

GERMANS RETREAT WEST OF LYS RIVER

Owing to Critical Position They Occupy--Hurriedly Decamped in Face of British Pressure--Patrols Failed to Find Single Prussian in Section.

(Special to the Whig.)

With the British Armies in the Field, June 21.—Some time within the last twenty-four hours the Germans retreated out of all the territory west of the River Lys from near Warneto southward.

The enemy evidently realized the critical position it occupied in the Lys River bend and hurriedly decamped in the face of the British pressure.

Fighting keeps up locally all along this northern part of the front. Late Tuesday night the Canadians took the remainder of the trenches below Reservoir Hill, on the outskirts of Lens. Three violent German counter-attacks, which came immediately after this victory, were promptly crushed.

Heavy German Attack on French.

(Special to the Whig.)

Paris, June 21.—The official statement to-day says: "The enemy made an extremely violent attack east of Vaux Haillon with fresh troops from the Russian front. Our counter attacks, breaking up the advantages gained on the first onset, were fiercely resisted. The Germans finally penetrated our front trenches south of Monkey's Mountain and north of Moisy farm. We regained the former position this morning."

Vaux Haillon is about twelve miles southwest of Laon and has seen some of the fiercest fighting of the whole French front. The position, as held by the French, has been a constant menace to the German flank along the Chemin des Dames and because of this has been incessantly under the German attack.

MEN CAPTURED AT KUT DIED PRISONERS OF TURKS

Thousands of British and Indian Soldiers Succumb to Ill-Treatment or Lack of Attention—Would Not Allow Commission to Visit Camp.

London, June 21.—The correspondent of Reuter's Limited in Cairo says he learns from most reliable sources that a large number of British and Indian prisoners taken by the Turks in Mesopotamia have succumbed to ill-treatment or lack of proper medical attention.

"A resident of Taurus," says the correspondent, "testified that in the prison camp there more than half of the men captured at Kut-el-Amara are now dead. It is noteworthy that the Turks would not allow a Swiss commission to visit this camp, or other camps of the same type."

"Thirty-seven British prisoners were sent to a hospital under European management, but soon after their arrival the European doctors and attendants were driven away, and a fortnight later 22 of the prisoners died of sheer neglect. Fifty prisoners who were captured at Kadia, when they arrived at the hospital of Aleppo, could hardly stand owing to weakness from dysentery and starvation."

BASEBALL RECORD.

International League. Toronto 8-2; Providence 4-5. Newark 3-3; Montreal 1-5. Richmond 5; Buffalo 4. Baltimore 2; Rochester 1.

American League. New York 3-1; Boston 2-3. Washington 5; Philadelphia 3. St. Louis 3; Detroit 2. Chicago 3; Cleveland 2.

National League. Boston 7-0; New York 4-1. Philadelphia 7-3; Brooklyn 3-2. Cincinnati 5; Chicago 4. Pittsburg 4; St. Louis 4.

OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

French.

Paris, June 20.—The official report issued by the War Office Wednesday night reads: "After the bombardment reported in the communication of this morning between the Ailette River and Moul de Laffaux, the Germans attacked our positions on a front of more than one kilometre. The at-

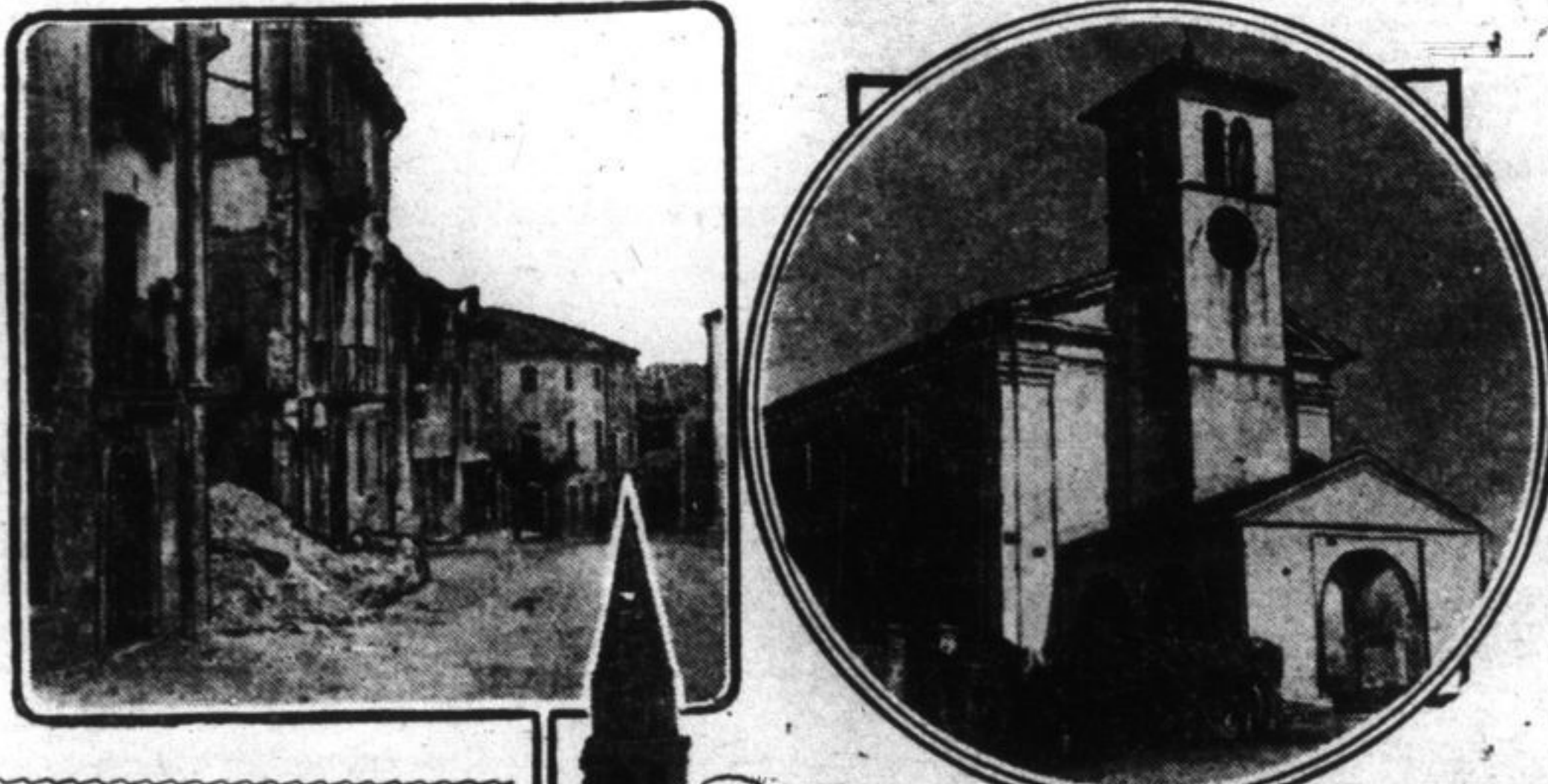
tack was very violent and was carried out with large effectives. It resulted in the enemy gaining a foothold in a section of trench of our first line east of Vauxhaillon. "South of Filain, another German attempt against the salient in our line east of La Royere Farm brought no result.

"The artillery fighting was lively between Hurbelise and Chevreux and on the Verdun front in the sector of Vacherauville and Chambrettes."

The afternoon report read: "The Germans last night strongly bombarded the French positions between the Ailette River and Laffaux Mill (Laon sector). Intermittent artillery actions occurred east of Chevreux Wood and north-west of Rheims.

"In the Champagne the night was marked by heavy artillery duels. Attacks on the French posts at Mont Tets and in the region of Mont Carnillet were repulsed. West of Mont Carnillet the bombardment was followed by a German attack which dispersed under our fire. The German infantry was driven back to its trenches. Patrol skirmishes occurred in Lorraine."

THE FIGHT FOR TRIESTE



WILSON JOHNSON STRUCK BY TRAIN

The Accident Occurred At a Dangerous Crossing on Catarqui Street.

HIS HORSE WAS KILLED

FEARED MR. JOHNSON HAS CONCUSSION OF BRAIN.

Dr. C. A. Morrison is attending the young man in the Hotel Dieu—Plea for Installation of Safety Devices.

While going to his home after hauling coal for Sowards & Company, Wilson Johnson, 12 Orchard street, was struck by a shunting G. T. R. freight engine at the crossing on Catarqui street about 12.30 p. m. on Thursday, and received injuries the extent of which are at present unknown.

The train, which was in charge of Conductor Thomas J. McDermott, and driven by Engineer Logan and Fireman Herbert Hogan, was backing up from the east side of Catarqui street and before Mr. Johnson could see or hear it coming, it had struck the coal wagon he was driving. The horse attached to the cart was instantly killed, and the driver thrown from his seat and knocked unconscious.

A report was immediately telephoned to the local station and a call was sent in for the police. Constable Ernest Clark responding. Dr. C. A. Morrison and S. S. Corbett's ambulance were summoned and the injured man was taken to the Hotel Dieu. Dr. Morrison attended the man but no definite word as to the extent of the injuries and their probable effect could be ascertained. When taken to the hospital the injured man was unconscious, and it is feared that he is suffering from concussion of the brain. There are no cuts on his body. After being in the institution for an hour he revived somewhat, and at present time was in a semi-conscious condition. There seems to be no doubt but that he will recover.

The crossing at Catarqui street is one of the many death traps that exist along the railway lines running into the city. The Whig some days ago, after young Thomas Wis- kin was fatally injured at the foot of Bay street, made a plea that the lives of citizens should be protected. To-day it reiterates that plea. Constable Clark made a careful measurement at the crossing and has found that for a distance of thirty feet on either side of the crossing there is no chance of seeing a train. At night there is not light for the guidance of travellers on the street and citizens declare that it is a crying shame that no action is taken to respect the lives of citizens.

Mr. Johnson has lost a fine horse which was worth at least \$135. A particularly sad circumstance in connection with the case is the fact that the father of the young man who was struck by the train suffered the loss of both his legs in a railway accident in the local yards some few years ago. He was at his home when his son met with the accident, and the news gave him a terrible shock. The young man's mother fainted away when she learned of the affair, and had to be given medical assistance.

LE CANADA QUESTIONS GEN. WILSON, G.O.C.

Wants to Know if He Has Troops Ready for Montreal Rioting.

(Special to the Whig.) Montreal, June 21.—Le Canada this morning continues its attack on General Wilson, G.O.C., of Montreal district. It says: "We ask General Wilson if it is true that an order has been given to all troops in Montreal to hold themselves in readiness for a call for the next attempt at rioting in Montreal. Will General Wilson tell us if there are machine guns held in our armory to complete the bacchanalia that is preparing?"

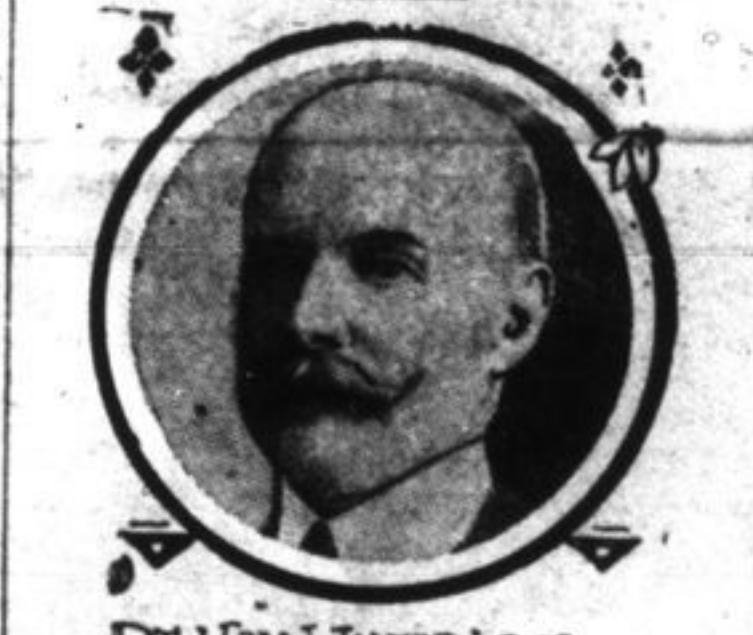
Alma College, St. Thomas, may be taken over by the Government as a permanent military hospital.



SIR ROBERT BORDEN

BORDEN TOOK STEP ON OWN INITIATIVE

Colonial Secretary Denies Conscription Was Suggested by Imperial Cabinet.



SIR ROBERT BORDEN

London, June 21.—The Canadian Press is authorized to say the attention of Hon. Walter Long, Colonial Secretary, having been called to a suggestion in newspaper despatches that Sir Robert Borden had proposed conscription in Canada because he was urged to do so in the Imperial War Cabinet. Mr. Long stated there is not the smallest foundation for the suggestion. Sir Robert Borden was not urged to introduce conscription either in the Imperial War Cabinet or in the conference. The matter was never even mentioned, and the last thing the members of the Home Government would do is to interfere in the matter, which was entirely one for Canada.

800 NEW YORK GIRLS MISSING SINCE JAN. 1.

New York, June 21.—Police Commissioner Woods announced to-day that he has found that between 700 and 800 girls have been reported missing in New York since Jan. 1st.

Was Electrocuted.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., June 21.—William Richardson, munitions worker, picked up a live wire and was killed with 2,250 volts.

Hon. Mr. Crothers says that the western coal strike negotiations had been a failure. Steps are being taken to immediately open the mines under Government supervision.

The U.S. Government will collect ten millions taxes from munition plants.

TWO PETITIONS ARE PRESENTED

To the Commons Against Putting Conscription into Force.

BOTH ARE FROM QUEBEC

AN OPPORTUNITY IS GIVEN FRENCH-CANADIANS

In the Eastern States to Enlist in Canada's Army—Quebec Nationalists to Move Six Months' Host to Hill.

Ottawa, June 21.—Hon. T. H. Crothers resumed the debate on the Laurier amendment to the conscription bill in the Commons yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Crothers expressed the opinion that the best elements of the labor classes were in favor of conscription but resolutions were passed against it by labor leaders notwithstanding that upwards of 100,000 union men had already gone.

Alphonse Verville of Maisonneuve, presented to the House a petition against conscription containing 7,000 names. L. A. Lapointe, St. James, Montreal, presented another containing 2,000 names of electors of his own constituency.

Charles Marcell of Bonaventure, asked if recruiting had been discontinued in the Dominion.

Sir Robert Borden said it had not. Hon. Chas. Murphy referred to a report that recruiting for Canadian forces among French-Canadian people of the New England States, was to be permitted. He asked if this was so.

Sir Edward Kemp stated that by an Act of Congress permission had been given both to Great Britain and Canada to enlist their citizens in the United States, under the machinery provided by that country. Those who desired to join the British forces would be brought to Canada as soon as they had been medically examined.

Mr. Marcell asked if there was anything in the story that large bodies of American troops were to be trained at Valcartier.

Sir Edward Kemp replied that the United States had not made any request along these lines. If such a request were made it would receive consideration. Quebec Nationalists move a six months' host to the conscription bill. There will be Saturday sittings of the Commons from now on.

MANY VESSELS SUNK.

Twenty-seven of These Were of Large Tonnage.

(Special to the Whig.) London, June 21.—It is officially announced that twenty-seven British vessels of more than 1,000 tons were sunk this week in comparison with twenty-two for last week, also five smaller ships.

Reached Port Safely.

New York, June 21.—The Cunard steamship Ausonia, 3,153 tons, was torpedoed and badly damaged off the Irish coast. She reached port safely.

Three Steamers Sunk.

Boston, June 21.—Three steamers, bound from Boston to Europe, were sunk by submarines. Their cargo value was three millions.

LENS NOW WITHIN GRASP OF CANADIANS

The Great Coal City Expected to Be Wrested From the Germans This Week--The Canadians Capture Nest of German Trenches.

(By Stewart Lyon)

Canadian Army Headquarters, June 21.—By the capture yesterday by the Canadian troops of a nest of German trenches lying at the foot of Reservoir Hill, the approach to Lens has been made less difficult.

The nest is believed to be the chief place of shelter between our front and Lens, and is north of the Souchez River.

Thirty-five prisoners were taken and dug-outs were blown up. The enemy made three separate attempts to retake the position, but all the counter-attacks were beaten off.

The new positions have been incorporated in the British lines. It is expected that by the end of the week Lens, the great French coal city, will be in the hands of the Canadians.

OCCUPY 80 MILES OF GERMAN TRENCHES

On the Western Front--The British Hold All Commanding Positions.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, June 21.—British troops on the western front now occupy what were formerly German trenches on more than eighty miles out of ninety-six on which they are located, Gen. F. B. Maurice director-general of operations pointed out to-day.

"All the ridges of commanding positions are in our hands," he continued, "resulting in an enormous difference in our daily list of casualties."

THE NEXT AT BAT

In the Game Playing Off in the Commons.

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, June 21.—The "Batting" programme for this afternoon's debate on the Military Service Bill is as follows: F. F. Pardee, Hon. Arthur Meighen, Hon. Charles Murphy, J. A. M. Armstrong, E. Nesbitt (Oxford), and J. H. Burnham (Peterboro). The last named will explain his recent departure from his party and his later reconciliation.

BUSY SINN FEINERS

They Attacked the Homes of the Returned Soldiers.

(Special to the Whig.) Dublin, June 21.—Sinn Feiners had another demonstration to-day in celebration of the release of their compatriots and five hundred of them attacked the residences of returned soldiers smashing the windows and storming the police. Fourteen persons were arrested.

Naval Battle The Outcome

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DAILY MEMORANDUM

Opening recreational building, Mowat Hospital, 7 p.m. The sun rises Friday at 4:18 a.m. and sets at 7:46 p.m. See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities.

Don't forget the Garden Party on Queen's University grounds tomorrow, Friday, from 3 to 7 p.m. in honor of the pieces of Prince Charlie Chapter, I.O.D.E.

MARRIED.

BRYANT-TURNBULL—In St. James' church, June 20th, 1917, Annie Isabelle Maud Turnbull, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Turnbull, 32 Johnson street, to Thomas Albert Bryant, Rochester, N.Y.

TAGGART-GREENWOOD—At the Sacred Heart church, on June 19th, 1917, Nora C. Greenwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Greenwood, of Wolfe Island, to William J. Taggart, also of Wolfe Island.

VEALE-HAMILTON—In Kingston, by the Rev. G. Nussey, on June 20th, 1917, Mrs. Marjorie Hamilton, to Gordon Veale, both of Kingston.

DIED

LUCY—In Battersea, June 20, 1917, Mary Eliza Tasker, widow of late Anthony Lucy, aged 77 years, 11 months. Funeral from son's residence, William Lucy, Battersea, on Friday afternoon at 1.30 to Sand Hill Cemetery.

Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Kathleen Greer, wife of J. S. Miller, North Bay, and beloved sister of Mrs. J. H. Grant, and Mrs. Thomas Hughson, of this city, who died June 21st, 1915.

"Gone, but not forgotten" —Husband and Sisters.

NOTICE OF MARRIAGE

We, George Olin, railroad trackman, of town of Alton, Oswego County, N.Y., and Mary Etta Munson, housekeeper, of town of Alton, Oswego County, N.Y., hereby publish our intention to be married in Kingston, Ontario, at the end of the three weeks notice of intention required by Canadian law.

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Familiar Quotations

We cannot strew life's path with flowers. We can at least strew it with smiles. —DICKENS.

VOTES FOR WOMEN

Mrs. L. A. Hamilton of Toronto, who was given permission to address the women voters of the congregation in the pro-cathedral of St. John's, Windsor, the sermon was omitted to give time for the address.

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