

THE EASTERN FRONT; THERE'S FIERCE FIGHTING

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IS CREDITED WITH A DECIDEDLY BRILLIANT VICTORY.

Forced River in Face of Hot Fire and Dispersed Enemy - Russians Fighting Hard to Save Lemberg - Varying Fortune in the Fighting in Shavli.

(Special to the Whig.) Petrograd, June 17.—Batting along all hundred mile front, extending from near the Baltic into Northern Poland the Slav armies have bent back the German line at several points and have resisted determined attempts, by large forces of the enemy, to approach Kovno.

An official statement from the War Office to-day credited a Cossack Regiment with a brilliant victory, near Popelany. The Cossacks forced the Ventari River in the face of a hot fire and drove the enemy from the east bank. "Our cavalry continues to pursue the enemy, sabring the retreating forces," said the official statement. "We have taken hundreds of prisoners."

The fighting in Shavli region continues with varying fortune. The enemy has captured some villages and has been driven from others. Beyond Middle Niemen, large forces of Germans attacked heavily on Tuesday. Their offensive was beaten back and they suffered heavy losses.

In Galicia the Russians are fighting hard to save Lemberg.

War Tidings.

A Greek army has invaded Albania.

Emperor Francis Joseph has blotted from the Austrian army list the Twenty-Eighth Bohemian regiment because it surrendered to the Russians.

The German recruits of the 1916 draft, who were ordered last week to prepare for service, will be summoned to the colors to-day instead of in October as he had been proposed.

FRENCH PRESS FORWARD ON WIDE FRONT IN VOSGES

Paris, June 17 (official).—A new French offensive movement in the Vosges, pressing forward on a wide front, has resulted in the capture of all heights dominating the Fecht River valley from Metzeral to Steinbruck.

This afternoon's official communiqué reported further progress of movement.

SADDLERY MEN AWAIT ORDER.

Representatives At Ottawa To Share In Contract.

Ottawa, June 17.—Expectation of a big Russian order for army saddles has brought here representatives of all the Canadian saddlery manufacturers. The last Russian order amounted to \$1,500,000, and was divided among the manufacturers at a fixed price. While the new order has not yet been placed with the Canadian purchasing committee, it is believed to be about the same as the last, but at a slightly decreased price per saddle.

Oppressive Heat Attacks Italians.

Rome, June 17.—Oppressive heat is increasing the difficulties of the Italian armies attacking Gorizia. For several days the fighting has been under temperatures of nearly 100, with high humidity, adding to the sufferings of the heavily burdened soldiers and the cavalry horses.

Despite these added disadvantages, General Cadorna reported to-day that the spirit of his troops is of the best, and that the ring around Gorizia is steadily tightening. All Austrian attempts to dislodge the Austrians from the heights of the Isonzo six miles north of Gorizia have been repulsed. Severe fighting has occurred near Flavas, and also in the region south of Gradisca in the last twenty-four hours.

KINGSTON IS PLACE FOR MOBILIZATION

Kingston is undoubtedly the place where the 59th Battalion, of which Lieut. Col. H. J. Dawson is to be given command, should be mobilized. It has all the advantages of a military centre, is in touch with military headquarters' staff, and also it has the best military men in the country, whose knowledge and training fit them to be of great value to any battalion which purposes to go overseas.

ON TOP OF PEAK.

Artillery Can Now Dominate Austrian Positions.

(Special to the Whig.) Rome, June 17.—Italian troops now occupy a whole ridge of Montenero. Despatches received here this afternoon said that the artillery is being dragged into position on a peak five thousand feet high, dominating the Austrian positions at Tolmino.

To Talk It Over.

(Special to the Whig.) London, June 17.—The Minister of Munitions, Lloyd George, announced in the Commons this afternoon that the Government is sending "a prominent business man" to America to discuss the whole subject of United States and Canadian war contracts.

Turks Fail To Recapture Lost Trenches

(Special to the Whig.) London, June 17.—Turkish troops in the Dardanelles have been repulsed in their attempts to recapture trenches lost by them to the British on June 12th, and the official statement on the situation made public to-day.

On the night of June 15th, the enemy led a German officer, made a gallant attack on the trenches occupied by one of the British brigades. Many dead were counted, including the German leader and his Turkish subordinate.

Four Years For Housebreaking.

Bellefleur, June 17.—A young man named John Wilson, of this city, was sentenced to the penitentiary for four years after being proven guilty of a charge of breaking into a residence with intent to commit an indictable offence. He was also found guilty of committing perjury and subornation of perjury. Wilson had previously appeared in court charged with minor offences.

Attacked His Wife.

Chicago, June 17.—Calvin Demarest, former national amateur billiard champion, attacked his wife with a pocket knife yesterday, and she slashed his own throat. His mother, who tried to restrain him, was cut in the hands. Husband and wife were taken to a hospital.

SIX DAYS BOMBARDMENT

(Special to the Whig.) Athens, June 17.—"After six days of continuous bombardment the fire of the allied warships at the Dardanelles slackened somewhat on Wednesday," said a Mytelene despatch to-day.

Lack of Men to Lower Boats of Lusitania

(Special to the Whig.) London, June 17.—Charges that incompetency of the Lusitania's crew was partly responsible for the heavy loss of life when the liner was torpedoed, were made by survivors who testified to-day at the official inquiry.

A passenger named Baker swore that the steamer lacked competent men to aid in lowering the boats, and that several passengers undertook the task, but were stopped by officers.

One of Them Innocent.

Albany, June 17.—Rabbi Jacob Goldstein, a chaplain to Sing Sing and the Tombs, asserted before the bill of rights committee of the constitutional convention that one of the four New York gunmen executed for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, went to his death an innocent man, and that the district attorney's office had admitted as much in a communication to Governor Whitman. Mr. Goldstein would not name the gunman, but he is believed to have referred to "Dago Frank" Cirofici.

Cheese Markets.

Peterboro', June 16.—Two thousand two hundred and eight-one cheeses were boarded here to-day. All sold at 15 1-4 cents.

Madoc, June 16.—Three hundred and twenty boxes of cheese were boarded. All sold at 15 1-4 cents.

Woodstock, June 16.—Three thousand six hundred and sixty boxes offered at 14 5-8 cents. Some sales on street at 15 cents.

Three Were Sunk.

(Special to the Whig.) Athens, June 17.—A British submarine, on Wednesday, sunk three Turkish transports full of troops for the Dardanelles operations according to a despatch from Madros to-day.

Admit Its Loss.

(Special to the Whig.) Berlin, June 17, (via wireless).—The Admiralty to-day officially admitted that the German submarine U-14 has been destroyed by the British and its crew taken prisoners.

Some twenty employees of the Ross rifle factory at Quebec, including several women, have been sworn in as special constables.

Miss Jane Scott, Perth, receiving medical treatment at Brockville, passed away Tuesday, aged fifty-nine years.

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CANNED GOODS CHEAPER.

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Montreal, June 17.—The canned goods market in Montreal has collapsed. Up to now Dominion Canners' Co. has controlled prices, but owing to the glut of stock they have found difficulty in getting them. Recently a prominent wholesaler broke out and cut prices, and the retailers are expected to follow his example at once, so that bargains in canned fruits and vegetables will be a feature of the local grocery situation.

State Must Pay Debt.

Washington, June 17.—The state of West Virginia was adjudged by the Supreme Court of the United States to be debtor to the state of Virginia, from which he separated by the fortunes of the Civil War, to the amount of \$12,393,929.28.

This amount represents interest, as well as principal of the part of the public debt of the parent state of Virginia at the time the separation was brought about. The interest on the debt, which has been running since Jan. 1, 1861, amounts to \$8,178,307.

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GERMANY TAKES VIEW

That State Is Not Bound By Morality Rules.

Albany, N.Y., June 17.—In attacking Belgium and the Lusitanian, Germany returned to the theories of the ancients, that the state is not bound by the rules of morality as are individuals, former United States Senator Elihu Root said to-night, at a meeting commemorating the 70th anniversary of the signing of Magna Charta. "An opposite view," he continued, "was the hope of mankind."

"The first theory of the ancient republics, that the state is all in all, and that the individual derives his rights as a member, is the principle which was applied in Belgium," he said. "It is the principle which was applied to the Lusitanian. Its logical and inevitable result is, that the state is freed from those rules of morality by which individual men are bound."

"The other assertion in the Great Charter, by logical and inevitable result binds the state by the units of morality, which the individual recognizes and the supremacy of that rule of right governing all men and all states and powers, is the hope of mankind."

AUSTRIA SENDS OUT MEN AS BRIGANDS

Cut-Throats Released For Italians Rear to Wage Guerrilla Warfare.

(Special to the Whig.) Rome, June 17.—Austria has left in the territory yielded to the Italian emissaries provided with ammunition, and paid \$250 to foster brigandage. These agents are men of the landsturm, gendarmes and forest guards, and they have been caught hiding at the backs of the Italian troops and attempting to cut off isolated detachments and convoys. They have even fired at army medical men while succoring the wounded. These men wait in ambush till their victims appear. An official note says that it is the purpose of the Austrians to check Italian operations, to carry on spying and to lead the Italians to exercise cruel reprisals.

CUTS THROUGH WIRE.

Germany Use Burning Fluid On The Entanglements.

Petrograd, June 17.—The Germans on the Buzra have a new instrument of war, which consists of a metal cylinder, filled with a mixture of benzine and acetone. At a pressure of 75 pounds to the square inch a turn of a screw opens a vent, which liberates a jet of burning fluid from 12 to 15 feet in length.

Storming parties are provided with these apparatus, with which they cut a path through the wire entanglements. The heat of the flame is so intense that it cuts through the obstructions like a pair of shears.

Killed On Land And Sea.

(Special to the Whig.) London, June 17.—The admiralty announces that forty civilians, men, women and children, were killed and eighty injured in the last two Zeppelin raids.

Paris, June 17.—Twenty-two lives were lost when the German torpedoed the British steamer Glencair, yesterday.

Estimate Of Enemy's Losses.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, June 17.—A French official estimate of the German casualties to date is four million two hundred thousand and of Austrians two million five hundred thousand.

The Italians have just captured their fourth Austrian hydroplane.

CREW RETURNED TO BOAT WHEN EXPLOSION FAILED

(Special to the Whig.) London, June 17.—The British steamer Trafford was sunk by a German submarine thirty miles off the Small Islands yesterday. Her crew landed at Milford haven this morning.

Near the same spot, the London steamer Turwell, from Liverpool to New York, was stopped by a submarine and the crew were ordered to take to the boats.

The submariners then boarded the Turwell and set off several bombs. The submarine then disappeared, but the explosion failed to sink the Turwell. The crew re-embarked and proceeded into Milford haven this morning for repairs.

The Trafford was a 215-ton vessel. The Turwell is a 4,264-ton trans-Atlantic steamer.

THE UTILITIES ARE RUN ON BUSINESS PRINCIPLES

Commission Refuses To Allow Them To Be Bled.

LAI'D DOWN PRINCIPLE

THAT EXTENSIONS MUST PAY FOR THEMSELVES.

Refused To Give Hospitals Water at Less Than Cost—A Correct Valuation Of The Plan Secured By Engaging Experts.

In further discussing the work of the Utilities Commission, Chairman T. J. Rigney informed the Whig representative who interviewed him that the Commission had last year laid down the principle that the revenue derived from extensions of mains must be sufficient to meet the principal and interest on the bond issue, so that it would not be necessary to cut in on the general revenue of the plant to make up any deficiency.

"I say we laid down that principle," said Mr. Rigney, "and we have never departed from it.

"Probably the only differences we have had in the Commission," said the Chairman, "were over the purchase of a site for a garbage incinerator for the city and the suggestion that we should reduce the water rates of the hospitals. Mayor Sutherland urged the Commission to do both these things, but the rest of us opposed his proposals, and for the best of reasons. As your paper has already stated, the city solicitor reported to us that the purchase and operation of an incinerator was not justified by the Public Utilities Act, and he pronounced the whole proposition illegal. With regard to the proposal to reduce the water rate of the hospitals, our answer was that the Commission was already furnishing these institutions to-day at cost, and we could not do both these things, but the rest of us opposed his proposals, and for the best of reasons. 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