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All Gains Held By British; New Ones Made; French Pressing On

Haig's Forces Advance Near St. Quentin and Hargicourt—Malakoff Farm is Captured—Desperate Counter Attacks by Enemy All Night But All Fail

London, May 4.—The British last night made progress northwest of St. Quentin and northeast of Hargicourt, capturing Malakoff Farm, the war office announces. On the Arras front the British have maintained their hold on Fresnoy and all the positions captured in that neighborhood in yesterday's drive. British Headquarters in France, May 4.—(Via London)—The Germans made desperate counter-attacks throughout the entire night against the positions won by the British yesterday, but were everywhere repulsed. British Headquarters in France, May 4, via London.—(By Associated Press staff correspondent)—All through the brilliant moonlight night and again today British soldiers were fighting on a wide front, tenaciously holding the positions won yesterday, in the face of the headlong counter attacks of their foe. In some places the fighting ebbed and flowed as in the old days in the Somme campaign, when the casualties inflicted on the enemy were regarded as more important than specific gains of ground. The present fighting, however, is more intense. The latest reports from the battle-front show that the Hindenburg line was pierced both northwest and southeast of Balloisport for long distances. The Germans bitterly defended these strong points and attempted several times to retake them, but once the British were in the deep trenches they held on. The men fought so steadily that there was neither time for nor thought of food. The battle fields were dry and dusty, however, and water bottles had to be replenished time and again, whenever it was possible to do so. Today the sun is shining again with genial spring warmth. It was one of those rare days when all nature seems to cry out with the joy of living. Yet, under the early summer haze which is gathering about the battle zone the grim business of war goes on with an ever-increasing toll of dead and dying.

LAUNCH MOVE TO ENCOURAGE SHIPBUILDING IN PROVINCE

Delegation Waits Upon Government in Fredericton

FOLLOW NOVA SCOTIA BILL

Premier Foster in Sympathy Asks For Appointment of Committee of Delegates To Confer Further With The Government On The Matter

Fredericton, N. B., May 4.—A definite movement to follow the example of Nova Scotia and British Columbia in giving encouragement to shipbuilding was launched here today. The case was presented by a delegation of the province, on invitation of T. H. Estabrooks, met in the ladies' parlour of the Queen Hotel with Dr. Borden, Mr. Estabrooks, J. A. Likely and F. M. Thompson of Hillsboro. Premier Foster, in reply, expressed sympathy, but pointed out the financial burden imposed on the province by a committee to confer further with the government. The large delegation immediately adjourned to the council chamber in the legislative buildings where Premier Foster arranged for an interview with the government. The case was presented by Dr. Borden, Mr. Estabrooks, J. A. Likely and F. M. Thompson of Hillsboro. Premier Foster, in reply, expressed sympathy, but pointed out the financial burden imposed on the province by a committee to confer further with the government.

LATE NEWS FROM RUSSIA TODAY IS LESS ASSURING

Soldiers in Petrograd Reported Demanding Resignation of Minister Who Notified Allies Russia Would Fight On

Petrograd, May 4, via London.—Detachments of soldiers have gathered in front of a palace which is used as the headquarters of the provisional government, carrying red flags with inscriptions demanding the resignation of Foreign Minister Mikhailov. London, May 4.—A Petrograd despatch says that the Novaya Zina, the organ of the social democrats, and other extreme left newspapers severely criticize Foreign Secretary Mikhailov's note to the Allies asserting Russia's determination vigorously to push the war against Germany. They say that the government is responsible for the situation of the council of workers' and soldiers' delegates. Petrograd, May 4, via London.—The evening newspapers declare that the government is unlikely in its responsibility for the note to the Allies promising energetic co-operation in the war against Germany. They say that the government is supported by the executive committee of the Duma.

CLOSE SHOPS AT FIVE O'CLOCK DURING SUMMER

Movement is Now in Footing Among Retail Dealers of St. John

A movement of considerable importance is being considered by prominent citizens of St. John, in connection with the shortening of the hours of business. In anticipation of the introduction of the daylight saving plan, it is expected that a large number of the younger men would be devoting a certain number of evenings to drilling. The repeal of the daylight-by-law would make it difficult for them working until six o'clock to put either plan into effect. As a result of these conditions, and also with the idea of giving the members of the staff more time for healthful recreation, some of the prominent business men have been discussing a suggestion to close the shops and offices at five o'clock during June, July and August. The change would be in effect on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week only, as most of the stores now take the Saturday half-holiday during these months and, in consequence, keep open on Friday evenings. The plan met with instant favor among a large number of the houses, and efforts now are being made to secure the co-operation of all the business firms along the same lines. The merchants believe that, with the support of their customers, the plan could be adopted without any serious inconvenience to the public. The success of the plan is dependent partly on the success attained in securing the co-operation of all the merchants in the city.

ANOTHER LOAN IN UNITED STATES

Britain Likely to be Given More in Few Days, Larger One Than First

Washington, May 4.—Another loan to Great Britain within the next week was forecast by officials here today. The first credit of \$200,000,000 is being sent at the rate of \$8,000,000 a day on purchases here and it is desired to complete the second loan before the British cabinet leaves Washington and before the first is entirely used. It probably will be larger than the first credit. Plans for creating an allied central purchasing agency in Washington progressed today in conference with American officials.

WOULD GIVE PRESIDENT POWER TO PUT MAXIMUM PRICES ON FOODSTUFFS

Mr. Robinson & Sons' private view

New York, May 4.—A bill introduced in the house to give the president power to fix maximum prices, control stock exchanges and regulate use of grain in production of liquor. France asks the United States for 10,000 railroad workers of all kinds to man their trains. Request needs final approval of president. Subscriptions to government loan were received at treasury department at rate of \$1,000,000 an hour. Government treasurer J. P. Morgan & Co. as financial agents of Allies, will control disposition of Allies' credit and purchase munitions in United States, probably through committee headed by cabinet officers.

There are elements of exaggeration in the submarine menace shrewdly calculated with a double purpose, says leading source. "The objectives are to awake America and give the Germans over-confidence to a degree that may prove a boomerang."

PROMOTIONS

Private Densmore of No. 8 Field Ambulance. Train was today promoted to be sergeant, and Corporal Sord of the unit was promoted to be acting-sergeant. This morning the raw recruits of the unit were put through some forms of drill.

SERIOUS REVOLTS REPORTED IN BERLIN; PEOPLE SHOT DOWN

British Smashing At Wotan Line

The Great Barrier Now to the Lens Coal and Iron Fields—Hindenburg Line Failed to Hold Back Khaki Troops

The British have burst through the Oppy line and are fighting the bloodiest and sternest battle of the present offensive in a great effort to smash the famous Wotan line before its organization is completed. The Hindenburg line, outflanked and pierced in supplies has failed to stop the forward surge of the British armies and the Wotan positions are the last great barrier barring the road to Douai, Cambrai and Germany's richest prize in France—the great coal and iron fields north of Lens. The Wotan line runs from Drocourt to Quantz, a stretch of fifteen miles, running north and south about five miles west of Douai and Cambrai. Around Quantz, the southern extremity of the line, General Haig has formed great human snipers and is striving with all the power at his command to close the jaws of these snipers. Realizing the menace of the situation, the Germans are fighting with a grim desperation which reckons no cost in blood too high if it halts their advancing foe. The renewed fury into which the great battle of Arras has flamed has diverted attention from the possibly more significant events which are shaping behind the battle front. The German censorship has lifted so far as to allow newspapers and mails from Germany once more to reach the outer world, but there is little information as yet as to what has transpired within the borders of the German Empire during the last week. The German chancellor is once more reported to be about to make a pronouncement on peace before the Reichstag and has apparently been forced by the junkers. These reactionaries, enraged and alarmed by the apparent dominance of the socialist party with its programme of peace without annexations or indemnities, have presented an interpellation to the chancellor in the Reichstag demanding that he clarify his position. The junkers are still clamoring for the annexation of Belgium and all reports indicate that the government must very soon take a definite stand both on the question of the war and reforms at home.

Machine Guns Said to Be Used Against The Mobs

CLAMOR FOR FOOD AND PEACE

Outbreaks Reported Elsewhere in Germany But Particularly Grave Situation Said to Exist in The Capital

Amsterdam, May 4, via London.—The Maasbode, of Maastricht, says that serious revolts occurred in Berlin last week. According to the paper, the mob became so menacing that machine guns were used against it. The story is not confirmed from any other source. From German Papers. Copenhagen, May 4, via London.—So far as can be learned from the German newspapers which have now been permitted to reach here, the reports of the failure of the May Day strike movement in Germany were correct in the main. The papers indicate, however, that strikes took place in some places. One report declares that work in the war factories proceeds "almost in general," and that strikes took place only in the individual smaller factories. The opposition papers admit that the Socialist and union leaders, with the assistance of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and General Groener, had the situation well in hand and kept the workmen at their tasks. The reasons for the embargo on newspapers do not appear from a surface reading and the papers do not contain any military information of an exceptional character. Would Hold Belgium. Amsterdam, May 4, via London.—A Berlin despatch says that during a discussion of the Belgian question in the Reichstag main committee the spokesman of the progressive party declared that the annexation of Belgium must be regarded as an accomplished fact and discussion concerning it was undesirable. Over Bakers' Wives. F. B. McCurdy & Co., St. John, in their private wire telegram today received the following: Amsterdam.—Revolutionary outbreaks have occurred in Germany, says a despatch to the newspaper Naachbode, of Maastricht, today. Machine guns were used against rioters in the streets of Berlin. It was said the disturbances took place in connection with the industrial unrest. Crowds paraded the streets of Berlin and other cities demanding the release of prisoners of war. At some places demands for peace were voiced. The situation in Berlin was described as one of the utmost gravity. Troops had to be called out to quell riots. Machine guns were used when the rifles and bayonets of the soldiers proved inadequate. It is believed that a number of persons were killed or wounded. DOW JONES.

CONFERENCE FOR GREATER PRODUCTION

Representative Men Gather in Fredericton—Arthur Pringle's Son Killed in War

Fredericton, May 4.—Representative men from all over the province are here attending a greater production conference called by Premier Foster and Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, and it promises to be a great success. Today's arrivals include Prof. J. W. Robertson of Ottawa, Dr. Borden of Sackville, C. M. Leger, M.P.P. for Westmount and Bridge, and Mr. Melanson, M.P. for Kent. Alex. Rogers of Hopewell and Dr. Arthur Pringle, of Ottawa, will be the principal speakers at a public meeting to be held this evening. The Fredericton Golf Club met last evening and organized for the season. Officers were elected as follows: President, R. F. Handolph; vice-president, George A. Taylor; secretary, Professor Cameron; treasurer, G. N. C. Hawkins; managing committee, Colonel Loggie, Dr. F. C. Allen, J. B. Dickson, J. S. Neill and W. A. Vanwart. It was decided to complete a nine-hole course this year and hold a gala day on May 24. Three cars of a special train left the railway near Taymouth, evening and hung up traffic for some hours. An express train to leave here at six o'clock had to be cancelled. Repairs have been made.

FRONT TO HOME

London, May 4.—The military correspondent of the Times, who has visited the Somme and Arras fronts and was present at some of the recent fighting, says that the morale of the Germans is still good, but that they lack artillery. He writes: "There are some excellent active and reserve formations facing the British. All the landwehr and landwehr regiments have gone east. Although the Germans were outlasted and beaten on April 9 they showed a better spirit and fought fiercely on April 26, so that on the whole we cannot call the German morale bad."

STILL QUIET FOR POLICE

For the second time in succession "nil" was seen across the police sheet this morning. There have been no arrests since Tuesday. Wednesday showed a clear "nil" as did yesterday, with the exception of a soldier being detained on request of the military authorities. This morning and up to noon there had been no arrests and the police were experiencing a very quiet day.

SWEDEN SENDS SPECIAL ENVOY TO WASHINGTON

Stockholm, via London, May 4.—Herman Lagercrantz, former Swedish minister to Washington, left Stockholm last night for the United States as a special envoy. His appointment is the consequence of a fear in Sweden that the United States may place an embargo on exports to this country.

GERMANY RESUMES SENDING OUT OF MAILS

Copenhagen, May 4 via London.—Post newspaper and postal service from Germany was resumed last night. This indicates that the necessity for special security for military reasons or in view of the labor situation, has passed.

British Two Weeks Ahead of Schedule

Washington, May 4.—The British forces on the western front are two weeks ahead of their attacking schedule, according to a cablegram received here today by Secretary Balfour, from the foreign office. The advance, it said, has been much faster than expected and the losses smaller. The losses were said to be only one-half as large proportionately as those on the Somme offensive last year. This is attributed by members of the mission to an incomparably better artillery preparation and the fact that the men are not allowed to outrun the guns.

FORD OFFICIAL SAYS NO BIG PLANT IN HALIFAX PLANNED

A. N. Lawrence of The Ford Company of Canada, Ford, Ont., who arrived in the city today, gave an emphatic denial to a story that their company was planning to establish a quarter-million dollar plant in Halifax.

MARRIAGE CASE REVIVED

Archbishop Bruchet of Montreal is Named as Co-Defendant

Montreal, May 4.—Archbishop Bruchet of Montreal is named as co-defendant with Eugene Hebert in a court action in the city today, to ask the superior court to declare the marriage of Eugene Hebert and Marie Emma Cloutier null and void.

GERMANS SEIZE SUPPLIES INTENDED FOR BELGIANS

London, May 4.—German confiscation of the Belgian relief steamer Carnetta is reported in a Central News despatch from Copenhagen. A Danish sailor, who was a member of the crew, is authority for the report. He says the Germans ordered the crew to leave the ship and they then placed a prize crew on board to take the vessel to a German port.

GALLANT WORK OF SAILORS

Paris, May 4.—A Marseilles despatch to the Matin says that the Patrol ship Arcadian showed great heroism and determination in saving the victims of the submarine. Both officers and men leaped overboard and held up drowning soldiers. One patrol saved 200 men in an hour and a half.

TAKE JULIA ARTHUR'S ISLE

Government to Seize Calf Island and Hog Island, in Boston Harbor.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Sturpatrick, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—There has been very little change in pressure distribution since yesterday except that the disturbance in the southwest states has moved northward to Tennessee. Showers have occurred in Quebec and the maritime provinces and cool weather with snow and rain has set in over Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Maritime.—Moderate winds, partly cloudy and cool, with a few local showers. Saturday morning to easterly winds, fair and cool at first, showers again before night.

New England forecast.—Rain tonight and Saturday; northeast to east winds becoming strong.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers of real estate in St. John county have been recorded as follows: Peter Devine et al to Gorham Elliott, property in Musquoddy.

E. N. Davis to H. S. Wanasaker, property in Elliot row.

Mary F. Driscoll to J. D. Driscoll, property in Broad street.

H. Ewing et al to Margaret Woodhill, property in Lancaster.

S. H. Ewing et al to H. A. Kelly, property in Lanesville.

Philip Goldstein to H. L. McKnight, property in Charlottetown.

J. A. McGivern to B. R. Jordan, property in Simonds.

F. H. J. Ruel to Rocal Trust Company, properties in German, King, Prince William and Sydney streets.

W. A. Thorne to William Parkinson, property in Somerset street.

City and County of St. John to William Parkinson, property in Simonds.

LEASHOLDS. Mrs. Annie Don to Mary E. Driscoll, property in Brunsell street.

A. C. Miller et al to W. D. Moore, property in Metcalf street.