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CANADIANS Lose Fresno 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.

GERMAN FORCE FAILS TO GET OLD POSITION

No Impression Made by Desperate Attempt to Retake Ground.

SUCCESSES IN THE AIR

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

From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press. Great Headquarters of the French Army in France, May 8 (afternoon).—The Germans today desperately stormed the positions captured by the French to the south of Berry-au-Bac, but they made no impression. What was left of the strong attacking waves was forced to retire, leaving behind many dead and 120 prisoners in the hands of the French.

BRITISH COMPELLED TO GIVE UP FRESNOY

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

London, May 8.—The official communication issued from British headquarters this evening says: "The enemy made heavy counter-attacks this morning upon our positions in the neighborhood of Fresnoy. 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-attacks. Later in the morning an attack in force was delivered by two fresh German divisions east of Fresnoy. On the right of the front attacks, 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 withdraw from Fresnoy village and wood. Bombing operations by our air forces continued yesterday, large quantities 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 flames. Six German airplanes were brought down in the air fighting; two others were shot down by our fighters from the ground. German machines were driven down out of control. Eight of our airplanes are missing."

GERMANS CLAIM GREAT SUCCESSSES IN THE AIR

Past Month Has Shown Aerial Fighting Forces at Zenith of Capacity, They Say.

Berlin, May 8.—German troops have recaptured Fresnoy, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff. "Front of Crown Prince Rupprecht, Arras sector: The artillery battle has increased in violence. Enemy attacks against the Castle Park of Roux and against our positions between Fontaine-Frenoy and the Bois de Fontaine-Frenoy were repulsed with sanguinary losses. During battles for the possession of Fresnoy, the enemy remained in possession of the southeastern boundary of the village. Early this morning our troops stormed Fresnoy and held the village against British attempts at recapture. Two hundred prisoners and six machine guns have been brought in up to the front line."

WHITE FLAGS ARE USED BY GERMANS IN EAST

Attempts to Approach Russian Trenches Dispersed by Artillery Fire.

Petrograd, via London, May 8.—The official communication issued today says: "In the direction of Sventitskiy and northeast of Gouditchka the enemy has strongly bombarded our positions. On different sectors of the front enemy groups carrying white flags attempted to approach our trenches but were dispersed by our artillery. Northwest of Silventino, 15 versts south of Brzezany, we successfully exploded a mine to stop the enemy from mining. On the remainder of the front there has been the usual artillery fighting and scouting reconnaissance. Rumanian front: In the Otus valley enemy infantry, supported by artillery, took the offensive. Our barrage drove them back to their own trenches. On the remainder of the front there has been scouting and aerial activity. Caucasus front: Near the village of Omar, northwest of Khanik, our advanced elements crossed the River and repulsed the counter-attack which was repulsed. Bortniki, 20 versts northwest of Bortniki, the enemy's counter-attack was repulsed. Northwest of Vitki station and in the region east of Vitki, our anti-aircraft batteries brought down two German aeroplanes in flames. The airman was made prisoner."

RESTRAINTS ON PRODUCTION OF LIQUOR LIKELY

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 commons this afternoon discussed the waste of grain involved in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors in Canada. The debate arose upon the motion of E. B. Devlin, Liberal member for Wright, to adjourn the house for the purpose of discussing this 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 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. Mr. Robt. Liberal member for Huntingdon, figured out that 125,000 acres of land were devoted to production of intoxicating liquors. Proposal Meets Support. Mr. Devlin's proposal met with general favor, and speeches in its support were delivered by Hon. Geo. F. Graham and by Messrs. Hughes (Kings, P. E. I.), Stevens (Vancouver), Proulx (Preston), Guthrie (South West), and W. F. Maclean (South York). Mr. Maclean said that, having recognized the necessity of conserving our food stocks, the government should take steps to restrict the production of liquor. He pointed out that the people of Ontario, he could not consistently oppose the conservation of our food stocks, which are being used for the production of liquor which is now being consumed in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

EDWARDS DEFENDS MILLING INDUSTRY

Government Urged to Build 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 action of the government in granting free wheat, principally upon the ground that the United States was now an ally and that the government required further encouragement and that the farmers of eastern Canada and the farmers of western Canada and the farmers of the British Empire, recommended the government to build a number of ships and carry free of cost to Canadian sea ports. Dr. Edwards said that he was nothing artificial about the increase in the price of foodstuffs, nor was it a problem that could be solved by an election at this time. He said that the wheat which was now being produced in Canada was not being sold at the price of wheat, and there had been no exorbitant profits made by the millers. The member for Frontenac closed with an eloquent appeal for an extension of parliamentary term. "To have an election at this time would create a bitter feeling in this country which would not pass away during the lifetime of the present generation. Demonstrations 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 voters at the front could not participate, as the experience in British Columbia had demonstrated the impossibility of polling the men in the front. From a party standpoint, but the results would be disastrous to the nation. It did not matter greatly whether we had a Conservative government or Ottawa or a decent Liberal government, but it was important that the next government should not be under anti-British and foreign influence. The budget debate today was resumed by Mr. Turgon (Gloucester, N. B.), who concluded his speech by saying that Thursday. Mr. Turgon complimented the government upon free wheat and asked why they did not accept the offer of the Underwood potatoes. He deplored the recruiting meeting, but declared that it did not reflect the views of the people of Quebec. Mr. Lanctot (Laprairie-Naperville) followed Dr. Edwards and took issue with some of the latter's statements respecting Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the people of Quebec.

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

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

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 house ways and means committee late today by a unanimous vote. Chairman Kitchin announced 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 political division within a few days. To bring the amount to be raised up to the desired amount, the house committee recommended a flat increase of ten per cent. on all existing duties and ten per cent. duty on all manufactured articles now brought in from abroad. This would bring in \$240,000,000 more than doubling the present tariff revenue. In addition it was decided to make all income tax increases retroactive, beginning with the present calendar year. Other taxes provided for would become effective upon the signing of the bill. The income tax increase, applying to both personal and corporation incomes, is designed to produce \$335,000,000 more than the present income tax receipts. Most of the new revenue will come from the income, excess profits and inheritance taxes and additional tariff duties, but the levies of the bill will reach into many other sources. Letter mail rates would be increased from two to three cents an ounce and postal cards from one to two cents, while \$18,000,000 would be added to charges against newspapers under a new system based upon the present parcel post rates. Internal revenue would be materially increased and there would be taxes on amusements and stamp taxes of wide scope.

CONSCRIPTION ISSUE TO BE RAISED BY HUGHES

Ottawa, May 8.—General Sir Sam Hughes intends to test the attitude of the government towards conscription, and has given notice that on the first fitting opportunity of going into the commons 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 Militia Act or by other action to raise troops for compulsory overseas service."

BEER ISSUE BEFORE BRITISH PARLIAMENT

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GREAT BRITAIN MUST DO LISH MEATLESS DAY

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 because it augments the demand on breadstuffs and other substitutes, which are less plentiful 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 reduction is responded to, and the efforts of the submarines are not successful beyond reasonable likelihood, we shall get thru with a fairly satisfactory balance in hand to the time when the new harvest becomes available."

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GREEK KING'S FALL IS BELIEVED NEAR

Forty Thousand Venizelists Proclaim the Deposition of Constantine.

KING LOSING FRIENDS

Few Followers Now Left, and His Plight Grows Worse Daily.

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DINEEN'S DELAYED BUILDING ALTERATIONS

The present condition of the Dineen building explains the necessity for the price reduction to maintain the retail activities of the firm. The repairs made necessary by the recent fire will not have been unavoidably delayed. Pending the completion of repairs now under way, bargains will be an outstanding attraction at Dineen's. Do not go shopping without visiting 140 Yonge Street.