Coliseum and Auditorium here again today, facing a situation unprecedented in recent American political party history.

The progressives met at ten o'clock and the Republicans resumed their deliberations at 11 o'clock.

Uncertainty as thick and obdurate as the murky weather that has hung over Chicago for three days, prevailed, and all eyes were strained to catch the first possible clearing of the political clouds.

Leaders of both parties sat up most of the night discussing numerous points that might develop, and making plans to handle the situation if efforts should be made to stampede either convention for a particular candidate or to gain a delay in making nominations.

The men advocating the nomination by the Republican convention of Justice Charles Hughes, of the Supreme Court, declared this morning that nothing had occurred to weaken their position, and said that they believed their candidate could be nominated today and prepared for action on a nomination without delay.

Wants Martial Law Continued

Dublin, June 9.—The Irish Unionist Alliance has adopted a resolution to the effect that the present time is inopportune for any large change in the government of Ireland, as that would encourage the seditious element and imperil Ireland's position in the Empire. It is absolutely necessary, the resolution says, that martial law be continued for some time.

Germans Launch General Attack

Paris, June 9.—The Germans have launched a general attack along the entire front on the right bank of the Meuse, and have penetrated the French line at one point but were repulsed elsewhere with heavy losses, according to an official statement issued by the War Office today.

It takes the wasp to make a lazy man get a move on himself. All it has to do is back up against him and push.

Proximity is a form of sentimental homeopathy. Its primary effect is to cause love; its secondary effect, to cure it.

Casualty List Growing Smaller

Ottawa, June 9.—The officers' casualty lists from the battle at Sanctuary woods, are growing smaller. There were only 19 additional names today. Three are killed, ten wounded, two slightly wounded but again on duty, one missing and believed to be killed, and three missing.

One Toronto man, Lieut. G. L. B. McKenzie, of the Third Battalion, is dead, while all the others came from western provinces. The total so far is 231.

Sons of England For Conscription

Ottawa, June 9.—The Sons of England of the Ottawa and Hull districts have passed a resolution in favor of conscription in Canada, and calling on the Supreme Grand Lodge of the order, which meets in Halifax next August, to make a move in that direction. A copy of the resolution has been forwarded to Sir Sam Hughes.

Many a woman marries for gold—and then has to coax and scheme in order to get hold of enough of it to pay her carfare.

LORD KITCHENER WAS DROWNED WHILE TRY- ING TO REACH SHORE

Had Made His Escape From the ill Fated Cruiser in a Boat---Eleven Survivors From the Hampshire Reach the Orkney Islands.

LONDON, June 9.—Lord Kitchener and the members of his staff were drowned off the Orkney Islands while trying to make their way to shore from the sinking cruiser Hampshire, according to an Aberdeen despatch to the Times today.

One warrant officer and eleven men, survivors of the cruiser Hampshire, which went down off the Orkney Islands with Earl Kitchener and members of his staff, have been washed ashore on a raft, according to an announcement made by the Admiralty.

ABERDEEN, Scotland, June 9.—The cruiser Hampshire, sank in deep water two miles from land, between Marwick Head and the Brough of Birsay, on the west coast of the Orkney Islands.

LONDON, June 9.—Information has reached the Russian Embassy in Rome that the Austrian front has been completely broken along a length of 94 miles to a depth of 37½ miles, according to a Central News despatch today from Rome.

AUSTRIAN FRONT COMPLETELY BROKEN FOR A LENGTH OF TWENTY-SEVEN MILES

LONDON, June 9.—From the Italian capital the Russian advance, according to these advices, now threatens to envelope the entire Austrian army in the region affected, the Austrians finding themselves attacked from both the east and the north.

Austrian Slav regiments are declared to have been seized with panic during the first attacks by the Russians and to have surrendered without any real resistance.

ALLIES WILL ENFORCE THE TREATIES SAFEGUARDING THE GREEK CONSTITUTION

PARIS, June 9.—The official press bureau states that the Entente Allies have notified the Greek Government that as a result of its negotiations with Bulgaria and Germany they would take all measures necessary to enforce the treaties safeguarding the Greek unity and the Greek constitution. These treaties, moreover, are binding on the reigning dynasty, Greece is informed. In consequence, the Greek commander of the Port of Saloniki has been replaced by a French naval officer and entry to the port has been refused to Greek ships from Kavala. Moreover, an embargo has been placed on Greek ships in all French ports.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMERCIAL BLOCKADE OF GREEK PORTS CAUSES GREAT EXCITEMENT

LONDON, June 9.—A despatch to the Morning Post from Saloniki says: The announcement of the commercial blockade of all Greek ports caused great excitement among the population here. The anger, however, was directed not against the Allies, but against the present Athens government.

Some leading Venetists assure me that the Entente powers have at last adopted the only effective method to force the country to declare itself one way or the other. They anticipate that the blockade will not last over a week.

DEMobilIZATION AND REJOICING AT ATHENS.

ATHENS, June 8 (via Paris, June 9.—King Constantine today signed the order demobilizing twelve classes of the army, amounting to 150,000 men. There is general rejoicing here over the decision of the Government for demobilizing. It is not thought that the present government will be able to continue in power after the army is disbanded.

GERARD REPUDIATES INTERVIEW.

BERLIN, June 9 (by wireless to Sayville).—American Ambassador Gerard has repudiated an interview recently attributed to him on the subject of President Wilson's peace efforts, the Overseas News Agency says. The Ambassador is also quoted as asserting that Count Friedrich Von Westarp, Conservative leader in the Reichstag, desired Mr. Gerard to have a spurious interview published some time ago, but the Ambassador declined.

HOLLAND READY FOR WAR.

LONDON, June 9.—A Reuter despatch from Amsterdam says that a statement has been issued from the Dutch army general headquarters stating that the army is thoroughly prepared and equipped for any possible war.

JOFFRE VISITS LONDON.

LONDON, June 9.—General Joffre, the French commander in chief, is in London. He attended an important conference at the Foreign Offices today with Paul Cambon, the French Ambassador, Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary, and the members of the War Council.