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British Troops Fall Back From Advanced Positions

Germans Delivered Strong Local Attack Under Cover of Artillery---Main Positions Still Securely Held---Heavy Cannonading on French Front.

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 position 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 positions, which we still hold on Infantry Hill. There was considerable artillery activity on both sides during the night north of the Scarpe. Hostile artillery activity continues in the neighborhood of Ypres."

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 Leinty and southwest of Senona, bringing back prisoners."

COPENHAGEN, via London, June 18.—A Zeppelin was observed about three o'clock on Saturday afternoon outside the harbor of Cimbrisham, Sweden. A violent cannonade was directed at the dirigible, which withdrew in a damaged condition.

AMSTERDAM, via London, June 18.—According to the Telegraaf, the German steamship Turin, which was reported to have struck a mine off the Dutch coast while bound for Amsterdam from Sweden, in reality was torpedoed by a submarine. She remained afloat.

PARIS, June 17.—Reports are published in newspapers today that the munition workers of the duchy of Luxemburg have gone on strike because the Germans have refused to increase their pay. The Luxemburg government has intervened, but in vain. German troops are now on guard and Luxemburg newspapers are not allowed to discuss the situation.

BARON RHONDDA, BRITISH FOOD CONTROLLER, SAYS GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN AMPLE POWERS

LONDON, June 18.—Invited to make a statement as to his intended policy as food controller, Baron Rhondda, president of the Local Government Board, yesterday told the press that it would be obviously 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 strong 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," said Lord Rhondda, "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 bread, which was the urgent need of the moment.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL STATEMENT TELLS OF THE FIGHTING ON ROUMANIAN AND CAUCASIAN FRONTS

PETROGRAD, via London, June 18.—The official statement issued by the War Office today says:

"In region of Lysiets, southwest of Stanislaw, our scouts forcing their way through the enemy's 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."

The first act of the Pan-Russian Congress of all councils of workmen's and soldiers' delegates, upon which depends the immediate destiny of Russia in regard to both international and domestic questions, was to ratify the expulsion by the provisional government of the Swiss Socialist, Robert Grimm, who is reported to have been the medium through which the Germans attempted to arrange a separate peace with Russia.

KILTIES HAD GREAT SUCCESS

Boston, June 16.—A total of 725 recruits to various branches of the Canadian expeditionary forces have been obtained in this city during the past two weeks, officers of the 236th Canadian Battalion announced last night. The Battalion has been brought virtually to full strength by the campaign here, which was assisted by the efforts of a kilted band of bagpipers.

The Canadians will leave this week for Fredericton, N.B., making stops at several points in Maine for further recruiting. The recruiting office which they have opened here will be continued.

Returned from Victoria. Mrs. G. C. VanWart and Mrs. J. A. Morrison, who had been representing the Provincial Chapter of the Independent Order, Daughters of the Empire, at the meeting of the National Council at Victoria, B.C., returned home today. They report a most successful meeting.

CONSCRIPTION BILL UP TODAY

Ottawa, June 18.—With the conscription bill scheduled for a second reading this afternoon, Liberal Senators and members had a final caucus on the subject today. It lasted an hour and then broke up.

There was no announcement as to what if anything was decided on. A committee which has been drafting a resolution upon which the opposition policy would be crystallized, reported, but apparently its recommendations were not formally adopted. The final decision, it is stated, was left to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Caught a Big One. Mr. Duncan L. Kelly a well known lumberman of Nashwaak Village, caught a three pound trout in the Nashwaak in front of his home one day last week. He caught it with bait and landed it without difficulty.

At the Gem Today. A Blue Ribbon feature, "The Chatel," E. H. Sothorn, the world's greatest actor, and Peggy Hyland, the English beauty, supported by an all star cast. It's good.

SUNDAY HAD A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN

Preached Farewell Sermon in New York Last Night—Over 98,000 Hit the Trail.

New York, June 18.—The Rev. Wm. Sunday preached his farewell sermon in New York last night and will start for his home in Winona Lake, Indiana, today, where the evangelist will take a few days rest before going to the pacific coast.

The free will offering up to ten last night totalled \$114,000. Checks received today will considerably increase this amount. Part of this money will go to war charities, the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A.

The total number of trail hitters on Sunday was 7,228. This is believed to be more than double the number that have hit the trail 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.

CONCESSION TO NEUTRAL SHIPS

Buenos Aires, June 18.—The Argentine Minister at Berlin has informed his government that Germany has adopted a measure providing that Neutral ships in British ports may leave these ports and traverse without danger the prohibited zone except the English Channel on July 1.

CHINESE POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN A MUDDLED CONDITION

Insurgents Calling a Convention for the Formation of Provisional Government--Want a Declaration of War on Germany.

PEKING, Friday, June 15.—General Chang Hsin is now dictator, President Lo Yuan Sung being a little more than a figurehead. 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 Hsin'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.

METHODISTS HAD BUSY DAY

Moncton, June 17.—Today, Sunday, has been field day for the Methodist conference. Public gatherings have marked the entire day from 7 a. m. until 9.30 p. m. The meetings have organized for that purpose. The meeting for prayer in the early morning was well attended.

The auditorium of Central church was packed at the 11 o'clock service of which Dr. T. Albert Moore of Toronto, had charge. His subject was Thieves on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. A meeting for the young people and the interests of work among them opened at 2.30 in the spacious school room. The address was given by Rev. E. E. Styles of Alberton, P. E. I. At 4 o'clock Mayor Masters presided at a meeting for men in the main body of the church. Dr. Moore again gave an address.

At the evening service, Rev. Dr. W. J. Graham of Toronto, was the preacher. He made a wide application of the Bible challenge to prepare the way of the Lord.

The Presbyterian church, the several Baptist churches, Wesley Memorial Methodist church and the Salvation Army all had their services supplied with leaders from the conference.

METHODIST STATION SHEET

The final draft of the station sheet of the N. B. and P. E. I. conference is as follows:

Fredericton District. Fredericton, G. M. Young. Marysville, Wm. Harrison. Gibson, A. D. McLeod. Nashwaak, F. H. M. Holmes. Stanley, J. B. Young. Boletown, H. T. Smith. Keswick, B. W. Turner. Sheffield, O. H. Peters. Grand Lake, L. J. Wason. Gagetown, Harry Harrison. Oromocto, J. W. Howe. Chipman, one to be sent.

BIG EXPLOSION NEAR VIENNA

Vienna, June 18 (via London).—It is officially announced that an explosion has occurred in the munition depots at Steinfell, 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.

PRESIDENT OF FRANCE SENDS A MESSAGE TO EX-PREMIER VENIZELOS

Protecting Powers Inspired by the Same Principles Which Actuated Them a Century Ago---Would Restore the Unity of the Greek People.

PARIS, June 18.—Phehier Ribot has sent the following message to Eliptherios 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 protective 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 protective powers by those who in difficult hours never doubted them and were able to prepare for the triumph of free institutions."

LABOR MEN ARE OPPOSED TO BORDEN'S CONSCRIPTION POLICY

TORONTO, June 18.—The Greater Toronto Labor Party is opposed to the Borden conscription policy, but favorable to a policy of a wider scope.

At a meeting in the Labor Temple Sunday afternoon, attended by over one hundred 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 for the labor party to take the reins.

AIR SUPREMACY PROGRAM IS CORDIALLY APPROVED

Washington, June 18.—Full approval has been given by the War Department to the air supremacy programme of the defence 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 base for all the Allies and enormous numbers of training machines would be turned out while American plants are developing a serviceable battle craft type.

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

RHEIMS HEROES GET HONORS

Paris, June 18.—President Poincaré, accompanied by Leon Bourgeois, minister of Labor, has visited Rheims, where he pinned the Croix of the Legion of Honor on the breasts of Cardinal Luçon, Deputy Mayors De Bruignac and Charbonneau, and Managing Editor Dramas, of L'Elairer De Luxet, 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. After wards the president visited the cathedral and the quarters of the city which have suffered most from the German guns.

CRISIS IN SPAIN IS NOW PAST

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

THE CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET

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 1/2 to 2 lower with July at 219, and September at 195, were followed by a slight rally and then a fresh set back.