

### RUSSIANS CAPTURE 25,000 PRISONERS

Russian Armies Are Now Plentifully Provided With Ammunition and Ready for Swift Action.

#### ADVANCE CAREFULLY PLANNED

London, June 7.—From the Pripiet river southward to the Roumanian frontier the Russians, according to Petrograd, are continuing to develop successes against the Germans and Austrians. In the fights along this front of some 250 miles the Russians already have made prisoners of 480 officers and more than 25,000 men, and captured twenty-seven guns and more than fifty machine guns.

In this offensive, which is declared to be a carefully co-ordinated movement, the Russians are said to have a plentiful supply of ammunition and men, and with the roads now in good condition their maneuvers are expected to develop swiftly.

The number of Teutonic allies facing the Russians is reported to be about 600,000 men.

Since the repulse of two German infantry attacks between Fort Vaux and Dambloup Monday night, the fighting in the Verdun region has again developed into artillery duels, with the Fort Vaux-Dambloup sector the center of the greatest violence. No material gains on either side are reported.

The Austrians are still being held from further advances and with heavy losses by the Italians, according to Rome. In the Valdarsa and Pasubio sectors and on the front between the Posina and Astico rivers vicious Austrian attacks have been put down and the Italians have even gained some ground against the Austrians in the western slopes of Monte Cengio.

The Turks in Asia Minor, near Bairburt and Erzincan, have again attempted an offensive against the Russians, but Petrograd says their efforts failed. A successful raid has been made by the Russians against the Turks in the vicinity of Khanikin, near the Persian border northeast of Bagdad.

### British Journals Praise Kitchener As National Hero

London, June 7.—The morning newspapers today will give up their editorial space to black bordered eulogies of Kitchener. Chief interest perhaps attaches to the tributes of the papers of Lord Northcliffe, which after hailing Earl Kitchener in the early days of the war as the only man for the war office, turned on him a year ago with bitter denunciations as being an over-rated man who had had no experience except in little Asiatic border campaigns. The Times and the Daily Mail were publicly burned in the Stock exchange after their first attacks on Earl Kitchener, and by resolution were barred from many public reading rooms.

Today, however, both these newspapers lay aside the old animus and sound no discordant note in the universal chorus of editorial praise of the fallen leader.

### Culls From the Wire

Strike breakers were employed for the first time since the riotous on June 1 of longshoremen affiliated with the Pacific coast district of the International Longshoremen's association following the rejection by most of the stevedoring companies of demands for increased wages and a "closed shop" policy. More than a hundred non-union men were dispatched from San Francisco to Crockett.

A petition asking the appointment of Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway company, as administrator of the estate of his father, James J. Hill, the railroad builder and financier, who died a week ago, was filed in the county probate court at St. Paul.

#### Bishop Hamilton Elected.

Washington, June 7.—Bishop John W. Hamilton of the Methodist Episcopal church was elected chancellor today of the American university to succeed his brother, Franklin Hamilton, who resigned recently.

#### Attack Credits Bill.

Kansas City, Mo., June 7.—The rural credits bill now before congress was attacked at today's meeting here of the board of governors of the Investment Bankers Association of America and the association, it was declared, will fight it through the chamber of commerce of the United States.

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### Firing Squad Fires Twice to Quiet Irish Rebel Chieftain

Dublin, (Via London), June 7.—The prosecution today began the presentation of its case at the court-martial of Captain Bowen-Colthurst, charged with the shooting of F. Sheehy Skeffington, editor of the Irish Citizen; Thomas Dickson and Fred McIntyre, during the recent Irish rebellion. The defendant is accused of murder.

The prosecuting officer said the defendant took the three men from the guard room with the remark, "I am going to shoot them, as I think it the right thing to do."

The guard room orderly made a report regarding this to the adjutant general, who sent a message to Captain Bowen-Colthurst, but it is not known whether it reached him. At all events declared the prosecutor, the men were taken to the yard and shot by a firing party of seven men.

Officers testified that they had been on duty seventy-two hours at this

time, and that Captain Bowen-Colthurst was extremely excited and did not act in his usual manner. One officer said that after the shooting he noted a movement in Skeffington's body and told the captain of it, the latter then ordering that the squad shoot again. Another volley was fired into the body.

It was testified that Captain Bowen-Colthurst told Major Roxburgh, who was in command of the portobello barracks, that he had shot the men on his own responsibility and probably would hang for it.

General Bird, the witness for the defense, related how Captain Bowen-Colthurst had disobeyed orders during the Mons retreat and was suspended. Bowen-Colthurst's company was ordered to retire, but Bowen-Colthurst gave the command to advance. This, said the witness, shows his incapacity.

Medical testimony was then taken for the purpose of indicating the unbalanced state of Bowen-Colthurst's mind.

### Kitchener Lauded Highly by the King; Army Will Mourn

London, June 7.—By the king's command the following order has been issued to the army:

"The king has learned with profound regret of the disaster whereby the secretary of state for war has lost his life while proceeding on a special mission to the emperor of Russia."

"Field Marshal Lord Kitchener gave forty-eight years of distinguished service to the state, and it is largely due to his genius and unwearied energy that the country has been able to create and place in the field the armies which today are upholding the traditional glories of our empire. Lord Kitchener will be mourned by the army as a great soldier, who, under conditions of unexampled difficulty rendered supreme and devoted service both to the army and to the state."

"His majesty, the king, commands that the officers of the army shall wear mourning with their uniforms for the period of one week. Officers are to wear crepe on the left arm of uniform and of great-coats."

### HIGHEST PRICE EVER PAID FOR FAT CATTLE HERE

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Asks About Gerard Interview. Washington, June 6.—Secretary Lansing said late today that he had called Ambassador Gerard at Berlin asking whether he had given out interviews on the subject of peace which recently have been credited to him by newspapers in Germany and sent to this country in press dispatches.

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