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THE ITALIANS SINK TWO DREADNOUGHTS

NEWS SEEMS VERY RE-ASSURING ALTHOUGH PRESENT BATTLE VERY IMPORTANT

THE FRENCH IN BRILLIANT COUNTER-ATTACK GAIN SOME IMPORTANT POINTS

ENEMY HALTED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO GAIN COMPIEGNE SUDDENLY, AS WAS THEIR INTENTION—BELLOY NOW BACK IN THE HANDS OF FRENCH AND LINES IMPROVED AT CERTAIN POINTS

(Special to The Daily News)
Paris, June 13.—A brilliant counter-attack delivered by the French left has undone most of the advantages gained by the Germans in the first two days of battle, threatening as it does the flank of the enemy column marching on Compiègne, from which they are now only six miles distant.

The point thrust forward by the Germans in the centre is extremely precarious, unless the enemy succeeds in widening his salient by gaining possession of the heights on either side.

On Monday the Germans captured Mery Plateau on their right and Thiescourt Wood on their left. Last night they lost the former and their efforts to improve the situation on the left have been baffled by the French who held firmly. If anything, the German centre is in greater danger than before, inasmuch as it has advanced further. After three days of fighting in which the Germans suffered severe losses, the general situation remains unchanged. The enemy force on the right bank of the Oise is not sufficient to place in jeopardy the allied positions on the other bank between the Oise and Aisne. At the other end of the battle line, Montdidier plateau, the situation has not been changed.

French Spirit Unconquerable.
The ground over which the French advanced in their counter-attack on Tuesday was literally piled with German dead. In retaking Belloy and reaching the southern outskirts of St. Maur, the French surprised the Germans. The Germans retired in disorder. The ardent and valiant counter attack proved that the French have not lost their hitting power. The Germans in striking along the entire Oise front yesterday evening were blocked at every point by the desperate French resistance. The battle is still raging.

Premier Issues Statement.
Paris, June 13.—A reassuring impression has been given by the statement of Premier Clemenceau in the senate, regarding the situation on the western front. He said that decisive results had been obtained at certain points with minimum forces and minimum losses, while the enemy losses have been enormous. He laid stress on the resources of the French army which at certain times had crushed the enemy offensive. Details of the admiral American effort to despatch new forces were given.

U. S. Air Programme Good.
London, June 13.—There will be some surprise on the western front when the American air programme is in full working order.

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CHARGE OF ARCHBISHOP DU VERNET TO SYNOD

Archbishop Du Vernet's Charge Delivered Yesterday to the Synod of the Diocese of Caledonia.

The closing of one great epoch and the opening of another is always a most critical time. There is so much to be done in the way of readjustment. At the present moment we are in a transition state. One age is passing away, another age is just beginning to dawn. It is inevitable that in such a transition period all weighty things should be thrown into the melting pot not to be destroyed for the genuine metal still remains, but to be recast. Among these weighty things we must include all things connected with our religion and our church.

The first thing which should be thrown into the melting pot is our "unhappy divisions." The great war has forced us to see that while the Church of Christ is divided we can never win the world for Christ. Our branch of the Church of Christ, while making its contribution to the whole body of some vital elements, such as the historic episcopate, the Church Year, the beautiful liturgical service, should be willing to be itself enriched by receiving other vital elements from other branches of the Church of Christ, such as the Presbyterian Church, and the Methodist Church. The now separate parts of the Church Catholic must get together if we are to fulfill our mission in establishing upon earth the kingdom of righteousness and brotherly love. While at present there seems but little prospect of the Roman Catholic Church relaxing from its rigid exclusive policy, there is the brightest hope that, taught by the war, the leading Protestant Churches will very soon close up their ranks and stand shoulder to shoulder in the great fight for freedom and truth.

The next thing which should be thrown into the melting pot is our Church services. Why is it that such a small fraction of the population of any place attend church? Some would blame the clergyman; others the people. No doubt a portion of the blame should go to each, but if it were possible in some way or other to make our church services, including the prayers, the singing, and the preaching, better adapted to meet the needs of the age there would undoubtedly be a better attendance at church. We have a rich and noble heritage in our order of public worship and in the prayers of our prayer-book, many of them hallowed by centuries of use, but while keeping strictly to the order of our prayer book, which is based upon a psychological principle, we need more liberty in adapting the length and character of our service to the special occasion. As this is a missionary Diocese and nearly all our clergymen are engaged in pioneer work our experience is almost identical with that of our chaplains at the front. We have had to shorten services and use extempore prayer in many cases, gradually training the people to appreciate the fuller and richer service. The war has led us in all our churches to offer up special prayers in closest touch with our present needs, and we must never go back from this custom. While we shall encourage the singing of some parts of our church service we should say in a simple, natural manner other portions. There should be nothing artificial about our tone when we humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. The note of sim-

PRESIDENT AVERTS THREATENED STRIKE

Washington, June 12.—That President Wilson and Secretary of Labor Wilson have successfully acted to avert a strike of commercial telegraphers was indicated in high official circles today. Pending formal announcement of the solution reached, no elaboration of the statement was forthcoming.

THE CRADLE

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SERIOUS REVOLT AMONG AUSTRIANS

London, June 11.—A serious revolt has broken out among the Austrian troops concentrated on the east front, according to an undated despatch from Kieff, received through Moscow today.

placity and sincerity should ring through all our church services. Another thing which should be thrown into the melting pot is our church starchiness. We have sadly failed as a church to exhibit the genuine spirit of Christ, which is the spirit of fellowship and good comradeship. Class distinction should have no place in the church. As we kneel side by side in public worship we are all children of the one Heavenly Father. We all partake of the one loaf. "We being many are one body in Christ." Having learnt this lesson in the church we must carry it out into our daily business, and endeavor to spread abroad in every department of life the spirit of mutual service—each for all and all for each. This is what the world is waiting for—the witness of the universal church to the universal brotherhood. The strife between Capital and Labor can only be brought to an end by the spirit of mutual consideration based upon the recognition of the highest welfare of the whole body. The tyranny of the Czar will only give place to the tyranny of the Bolshevik unless the principle of true democracy, which includes the whole people, is made supreme.

With our church machinery overhauled and in good working order and with the motive power, the spirit of Christ, strong within our hearts we should endeavor as a church to bring our religion to bear upon the practical concerns of social and business life. Both in this province and also throughout the Dominion much has lately been accomplished in the line of helpful legislation. I refer to the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquor, the provision for juvenile courts and the care of neglected, delinquent and defective children, the enfranchising of women who will now have more influence in great moral questions, and the safeguarding of some of the rights of labor. Such helpful legislation needs to be followed up with voluntary work, for example, our church people should lead the way in providing some social substitute for the bar-room, and in securing Christian women for juvenile court judges, social service workers, etc.

Some of the laws passed by the Dominion Government as a war time measure should be retained after the war as they make for a better order of things. Excessive business profits should always be taxed within reasonable bounds for the benefit of the whole community. This is one of the sanest ways of guarding against an excessive inequality in the distribution of wealth. The Ilders Act is enabling the police to deal with a parasite class of men who are a disgrace to any community, and is helping these very men to become useful citizens. It should never be repealed, but enforced with discretion.

Some of the laws on economy and against waste should also be continued in the interests of the nation. It is well that together with the spreading abroad of a true spirit of service, which is the duty of the church, there should go hand in hand a reasonable amount of pressure brought about by a compulsory law.

Many social and industrial reforms have been hastened by the great war but if these are to be

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GREAT SPIRIT OF FRANCE IS SHOWN TODAY

Clemenceau Gives Good Impression—American Fliers very Important Now.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, June 13.—French troops made a further advance around Belloy and St. Maur and have captured four hundred additional prisoners, some cannon and machine guns, and also reoccupied Montecourt, and part of Brussiar to the north of the Marne.

While most of the German attacks were repulsed the enemy succeeded in getting a foothold on the southern bank of Matz river and occupied the village of Melliocq and the adjoining heights. Today's fighting will probably decide which side will have the victory in this present battle, says Henry Bidou, the military critic, reviewing the situation. He says that the fighting is taking a classical turn in which each side has won on one wing, making the scales now even.

By their counter-attack the French stopped the enemy from carrying out his plan and at the same time assured themselves of a better line of defense.

American Strength Increasing.
Boston, June 13.—Lieut-General Thomas Bridges, who is now in the United States, declared last evening among other things that the flow of American troops to Europe now was in excess of a quarter of a million a month.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Corporal Leo Ives who has been in Toronto in the air service, is expected in the city this evening on furlough.

Mr. W. H. Rudland sailed last evening for Anyox to join her husband who has accepted a position with the Granby Company.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Peck arrived in the city yesterday from the Queen Charlotte Islands. They expect to be in the city about a month.

If you are fond of children, then you are fond of children's voices. Hear them at the Baptist church at the three services on Sunday.

Because one works is not satisfactory to the authorities these days and Mr. Bulkeley was asked by the court this morning to seek a more favorable occupation.

Daniel James, with all his Biblical names, was unable to escape the vigilant eye of the police, and was in the court this morning charged with being under the influence of liquor. He pleaded that cider was the sole cause and was accordingly fined \$10.

According to a report of the Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company made public recently, the company last month produced approximately 3,850,000 pounds of copper. The smelter at Anyox handled 87,500 tons of ore and 44,800 tons were smelted at the plant at Grand Forks.

CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT.

New Telephone Directory.
The city is about to issue a new Telephone Directory. For any changes or alterations desired therein, notify the Supt. of Telephones in writing on or before June 15th.

ITALIANS SINK TWO AUSTRIAN DREADNOUGHTS

Bold Attack on Enemy Base by Italy's Sailors Results in Big Game.

(Special to The Daily News)

Rome, June 13.—Two small Italian torpedo boats, defying the entire Austrian battle fleet, sank two of the largest dreadnoughts in the Austrian navy on Monday morning and returned safely to their bases, it was officially announced today.

The daring exploit occurred off the Dalmation Islands on the Austrian side of the Adriatic. In the pursuit which followed an Austrian destroyer was badly damaged. Two torpedoes were fired at the first ship in the line and one torpedo at the ship immediately following. The Austrian dreadnoughts were sunk on June 10th, and was one of the most daring episodes in naval warfare of the present time.

The torpedo boats passed boldly through the line of enemy destroyers and attacked the two leading ships of the battle squadron, which steamed forth in fleet formation.

NOTES FROM THE ANGLICAN SYNOD

The Synod of the Diocese of Caledonia convened in St. Andrews Church yesterday at 10:30 a.m. The following members of the Synod were present. Rev. Canon Rix, Rev. W. F. Rushbrook, Rev. A. T. Price, Rev. W. Sweetnam, Rev. J. Gillett, Rev. W. Leversedge, Rev. W. S. A. Larter, Rev. W. Crarey, Rev. T. J. Marsh, Rev. W. A. Gray, and Messrs. L. M. de Gex, H. B. Cross, G. A. Taylor, W. E. Fisher, J. Jones, J. A. Godding, C. W. Homer, A. E. Bazzett-Jones, W. C. Orchard, W. E. Burritt, N. McNeil, E. McCroskie, J. Shirley, Alfred Adams, and Miss E. J. Soal.

The Bishop announced the appointment of W. F. Rushbrook as Rural Dean of the newly constituted deanery of Prince Rupert. The Synod expressed its regret at the resignation of Rev. J. Field, and also registered its sorrow on learning of the death of Rev. A. J. Hall.

The evening session was of a public character and was opened by the Bishop, who referred to the fact that the Church of England was the first to commence work upon this coast—so far back as 1868 at Port Simpson.

The discussion which was joined in by the clergy and laity, followed along the lines of Christian giving, social service, and Sunday School work.

The Synod was adjourned and opened again this morning with a quiet hour preparatory to the discussions and considerations of the closing sessions.

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