

French Counter Attacks Threw Huns Into Disorder

French Military Writer Thinks Today's Fighting Will Decide the Winner of the Present Battle---Violent Fighting Kept Up During the Night

PARIS, June 12.—Today's fighting probably will decide on which side victory will rest in the present battle, says Henry Bideau, the military critic, in reviewing the situation. He says the fighting is taking the classical form in which each side has won on the wing. The scales are now even. By their counter attack the French stopped the enemy from carrying out his plan and at the same time assured themselves of a better line of defence. The Germans now are obliged, M. Bideau believes, to keep their effectives on the firing line and to dip into their stock of reserves for fresh divisions.

The German plan for the present battle, says Marcel Hutin, of the Echo de Paris, in reporting the statements of prisoners, included the attacking and storming of Compeigne by cavalry of the Guard under Gen. Von Schoeler on Sunday evening. The Germans are not only not at Compeigne, but they show a great deal less vigor in their efforts except on their left.

HEAVY FIGHTING KEPT UP DURING THE NIGHT BETWEEN MONTDIDIER AND THE RIVER OISE

The battle continued during last night on the front between Montdidier and the river Oise, without great change in the situation, the War Office announces. On the French left additional progress was made by French troops in the region east of Mery and Genlis wood.

Near the centre the French repulsed violent attacks by the enemy. Despite repeated efforts, the Germans on the French right were not able to debouch on the south bank of the Matz river. The French are holding in that part of the battle area south of Chevrincourt and Marest-sur-Matz.

South of the Aisne, on the front between Soissons and the Marne, the Germans attacked this morning and fighting is going on. Violent combats are being fought south of Ambleny.

FRENCH COUNTER ATTACK OCCURRED WHILE HUNS WERE PREPARING FOR A BIG ONSLAUGHT

The statement further says: "According to new information from the battle front, the French counter attack yesterday occurred while a powerful German attack was in preparation on the same front. The French troops came in contact with heavy forces of the enemy and threw them into disorder.

"Prisoners taken by the French are found to belong to four different German divisions. South of the Aisne the Germans attacked this morning between the river and the Villers Cotterets forest. Violent combats are going on in front of Domiers and Outray."

Huns Boast of Victory.

Amsterdam, June 12.—"A great part of the French army has been beaten," General Von Stein, the Prussian War Minister, declared in a speech to the Reichstag, according to Berlin advices. "The so-called Foch reserve army no longer exists," he asserted. "The success of the Crown Prince's carefully prepared plans against the French and British on the Chemin des Dames front on May 27, inflicted one of the gravest defeats the Entente has suffered during the entire war."

THE CUNARD LINER ANSONIA TORPEDOED

(Canadian Press direct wire.) New York, June 12.—The British steamer Ansonia, owned by the Cunard Steamship Co., has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine several hundred miles from the British coast, while on her way westward, according to cable messages received here today.

Ninety of her crew were picked up by another eastward bound steamer and landed on the English coast.

Search is being made for forty more of her crew who are reported missing. The Ansonia was a steel four-masted steamship of 8,153 gross tons, built at Newcastle, England, in 1907 for the cable and immigration trade between London and Canada.

HUN AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, June 12.—Twenty-one enemy airplanes have been destroyed on the Italian front by the British air forces operating there, according to today's war office statement reporting British operations in this area.

ITALIANS HIT BIG AUSTRIAN BATTLESHIPS

Rome, June 12.—An official statement issued by the Italian Admiralty yesterday says:

"At dawn on Monday, near the Dalmatian Islands, two small Italian torpedo boats, under command of Commander Rizzo Luigi de Milazzo, attacked an Austrian naval division consisting of two large battleships of the Viribus Unitis class, assisted by ten destroyers. Our units, having broken through the line of destroyers, hit the leading battleship with two torpedoes and the other with one, and returned to their base unscathed. One of the destroyers which pursued them was damaged seriously."

Battleships of the Viribus Unitis type are four in number and are the largest in the Austrian navy. They displace 20,000 tons and carry a thousand men each.

To Inspect Installation

Mr. J. L. Feeney, C. E., formerly city engineer of Fredericton, is in the city today. Mr. Feeney is now holding a position with the New York Continental Jewel Filtration Company of Jersey City, N. J. He is here on his way to Woodstock where he will inspect the installation of the new filtration plant. Mr. Feeney is a son of Mr. Thomas Feeney of this city and a graduate of the University of New Brunswick.

CASES HEARD IN APPEAL COURT

This morning before the Appeal Division, Supreme Court, argument was completed in the case of Fisher vs St. John Lumber Company and Roy vs St. John Lumber Company. M. L. Hayward for the plaintiff moved to enter verdict for the plaintiff or for a new trial, both cases being argued together. W. P. Jones, K. C., contra. Court considers. This case was tried before Judge Barry without a jury.

Argument was finished yesterday afternoon in the case of Hallett vs Bank of Montreal, J. J. F. Winslow and F. R. Taylor, K. C., for defendant supporting appeal from York county court. P. J. Hughes, contra. Court considers.

TO CAMPAIGN IN NEW ENGLAND FOR RECRUITS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Boston, June 12.—Colonel W. E. Thompson, acting commandant of the troops at Halifax, conferred here today with officers of the British and Canadian recruiting mission regarding a campaign to obtain several thousand volunteers for military camps in Nova Scotia. The campaign, which will be waged vigorously in New England, so Col. Thompson explained, will start ahead of an official announcement as to the draft age arranged between the United States, Great Britain and Canada which will make possible the draft of British subjects in this country between the ages of 17 and 40 years.

It also is the intention of the mission to fill the ranks of depot battalions in New Brunswick with Canadians from New England, as many of the New Brunswick troops have joined commands overseas.

Col. J. H. Cameron of Toronto arrived here today. He is at the Barker House.

Mr. J. C. Hartley, K. C., of Woodstock is in the city today.

MAY CARRY PILOT'S CASE TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL

Halifax Citizens Want an Appeal From the Decision of Judge Russell---Public Opinion Strong in the Subject

HALIFAX, June 12.—At the request of John J. Power, K. C., counsel for a number of citizens living in the devastated area of the city, Mayor Hawkins has written Hon. O. T. Daniels, Attorney General of Nova Scotia, asking his best efforts to bring before the judicial committee of the Privy Council the case of the manslaughter charge against Pilot Francis MacKey in the connection with the Mont Blanc-Imo collision and subsequent disaster here on December 6 last year.

Mr. Power's letter to the Mayor and His Worship's letter to the Attorney General were made public today. Reviewing the case and referring to the release order of Justice Russell of Pilot MacKey, who was committed for trial by Stipendiary McLeod in March last on a charge of manslaughter, Mr. Power says that "it may be that justice has miscarried."

The Mont Blanc's Captain.

Mr. Power suggests that the case of Aime Lemedoc, master of the Mont Blanc, against whom a similar charge was proved and who was also released by order of Mr. Justice Russell, could run concurrently before the Privy Council with that of Pilot MacKey. He also suggests that the costs of the proceedings should be defrayed by the provincial or civic governments. "If the Attorney General's department will not bestir itself in the matter," he writes the Mayor, "you should instruct the chief of police to himself apply to the Privy Council for leave to appeal the case."

Writing to the Attorney General, Mayor Hawkins suggests that in view of the fact that the judicial committee of the Privy Council will sit in London next month, the promptest action is necessary in the matter. His Worship informs the Attorney General that it is his belief that public opinion is very strong that those responsible for the disaster have not been punished. "I would urge upon you," he says, "to take every step possible in order to secure that the conduct of those responsible should be duly and adequately investigated in the only correct legal way, namely a trial by jury."

C. M'CONAGHEY, OF MARYSVILLE, PARALYZED

WENT OVERSEAS WITH 104TH BATT'N AS COOK

Soldier Taken to His Home City for Treatment—Personal and Social News of Interest.

Marysville, June 12.—Word has been received here from Mrs. Charles McConaghey who is in England with her husband to the effect that her husband Private Charles McConaghey who went overseas with the 104th Battalion as a cook had suffered a paralytic stroke and at the time of her writing was still unconscious.

Pte. Dow Brewer of the C. A. M. C. stationed at Fredericton left last evening for Toronto in company with a non-commissioned officer of that Unit. They are going to Toronto with a young man who has been an inmate of the Military Hospital at Fredericton will undergo a special form of treatment at Toronto.

Messrs. S. J. Hallett, E. B. Staples, G. A. Tapley, and Mayor Jesse Stafford have returned from a successful fishing trip on the Nashwaak.

A social evening and dance will be held at the Dawson Club Rooms Wednesday evening.

Mr. Clifford Sadler of Durham is visiting friends here.

Mrs. R. Pettigrove is recovering from her recent illness.

Mr. Fraser Saunders left this morning for Chipman on business in connection with his duties under the Prohibition Act.

ANNA HELD RECOVERING

New York, June 12.—Anna Held, the actress, who has been critically ill at a hotel here for many weeks has "won her battle and will undoubtedly live," according to a bulletin issued by her physician last night, who added that she still has a long hard fight ahead.

Miss Held is suffering from a rare disease which affected the marrow of her bones. Recently after undergoing an operation for transfusion of blood in an effort to save her life, her condition became worse and at one time hope for her recovery was abandoned.

THE GERMANS HAVE LOST MOST OF THE ADVANTAGE THEY GAINED ON MONDAY

Counter Attacks Instituted by the Allies Have Been Invariably Successful---Huns Have Incurred a Serious Wastage of Man Power

PARIS, June 12.—The brilliant counter-attack delivered by the French left has undone most of the advantages gained by the Germans in the first two days of the battle, threatening as it does the flank of the enemy columns in the centre marching on Compeigne, from which they are now only six miles away. The point thrust forward by the Germans in the centre is extremely precarious unless the enemy succeeds in flanking it by gaining possession of the heights on either side. This the Germans served Monday by the capture of Mery plateau on their right and Thiescourt wood on their left. Last night they lost the former and their efforts to improve the situation on their left have been baffled by the French, who hold firmly.

If anything, the German centre is in greater danger than before, inasmuch as it has extended further.

IMPORTANT TERRITORY WON BACK AND INROADS MADE INTO THE GERMAN POSITIONS

After three days of fighting, in which the Germans have incurred serious wastage of man power, the general situation remains unchanged. The enemy has failed to reach Compeigne, his immediate objective, and the battle line of the Montdidier plateau has not been changed.

The Allied troops today showed the Germans they could not have it all their own way, by executing a number of counter-attacks which were invariably successful. Some important territory was won back and inroads even were made into the German positions. It was, in fact, a thoroughly good day for the Allies, who in addition to regaining ground captured more than a thousand prisoners.

GERMAN TROOPS COMPLETELY DISCONCERTED BY THE BRILLIANT DASH OF FRENCH FORCES

Allied infantry, supported by tanks, achieved an advance averaging 1,500 metres. They retook Belleri, reached the edge of St. Maur, and obtained a foothold at Antheuil.

The French displayed remarkable courage and willingness to get at the foe, who appeared completely disconcerted by their dash. Horse teams could be seen gliding forward to save their guns, and some of the Germans lost their heads completely. The battle ground is literally covered with German dead. A counter attack today took the French close to their original lines as they stood Sunday, while a further blow enabled them to reach the vicinity of St. Maur.

French Guns Reap Heavy Toll.

With the French Army in France, June 12.—French cannon and machine guns have reaped a heavy toll since Sunday. An entire division of the famous Jaegers was cut to pieces at Reissons-sur-Matz, while a Guards division lost a great proportion of its effectives. Other divisions, it is learned, suffered equally during the preparation for the attack, and the advance to the narrow valleys. Every prisoner taken seems to be horror-stricken at the destruction of his comrades.

British Make a Successful Raid.

London, June 12.—An enemy raiding party last night attacked a British post in Aveluy wood, but was repulsed, the War Office announced today. The British carried out a successful raid in the Boyelles region, capturing a few prisoners.

TO ELIMINATE PROFITEERING

Ottawa, June 12.—The Canada Food Board has passed an order which is expected definitely to prevent speculations in the produce business and to limit profits to a reasonable margin over cost.

The order provides that on and after July first, no person dealing whole sale in meats, lard, cheese, butter, oleomargarine or eggs, in selling to a retail dealer, or others not wholesale dealers, shall charge on each transaction no more than ten per centum over his cost price delivered to warehouses. When salaried men are employed in buying, or when commission is paid, the charge for such, in computing, shall not exceed the recognized charge for buying or the customary commission paid.

In selling to another wholesale dealer, the charge on each transaction must not exceed the cost price by more than four per centum.

STEAMER ASHORE ON N. S. COAST

An Atlantic Port, June 12.—An America steamer bound from Sydney, N. S. for a port not known here, ran ashore last night at St. Andrews Island, near Cranberry Island, Canso, and will probably be a total loss, according to a message received by the Marine and Fisheries department here this morning from the harbor master at Canso. The message stated that the crew had abandoned the ship and landed safely. The steamer's engine room was full of water, the harbor master reported.

Chautauqua Committee

The guarantors in connection with the Chautauqua Association of Pennsylvania will meet at the Board of Trade Rooms at eight o'clock Thursday night to meet Dr. A. E. Turner who will assist in organizing the committees.

Mr. E. Brodeur of Montreal is a guest at the Barker House.