

BRITISH SHATTER FOE'S LINE IN WEST FLANDERS

STRIKE HARD SOUTH OF YPRES IN NEW OFFENSIVE; POSITIONS GAINED ALONG 9-MILE FRONT

Important Points on Wytshaete Ridge Carried by Storm

MANY GERMANS TAKEN PRISONERS

Offensive Near Lens Results in Further Success for English Troops

AUSTRIANS GAIN VICTORY

PARIS, June 7. The destruction of two more German aeroplanes on the western front by French aviators was announced by the War Office today.

AMSTERDAM, June 7. Lieutenant Schaefer, one of the foremost aviators in the German army, has been killed, said a dispatch from Berlin today. He had brought down thirty allied aeroplanes.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, JUNE 7.

The town of Messines and a score of other important points were in British hands this afternoon, first fruits of the tremendous blow struck by Field Marshal Haig in resumption of the British offensive. Prisoners taken already had reached a total running into four figures.

Such important points as Battle Wood, Leuwer wood, Neray farm, Peasant wood and the villages of Hospice and Zerebe have been carried and this afternoon were firmly held by the British.

LONDON, June 7. The British offensive in Belgium has been opened. Following a terrible bombardment of the German positions for more than a week British troops swept forward last night on a nine-mile front, making important captures, the War Office announced today.

The main assaults centered between Messines and Wytshaete Ridge.

"All of the first objectives were captured," the official statement said.

HAIG'S REPORT

Of the fighting in the section where the British were made Haig reported:

"We attacked on 3:10 this morning German positions on the Messines-Wytshaete Ridge on a front of nine miles and everywhere captured our first objectives."

The Messines-Wytshaete Ridge is located in the small triangle of Belgium between Ypres, which still remains in British hands, and the Franco-Belgian border.

Save for raiding parties and occasional artillery fire, this particular sector has been quiet for nearly a year. In the last two days the British have suddenly begun almost continuous raids in this section, and by day and night British artillery has roared an almost continuous bombardment.

In co-operation with the infantry assaults another British air raid was made against the Germans during the night. The British planes attacked the German military works at Neumanner. Direct hits were made upon the aerodrome there. Although shells fell, all the British machines returned safely.

French and Belgian artillery had joined the British in bombarding the German positions in Belgium. All the way from the North Sea to the Franco-Belgian border the big guns have been pounding away at the German lines for more than a week. The centers of this violent campaign are the sectors of Dixmude, Ypres and Wytshaete.

Night after night tons of steel are rained upon the German trenches, blasting them to rubble.

That the Germans expected a powerful attack in that district was shown by the fact that they have massed large forces of reserves behind their lines.

MENACE TO GERMANS

An offensive along the West Flanders front simultaneously with British and French attacks on the Arras and Aisne fronts will add a new menace to the German position in the western war theatre and endanger the great German base of Lille.

Dispatches from the front today indicated complete success in the secondary but initial stages of the offensive around Greenhild Hill. The British objectives were gained by the British attacks and the enemy were swept from the western slopes of the height. The advance was over a front of about a mile.

Just today the British offensive, starting coincident with the German "strategic re-



HAIG ATTACKS IN BELGIUM The above map shows the front where the British are reported to have started a new offensive against the German lines in the triangle formed by the Belgian boundary line and the battle line, on a front of nine miles between Wytshaete and a point north of Armentieres (1). At the same time the British are reported to continue pressing the enemy south of Armentieres (2), and near Loos (3).

\$1,000,000 DAMAGE FROM HAILSTORM

Stones as Large as Duck Eggs Fall at Hagerstown, Md.

MANY HORSES KILLED

HAGERSTOWN, Md., June 7. Hagerstown is cleaning up about \$1,000,000 worth of wreckage today caused by a hailstorm that lasted but ten minutes, but spread damage throughout this section difficult to calculate. Window panes were broken by the thousands, vegetation was rained throughout a district for many miles around.

Hail fell in all sizes up to a large duck egg and several horses were killed.

So far no loss of human life is reported, but several persons caught out were badly injured. The damage consists principally of factory, store and household stock ruined when broken skylights let in a flood of water.

Trinity Lutheran Church, the Dagner Hotel, the Boutique Knitting Mills and many other places were big losers by the storm. Cathedral glass in Trinity Lutheran Church was ruined and not a whole glass remains in the west exposure of Dagner Hotel.

Perhaps the largest loss is the ruin of growing plants in various gardens. Wheat fields were cut down, but peaches and other fruits escaped serious damage.

BALTIMORE, June 7. The electrical and wind storm which visited Baltimore last night was responsible for the death of one person and the injuring of eleven others. Two street cars were overturned and two cars were struck by lightning. Six persons were hurt when a barn was overturned by the wind near Glenburke, Anne Arundel County.

Lightning set fire to a bank containing 2000 gallons of oil at Wagner's Point and a farm building near Reisterstown. Houses were flooded at Catonsville and hail damaged residences in many parts. Trees were shattered, houses unroofed or battered by falling trees and thousands of dollars damage done to crops. The lightning and transportation systems in the city and counties suffered.

DAMAGE IN DELAWARE DONE BY LIGHTNING

SEAFORD, Del., June 7. The worst electrical storm of the season passed over this section early this morning, doing considerable damage to property.

A barn on the farm of H. W. Ward was fired by lightning and burned, along with a large quantity of grain. Mr. and Mrs. Ward are doing well.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Club Won Lost P.C. Win Loss

Boston 29 13 .690 480 467

Chicago 23 19 .548 448 435

Cleveland 25 22 .529 439 426

St. Louis 17 26 .396 386 373

Washington 11 28 .280 300 287

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Club Won Lost P.C. Win Loss

Philadelphia 23 14 .622 425 412

St. Louis 25 19 .569 439 426

AMERICAN FOOD AND WAR FLEET IN FRENCH PORT

U. S. Vessels Safely Across With Succor for Allies in Europe

NEWS HAILED IN PARIS

PARIS, June 7. In announcing the arrival of American warships off the French coast the Ministry of Marine added:

The French Navy greets with joy on their arrival these new brothers in arms who, under the flag of the great American republic, have come to participate until the final victory in the struggle against the common enemy.

PARIS, June 7. American warships have arrived and are now anchored off the coast of France, an official announcement said today.

Le Matin announced that the vessels conveyed from the United States a great transport fleet loaded with wheat.

Dispatches from a French port declare the American vessels were accorded a tremendously enthusiastic reception. Here in Paris all newspapers rejoiced in this latest and visible evidence of American aid to France.

Official permission is granted today to announce that great preparations are in progress for disposition of American troops whenever they shall arrive. Camps have been surveyed and assigned, aviation parks laid out and complete details mapped out for General Pershing's expedition at whatever time in the future it may reach French soil.

ELECTRICALLY DRIVEN COLLIER REACHES FRANCE

WASHINGTON, June 7. The electrically driven collier Jupiter, laden with 10,000 tons of wheat and other commodities, has arrived in French waters. It was officially announced today.

The Jupiter is speedy enough to leave any submarine astern. Despite her speed, however, when navy men heard of her arrival abroad today they were considerably relieved. Her safe journey indicates the efficiency of the electric drive.

No U. S. Warship Sunk

WASHINGTON, June 7.—It is officially denied here that any naval vessel had been destroyed. This denial was made in connection with a rumor coming here from Philadelphia and Brooklyn that the battleship Pennsylvania had been blown up. There have been such rumors of loss of American ships coming here each day since America got actively in the war. Secretary Daniels said recently that the Government would not withhold news of any destruction of ships after it was learned officially.

EXEMPTION CLAIMS MARK DRAFT ROLL

About Half of Registered Men Would Escape Bearing Arms

MAY BE USED ANYHOW

NEW YORK, June 7. An indictment was returned today by the Federal Grand Jury against Herman Levine, a twenty-two-year-old Brooklyn school teacher, for trying to evade the registration. Levine admitted he did not register and said that he would not. He was held in \$1000 bail.

ROCKFORD, Ill., June 7. John Cully, organizer for the Industrial Workers of the World, was arrested today on a charge of treason as a sequel to the riot last night when 139 Socialists and followers of Cully stormed the county jail demanding to be locked up for failure to register.

Assistant District Attorney Robert Neal, upon arrival from Chicago this afternoon, said he would offer the 139 prisoners a chance to register before filing charges against them.

TRENTON, N. J., June 7. Police here today made their third arrest for failure to register Tuesday. John K. Krofko, twenty-four years old, a Russian, is being held for the Federal authorities. The two arrested yesterday have been held in \$2000 bail each for the United States Grand Jury.

WASHINGTON, June 7. Returns filtering into Provost Marshal General Crowder's office today indicated that exemption claims would exceed fifty per cent of the war registration. "This, however, did not far surpass official expectations, inasmuch as a large share of the claims are based on the dependency of relatives.

Many men classed themselves as "probably exempt" on account of occupation or disability.

All exemption claims will be carefully examined, but the indications are that only a small percentage will be accepted.

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WILSON MAY GO ON TOUR TO FAN U. S. WAR FLAME

Urged to Undertake Speaking Trip to Sound Real Alarm

SEE PERIL IN LETHARGY

WASHINGTON, June 7. Friends of President Wilson are urging him to make a "speaking tour" and to carry into the West the story of America's aims in the war. No decision on this plan yet has been made, but it is believed that if Congress can adjourn by August 15, the President will take such a step. Officials say they believe that this is the way to awaken the people, rather than to wait until some big disaster arouses the sleeping war spirit of the nation.

In the meanwhile, a determined effort has been launched to bring home to the greater part of America the seriousness of the present war. Administration followers throughout the country have been directed to emphasize everywhere that the situation is most serious.

It is pointed out that unless the nation can be awakened to a realization of what is at stake in the present conflict, Germany is bound to get much material comfort out of the situation in this country. German leaders now are insisting, confidential reports to the State Department today said, that the war is unpopular. And hinging on unanimity of thought are many problems that go direct to the very existence of the United States. Some of them are:

Furnishing enough actual money not only to pay the expense of the United States in the war but to carry over for an indefinite period all of the expense of the other enemies of Germany.

Safeguarding the food supply of the nation so that there will be sufficient not alone to care for the wants of our people and preventing famine conditions here, but to see that our Allies are not starved.

Safeguard the coal supply so that the fuel famine in Italy and France can be relieved.

Curtailling production of steel for building purposes so that standardized steel vessels can be produced in sufficient numbers to replace sinkings of the German submarines.

These are the bigger problems. Hanging on them are probably a thousand other details. An official of the Administration, summing up the situation facing America today, said:

"We must overabundantly describe the Liberty Loan sufficiently to show Germany that American money in the very last dollar has been devoted to the cause of liberty. It has been admitted that the war will be won with silver bullets. But to win in this way we must make our people realize that this is war against the very last dollar of our liberty. There can be no compromise."

"We must get congressional action on a food bill which will be of a drastic character. Unless we do and safeguard all food stocks to the very last dollar, the people will oppose the food plan because they do not yet realize the great need. They must be aroused to this fact at once. And on all other matters we must bring actual conditions home to the people."

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The Federal Trade Commission today ordered the A. B. Dick Company, manufacturers of mimeograph machines, to refrain from demanding that purchasers of their machine use only materials manufactured by them. The case has been pending for more than a year.

HOUSE ADOPTS SPY BILL, MINUS CENSORSHIP

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The House late today adopted the espionage bill with the press censorship clause eliminated.

U. S. PREPARES TO INTERN ALIEN ENEMIES

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The Government, it was announced this afternoon, is preparing camps in which to intern alien enemies in the war. Officials are looking for camps in different sections of the country; their location has not yet been decided upon, although the belief is that one will be located in New Jersey or Pennsylvania for alien enemies residing in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and Delaware.

SCHOOLSHIP BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Amendment Calls for \$100,000 Appropriation Also From City

STATE TO GIVE \$50,000

HARRISBURG, June 7. The Senate today passed without opposition the Vore bill establishing the Pennsylvania nautical school at the port of Philadelphia. It now goes to the House, where it will be on first reading tomorrow.

The measure as passed by the Senate has been amended so as to provide a State appropriation of \$50,000, if the city of Philadelphia provides a similar amount yearly for two years, making in all \$150,000 available for the school.

The Senate as a body considered the re-establishment of the nautical school one of the most important "war measures" before the Legislature. Ships under American registry must be manned by American officers, and without such schools as the Vore bill would create, the thousands of ships that are being built to form the "lane" across the Atlantic could not leave port, as they could not obtain the proper officers.

The Vore bill should be passed finally by the House of Representatives next week, and go to the Governor by next Thursday.

With the backing of Mayor Smith, heads of the city's departments and business men, a bill providing for the establishment of a nautical school in conjunction with the State was introduced in Council two weeks ago. The bill provides an appropriation of \$50,000 yearly for two years.

The bill is in Finance Committee and is in shape to be called up any moment. If the measure is to pass, however, before the summer recess it will have to be formally reported out of committee June 21 and can be passed June 25. Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of Council's Finance Committee, expressed pleasure today at the passage of the State bill at Harrisburg, but said he did not think that the Finance Committee would act on the Philadelphia bill at once.

Motor and Paced Races Tonight Are Off

The wet condition of the track at the Point Breeze Motorrome caused a postponement of the \$9-mile motor-paced race and the motorcycle races scheduled for tonight. The next race night has been arranged for Saturday night.

LATEST SPORTS

BASEBALL SCORES—NATIONAL LEAGUE

BROOKLYN 0 2 2 0 0 0 0 0 0

PITTSBURGH 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3

NEW YORK 1 1 0 1 0 0

CINCINNATI 0 0 0 1 0 0

BOSTON 0 0 2

ST. LOUIS 0 2 5

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CHICAGO 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 0

WASHINGTON 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 8 1

OTHER MAJOR LEAGUE GAMES POSTPONED

HOUSE BALKS AT \$3,000,000 NAVAL TRAINING POST

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Further delay on the \$3,281,000,000 army and navy deficiency bill was forced in the House this afternoon when Republicans succeeded in defeating a conference report on the bill by 184 to 114 and sent the measure back to conference with instructions to eliminate a \$3,000,000 appropriation for a naval training station at the Jamestown exposition grounds at Hampton Roads, Va.

HITS AT MIMOGRAPH "MONGPOLY"

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WITHDRAWN OWN MEASURE

The decision of the Mayor to recall the city's original lease proposal, which was his own measure, but forwarded by him last fall, followed information that the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company was about to withdraw its own lease proposal and accept that originally offered by the Mayor himself.

The administration heads decided upon this unexpected action following an hour's conference of the Mayor, Director Twining, Finance Committee Chairman Gaffney and William D. Hart, legal transit adviser of the administration. The Mayor and Mr. Gaffney immediately drafted the resolution and sent for Mr. Seger, who agreed to introduce it.

The original plan was to hold a session of the two committees tomorrow afternoon. At the last minute, however, Chairman Gaffney sent out a call for a special meeting late this afternoon. In order to rush the matter through as speedily as possible, if the action the Mayor wants is taken by the committee, both ordinances can be reported to Councils yet today with an unfavorable recommendation.

AUDIT COMPLETED

Coming as a second climax to the transit developments today, the audit of the books of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company by Lybrand, Ross Brothers & Montgomery, expert accountants, was completed and handed to Councils and to the Mayor.

The audit covers 160 typewritten pages. It will be transmitted to Councils at once and then will be given to the Director for use in connection with drafting the city's new lease offer.

The city's lease offer of October last, which is to be withdrawn with the rejection of the company's proposal, is simply the 1914 Taylor agreement brought down to date. The Mayor is a communication to Councils at the time he presented it said in part:

"I resolved that if the 1914 draft had in that year been formulated as a basis of negotiation for the equipment and operation of the city-built lines by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company there was no apparent reason why it should not act in a similar capacity in 1916. I therefore instructed my Director of Transit to bring the 1914 draft down to date so as to include therein the new lines authorized by the 1914 ordinance, and omitting therefrom all reference to the Camden tube."

SHIPPING BOARD TO ORDER 200 SUBMARINES

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The Shipping Board is figuring on the construction of 200 submarines, to cost \$175,000,000. The Submarine Boat Company will build them. Another contract, which will exceed \$200,000,000, will soon be awarded to build large steel vessels. The General Electric Company and the United States Steel Corporation will supply most of the material for their construction.

STANDARD OIL ADVANCES WESTERN PRICES

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—The Standard Oil Company of California advanced all grades of crude oil ten cents a barrel in the San Joaquin Valley, Ventura County, Whittier, Fullerton and Santa Maria fields over prices announced on May 11.

VARE ANTI-DOPE BILL UP FOR FINAL ACTION TODAY

HARRISBURG, June 7.—The Vore anti-dope bill, which stringently regulates the traffic in narcotic drugs, is expected to come up for final action in the House today. It is on the third reading calendar in the lower branch, and after it has passed that body goes to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments that were made in the House to make it more drastic. It will then go to Governor Brumbaugh for his approval.

ASK U. OF P. FOR MORE AMBULANCE UNITS

A call for two ambulance units was received yesterday from the Inter-collegiate Intelligence Bureau at Washington by the University of Pennsylvania. Although Penn has contributed three units for ambulance service in France, Dr. John Frazer, the Pennsylvania adjutant who recruited the units already sent, immediately made arrangements to raise the two additional units, each of which will be composed of thirty-six men.

KILL TRANSIT PACT; DRAFT BY CITY NEXT

Committees Reject Present Plans at Mayor's Order

SMITH WITHDRAWS OFFER HE FAVORED

Gaffney Calls Finance and Railway Advisers to Start Ordinance

Councils' Finance and Street Railway Committees, in joint session this afternoon, at the request of Mayor Smith rejected the lease offer of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, and also at the request of Mayor Smith withdrew the city's original transit lease proposal of October, 1916, which the Mayor himself had sponsored, and reported favorably to Councils an ordinance instructing Transit Director Twining to draft immediately a new lease, which will be submitted to the transit companies for its acceptance or rejection.

The company's lease offer, which has been under discussion for nearly six months, was filed in committee upon the motion of Select Councilman Charles Seger, who acted at the request of Mayor Smith. This action followed information that the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company was about to announce its willingness to accept the lease sponsored by the Mayor. The joint committee had the ordinance embodying the lease under consideration. The city's lease offer was withdrawn by a new measure.

UP TO COUNCILS

The ordinance providing for a new lease to be drafted by the city and offered to the company will come up for action at the next regular meeting of Councils, two weeks from today and may be passed by both Houses and sent at once to the Mayor for his signature. The Mayor has already made known that he will sign the ordinance if it is passed.

The ordinance was first drafted as a resolution, then after three changes was finally presented in the following form:

"An ordinance requesting the Director of the Department of City Transit to prepare a form of lease of the city high-speed lines to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, and authorizing employment of and payment of necessary help, engineers, draftsmen and other personnel to prepare the same, so that the same may be submitted to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company for its acceptance or rejection, as required by the 1907 contract, a lease fair alike to the city and the transit company of the city's high-speed lines.

Sec. 2. That to enable the Director of the Department of City Transit to prepare said lease he be authorized to secure legal or otherwise, which he and the Mayor may deem advisable and necessary, the same to be paid out of any unexpended balance of loans.

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