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## U.S. WARSHIPS ANCHORED OFF FRENCH COAST

American Naval Transport Docks at French Port With Supplies for American Troops for Whom Preparations Being Made—Bases Being Organized and Provisioning Arranged.

PARIS, June 6.—The ministry of marine announced tonight that American warships have anchored off the French coast. The announcement adds:

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

### Transport Arrives.

PARIS, June 7.—A large American transport containing wheat for American troops, which are to come later, has crossed the Atlantic under the protection of an American warship, the *Matin* announces. The transport is now being unloaded at a French port, the newspaper says.

Preparations are being made for the reception of American troops, the newspaper says further. A number of bases similar to those of the British army have been organized.

Camps have been laid out for infantry and artillery and aviation parks have been established for American aviators.

None of the American officers is bringing his family.

The *Matin* says the arrival of the transport means that the provisioning of the army is well under way before the arrival of the troops and that accordingly the American forces will make no call on the French stock of food.

### Is Collier *Jupiter*.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The naval collier *Jupiter* has arrived in France, Secretary Daniels announced today, laden with 10,500 tons of wheat and other supplies. The ship sailed from an American port without any intimation of her voyage having been given out in advance and is now at anchor in a French port.

The *Jupiter* is one of the navy's largest colliers. She was the first electrically propelled steamer ever built and her performance was so good that it led to the adoption of electric drive for all new battleships and battle cruisers, the American navy being the only one in the world to adopt this type of propulsion.

The *Jupiter* was built at Mare Island Navy yard, San Francisco, and she has high speed of an auxiliary naval vessel which would enable her to escape submarine attacks under any but unusual circumstances.

Secretary Daniels did not specify what supplies besides wheat the big ship carried.

## TORNADO SWEEPS THRU MICHIGAN

DETROIT, June 7.—Damage that will amount to about \$75,000 was wrought and four lives were claimed by the terrific wind storm which swept across central Michigan yesterday afternoon. The district which includes Battle Creek, Ann Arbor and Jackson, sustained most of the damage. A score of persons were injured.

Battle Creek reports about \$300,000 damage and seventeen persons hurt. At Springport, Jackson county, ten houses were destroyed and one woman died of heart failure.

Three persons were killed in Washtenaw county near Ann Arbor.

## CITY OF MONS FINED BECAUSE OF NEWSPAPER

AMSTERDAM, June 7.—The city of Mons has been fined 120,000 francs because a Belgian paper, published in Holland, announced that Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria was in Mons when that city was bombarded by the

## AMERICAN SHIP "SILVER SHELL" SUNK U-BOAT

William J. Clark of New York, War-rant Officer From Battleship *Arkansas* Commanded Gunners on Shell Tanker Which Gave Battle to Submarine in Mediterranean.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—William J. Clark of New York, a warrant officer from the battleship *Arkansas*, commanded the armed guard aboard the American steamer *Silver Shell* which sank a German submarine in the Mediterranean.

"It was a splendid piece of work," Secretary Daniels said today, "and now we are considering promotion for Clark, who well deserves it."

### Why Name Suppressed.

The *Silver Shell* is the steamer referred to in yesterday's state department announcement as having sunk a German submarine after an exchange of sixty shots in a running fight for an hour and a half.

The state department did not announce the name of the steamer because it has been this government's policy not to disclose the names of ships having engagements with submarines, because officials feel it marks the ship for further attack, as they believe was the case with the *Mongolia*. That vessel after having once been identified with a submarine encounter, has repeatedly been attacked as though the submarine flotilla had set out especially to destroy the vessel which had the tenacity to engage it with such persistence. It has been the policy also not to identify the gun crews on merchant ships so as not to add to their hardships in case of capture.

### French Made It Public.

PARIS, June 7.—The American steamer *Silver Shell* has had a battle with a submarine in the Mediterranean. After an exchange of sixty shots the submarine disappeared. Details of the fight were made public today by the minister of marine. The *Silver Shell*, commanded by Captain Tom Charlton, sighted the submarine on May 30. In the running fight which followed the American boat proved speedier than its enemy, and seemed also to be the master in gunfire. The disappearance of the submarine was sudden.

The *Silver Shell* is a steamship of 5605 tons owned by the Shell Oil company of California. She sailed from America early in May with a crew of 43 men of whom 15 are American citizens. Her commander comes from New York.

PARIS, June 7.—Rear Admiral Lacaze, minister of marine, said it was unknown whether the submarine was sunk by a shot from the *Silver Shell* or submerged voluntarily to avoid further punishment. News of this occurrence was received with little coming after the announcement that an American squadron had arrived at a French port. Admiral Lacaze referred to the value of this cooperation and laid emphasis on the multiplication of patrols with the assistance of hydro-aeroplanes as the quickest way of disposing of submarines.

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## VILLA INJURED IN BATTLE OF OJINAGAS

PRESIDIO, Tex., June 7.—Francisco Villa was accidentally injured when his horse threw him and fell on the chest in the battle near Ojinagas recently, it was reported here today

## BRITISH START GREAT OFFENSIVE SMASHING GERMAN LINES IN BELGIUM

RUMANIA WITH REORGANIZED ARMY READY TO FIGHT

PARIS, June 7.—Rumania has reorganized her army and is ready to resume the fighting, according to a statement made by Premier Bratianu in an interview with the Petrograd correspondent of the *Parisien*.

"The Russian democracy," said the Rumanian premier, "has launched a new peace formula, neither annexations nor indemnities, and she wishes to impose that formula on her allies. Rumania finds the formula acceptable as far as she is concerned. She did not enter the war to make conquests. Her single object was and is the liberation of Rumanian territories enslaved by Hungary, which never had the right to dispose of themselves."

"My country is keeping its promises under the most difficult circumstances. It has been invaded by an enemy superior in numbers; it has lost its capital and more than half of its territory; it has suffered famine and disease, but it has made a great and manly effort to re-organize its army and it has never given up the struggle. Today Rumania is ready to resume the fight, its army is perfectly trained and it has material such as it never had before."

"In the crisis we are passing thru, at a moment when the war seems to be approaching its final phase, Rumania, who kept her engagements toward the allies, has the right to expect that the allies will remain faithful to the terms of the treaty binding them to her."

## SECOND STEP IN ARMY DRAFT IS SELECTION OF MEN

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The war department was at work today on regulations for the second step in the army draft, selection by lot of a proportion of young men registered, while the provost marshal general's office was compiling data on the registration Tuesday.

It may take a week or ten days to complete the nation-wide tabulations. Then the war department will prescribe rules for drawing names of men who are to be examined before local or precinct exemption boards and for the composition of these boards and of boards of review to which those drafted may appeal. A call for a definite number of troops will be issued, each state will be notified to contribute a certain proportion and state authorities in turn will determine allotments for subdivisions.

Officials noted today that the returns received so far indicate that more than half of the men registered either claimed exemption or gave facts which might exempt them. The war department may issue a guiding statement for boards of exemptions, but actual decision on each case will be left to the local authorities. Emphasis is laid on the determination to prescribe no class exemptions, but to pass on cases individually.

## CUBA TO ADOPT SELECTIVE DRAFT

HAVANA, June 7.—President Menocal today sent a message to congress recommending the passage of a law making military service obligatory on all male citizens on the basis of the selective system, as instituted in the United States.

## DRIVE CROWNED WITH SUCCESS

Haig Launches Expected Blow on Nine Mile Front South of Ypres, Taking All First Objectives and Many Prisoners—Serious Menace to German Hold on Lille.

LONDON, June 7.—The British have opened an attack on a nine mile front between Messines and Wyt-schaete, south of Ypres, and have taken all their first objectives.

The official statement says that the British progress is being continued and that a number of prisoners have been taken.

"We attacked at 3:10 a. m. this morning German positions on the Messines-Wyt-schaete ridge, on a front of over nine miles. We have everywhere captured our first objectives, and further progress is reported to be satisfactory along the whole front of attack. Numbers of prisoners are reported already to be reaching the collection stations."

### Against Sharp Salient.

The new British offensive is against a sharp German salient three miles south of Ypres. For several days the British have maintained a tremendous bombardment for almost 30 miles on this portion of their front. The salient itself is about three miles in width and the same distance in depth. An effective advance in this sector would seriously menace the German hold on Lille, which is about five miles from the nearest British position.

Success marks the opening of the offensive, the British winning all their initial objectives and pushing on. Their further progress is reported to be satisfactory along the whole front.

### Reply to German Boast.

While a considerable stretch separates the field of this new offensive from that of Arras, the operation may be considered as in conjunction with the continuing battle on the Arras front. A sweeping salient in front of the city of Lille has been created by the Arras attack and in a broad sense this salient is now under threat from both the north and the south.

Believing the recent German boast that the British offensive from Arras had come to a halt, General Haig earlier this week proved that he had not lost his initiative thereby making a successful drive to the south of Lens, carrying a mile of the German front north of the Scarpe.

The reverberations from this blow had hardly died away before today's attack was launched on the other side of the Lille salient.

A sharp, well defined curve in the German line, about three miles deep and the same distance across, is the immediate object of this new attack. In common with other sections of the line in Belgium along a front of some thirty miles its defenses had been subjected to a tremendous pounding by the British artillery for days.

## CONFLICTING TALES OF FRENCH BATTLE

PARIS, June 7.—A strong force of Germans made an attack northwest of St. Quentin at midnight. Today's official announcement says the attackers were caught under a violent French fire and retired after sustaining heavy losses.

BERLIN, June 7.—German troops yesterday captured French positions for an extent of nearly one and one-quarter miles along the Chemin-Des-Dames front south of Pargny-Filain. In the Alsace region, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff.

Early today, the German statement says, the battle in Flanders fully flared up after the most extensive ex-

## AUSTRIANS CLAIM CAPTURE OF 10,000 ITALIANS AT CARSO

LONDON, June 7.—The capture of more than 10000 Italians in three days is claimed in the Austrian official statement issued on Wednesday. The statement says:

"Italian theatre: The enemy yesterday exhausted himself in fruitless attacks between the Vipacco valley and the sea intended to wipe out the defeat he suffered in the last few days on the Carso plateau. His assaults were shattered. Our troops, by storming a height near Jamiano, enlarged their success and in fierce battles maintained all ground won."

"According to preliminary reports the prisoners in the last three days have been increased to 250 officers, including four staff officers and 10,000 men. Some Italian regiments fell into our hands unwounded, with nearly the whole of their effectives. For instance the Eighty-sixth regiment with 2656 men; the Sixty-ninth regiment with 1932 men and the Seventy-first regiment with 1813 men. The brigades of Verona, Syracuse, Puglia and Ancona, in whose ranks these units fought, were annihilated. In a tunnel near San Giovanni a large field hospital was captured. The battlefield is covered with Italian corpses."

"On the moonlit night of the fifth, Italian airmen visited towns and places far behind our front. In the Austrian interior they came as far as Lienz, in the Tyrol as far as Bogen, in addition to raiding the coastal district and in Corinthia some inhabitants were killed but there was no material damage done."

## TEN AEROPLANES LOST BY GERMANS IN BRITISH RAID

LONDON, June 7.—It now would seem that only eight of the eighteen German aeroplanes which took part in Tuesday's raid regained their base. Official reports leave it still uncertain whether eight or ten German machines were actually lost. There is no reason to doubt, however, that the loss will reach eight and this proof of alertness and efficiency of the British airmen and anti-aircraft devices has brought satisfaction to the British public almost equalling the satisfaction felt when the first Zeppelin was destroyed.

LONDON, June 7.—The morning papers today display with gratification the news of the toll exacted of the German air raiders, which they remark is a terrible price to pay for a raid which gained no military advantage. It is assumed that ten German aeroplanes were lost, which causes some of the commentators to express the belief is almost enough to cause the Germans to cease repetitions of their air raids.

## GENERAL STRIKE IN LUXEMBURG

GENEVA, June 7.—The *Gazette de Lausanne* says that it learns a general strike had begun in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, owing to the high cost of living and the refusal of proprietors of factories, mostly Germans, to increase wages as a result of the insecurity of their factories from attacks by allied aircraft.

## SECESSIONISTS OF KRONSTADT END MUTINY

So-called Kronstadt Republic Surrenders Unconditionally to Provisional Government and Issues Statement Recognizing Authority of Ministry—Revolt Now Closed Incident.

PETROGRAD, June 7.—The Kronstadt incident is closed. The local committee of soldiers and workmen's delegates has recognized the authority of the provisional government.

The local committee of the Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates at Kronstadt decided on June 1 to assume control of the great fortress and to refuse recognition of the provisional government. The government officials were removed. The secessionists put forward a program of splitting Russia up into a great number of self-governing communities and sent missionaries out to try to persuade neighboring towns to join them. The socialist ministers in the provisional cabinet, M. Tsereteli and M. Skobelev, went to Kronstadt from Petrograd and endeavored to persuade the seceders to abandon their plan. The present surrender is apparently a result of their arguments.

The so-called Kronstadt republic surrendered unconditionally to the provisional government. The peace agreement says:

"In accord with the decision of a majority of the Petrograd council of deputies, which acknowledges that the present provisional government is invested with complete authority in the state, we on our side also recognize that authority."

## BRAZIL CALLS OUT COAST ARTILLERY

RIO JANEIRO, June 7.—The government has issued a decree for the formation of a first section of coast artillery. The decree also calls for the opening of a credit of \$70,000.00 to be expended on armament and war materials.

Under normal conditions \$70,000.000 reis would be the equivalent of \$26,100,000.

## SHELL OIL GUARD MYSTERIOUSLY SHOT

MARTINEZ, Cal., June 7.—W. E. Risner, searchlight operator at the plant of the Shell Oil company of California here, was shot and badly wounded early today by one of a group of men whom the authorities believe sought to blow up the works with a bomb. Risner was struck in the arm by a bullet from a high powered rifle equipped with a silencer. He raised an alarm, but before the arrival of the police his assailants escaped in the darkness. Two electric batteries and an alarm clock were found, together with a hat bearing the name of a Lewiston, Idaho, firm.

The marauders secured entrance to the grounds by cutting a portion of the barbed wire fence enclosing the property.

## RUSSIAN FOREIGN TREATIES MISSING

AMSTERDAM, via London, June 7.—The *Hamburger Fremdenblatt*, a copy of which has been received here publishes a Stockholm report which is alleged to have emanated from Russian sources that the original treaties between Russia and western powers which were concluded since 1913 have disappeared from the Petrograd foreign office.

## BRITISH EXPLODE MINE OF MILLION POUNDS POWDER

Panic Spread by High Explosives—British Drive on Greatest Scale Yet Attempted, Sweeps All Before It—Fifth More Guns Employed Than in Arras Smash.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, June 7.—The British rush this morning on the Messines-Wyt-schaete ridge of the Belgian front took them well over the ridge, where they are now entrenching.

The village of Messines was reported to have been taken early in the fighting. It was also reported that Lenfer and Zareeba had fallen and that Wyt-schaete had been surrounded by the British storming troops.

The British also captured important trench positions all the way from Observation ridge, southeast of Ypres to Ploegsteert wood, north of Armentieres.

More than one million pounds of high explosives was blown up under the German forward positions. This, the most gigantic mining operation in the history of war, spread panic among the Germans.

The British in their attack today used probably twenty percent more guns, especially those of heavy calibre, than they employed in the battle of Arras.

Tanks were in the thick of the fighting. More than 1000 Germans were taken prisoner early in the engagement.

The fighting continues under a mid-summer sun. The Germans have not yet rallied for the expected counter attack.

### On Messines Ridge.

The British attack began today, two months after the offensive campaign burst into flame at Arras, was carried out in that slender strip of Belgium, saved nearly three years ago from the German invasion. The blow was struck on a front of approximately ten miles against the high ground known as the Messines ridge, from which the Germans have overlooked the British lines ever since October, 1914. It was not long after the battle began that word came from all sectors of the fighting front that the various objectives had been taken on scheduled time.

All the prisoners say the Germans had been expecting the attack, but were taken completely by surprise by the hour at which it was launched and the fury with which it was carried forward.

## I. W. W. AT ROCKFORD CHOSE JAIL TO DRAFT

ROCKFORD, Ill., June 7.—Marching two abreast thru the business section at 9 o'clock, 136 Industrial Workers of the World and socialists who defied the army registration Tuesday, gave themselves up to Guy Guinders, sheriff of Winnebago county. The paraders bore a banner inscribed with the words "One for all, all for one, peace—no war."

Three of the members of the I. W. W. known to be of draft age, who boasted they had not submitted to registration, were arrested during the day and lodged in jail, pending advices from Federal officials.

## CAUGHT SUBMARINE SHELLING LIFE-BOATS

AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 7.—An American destroyer on patrol off the coast of Ireland recently came upon a German submarine shelling the lifeboats of a ship it had sunk, killing two persons, according to survivors of submarined vessels who arrived today aboard an American liner. The submarine disappeared before the destroyer could get a shot at her and the American war vessel then rescued twenty survivors of two ships that had been sunk some weeks ago.