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The Weather.

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Decided Lull in Fighting On Western Battlefront

NEW BRUNSWICK IS AWAY UP

What a Live Agricultural Department is Doing for the Province.

Ottawa, June 13.—An increase of 1,324,950 acres in the amount of land sown to grain and hay in Canada this season compared with last year, is shown in the first preliminary crop bulletin for the season issued today by the dominion bureau of statistics. This is an increase of nine per cent the returns show very satisfactory increases in the areas sown to wheat and oats, and the condition of these crops on May 31 was generally better than at the same date last year. Nearly all the provinces have considerably increased their acreage under spring wheat, Nova Scotia by 11; New Brunswick by 44; Quebec by 24; Ontario by 45; Manitoba by 7; Saskatchewan by 11½; Alberta by 16; and British Columbia by six per cent. The acreage under oats is also increased by percentages ranging from one per cent in Saskatchewan to 13 per cent in British Columbia.

N. B. MEN IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, June 14.—Today's list of 117 casualties reports 15 killed in action, six dead of wounds, six died, three missing, one killed in error, 53 wounded, 10 gassed and 8 ill. The names of N. B. men follow:
Killed in action—W. Merrim, Moncton.
Wounded—Lieut. H. C. Simmons, St. John; Lieut. C. J. S. Mersereau, Chatham.

POLICE MADE RAID ON CLUB IN DUBLIN

Dublin, June 14.—The police raided a workmen's club in York street last night and arrested from thirty to forty of the hundred persons assembled. A large and threatening crowd in the street during the raid was dispersed by the police, who used their clubs. The charge against those arrested is understood to be that of drilling in the hall of the club. Those in the club who were not arrested denied there was any drilling in the hall, declaring that dancing chiefly supported the club. Alderman Kelly, the Sinn Fein representative at the anti-conscription conference, and other Sinn Feiners, are members of the club.

WINTER RACING TO BE CUT OUT

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
London, June 14.—The government has decided, according to the statement printed in the racing calendar today, that winter racing will not be permitted owing to the strain it will impose on the railroads in transporting horses, forage and spectators to the various tracks.

HON. MR. KNOWLES WAS ELECTED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Moose Jaw, Sask., June 14.—Hon. W. E. Knowles, recently appointed provincial secretary, was elected to the Legislature for Moose Jaw by a majority of 446 over W. G. Baker, Labor, in the by-election yesterday.

SURRENDERED TO AMERICANS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
London, June 14.—A party of fifty Germans among the troops who attacked the Americans northwest of Chateau-Thierry on Thursday surrendered under a flag of truce, reports the correspondent of the Daily Mail with the American forces in France. All the German attacks failed and they left behind them dead and wounded.

Only Local Operations Carried Out Last Night in the French Sector---A German Attack West of the Oise was Completely Broken up.

PARIS, June 14.—Fighting on the front of the German attack has died down, there being only local operations last night according to the statement issued by the War Office today. Between the forest of Villers-Cotterets and Chateau Thierry there was artillery fighting during the night. A German attack near Antheuil, west of the Oise, was completely broken up. The statement reads:
"During the night there were local actions along the front of the German attack. The French made many successful incursions into the enemy line north of Grivesnes in the region of Courcelles. They took thirty prisoners. Near the Lege Farm they also captured prisoners. A German attack in the region of Antheuil was completely broken up. Between the forest of Villers-Cotterets and Chateau Thierry heavy artillery fighting continued during the night. French patrols took prisoners in the region of Bussaires and west of Rheims, in the Champagne battle area."

BRITISH TROOPS COMPLETELY REPULSE AN ENEMY ATTACK AT THE SOUTHWEST OF MERRIS

LONDON, June 14.—A strong enemy party this morning attacked one of the positions established by the British southwest of Merris, on the Flanders front, the War Office announces. The attack was completely repulsed. The Germans left some prisoners in the hands of the British. The statement follows: "Early this morning an attack was made by a strong party of the enemy upon one of our new posts southwest of Merris. It was completely repulsed, a few prisoners remaining in our hands. During the night successful raids were carried out by us in the neighborhood of Neuville Vitasse and Givenchy les LaBassees. Patrol encounters took place to our advantage southwest of Gavrelle and northwest of Morville. As a result of these different encounters we captured several prisoners and two machine guns."

HUNS MADE BIG SACRIFICE DURING RECENT OFFENSIVE AND GAINED LITTLE OR NOTHING

PARIS, June 14.—The position of the latest German effort, after five days of fighting, is described inelegantly but aptly by a general who has just returned from the front, as follows: "The Germans got a skinful."
Military commentators here are unanimous in reporting one more German failure. The enemy has won a strip of territory, but has sacrificed for it precious divisions without at any point attaining his objective and without bringing him any nearer a decisive result. Such also is the opinion of Henry Bideau and Colonel De Thomasson, who would be the last person to hail a victory prematurely.

HUN LOSSES IN THE RECENT OFFENSIVE WERE APPALLING

The Enemy Lost Everything of Importance During the Early Stages of the Drive.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY, June 14.—Five days sufficed to stay the German offensive between Montdidier and Noyon, whose objective was Compeigne. Despite long preparation, the Germans were unable to overcome the French resistance, and brilliant counter-attacks by the Allied Troops took back everything of importance which fell into the hands of the enemy during the first rush with large masses of troops. The Germans certainly gained some little ground, but their design failed in its great lines.

Today there was an unsuccessful German attack west of the Oise, but the battlefront elsewhere in this region was calm. This may be a sign that the enemy has renounced further efforts in this direction, and is about to start elsewhere. Troops which participated in the battle, as well as prisoners, are unanimous in declaring that the German losses throughout the five days were appalling.

GERMAN PROGRESS VERY SLOW.

LONDON, June 14.—The German Crown Prince continues his desperate attempt to overcome the difficult forest regions barring his way into the Oise Valley, and although by heavy fighting he may get a little nearer Compeigne, his progress is very slow.

Thursday's reports are considered satisfactory on the whole by observers. The enemy has progressed about a mile on a very narrow front northeast of Villers-Cotterets, but the French troops are showing such determination and valor in counter attacks that although reports from Paris intimate it may be necessary to give further ground in face of superior numbers, there exists a spirit of quiet confidence and trust in General Foch's prudent handling of the situation. Both the French and German communiques indicate the terrible nature of the struggle that is proceeding, the Germans having to admit the loss of some guns.

SECOND BRITISH CABINET MAY BE ESTABLISHED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
London, June 14.—The question of establishing a second cabinet in Great Britain to deal with purely domestic affairs and relieve the war cabinet of the pressure of that work, will be part of the House of Commons, has been discussed in the press recently, and it has been rumored that the government had decided on two cabinets, one domestic and the other war.

According to the Times, however, the present war cabinet is not likely to agree to any such definite division of the functions of government, although it is understood that some changes in the present machinery are planned. The Times also says that questions of party and domestic interest will be decided in the future by a committee or committees of ministers, to which the powers of the war cabinet will be delegated to this extent.

FEWER SUBS ARE OPERATING

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Paris, June 14.—Enemy submarine operations have lessened greatly in the western and central English channel since the blockading of Zeebrugge and Ostend. The number of submarines operating has also appreciably diminished, owing to the severe losses in recent months.

S.S. KEEMUN TORPEDOED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
An Atlantic Port, June 14.—A British steamship arriving here today reported that she received wireless messages from the British steamer Keemun last night that she was being attacked by a German submarine. Two hours later word was received from the vessel that she was sinking. The Keemun, a vessel of 5,871 tons, said she was off the Virginia Capes. She was last reported as leaving Manila.

RETAIL PRICES ON LUMBER

Washington, June 14.—The war industries board today announced new maximum retail price for fir and southern yellow pine lumber for the government's emergency lumber wants for the period ending July 31, purchased at the Atlantic seaboard. The margins agreed to by the price fixing committee and the industrial committee ranged from \$2 a thousand feet to \$12.50.

THE UKRAINE THE ONLY HOPE

LONDON, June 13.—A prominent member of the Vienna Food Bureau has made the following statement to a representative of the newspaper Die Zeitun a copy of which has been received here: "Unfortunately Vienna must give up hope of better food conditions during the summer. The Ukraine is our only hope for June."

CHILDREN KILLED BY GAS

Geneva, June 14.—Two Swiss children died recently at Porrentruy as a result of the breathing poisonous gas of German origin that floated across the frontier, according to the Neue Zurscher Zeitung, the newspaper adds that the Swiss soldiers on the frontier and even the custom house officials are now forced to wear gas masks.

SHIPS TURNED BACK.

An Atlantic Port, June 14.—Ships ready to sail from here last night and today were turned back on reports that a submarine was operating 18 miles off the Virginia Capes.

GERMANS WARNING TO NEUTRAL SHIPPING A BIT OF GRIM HUMOR

Enemy Submarines Have Already Sunk Several Neutral Vessels Along the Atlantic Coast---Announcement From Berlin is for Home Consumption.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
WASHINGTON, June 14.—In view of what has been happening during the past few weeks, officials here tonight were inclined to regard as a bit of grim humor the report from Berlin that the German government is about to declare the eastern American coast a danger zone and to warn neutral shipping of its purpose.

The raiding submarines have already served warning of the danger in more forceful terms than Berlin could formulate in a diplomatic communication. Several of the eighteen vessels sunk by the raiders were neutrals, carrying no war supplies. Neutral governments are not likely to have overlooked that fact, warning or no warning.

So far as Allied and American ships are concerned, the "warning" can make no difference. The raiders, while treating passengers and crews of the ships they waylaid with a consideration that is worthy of notice only because it is a departure from the ruthlessness of German practice elsewhere, have conducted cruiser warfare under a strictly German interpretation of what that means.

U-BOAT RAID NOT LIKELY TO INTERFERE WITH THE FLOW OF U. S. TROOPS TO EUROPE

Unarmed merchant craft of no military value have been summarily dealt with. The only armed craft sunk was torpedoed without warning. It is assumed that any announcement from Berlin would be designed chiefly to intimidate neutral shipping. Even there, however, the urgent demand at home for supplies procurable only in the United States, and the glittering freight rates obtainable probably would overcome any anxiety neutral ship-owners might experience as a result of a "warning." Evidently the German admiralty hopes to stimulate home readers in Germany with the idea that steps have been taken to stop the flow of American troops to Europe. Actual enforcement of a U-boat blockade, however, is the only thing that would in fact serve to interfere with that flow.

AUSTRIAN WARSHIPS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE BOTTOM

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
VENICE, June 14.—Italian Zeppelins have visited the scene of the action Monday where two Austrian battleships were torpedoed by two Italian torpedo boats and have found wreckage a mile square ten miles north of where the attack took place, having been carried there by the currents. Many dead sailors also were seen in the water, and Austrian destroyers were discovered towing another destroyer along the coast. The Zeppelins also visited the harbor of Pola and ascertained that there is only one Austrian dreadnought there. As there is no other dreadnought afloat anywhere in the Adriatic, Commander Rizzo and his companions of the exploit feel satisfied that they sank both warships.

STRIKE IN AN AUTO FACTORY IN TORONTO

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Toronto, June 14.—Over six hundred men and one hundred girls, including 125 tool makers, 100 machinists and the others specialist and assemblers, are on strike at the Willys-Overland company. From statements of the officials a most serious situation has arisen, involving the question of female labor and the strike, it is stated, may spread to other firms in the city, who are engaged on work connected with the Willys-Overland company. In a statement given to the press, the strikers assert that the firm is endeavoring to lower the wages of girl workers from 45 cents an hour for specialists and 35 cents an hour for inspectors, to 20 and 27½ cents respectively. The men say that a board of conciliation had been agreed to after a number of union employees were dismissed.

Messrs J. E. Littlefield and John Littlefield of Bangor, Me., are at the Queen. Mr. A. E. Turner of Swarthmore, Pa., is registered at the Queen.

HAS BOUGHT AUSTRALIA'S WOOL CROP

London, June 13.—"It is announced that the imperial government has purchased the whole of Australian wool crop for the period of the war and for one year afterward," said a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Melbourne. "The first two clips involve the sum of £100,000,000. It is the largest wool transaction in the history of the world and insures the commercial and financial stability of Australia."

GRAIN ELEVATOR DESTROYED

Indianapolis, Ind., June 14.—A large frame elevator at Beech Grove, near here, owned by the Cleveland Grain Company, was destroyed by fire early this morning with a loss estimated at between \$100,000 and \$300,000.

Mr. E. P. Raymond of St. John is in the city.