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(Special to the Whig.) London, June 8.—One result of the North Sea battle of last week is that for many months it will be impossible for the Germans to attempt naval manoeuvres which they might have undertaken before the battle was fought, said A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, in an address which he delivered yesterday.

In his speech made before the British Imperial Council of Commerce, Mr. Balfour said it was impossible at the present to go into details of the battle, as he had no connected view of the whole action from any authentic source. Admiral Jellicoe's despatch giving his views had not been received. British losses had been stated accurately, while no value could be placed on the German reports, which, Mr. Balfour declared, were tainted from the first. He said the battleship which the Germans still insisted was sunk (he evidently referred to the Warspite) had been safe in port since Thursday.

Advantage Not Pressed. Dealing with the broad issue of the result of the battle, Mr. Balfour declared the German losses were greater than the British and asked why if the Germans had defeated the British they had not pressed their advantage. German headquarters, he said, never was under the delusion that the German fleet was superior to the British, and the Germans, therefore, were not to blame if they ran away. It would be bad strategy for the German command to become involved in a decisive fight. Neither in the North Sea nor in the Baltic, he asserted, could the Germans attempt for many months any kind of organized fleet effort such as might have been within their power before the battle. As a result of the battle, Mr. Balfour declared, the German dream of an invasion of England had been dissipated and as regarded the blockade and control of the seas the position of the Germans was wrong.

GERMANY ADMITS LOSS OF TWELVE BATTLESHIPS

(Special to the Whig.) London, June 8.—The German official statement received in Amsterdam to-day admits the sinking of the large battle cruiser Lutzow and the small cruiser Rastock in the Skagerrak naval engagement. These boats sank on their way to harbor after the battle. Earlier mention of their losses was not made, say the despatches, because of "military considerations." The admission of the loss of the Lutzow and Bostock brings the total

FRANCE EXPRESSES DEEPEST SORROW.

French Remember Kitchener Fought With Them Forty-five Years Ago.

Paris, June 8.—The tragic end of Earl Kitchener caused a deep and sorrowful impression throughout France, where he was better known and more admired than any other British general. The fact that Kitchener fought for France in 1870, was ever present in the French mind, and went far to obliterate any lingering resentment over the Fashoda incident. Quite recently Kitchener met Brigadier-General Marchand, with whom he had clashed in 1898, in the village of Fashoda, Sudan, for the first time since that incident. It was during one of Kitchener's trips to the French front and the two men exchanged cordial handclaps in which all the old bitterness were sun.

Premier Briand, in telegraphing the condolences of the French Government to Premier Asquith, said: "All France will regret from the bottom of her heart the loss of the great chief who caused a magnificent army to spring from British soil. My country will never forget that the brave and efficient organizer, whose premature end it now mourns with the British people, fought in the ranks of the French army 46 years ago."

NOW FAVORS PROHIBITION

In Charge to Ottawa Synod Bishop Expresses Strong Views. Ottawa, June 8.—In his annual charge to the synod of the Anglican diocese of Ottawa, Bishop Roper came out strongly for prohibition. Declaring that he has never been an advocate of prohibition, the bishop stated that since the war began he had changed his viewpoint, and "now saw the folly and humiliation and the waste of the sin of excessive drinking."

COUNT OKUMA IS ALIVE

Jap Premier's Secretary Denies Assassination Report. Tokyo, June 8.—The report circulated in the United States yesterday that Count Shigenobu Okuma, the Japanese prime minister, had been assassinated, was without foundation. The secretary of Count Okuma said this morning that the Premier was hale and hearty and that he was then in conference with the Emperor.

Will Represent Canada

Ottawa, June 8.—Canada will be represented at the Economic Conference of the Allies by Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, who left New York ten days ago and is now due in England. The conference will be held about the middle of June in Paris.

SLAVS PRESS RIGHT AHEAD

They Have Already Captured 50,000 Austrians.

GIGANTIC OFFENSIVE

ON A FRONT 240 MILES IN LENGTH.

The Austrian Report Admits a Retreat and Says the Russians are Using Shells in Unbelievably Large Numbers.

(Special to the Whig.) London, June 8.—Confirmation of the Russian successes in the Czar's gigantic offensive on the Austrian front is contained in the report of the Austrian-Hungarian army headquarters, which admits a retreat of three miles near Okna, in north-east Bukovina. The artillery attacks of the Russians are described as "tremendous."

The attack is going on all along the line from the Pripiet marshes to the extreme southern end of the line, with the greatest concentration on the section between Brody and the Pruth.

The Russians, says the Austrian report, are using shells in unbelievably large numbers. The present fighting front is 240 miles in length.

To-day's official despatches make the total Austrians taken in the present advance 50,000, with 120 guns, 86 machine guns and tons of foodstuffs and equipment.

It is estimated that the total advance casualties in this advance cannot be less than 200,000.

REV. DR. A. B. BAIRD ELECTED MODERATOR

Of the Presbyterian General Assembly at Winnipeg Wednesday Night.

(Special to the Whig.) Winnipeg, June 8.—Rev. Dr. A. B. Baird, Winnipeg, was elected Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly last night. Dr. Baird is a western church pioneer, having travelled alone across prairies from Winnipeg to Edmonton to found the first Presbyterian church there.

PROUD OF THE CANADIANS

Cost the Germans Dear to Penetrate the Line. (Special to the Whig.) London, June 8.—The Canadian corps commander, Sir Julian Byng, sends the following message to the staff of the Canadian army under his command. Their behaviour has been magnificent. I have never known a fiercer or more deadly battle, nor have I seen any troops fight with more earnestness and cheerfulness. The great penetration of our line cost the Germans dear.

SIX DOCTORS KILLED

They Suffered Heavily in the German Attacks. London, June 8.—Col. Turner, who is officially posted to have died of wounds, is one of about six high medical officers who have been killed in the unrelenting fighting in the front reported, when advancing to a dressing station.

Gilliebecke road was wiped out by heavy shells, although the Red Cross flag was prominently flying from every Canadian army.

BALFOUR ON KITCHENER

To Allies He was Embodiment of Militant Forces of the Empire. London, June 8.—Speaking at a luncheon of the Imperial Council of Commerce yesterday, A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, eulogized Earl Kitchener, who he said, to Great Britain's allies was "the embodiment of the militant forces of the Empire."

NO WORD OF LONGBOAT.

Col. Jolly Has Not Sent News as to Wayward Warrior. Toronto, June 8.—A wire has been sent to Lieut.-Col. W. L. Jolly, instructing him to arrest Pte. Tom Longboat of the 180th Battalion, but headquarters have not received any notification of his doing so up till this afternoon. The Indian left camp with the 97th Battalion Sunday night.

FRENCH LOSE FORT AFTER WEEK'S FIGHT.

But They Hold Strong Positions on Outskirts of the Ruins.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, June 8.—The French War Office in its official statement at noon admitted the occupation of Fort Vaux on the east bank of the Meuse by the Germans. The statement said: "After a seven days of the fiercest fighting, the garrison at Fort Vaux was absolutely exhausted and could not prevent the occupation of the ruined fort by the Germans. The French held two positions on the outskirts of the fort and the trenches on the swells to the right and left. All German attacks against these positions have been repulsed."

THE CHARGE IS PROVEN

Declares F. B. Carvell Before Commission.

HUGHES AN ACCESSORY

AFTER THE FACT BECAUSE HE APPROVED

The Taking of Commissions by Allison in Business Other Than Canadian—Carvell Denounces Allison and Carnegie Commission.

Ottawa, June 8.—After four weeks of hearing evidence in the most sensational investigation of war profiteering which has yet been held in the history of Canada, counsel before the Meredith-Duff Commission began to-day the summing up of the facts brought out and the inferences to be drawn.

I. F. Hellmuth, K.C., Government counsel, this morning claimed that no actual proof had been shown of dishonesty in high places, and that, at most, only an error of judgment could be charged in regard to the placing of the fuse contracts for \$23,000,000 with the two American companies. He maintained that the Kyte charges, in so far as they had bearing on collusion between the Minister of Militia and Honorary Col. J. Wesley Allison to collect a rake-off of \$1,000,000 on the contract placed with the American Ammunition Company, in which Yoakum, Allison and their friends were interested, were not substantiated.

On "errors of judgment," he claimed, the Commission was not called to make a finding, but his premise was not concurred in by Mr. Justice Duff, who "hoped we have not reached the stage in Canada where misconduct in office is limited to personal dishonesty."

Russians Drive The Austrians Before Them

(Special to the Whig.) London, June 8.—Petograd advices late this afternoon say that in addition to the capture of Lutsk, the Russians have taken several other large towns on the Volhynia, Galician and Bukovina frontiers, and are still driving all before them, giving the fleeing Austrians not time to construct new defensive works. It is expected that within a few days the Russians will be again clamoring at the gates of Lemberg and Warsaw.

FREIGHT VESSELS TO BE RELEASED.

As the British Naval Situation is Regarded as Absolutely Secure.

(Special to the Whig.) Montreal, June 8.—A special cable published here to-day says that owing to the fact that the British naval situation is secure, a large number of freight vessels recently commandeered by the British naval authorities will shortly be released, and it is expected much trade now going to neutral countries will return to Canada. It is also thought that freight rates between Canadian and British ports will drop thirty per cent.

CHURCHILL SUGGESTED AS WAR OFFICE HEAD.

Lloyd George Was to Have Accompanied Kitchener to Russia.

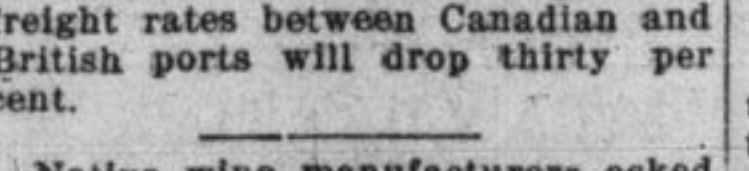
(Special to the Whig.) London, June 8.—There is some talk of Winston Churchill being chosen as the new head of the War Office, but the newspapers point out that his genius and energy are, according to public opinion, discounted lately by outstanding examples of bad judgment, and he has for the time being lost public confidence.

Austrians Evacuate Lutsk.

(Special to the Whig.) London, June 8.—A Central News despatch from Petrograd says the Austrians have evacuated Lutsk in face of the Russian advance which has now driven the Austrians back about twenty-five miles at some points. Vast quantities of stores and many men and guns were captured.

WHERE CRUISER HAMPSHIRE WAS SUNK.

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DID GERARD GIVE GERMAN INTERVIEW?

Washington Puts a Direct Question To Its Berlin Ambassador.

Washington, June 8.—Secretary Lansing, who has returned to his desk in the State Department, admitted yesterday, in response to direct interrogation, that an inquiry had been sent to James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador at Berlin, asking him whether he was responsible for two alleged interviews called from Berlin crediting the ambassador with having made certain statements with respect to peace. One of the interviews was published more than a week ago. The other appeared within the past forty-eight hours. Further than admitting that Mr. Gerard had been asked whether he had been interviewed, Mr. Lansing would not comment. In official circles it is not believed that Mr. Gerard gave any interviews.

ALLIES BOMB HOBOKEN.

(Special to the Whig.) London, June 8.—An allied air squadron has successfully bombed the wharves at Hoboken, near Antwerp. The Germans are said to have been building destroyers at Hoboken.

Awarded Divorce Decree.

London, June 8.—Mrs. Claude Grahame-White, formerly Miss Dorothy Taylor, of Watertown and New York, yesterday was granted a divorce from her husband, the aviator. The decree was granted on the grounds that Grahame-White, now a flight commander in the British aviation service, had not complied with the decree for restitution of conjugal rights granted to his wife last January.

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This is the news brought back from Ottawa to-day by Major Williams, chief recruiting officer for this district, who left before Sir Sam the views of the Toronto regimental commanders, recommending registration.

Sir Sam said the matter of registration was one of public policy for the Dominion Cabinet to decide if it was considered necessary. He stated that Canada is the only part of the Empire-raising soldiers purely by voluntary enlistment, and she will live in history as the result of it.

Of the half million soldiers asked for by Premier Borden, Toronto military district has raised 75,000 of its 85,000 quota; London military district, 29,000 of half their quota; Kingston and Ottawa district, 35,000 of its 44,000.

In Ontario altogether, 139,000 of the 185,000 called for have enlisted. Quebec has provided only 35,000 of its 139,000 call. The Maritime Provinces have raised half their quota. All the eastern provinces have raised half their quota. All western provinces have exceeded their share.

Judgment was reserved in the case of Capt. Coulthurst, charged with the shooting of Steffington, editor of the Irish Times, during the Dublin riots.

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