

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
Wytshaeche 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 have reached a total running into four figures.

Such important points as Battle wood, Leifer wood, Neray farm, Peasants wood and the villages of Hospice and Zarebe 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 Wytshaeche Ridge.

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

HAIG'S REPORT

Of the fighting in the section where the big gains were made Haig reported:

"We attacked at 3:10 this morning Germans on the Messines-Wytshaeche Ridge, on a front of nine miles and everywhere captured our first objective."

The Messines-Wytshaeche Ridge is located in the small triangle of Belgium just below Ypres, which still remains in British hands. Save for raiding sallies and occasional artillery fire, this particular sector has been quiet for nearly a year. In the last two days the British have suddenly made 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 there during the night. The authority announced today that British aircraft planes attacked the German military posts at Neuhausen. Direct hits were made in the aerodrome there. Although heavily shelled, all the British machines returned safely.

French and Belgian artillery had joined the British in bombing 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. In the centers of this violent carnage the sectors of Dixmude, Ypres and Wytshaeche lie.

Night and day tons of steel are rained upon the German trenches, blasting them to nothing.

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.

AN OFFENSIVE TO GERMANS

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

Dispatches from the front today indicated samples of gas in the secondary but initial move marking the complete resumption of the British offensive. At Greenland Hill, above all objectives were gained by the British attacks and the enemy was driven from the western slopes of the heights. The advance was over a front of about a mile.

Until today the British offensive, starting incidentally with the German "strategic re-



\$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 ruined 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 injury, store and household stores ruined when broken skylights let in a flood of water.

Trinity Lutheran Church, the Daugmar Hotel, the Bouleau 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 Daugmar Hotel.

Perhaps the largest loss is the ruin of growing plants in various gardens. 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 car collisions were reported and two cars were struck by lightning. Six persons were hurt when a barn was overturned by the wind near Glenburn. Anne Arundel County.

Lightning set fire to a barn containing 200 gallons of oil at Winter's Point and a farm building near Reisterstown. Houses were flooded at Catonsville and hall damaged residences in many parts. Trees were shattered, houses unroofed or battered by falling trees and thousands of dollars damage done to crops. The lighting 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

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Probably

shower showers this afternoon and to-

Friday partly cloudy; continued

temperatures; gentle southerly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY

4:52 a.m.—Moon rises, 9:41 a.m.

5:20 p.m.—Moon sets, 10:49 a.m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES

CHESTNUT STREET

Water, 10:20 a.m.; High water, 3:15 p.m.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

60° 62° 64° 66° 68° 70° 72° 74° 76° 78° 80° 82°

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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 convoyed 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 10,500 tons of wheat and other supplies, arrived in French waters.

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

Safeguarding 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 submarine.

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 oversubscribe the Liberty Loan sufficiently to show Germany that American money to the very last dollar has been devoted to the cause of liberty. It has been admitted that the war can be won without silver bullets. But to win in this way must make our people realize that this is war—desperate war—between autocracy and 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 the war must be lost. But the people do not understand the food plan because they do not yet realize its importance. They must be aroused to this fact at once. And on all other matters we must bring actual conditions home to the people."

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 was much rumors of loss of American ships coming here ever since America got involved 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.

RICKFORD, 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. Krofkoosky, 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 percent 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 "probable exempt" on account of occupation or disability.

All exemption claims will be carefully examined, but the indications are that only those marking the complete resumption of the British offensive starting at Greenlan

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 swing around the globe 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 will adjourn by August 1 the President will take some such 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 made to bring home to the government 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 has got to get much material comfort out of the situation in this country. German leaders are making an insatiable, confidential report to the State Department today said, that the war is unpopular. And hanging 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.

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SCHOOLSHIP BILL PASSED BY SENATE

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

STATE TO GIVE \$50,000

By a Staff Correspondent

HARRISBURG, June 7.

The Senate today passed without opposition the 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 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 Vare will create, the thousands of ships that are being built to form the "line" across the Atlantic could not leave port, as they could not obtain the proper officers.

The Vare 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 Councils two weeks ago. The bill provides an appropriation of \$50,000 for two years.

The bill is in Finance Committee and is in shape to be called up at any time. 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 22. Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of Councils' 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.

SHIPPING BOARD TO ORDER 200 SUBMARINES