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## British Begin New Offensive On a Nine Mile Front

Attack Was Begun at an Early Hour in the Morning---  
Satisfactory Progress is Being Made Along the Whole  
Front---Air Raiders Were Hard Hit.

LONDON, June 7.—The British have opened an attack on a nine mile front between Messines and Wytschaete, and have taken all their first objectives. The official statement says that the British progress is being continued and that a number of prisoners have been taken.

The text of the official statement follows: "We attacked at 3.10 this morning the German positions on the Messines-Wytschaete ridge on a front of over nine miles. We have everywhere captured our first objectives, and further progress is reported to be satisfactory along the whole front of attack. Numbers of prisoners are reported already to be reaching the collecting stations a short distance behind the front trenches."

The new British offensive is against a German salient three miles south of Ypres. For several days the British have maintained a tremendous bombardment for almost thirty miles on this portion of their front. The salient itself is about three miles in width, and the same distance in depth. An effective advance in this sector would seriously menace the German hold on Lille, which is about five miles from the nearest British position.

LONDON, June 7.—The morning newspapers today display with great satisfaction the news of the toll exacted from the German air raiders, which they remark was a terrible price to pay for a raid which effected virtually nothing of military importance. It is generally assumed that ten of the German machines were lost, which causes some of the commentators to express the belief that this is almost enough to cause the Germans to cease these air raids.

The damage inflicted on the raiders in connection with the reduction in sinking of vessels by submarines, and naval and airplane raids on enemy bases in Belgium, has inspired a spirit of elation in the editorials and news columns generally.

### ROUMANIAN ARMY HAS BEEN REORGANIZED AND IS READY TO ONCE MORE TAKE THE FIELD

PARIS, June 7.—Roumania has reorganized her army and is ready to resume the fight, according to a statement by Premier Bratiano in an interview with the Petrograd correspondent of the Parisien.

"The Russian democracy," said the Roumanian premier, "has launched a new peace formula, neither annexation nor indemnities, and she wishes to impose that formula on her allies. Roumania finds the formula acceptable as far as she is concerned. She did not enter the war to make conquest. Her single object was and is the liberation of Roumanian territory enslaved by Hungary which never had the right to dispose of themselves."

### AMERICAN STEAMER SILVERSELL HAD FIGHT WITH SUBMARINE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

PARIS, June 7.—The American steamer Silvershell has had a battle with a submarine in the Mediterranean. After an exchange of sixty shots the submarine disappeared. Details of the fight were made public today by the ministry of marine.

The Silvershell, commanded by Capt. Tom Charlton, sighted the submarine on May 30th. In the running fight which followed the American boat proved speedier than its enemy, and seemed also to be the master in gunfire.

The disappearance of the submarine was sudden. The Silvershell is a steamship of 5,605 tons, owned by the Shell-Oil Co., of California. She sailed from America early in May with a crew of 43 men.

### U. S. TRANSPORT CROSSES SAFELY.

PARIS, June 7.—A large American transport containing wheat for American troops which are to come later, has crossed the Atlantic under the protection of an American war ship, the Matin announces. The transport is now being unloaded at a French port, the newspaper says, and preparations are being made for the reception of American troops. The paper also says that a number of bases similar to those of the British army have been organized.

### K. OF P. MEMORIAL SERVICE JUNE 13 BETTING ON RACES TO BE STOPPED

At their Castle hall last night Fred-ericton Lodge, K. of P., elected officers for the ensuing term, and also decided to hold a Pythian memorial service in memory of their departed brethren on Wednesday evening next, June 13th. These ceremonies will be open to all men who are, or have been knights, and also any friends of Pythians or Pythianism.

The new officers are as follows: C. C., F. S. Steen. V. C., E. C. Atkinson. P., R. Coombs. M. of W., S. Mackey. K. of R. & S., C. S. Creed. M. of F., G. H. Clark. M. of E., R. B. Wallace. M. at A., C. Hashey. I. G., C. H. Weddall. O. G., J. Y. Watson.

The new Grand Lodge representatives are: J. W. McKay, W. B. Burden and C. R. Howie. The alternates are: W. L. Jennings, G. L. Hamilton and S. Mackey. The D. G. C. for the year is the retiring C. C., R. B. Woods.

Ottawa, June 7.—An order-in-council has been passed prohibiting betting on Canadian race tracks from Aug. 1st until the end of the war.

The order will be promulgated as soon as signed by the Governor General, probably today.

### Rumors Re the 236th.

St. John sends out the rumor that the 236th Highland Battalion now stationed in Fredericton will be sent to Valcartier camp within a few days. It is reported here that this is correct. The pipe band of the battalion which left for Boston yesterday morning was given a great reception in Bangor, Me. Mrs. Godenrath is to address a meeting of women there next week. Boston also is giving the 236th a hearty reception. Upwards of 97 recruits or prospective recruits have been secured at the Hub.

## MOVEMENT FOR COALITION AT OTTAWA HAS COLLAPSED

Ottawa, June 7.—The Conservative caucus today, after hearing a report from the Premier on the failure of coalition negotiations, gave what is said to be practically unanimous approval to a proposal of Sir Robert Borden that the conscription bill should be brought down next week and forced through the house.

So far as is known there is no intimation of a general election, but that may eventuate from developments after the bill is introduced.

Correspondence on the coalition negotiations showed that the Premier had made the proposal to the leader of the opposition, who had replied in effect that it should have been broached before conscription was announced.

The Premier suggested a cabinet of eight Liberals and eight Conservatives with himself as the odd member, giving the present government a majority of one. The Premier also suggested that the conscription bill should be introduced with the pledge that it would not go into effect until the coalition had gone to the country and asked for a mandate on the measure.

Ottawa, June 6.—Coalition is definitely off. Announcement as to why it is off will be made in the commons tomorrow by Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Negotiations were broken off this afternoon after a final brief call of Sir Robert Borden at Sir Wilfrid's office.

Sir Robert called just a few minutes after he had made the announcement in the House that Hon. Robert Rogers was to have a new trial by judges picked by the government, and was to be meanwhile still retained as a member of the cabinet and a trusted adviser to the crown.

It was also just following Hon. Mr. Seigney's peculiar explanation of the alleged impropriety of sending to his own residence in Quebec the property of the House of Commons and keeping it there for months until finally restored after intercession had been made by the sergeant-at-arms with the justice department for peremptory action for recovery.

These two incidents in themselves are one of the many reasons why Sir Wilfrid Laurier, after two weeks of most careful consideration of the whole situation, has decided that the

### W. M. S. ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

The N. B. and P. E. I. Methodist Women's Missionary Society elected their officers for this year as follows at the Methodist church this morning:

President, Mrs. E. F. Sanford of St. John. First vice president, Mrs. W. A. Thompson, Summerside. Second vice president, Mrs. G. F. Dawson. Third vice president, Mrs. J. B. Gough, Jacksonville. Corresponding secretary, Mrs. P. S. Enman, St. John. Recording secretary, Mrs. W. H. Barker, St. John. Treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Clark, New-castle. Circle and Band secretary, Mrs. J. Humphreys, Sussex. Superintendent of Christian Stewardship, Mrs. H. A. Goodwin. In the annual report of the organizers brought in yesterday it was shown that the total amount raised for 1917 was \$13,845.18, an increase of \$368.61 over last year.

### Awarded Military Cross.

Capt. T. E. Ryder, of St. John, who prior to the war was manager for the Canadian Fairbanks company in that city, has been awarded the Military Cross for his services in France. He was stationed for a time in this city with the 2nd. Divisional Ammunition Column under Lieut. Col. W. H. Harrison, but transferred to the Heavy Artillery. He is well known here.

### Inquest on Saturday.

The inquest into the death of the late Marvin Thomas of Fredericton Junction which was adjourned a week ago last Saturday to permit of an examination of the remains and an analysis of the contents of the stomach, will be resumed on Saturday morning at Fredericton Junction. Mr. P. J. Hughes of this city will represent the Crown.

### Band Concert Tonight.

The Fredericton Brass Band will play tonight at 8.30 at West End band stand.

## AUSTRIAN POSITIONS ARE BEING MENACED BY ITALIAN TROOPS

The Enemy is Making an Advance on  
The Whole Carso Front---A Supreme  
Effort Being Made to Offset the  
Recent Italian Gains.

UDINE, via Paris, June 7.—The Austrian advance on the whole Carso front shows that the enemy command, after repeated attacks in the Vodice zone, thought it necessary to make a supreme effort on his left wing, where every Italian gain constitutes a double threat on Laibach and Trieste. General Borzevich failed entirely before the determined resistance of the Italian troops, who even made a further advance between Castagnavizza and Voicizza, the tract dominating the Brestizzia road and threatening the Hermada.

The modification of the line in the central district south of Jamiano, is due to the fact that the Austrian artillery on Hermada could still sweep the front of the new Italian positions.

The whole situation is practically unchanged and the Austrian positions are still closely pressed and menaced by the gains made by the Italians in their recent advance.

### AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

LONDON, June 7.—The Austrian official statement issued on Wednesday is as follows:

"Eastern Theatre—On the Oituz road a weak enemy thrust was crushed by our barrage fire. Otherwise there was only some lively infantry activity in places.

"Italian Theatre—The enemy yesterday exhausted himself in fruitless attack between the Vipaco valley and these were intended to wipe out the defeat he suffered in the last few days on the Carso plateau. His assaults were shattered. Our troops, by storming a height near Jamiano, enlarged their success and in fierce battles maintained all ground won.

"According to preliminary reports, the prisoners in the last three days have been increased to 256 officers, including four staff officers and 10,000 men. Some Italian regiments fell into our hands unwounded with nearly all their effectives."

## BRITISH RECRUITING STATION IN NEW YORK OPENS WITH RUSH

NEW YORK, June 7.—The British recruiting station at 280 Broadway opened with a rush yesterday. More than 500 men applied and about 90 persons passed the physical test. Among them were several English actors now playing here, including George Hassell, of the "Oh, Boy," company; Colin Campbell, Duncan McRae, Leonard Mudie, Roland Bottomley, Malcolm Dunn and Roland Young.

Jack Binns, who as wireless operator was the hero of the steamship Republic disaster in 1909, went to the station to enlist in the aviation corps. Binns, who is now a newspaper reporter, is married and has two children. It is expected that he will be accepted.

George L. Vessina, aged 22, a waiter, has the honor of being the first subject of King George to enlist in the British army on United States soil. He passed the examination yesterday and was mustered into the service immediately.

### DAYLIGHT BILL TO BE PASSED

Ottawa, June 7.—Daylight saving in Canada will be given a trial. Notice of a bill to provide for the introduction of this scheme has been given by Sir George Foster. It is entitled "An act to provide for the time in Canada being in advance of the mean solar time during summer months." The bill provides that clocks throughout the Dominion shall be put ahead one hour on a date to be announced by proclamation.

### Forbidden to Use His Eyes.

Hon. Robert Murray, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, who took his seat in the House of Assembly yesterday after returning from a sanitarium in Maine, has been forbidden by his physicians to undertake any work that will bring unnecessary strain upon his eyes, particularly reading or writing.

### Engineering Officer Here.

Capt. W. L. Symons of Toronto, engineering officer of the Military Hospitals Commission is in the city today. His visit concerns the taking over of the Old Government House building as a home for convalescent soldiers.

### CAPTURED A LABOR MEETING

London, Ont., June 7.—Two hundred returned soldiers, including re-... soldiers, including returned men and those now training here, unexpectedly took possession of a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last evening and after guarding the doors and preventing the police being called, requested that a resolution be passed favoring conscription. This was done and the soldiers then sang the national anthem and departed.

### Unable to Come.

Owing to a misunderstanding concerning the dates on which Rev. W. H. Smith, Ph. D., would be in Montreal when the Presbyterian Assembly was in session, he will not be able to come to Fredericton to preach in St. Paul's Church, of which he was formerly pastor.

### Soldier Stole Auto.

A Ford car owned by Lieut. Gordon Scott was stolen yesterday afternoon by a soldier named Philip, an Austrian. After a merry chase by the military and civil police the thief was rounded up and arrested.