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British Drive On; A Support Trench Taken

Follow up Success of Sunday Morning by Attack in Evening—French Take Several Lines in Champagne

London, May 21.—British troops during last evening captured a support trench behind the Hindenburg line trench taken during the morning. The war office so announced today. The text of the statement reads:

"Our operations in the Hindenburg line between Bullecourt and Fontaine-lez-Croisilles were continued with success during the night. Our troops, who had carried a front trench in the Hindenburg line yesterday morning and had repelled several counter-attacks, renewed the attack in the evening and, after hand-to-hand fighting, captured a support trench also.

"Hostile counter-attacks were again beaten off with heavy loss to the enemy, whose troops were engaged in the open by our massed artillery. A large number of the enemy's dead were found in the captured positions. About 150 prisoners have so far been taken by us in these operations. Two German divisions have been engaged in the fighting in this neighborhood since yesterday morning.

"We carried a successful raid last night near Loos. Early this morning an [illegible]y endeavored to enter our trenches southwest of Messines but was [illegible] off."

FRENCH VICTORY

Paris, May 21—(Noon)—Several lines of German trenches in the Champagne near Moronvilliers were captured last night by the French. The war office so announces. The French took eight Hun prisoners. They found the wrecked German shelters filled with dead. The Germans lost heavily in ineffectual counter-attacks.

The statement follows:

"On the Chemin-des-Dames, the artillery fighting continued during the night in the region northwest of Braye-en-Laonnois, and on the front between Cerny and Hurtebise. A German attack near Froidmont farm was checked before the enemy was enabled to reach our lines. The enemy undertook no further attack after the complete check of his general assault undertaken yesterday.

There were brief but violent artillery actions between Miette and the Aisne and northwest of Rheims. In the region of Chevreux we made progress and took prisoners.

"In the Champagne district last evening we carried out in two sectors of the heights near Moronvilliers an operation which resulted in an important and brilliant success. Our troops captured several lines of German trenches on the slopes north of Carnillet, at the Casque and, at the Teton. Furthermore, all the important observation points in this region are now in our hands. German counter-attacks were taken under our fire and thrown back with heavy losses. We took about 800 prisoners in these actions. The enemy shelters were found to have been blown to pieces and to be piled high with the dead."

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INVALIDED CANADIANS IN ENGLAND MORE THAN 20,000 ON APRIL 27

Ottawa, May 21—The number of invalided Canadian soldiers in England on April 27, according to a report just received by the Military Hospitals Commission was 20,662, including 688 officers. There had been a considerable increase during the week, but nothing like the increase of the week before. The total on April 20 was 19,459; on April 13th, it was 15,192.

Analysis of the latest total shows that between the 13th and 27th the number of Canadian primary hospitals rose from 2,882 to 3,089; in Canadian special hospitals from 1,684 to 1,749; in Canadian convalescent hospitals, from 3,370 to 4,265; in special sanitariums from seventy-six to eighty-nine; and in British hospitals from 6,680 to 11,470.

OATS TAKE PLACE OF WHEAT IN CHICAGO PIT

Chicago, May 21.—The pit on the Chicago board of Trade, historically sacred to trade in wheat, today was virtually monopolized by the oats crowd, wheat speculation having been all but eliminated through the establishment of maximum prices. A little knot of men in the oats pit was the remnant of the once mighty wheat crowd.

Wheat prices dropped 8 to 10 cents early, but recovered.

After opening 8 to 10 cents lower, with July at 230 to 233 and September at 214, prices rallied to nearly Saturday's finish, but then underwent a fresh sag to about 3 or 4 cents beneath that level.

TWO SOLDIERS IN COURT ON DRUNKENNESS CHARGES

Two soldiers were in the police court this morning on charge of drunkenness. One said that he was at the station when the train came in and he met a friend whom he had not seen for years. The result of the long separation and the reunion at the station was that the prisoner was given a bottle by his friend. The friend continued on his journey to parts unknown and the other prisoner fell a victim to the St. John police.

The other prisoner said that he had been on the train from St. John to Halifax and had secured his bottle at McAdam. When he got off the train here to take a walk about he was arrested. The magistrate remanded the two soldiers and enquiries will be instituted to substantiate the statements.

HOME FROM WAR

Private Beckingham, a member of the 69th Battalion, and Private Charles Smith of Loch Lomond, a member of the 26th Battalion, arrived in the city on Saturday evening from the front.

LAVERGNE IS AGAINST CONSCRIPTION BUT SAYS HE WILL OBEY

Declares Canada is Taking Steps Towards Ruin and Annexation

Montreal, May 21.—A despatch from Quebec to the "Star" says: "Being an officer in the militia I shall be one of the first to be called out. I shall present myself without grumbling, and be a good soldier, for the government will have spoken, and I shall obey. But the whole thing is wrong. Canada is already practically bankrupt through this war, and now she is taking another step toward ruin and annexation."

Such was the comment made by Col. Armand Lavergne to the Star at Quebec on Saturday last regarding the conscription announcement.

"I believe in Canada first," he said. "If it came to a question of Canada's interest, I would let that little island which governs us go, just as she would let us go were the allies beaten by Germany and Canada demanded as a condition in the terms of peace. I would not fight voluntarily except for home defense.

"And assuming that you have Canada's interest at heart, regardless of the empire as a whole, you do not believe it is to Canada's advantage to help the allies defeat the Germans? They should wait till the Germans come over here?"

"Yes."

CHOQUETTE AGAINST IDEA OF CONSCRIPTION

Says People Should be Consulted by Means of Referendum or General Election

Quebec, May 21—Speaking on conscription, Senator Choquette said last night that those who had recognized the principle that when England was at war Canada was also at war could hardly be justified in opposing conscription. For himself, as he had opposed the former, he would oppose the latter also. He thought that the people should be considered on the question either by referendum or general election.

RINTELEN LAMAR AND MARTIN FOUND GUILTY

New York, May 21—Captain Franz Rintelen of the German navy, David Lamar, known as the "Wolf of Wall treet," and Henry B. Martin, described as a Washington lobbyist, were found guilty here last night on charges of having conspired, in 1915, to disrupt the munitions traffic between this country and the Entente Allies. The jury, which had been out more than twenty-nine hours, disagreed as to four other defendants.

ROOSEVELT GIVES IT UP

Oyster Bay, L. I., May 21—Colonel Roosevelt announced last night that all men who had volunteered to serve with him under the American flag had been absolved from all further connection with the movement, and that the only course open to them now is to enter the military service in some other way if they were able to do so, and if not, to serve the country in civil life.

HEROIC BURGOMASTER OF BRUSSELS ACQUITTED

Havre, May 21—Adolphe Max Burgomaster of Brussels, who was deported by the Germans in 1914 and confined in prison, has been tried by court martial at Kildesheim and acquitted, according to a report received here. Burgomaster Max is said to have been sent to Celle, Prussia.

GERMANS WERE DRIVEN BACK TO THEIR BASE

Four French Torpedo Boats Put Them to Flight

BRUSH OFF FLANDERS COAST

Fishermen Attacked in Bay of Tunis by Hun Pirates—Apology to Sweden for Sinking of Steamships With Loss of Life

Berlin, May 21, via London.—An engagement between German and French torpedo boats off the coast of Flanders is reported in an official announcement from the admiralty. It says: "On the morning of the 20th, off the coast of Flanders, a short outpost engagement took place between German and French torpedo boats. The enemy boats were repeatedly hit by our artillery and our vessels returned without losses or damage.

The French official statement issued yesterday reported a flotilla of German destroyers had been driven back to its base by a patrol of four French torpedo boats. The statement said that one of the French vessels had suffered some damage.

Madrid, via Paris, May 21.—Fishermen who have arrived from Tabarca on the Bay of Tunis, report that a submarine recently attacked a fleet of six boats one of which was sunk. The crew was saved.

But Cannot Give Back Lives

Copenhagen, May 21, via London.—The German minister at Stockholm is reported in news despatches to have visited the Swedish foreign minister and expressed the deepest regret at the sinking of the Swedish steamers Vesterland, Viken and Aspen.

The Aspen, Vesterland and Viken were sunk in the Gulf of Bothnia, several members of the crews losing their lives. The vessels were laden with grain and released from British ports by the British government under a reciprocal agreement. The news of their destruction caused intense indignation in Sweden.

The Sinking of the Colbert

Paris, May 21.—The French steamer Colbert, which was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on April 30, was on her way to Saloniki when she was sunk. The ship was struck by a torpedo below the water line and the engine room was immediately flooded.

There was no sign of a submarine as the ship began to sink rapidly by the stern. The crew promptly took up their stations but the boats canted up at such an angle that it was almost impossible to lower them.

The Colbert sank in five minutes and after she had disappeared the submarine emerged and, as is their custom, her commander asked the name, description and destination of her victim. Before he could get his information a French patrol boat appeared and opened fire. After four shots had been fired the U-boat submerged just as a seaplane appeared on the horizon.

MOTHER SEES HER BOY KILLED BY TRAIN

Amherst Lad of Ten Fell While Trying to Jump a Freight Passing His Home

Amherst, N. S., May 21—A sad accident occurred in Amherst today when the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Landry was run over by a heavy freight train and instantly killed. The boy, who is about ten years old, was trying to ride on freights passing his home near the detention camp, where his father is a guard. He attempted to clamber aboard a west bound freight and his foot slipped. Precipitated directly beneath the wheels, his body was completely severed at the hips and death was instantaneous.

To add to the tragic story, his mother was a spectator to the death of her son.

MILITARY NOTES

Lieutenant H. S. McKeen, C. E., who for sometime has been attached to the engineering staff in Halifax, is to be transferred to the New Brunswick command. The military officials feel that there is enough engineering work in this command to keep an engineer constantly busy.

Recent orders received at the office of the New Brunswick command state that men employed in the civil service and joining the Canadian Defence Force will not receive the same allowance from the government as those men signing on with the C. E. F.

Brigadier-General H. H. McLean, G. O. C. the New Brunswick command, has been requested by Ottawa to recommend some returned officers who are physically unfit for overseas service, to the militia department at Ottawa. These officers are to be given positions as acting adjutants at the Royal Flying Corps school at Toronto.

PLAY BALL THIS EVENING

The St. Peter's Y. M. A. baseball league will open this evening. The contending teams will be the Thistles, champions of 1916, and the Y.M.C.I. The line-up of the Thistles in all probability will be: Dever, catcher; O'Connor or McKenzie, pitcher; McAnulty, 1st base; Milan, 2nd base; Mooney, 3rd base; Lenihan, short stop; Hansen, right field; Howard, centre field; Heggarty, left field.

French Use Tanks With Good Effect

Effective Aid to Infantry in Offensive Between the Aisne and the Ailette—Some Thrilling Experiences

Paris, May 21—"Piloted by audacious crews the tanks have demonstrated what effective aid they can give infantry attacks, says an authoritative statement on the work of French tanks in the recent offensive on the heights between the Aisne and the Ailette.

"The tanks came early on the field and a little ahead of the first waves of infantry. From the moment our squadron of cars entered the plateau facing the enemy, the intense fire of heavy guns and machine guns was centred on them. By concentrated fire the enemy sought to pierce their armor, to dislocate the turrets or to damage the wheels of the ponderous machines. Battered incessantly from without, the tanks, however, moved steadily forward.

"Many of them went through new and heroic experiences. One of them struck by a shell, caught fire. Its crew was able to get out through the damaged exit and join the infantry in the advance. Another tank, because of defective mechanism, broke down in front of an enemy trench. The crew dismounted and tried to make repairs under the fire of the enemy. Finding it impossible to repair the machinery quickly, the crew dismounted the rapid firers and ammunition in order to prevent them from falling into the hands of the enemy in case the tank was captured. This, however, did not occur owing to the rapidity of our infantry advance. Another tank extricated itself from a mass attack made in a desperate attempt to check its movements.

"Throughout the fighting, the crews of the tanks showed a spirit of audacity which supplemented and encouraged the infantry and chasseurs a pied, the latter giving the warmest praise to the co-operation of the tanks. Life with the cars during the assault was a most trying experience. There is little room inside, space being allowed only for the men to operate the rapid firers and handle the ammunition. In their advances the cars crashed over obstacles and passed through the blinding hail of concentrated fire.

"All the crews were made up of volunteers from all branches of the service, infantry, artillery and cavalry being represented. They showed a most admirable esprit du corps and their efforts gave most effective results."

TWO AMERICAN NURSES ARE KILLED ON WAY TO WAR

Pieces of a Shell Fired in Practice on Board Ship Scattered Among Group of Nurses and Doctors

New York, May 21—The Associated Press today carries the following:

Two American nurses, members of an ambulance unit on its way for service in France, were killed yesterday on board an American steamer, when pieces of a shell fired by a naval gun crew in practise ricochetted from the surface of the water and scattered among a group of nurses and surgeons. A third nurse was seriously wounded.

The steamer sailed on Saturday evening for Europe. With her flag at half mast, she came into an American port this morning, bringing the bodies of the dead nurses. These were brought ashore. The steamship will leave again at an unnamed time.

GEORGE SCOTT NEW AGENT OF CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY HERE

Former Newspaper Man Returning at Once to St. John to Take Up Work

The Children's Aid Society has been very fortunate in securing as its agent George Scott, who lately graduated at Pine Hill, but has not yet been ordained to the ministry. Mr. Scott has agreed to accept the position for some months at least. He was formerly on the writing staff of the Telegraph, and later of the Globe, and as a working newspaper man knows the city thoroughly. He was also active in the conduct of the Boys' Club during the last winter he spent in St. John, and is much interested in social service work. He was also a member of St. David's Brotherhood.

Mr. Scott is in Sussex today in connection with the case of three children under arrest on a charge of incendiarism. He will come to St. John and enter upon his new duties at once.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Hugh Gillen took place this morning from the residence of his son-in-law, Joseph Keeley, 181 City Road, to Holy Trinity church, where requiem high mass was celebrated at nine o'clock by Very Rev. J. J. Walsh, V. G. The floral tributes included a handsome cross from the members of No. 3 Hose Company. Six nephews acted as pallbearers. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis — Pressure is high over Manitoba and Ontario, while a moderate disturbance is centred near Cape Breton and another covers the Southwestern States. Showers have occurred in Alberta and the maritime provinces, and the weather is cool in nearly all parts of the dominion.

Ottawa Valley—Fair today. Tuesday, northeast and east winds, becoming showery.

Fair and Cool

Maritime—Strong winds or moderate gales from northwest, fair and cool today and on Tuesday.

PTE. PERCY ALLABY IS KILLED IN ACTION

THE LIST NOW NUMBERS 21,170

More Than 1,000 Names On Saturday and Sunday

THE TOLL OF VIMY RIDGE

Further Statement of Names of Maritime Province Men Who Fell In Great Victorious Fight

Ottawa, May 21—The week-end casualty lists of 685, issued on Saturday, and 431, issued on Sunday, bring the total losses among the Canadians since the battle of Vimy Ridge to 21,170.

INFANTRY

Killed in Action

T. H. Menzie, Dalhousie Jct., N. B.; A. E. McLachlan, Elmsdale, N. S.; R. Maine, Amherst, N. S.; J. L. Wood, North Tryon, P.E.I.

Died of Wounds

H. D. Chase, Nashwaaksis, N. B.; Lieut. L. S. Edgett, Moncton; D. D. McLean, New Glasgow.

Wounded

A. W. Kennedy, St. John; R. Isenor, Elmsdale, N. S.; E. McLaughlin, St. Stephen; Corp. J. J. Simons, St. Peter's, P.E.I.; Lieut. F. B. Carter, St. John's, Nfld.

Missing

Lieut. E. W. Hall, St. John, N. B.

Gas Poisoning

P. L. Stockton, Anagance, N. B.

Shell Shock

H. J. Little, Pictou, N. S.

Presumed to Have Died

W. Morse, Sydney Mines, N. S.; G. Moffatt, River Hebert, N. S.; J. W. MacIntyre, Reserve Mines, N. S.

ARTILLERY

Killed in Action

F. G. Muggan, Sydney, N. S.

Wounded

N. Porter, Canning, N. S.

Ill

A. E. Bryenton, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

BANDMASTER FRED McNICOLL REACHED HALIFAX TODAY

Halifax, N. S., May 21—A steamer arrived here today with 850 returned soldiers, among whom were the following New Brunswick men:—Bandmaster F. W. McNicoll, Privates J. C. Berry, J. W. Christie, W. A. Firth, J. J. Flood, A. E. Goote, C. S. McLean, J. H. Pitt, H. Price, I. Winchester.

BRIDGE CASE

Harry O'Neill, driver of a bakery team, was in court this morning following a report on Saturday from Samuel A. Shanks, caretaker of the new bridge, for allowing his horse to trot over the bridge and also for using insulting language to the caretaker. Mr. Shanks said that he had held up the driver and met with insolence and when he asked him his name he replied it was Thompson. As he drove away, said the caretaker, the driver turned and made an insulting remark. A guard on the bridge testified. The magistrate said the worst feature of the case was that the young man had used very insulting language. "Giving wrong names," said the magistrate, "was a sign of guilt." He told the defendant he was liable to $16 but accepted a small fee and allowed the youth to go.

WAR NEWS OVER STOCK BROKERS' WIRES

(J. M. Robinson & Sons, private wire telegram.)

New York, May 21.—President Wilson said to be dissatisfied with several features of house taxation bill and virtually rewriting of measure deemed likely in senate.

Congress today takes up bill for drastic control of food situation.

Russian premier and new foreign minister declare that Russia will not consider separate peace but will fight until Prussianism is crushed. Army enthusiastically supports new war ministry.

NO RING FIGHTS IN NEW YORK STATE AFTER NOVEMBER 15

Albany, N. Y., May 21—Professional boxing will be illegal in New York after November 15. Governor Whitman on Saturday signed a bill, effective on that date, which repeals present laws governing the sport.

Son Of Clergyman Gives Life In The War

OTHER NEWS OF SOLDIERS

G. R. Climo's Condition Now Reported Serious and Word Also Comes That Roger B. Chesley is Seriously Ill

Mrs. A. E. Allaby, of Victoria street, wife of Rev. A. E. Allaby, now acting pastor of Port Elgin and Bayside Baptist churches, received word this morning that her son, Pte. Percy Richard, had been killed in action on May 10. Pte. Percy was one of three sons who donned the uniform. He went overseas with the first contingent as a member of a well known New Brunswick unit. He is the first of the three sons to receive injury. The other two, Kenneth and Spurgeon, are still at the front, both members of local artillery units. Pte. Percy was a member of Main street Baptist church, and until the time he joined the Canadian forces, took an active part in the men's Bible study work. He was about twenty-two years old. Besides his parents, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Amos Hatfield, of this city, and two brothers, Gunner Kenneth and Gunner Spurgeon, both in France. Mr. and Mrs. Allaby will have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their great loss.

PTE. P. R. ALLABY

News of the death of Eric R. Parlee, as the result of wounds received at the front, is recorded on another page of this paper. Private Parlee is survived by three sisters, Miss Alta M. Paarlee, of 65 St. David street, and Misses Verna and Ellen, residing in Parleeville, N. B.

PRIVATE ERIC R. PARLEE.

G. R. Climo.

H. Climo received another telegram this morning informing him that his son, Driver Gilbert Robertson Climo, is officially reported seriously ill in a hospital in Huddersfield. Recently he sustained a gunshot wound in the back. The news of today will be heard with regret by many friends.

Pte. R. B. Chesley

A few days ago Mrs. Charles Berryman of 6 Canon street, was advised from Ottawa that her nephew, Private Roger Bert Chesley had been wounded in the ear. This morning she was advised that he was seriously ill, and had been admitted to Christ Church hospital, England, on May 18. Private Chesley is twenty-one years old. Prior to enlistment he was employed in the mailing room of the Daily Telegraph.

Jews In Palestine Fear Massacre By Turks

Stockholm, May 20—Telegrams from the Jewish societies in Palestine, received by the secretary's department of the socialist conference here, say that a fresh massacre of Palestine Jews, resembling the Armenian massacres, is threatened, and appeals are made to the socialists of all countries.

The messages say the Turkish government has given orders for the evacuation of Palestine by the Jewish population, and that the execution of these measures is being carried out with increasing severity. The orders, it is said, are aimed at the Jews in Judea and Jerusalem, and later in Galilee.