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ANADIANS Lose Fresnoy to Germans---Big Fog on Battlefield During Night Conceals Movements---Greatest Artillery Engagement of War Proceeds on British Front---French Hold Gains South of Laon---Nearly 30,000 Prisoners Have Been Taken by the French Since the Spring Offensive Opened.

No Impression Made by Desperate Attempt to Retake Ground.

SUCCESSES IN THE AIR

French Airmen Bring Down Twenty-Five, Damage Fifty-One Machines.

Great Headquarters of the French Army in France, May 8 (afternoon) .ed the positions captured by the French to the south of Berry-au-Bac, was left of the strong attacking waves was forced to retire, leaving behind trol. many dead and 120 prisoners in the missing." hands of the French.

Further batches of prisoners fell into the French net at other points as total of unwounded Germans taken prisoner to between 29,000 and 30,000 since April 16. A German wireless message, dated May 2, declares: "The total number of Germans unaccounted for in the battles between April 3 and 20, including dead and wounded left on the field and prisoners, reached 7,500." The prisoners captured by the Franch between taken a result of various raids, bringing the 7,500." The prisoners captured by French between the 16th and 20th April, with the German divisions to ich they belonged, numbered: 2,383 the Ninth Bavarian Reserve, 2,819 the 21st Division, 1,929 of the Fifth,

In addition 51 German machines, ser-lously hit, fell within their own lines. the greater part of them being prob-

"Our pilots in that period added to the number of their exploits. Captain Guynemer gained his 37th and 18th victories. Sub. Lieut. Nungesser brought down three machines, which brought his total of enemy machines destroyed up to twenty four Sub. destroyed up to twenty-four. Sub-Lieut. Dorme brought down his 22nd machine; Captain Heurteux his twenty-first; Lt. Pinsard his eleventh and twelfth and Adjutant Madon his

"Belgian communication: Violent artillery fighting took place last night in the neighborhood of Boesinghe. The

Olse active artillery fighting occurred.

An enemy attack on one of our posts in the region of Vaucourt was checked. During the night counter-attacks were made east of Vauxaillon, and on the Chemin-des-Dames, near Le Pantheon and Cerny. All efforts of the Germans were defeated by our fire. Further east the artillery fighting was violent for a time on the plateau of Vauclerie, and in the vicinity of Craonne. North of the Vauclerc Plateau a surprise attack enabled us to capture the main an position and take 90 prisoners. German position and take 90 prisoners.

"Northwest of Rheims the Germans made futile efforts to gain a footing in the trenches which we captured yesterday. South of Berry-au-Bac there was a spirited engagement which resulted to our advantage. The number of prisoners we took at this point was 120. Northwest of Prosnes we captured a field fort. A strong German attack northeast of Mont Haut, against Crete-du-Teton, was repulsed. against Crete-du-Teton, was repulsed. We took prisoners and inflicted losses on the enemy. Grenade fighting occurred in Avocourt Wood and near

Dominion Cabinet Discusses Plan to Co-operate With U. S.

by a Staff Reporter.
Ottawa, May 8.-It is understood that at today's cabinet meeting the whole exestion of co-operation with the United States authorities, particularly on food control and labor supply, was discussed. Sir George Foster made a report to his colleagues on the proceedings at the United States capital and it was a supply to the colleagues. and, it is understood, laid before them

TO GIVE UP FRESNOY

First German Attack Failed, But Two Fresh Divisions Succeeded in Counter-Attack.

London, May 8 .- The official com unication issued from British head-

quarters thi sevening says: "The enemy made heavy counter attacks this morning upon our positions in the neighborhood of Fresney. In the first of these they succeeded in

In the first of these they succeeded in gaining a foothold in our trenches northeast of the village, but the ground lost was shortly afterward regained by our counter-attack.

"Later in the morning an attack in force was delivered by two fresh German divisions east of Fresnoy. On the right of the front attacked the enemy's troops were repulsed with heavy casualties, and our positions successfully maintained.

"On the left, after fierce resistance, our troops were compelled to with-

"On the left, after fierce resistance, our troops were compelled to withdraw from Fresnoy village and wood. "Bombing operations by our airplanes continued yesterday, large quartities of explosives being dropped with good results. During the day seven of our airplanes carried out an attack on the enemy's captive balloons, seven of which were brought down in fiames. Six German airplanes were brought down in the air fighting; two others were shot down by fire from the ground. Seven German machines were driven down out of con-

Prench army took in the same period:
287 of the 19th reserve division, 1,134
of the 19th reserve, 2,129 of the 183rd,
124 of the 25th Landwehr, 343 of the
222nd, 185 of the 45th reserve, 19 of
the 211th, 10 of the Third Guards division, 32 of the First Guards, and 112
of various corps.

A third French army captured 3,177
officers and men in the same period.
This is in addition to the small batches
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Successes in the Air.

The war office issued the following statement tonight:

"Northeast of Solssoms and the Chemin des-Dames there was no enemy infantry action' during the course of the day. The German artillery violently shelled the Cerny-Hurtebise sector and the neighborhood of Craonne. There were grenade skirmishes east of Vauxaillon. On the rest of the font an intermittent cannonade occurred.

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"The heavy April fighting made the surface of intermediate the course of which 25 German machines were brought down, the destruction of which was absolutely established. In addition 51 German machines, seriously hit, fell within their own linese the creater part of them being prob
Two hundred prisohers and 29 captive balloons. Of the former, 299 were brought down in aerial battles. We borought down in aerial battles. We brought yoccupied in man aerial fighting forces at the zenith of their capacity, while our defensive means were successfully occupied in warding off ruthless enemy bomb attacks on the fatherland.

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The heavy April fighting forces at the zenith of their capacity, while our our aerial reconnoitring operation brought valuable information to head quarters. The self-sacrificing co-op-eration of our aviators has been sup-

BY GERMANS IN EAST

Attempts to Approach Russian Trenches Dispersed by Artillery Fire.

Petrograd, via London, May 8 .-

in the neighborhood of Boesingre. The artillery was quite active today at various points along the line. Bomb The official communication issued to-fighting took place at the Ferryman's House as we'l as near Hetsas.

Artillery Fighting.

This afternoon's official statement follows: "Between the Somme and the Oless estime ortillery fighting occurred.

On different sectors of the front flows: On different sectors of the front enemy groups carrying white flags attempted to approach cur trenches but were dispersed by our artillery. ploded a mine to stop the enemy from of the full May moon to break thru south of Brzezany, we successfully ex-

mining. On the remainder of the front there has been the usual artillery fighting and scouting reconnaissances.

"Rumanian front: In the Oituz red line of battle.

Valley enemy infantry, supported by could have broken above this appallations took the offensive. Our

valley enemy infantry, supported by artillery, took the offensive. Our barrage drove them back to their own trenches. On the remainder of

pnovichi, a German acroplane landed onovichi, a Germani acropiane lands in flames. The aviators were made to the clangorous uproar as suddenly prisoner. Northwest of Vileki station and in the region east of Kiselin, had been shouted aloud above the din tion and in the region east of Kiselin. in the direction of Vladimir-Volynski our anti-aircraft batteries brought

Britton 1474. O'Dowd forced the fighting. Britton showed cleverness in avoiding his opponent's blows and rushes.

Demand for Conservation of Grain Impresses Dominion Government.

DEVLIN RAISES ISSUE

W. F. Maclean Supports Motion, But Points Out Special Requirements.

Ottawa, May 8.—The house of com waste of grain involved in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors in Cantion of E. B. Devlin. Liberal member for Wright, to adjourn the house for chines were driven down out of con-trol. Eight of our airplanes are ter of urgent public importance. from the ground. Seven German instances of the purpose of discussing these matter of urgent public importance.

Mr. Devlin accompanied his motion with the statement that, in view of the high cost of living and the necessity for conserving food for our own use and the use of our allies, the government should take immediate steps to discontinue the supply of grain to distilleries and brewers. He said that three million bushels of grain were consumed last year by the distillers and brewers in addition to considerable quantities of sugar and molasses, and Mr. Robb, Liberal member for Huntingdon, figured out that 125,000 acres of land were devoted to production of raw matter for the manufacture of intoxicating liquor.

April, with the German divisions to ich they belonged, numbered: 2,382 the Ninth Bavarian Reserve, 2,319 the 21st Division, 1,929 of the Fifth, d 1,374 of the 43rd. These were all ten by one French army. Another ench army took in the same period: I of the 19th reserve division, 1,124

Proulx (Prescott), Burnham (West Peterboro), Guthrie (South Wellington), and W. F. Maclean (South York). Mr. Maclean said tha' having preached thrift and production to the people of Ontario, he could not consistently oppose the conservation of our food products which would result from turning into human food and feed for cattle the grain which is now being cattle the grain which is now being consumed in the manufacture of in-

Absolute Silence Sets in on Battlefield Under Enveloping Mist.

By R. T. Hall, Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.

British Headquarters in France, May 8, via London.—The laconic statement in this morning's official communicaactive at intervals thruout the night, would not ness away during the life. at a number of places along the battween Fresnoy and Loos." and that "our artillery replied," dismisses in coldly official language one of the most marvelous spectacles of night fir-

ing the word has ever seen.

It was a night made for terror. "Northwest of Slaventine, 15 yersts Great angry clouds scudded across the sky, successfully making all attempts the cumulus barrage. Eventually the heavens opened and poured forth a torrent and the flames raging aong the blood

ing artillery duel, however, and been own trenches. On the remainder of the front there has been scouting and tion of the guns; its thunder peals aerial activity.

Caucasus front: Near the Village drowned in the reverberating waves drowned in the reverberating waves drowned in the respective which creating fulmination which of Omar, northwest of Khanikin, our of the crashing fulmination which advanced elements crossed the River came from bellowing cannon and Diala, but a Turkish counter-attack lence Nature withstood the terrific compelled them to recross.

"Aviation: Near the Village of Bortniki, 20 versts northwest of Barthe rain failing to bring it to an end, the rain failing to bring it a heavy fog shut down and put a stop

"TORONTO FOR EVER, EH, BILL"



This photograph, with the words quoted above, was found in a dugout in France and sent to The Toronto World, in an effort to have it identified, by Corp. C. F. Downs, who is in the 1st Canadian Military Hospital at Sussex, England. The picture evidently was taken on a tag day, as the young woman has a box of tag flags, and the soldiers are all wearing the small-flags.

EDWARDS DEFENDS MILLING INDUSTRY

Ships to Carry Flour Without Charge.

MUST AVOID ELECTION

Laurier's Teachings Blamed for Incident at Blondin Meeting.

Ottawa, May 8. — Dr. J. W. Edwards, Conservative member for Frontenac contributed a vigorous speech to the budget debate in the house of commons tonight. He defended the setting of the government in granting commons tonight. He defended the action of the government in granting free wheat, principally upon the ground that the United States was now an ally. He submitted, however, that the milling industry in Canada and the common and the submitted for the required further encouragement and that the farmers of eastern Canada needed a large supply of bran and shorts for their cattle. He, therefore, recommended the government to build a number of ships and carry free of cost Canadian flour ground from Canadian wheat and carried by Canadian railways to Canadian see ports.

Bring in \$240,000,000, thus more doubling the present tariff revenu addition it was decided to make income tax increases retroactive, ginning with the present cale.

railways to Canadian sea ports.

Dr. Edwards said there was nothing artificial about the increase in the Dr. Edwards said there was nothing artificial about the increase in the price of foodstuffs, nor was it a problem that could be cured by governmental interference. Farm products were high because there were short crops the wor'd over. The price of flour in Canada, he said, hnd always conformed with the price of wheat, and there had been no exorbitant profits made by the millers.

Must Avaid Election

Must Avoid Election.
The member for Frontenac closed with an eloquent appeal for an extension of parliamentary term. To have an election at this time would create time of the present generation. The tlefront, particularly in the sector be- demonstrations at the Blondin recruit ing meeting in Montreal were directly due to the teachings of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Moreover, it would be an outrage to hold an election in which the soldiers at the front could not participate, as the experience in British Columbia had demonstrated the impossibility of polling the men in the trenches. From a party standpoint, he would welcome a general election, but the results would be disastrous to the nation. It did not matter greatly whether we had a Conservative government at Ottawa or a decent Libera' government, but it was important that the next government should not be under anti-British and foreign

The budget debate today was resumed by Mr. Turgeon (Gloucester, N. B.), who concluded his speech begun last Thursday. Mr. Turgeon complimented the government upon free influence. plimented the government upon free wheat and asked why they did not accept the offer of the Underwood tariff aw and give us free trade in potatoes. He deplored the demonstration at the Blondin recruiting meeting, but declared that it did not reflect the views of the people of Oueless.

of battle.

There were a few parting shots thru the enveloping mist from either side and then absolute silence reigned.

Mr. Lanctot (Laprairie-Napierville) followed Dr. Edwards and took issue with some of the latter's statements respecting Sir Willrid Laurier and the people of Quebec. Quebec. Mr. Lanctot (Laprairie-Napierville)

HEAVY TAXES TO RAISE WAR'S SINEWS IN U.S.

Government Urged to Build Flat Increase of Ten Per Cent. on All Tariffs, Retroactive Income Levy and Higher Mail Rates Among Measures Proposed.

of Constantine.

KING LOSING FRIENDS

Few Followers Now Left, and

His Plight Grows Worse

Daily.

London, May 8.—Telegraphing from

"Today was a great day in the his-

tory of Salonica. A mass meeting

programmed the deposition of the king

"Over forty thousand persons as-

were addressed by various speakers.

They cheered themselves hoarse with

shouts of 'Long live Venizelos!' Long

live the national government and

king is steadily losing followers.

embled in the principal square and

Salonica Sunday, Reuter's correspond-

ent savs:

and dynasty.

BE RAISED BY HUGHES GREEK KING'S FALL

By a Staff Reporter.
Ottawa, May 8.—General Sir Sam
Hughes intends to test the attitude
of the government towards conscription, and has given notice that on the from, and has given notice that on the first fitting opportunity of going into committee of supply he will move in the commons the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this house the best interests of Canada, of the empire and of humanity will be served by the application of the Malitia Act or by other action to raise troops for or by other action to raise troops fo

compulsory overseas service." BEER ISSUE BEFORE BRITISH PARLIAMENT

London, May 9.—The question of beer versus food was lengthily discussed in the house of commons today. Many of the speakers severely criticized the government for still permitting the brewers to destroy valuable food in the production of alcoholic liquors. The debate elicited no statement on the government policy with respect to the rumored control by the state of all public houses.

TAKE UP G.T.P. TRACKS TO GIVE RAIL SUPPLY

By a Staff Reporter.
Ottawa, May 8.—Another request for rails for military purposes in France rails for military purposes in France has been received by the Canadian Government from the British authorities. Three hundred miles of rails are wanted, which is about the same wanted, which is about the same amount as was sent some time ago.

Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, has decided to take up the trackage of the Grand Trunk Pacific west of Edmonton where that railways are considered to the king only, but the crowd insisted that the entire dynasty must be sent about the same being made by certain newspapers that the rationing system be put forth immediately.

Lord Devonport continued:

"The most reliable method to sent the control of the king only, but the crowd insisted that the entire dynasty must be sent to the control of the king only."

Unknown Man Killed When Run Over by Weston Radial Car

A man whose identity has not been

Baron Devonport Finds it Causes Too Large Drain on Breadstuffs.

ISLANDS TO GET THRU

With Reasonable Precautions Supplies Will Last Till Next Harvest.

London, May 8.—Great Britain's meatless day" is to be abolished be-"meatless day" is to be abolished because it augments the demand on
breadstuffs and other substitutes,
which are less pientiful than meat.
This was announced today by Baron
Devonport, the food controller, in the
house of parliament.
He declared that a diminution in the
consumption of breadstuffs was of
vital moment and a main factor in the
situation, but he added:

"Provided that the call for a reduc-

"Provided that the call for a reduc-tion is responded to, and the efforts of the submarines are not successful be-yond reasonable likelihood, we shall

yond reasonable likelihood, we shall get thru with a fairly satisfactory balance in hand to the time when the new harvest becomes available."

The food controller's pronouncement was made in answer to a question by Baron Buckmaster, who asked if the government could make any statement regarding the conditions of food supplies and whether the government proposed to take any steps to make certain that such supplies should be equally distributed among all classes of the population. Continuing his reply Lord Devonport said:

"As I have recently stated, the consumption of bread has not yet been sufficiently reduced in the country generally. Large classes of the community have diminished their consumption but the pressure upon the working classes, owing, especially to

Washington. May 8.—A war revenue bill designed to raise \$1,800,000,000 by taxation during the coming year was approved finally in the nouse ways and means committee late today by a unanimous vote.

Chairman, Kitchen amounced that the measure would be reported to the house tomorrow, to be brought for consideration Thursday. He thinks it will be passed by the house without out political division within a few days.

To bring the amount to be raised up to the desired amount, the house committee recommend a flat increase of ten per cent. on all existing tariffs and ten per cent, duty on all manufactured articles now admitted free, all estimated to be materially increased and there would be taxes on amusements and increases retroactive, beginning with the present calendar.

To bring in \$240,000,000, thus more than doubling the present tarriff revenue. In addition it was decided to make all income tax increases are troactive, beginning with the present calendar.

charges against newspapers under a new system based upon the present parcel post zones. Internal revenue taxes upon liquor and tobacco would be materially increased and there would be taxes on amusements and stamp taxes of wide scope,

GREEK KING'S FALL

IS BELIEVED NEAR

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Forty Thousand Venizelists

Proclaim the Deposition

of Constantine.

any previous period.

Abolish Meatless Day

"With little probability of a meat shortage," we decided to abolish the meatless day enforced by the meat regulations, as it has a tendency to augment the demand on breadstuffs, which were less pientiful in supply than meat. The supplies of what are technically known as fats, such as butter, margarine and lard, have so far been better this year than last

Regarding the necessity of securing equality of supply among all classes of the people, he said: "In view of the increase of the sub-

marine activity, we thought it ex-pedient that preliminary steps should pedient that preliminary steps should be taken for a system of rationing our people to be set up at the earliest moment, so that it would be brought into force then if required. As this system will have to be administered by the local authorities, some time must necessarily be occupied in preparing them for the discharge of their duties."

duties." This portion of Lord Devonport's spech was intended as an answer to demands which are being made by

Lord Devonport continued:

"The most reliable method to secure equality and certainty of distribution is to effect it thru the ordinary channels of trade. But in war times the maintenance of trade. times the maintenance of trade may have to be wrenched from its ordinary channels to meet the existing

residence of former reside

down two German acroplanes in flames. The airmen were made prisconer."

O'DOWD SHADED BRITTON.

New York, May 5.—Mike O'Dowd of St. Paul had a shade the better of Jack Britton, recognized welterweight champles, in global priction, recognized welterweight champles, in global Britton shows and rushes, and then absolute silence people of Quebcc.

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NEW WHEAT RECORD

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