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BRITISH REPEL FOUR POWERFUL CONVERGING ATTACKS AGAINST BULLECOURT

GERMAN PEACE AIMS UNDISCLOSED DESPITE THREAT OF REVOLT

Italians Open Spring Offensive --- Shipping Losses from U-Boats Show Surprising Decline

HUN CHANCELLOR SILENT

REVOLUTION THREATENED

Socialists' Threat to Introduce Republic Fails to Shake Bethmann-Hollweg's Refusal to Disclose Kaiser's War Aims—Hope of Peace With Russia Expressed in Reichstag.

Berlin, via London, May 15.—The Socialist leader, Georg Ledebour, declared in the reichstag today that it was impossible for Germany to win a war of attrition, and expressed the conviction that a revolution must happen in Germany as it had happened in Russia.

Bethmann-Hollweg's Speech

Flat refusal given demands that peace aims be disclosed. Best interests of nation require reticence "in face of continuous clamor since December, 1915." Supposition that central powers differ in opinions on peace aims "belongs to realm of fable."

GERMAN REVOLT NEAR SCHEIDEMANN WARNS

Socialist Leader in Reichstag Says Russia's Lead Will Be Followed if "Gang of Robbers" Do Not Abandon Plans of Conquest.

Berlin, May 15, via Amsterdam.—After the imperial chancellor's speech in the reichstag, Philipp Scheidemann, in introducing the social-democratic interpretation, said: "The party's goal does not demand immediate peace, but action by the socialists of all countries. My Russian utterance was to the effect that the chancellor had stated he had nothing to do with the memorial which had incited our enemies to agree with Herr Rosokha that we must emerge from obscurity, and the chancellor must say what he wants."

RESIGNS AFTER FORTY YEARS IN SAME CHARGE

Winterbourne, Pastor Terminates Long Career in Service of Guelph Presbytery.

Special to The Toronto World. Guelph, May 15.—At this afternoon's session of the Guelph Presbytery, Rev. Wm. Hamilton, of Winterbourne, presented his resignation after forty years' ministry in the same charge. His resignation was accepted and he was appointed to moderate in the selection of his successor.

BUSINESS TAX IS TOO HEAVY, SAY LIBERALS

Complaint Made That Capital is Being Scared Out of Country.

DEFENDED BY WHITE

Businessmen Must Make Sacrifices During War, He Points Out.

Ottawa, May 15.—The budget debate was revived today when the house took up in committee the resolutions increasing the war tax on excess profits. The Liberals, who up to date have been protesting that the tax was not high enough, suddenly changed front and charged the finance minister with scaring capital out of the country.

STRONG ATTACKS BY GERMANS

FAIL TO RETAKE BULLECOURT



MARK, IX, 41 BY MARGARET SANGSTER, JR. A cup of water, in his name, into the darkness of the night— Held in a woman's lips. The president of a nation's shame— A cup of water? God's own light Whose soul, in torment, slips Upon a war-swept land!

Four Deliberate Attempts Made Tuesday to Recover Lost Ground Result in Repulse and Heavy Casualties for the Enemy.

London, May 15.—The official report from British headquarters issued tonight reads: "Further details concerning the fighting at Bullecourt this morning show that the enemy made a deliberate attempt by a series of strong and carefully concerted attacks, with infantry supported by artillery and trench mortar fire, to drive our troops out of Bullecourt and the section of the Hindenburg line held by us east of the village."

"In all, four attacks were undertaken by the enemy. The first of these was launched at 4 a.m. upon the right flank of our position in the Hindenburg line and temporarily gained a footing in our trenches. The enemy was immediately and completely ejected by our counter-attack, leaving 250 killed and wounded in our lines. A simultaneous attack on the left flank of our position was dispersed by our artillery."

NO FEDERAL ELECTION EXPECTED THIS YEAR

Government Is Conciliatory in Attitude Toward Opposition, But Is Determined to Force Extension Thru if Necessary.

Ottawa, May 15.—Neither the prime minister nor his colleagues who have returned with him from overseas, are disposed to discuss Dominion politics. Indeed, they seem anxious to avoid for information, and enquire freely about what has happened during their absence and as to public sentiment in Canada on many questions. Yet from members of their party and other sources, enough information has been gleaned to justify the rumor everywhere in circulation tonight that the Dominion general election will go over for another year, at least.

ARMED U. S. STEAMERS ARE VISITED BY KING

Lieutenants in Charge of Gun Crews Presented to His Majesty.

SINKINGS BY U-BOATS HAVE BIG FALLING OFF

British Anti-Submarine Campaign Destroys Greater Number of Submersibles in Past Week Than Month Previous.

London, May 15.—The report of the week's losses thru submarines to be issued tomorrow will be the most favorable in several weeks. The number of ships captured is well below the average while the number of ships escaping attack is very large. Those in touch with the anti-submarine campaign are also very cheerful in the results of actual attacks on submarines, which have been pushed with the utmost vigor during the fine weather of the past fortnight.

SIX TRAVELED FAR BUT COULD NOT JOIN

Came From British Columbia to Apply for Admittance to Royal Flying Corps.

Of ten British Columbians who came to Toronto to join the Royal Flying Corps as aviation officers only four were accepted. The party, which consisted of Messrs. Hull, Gifford, Reid, Wilby, Treewin, McColl, and Cutler, Canada.

DINEEN'S ALTERATION SALE.

An alteration sale is in progress at Dineen's while the premises are being decorated and repaired after the recent fire. The balance of the fire stock is offered at prices that represent but a fraction of the actual cost of the goods. Do not go shopping without looking in at Dineen's, 140 Yonge Street.

ITALIANS TAKE THE OFFENSIVE

Considerable Progress Made on the Slopes of Monte Cucco.

Rome, via London, May 15.—The Italians took the offensive today. The war office announces that considerable progress was made in the Plava area, on the slopes of Monte Cucco, and on the hills east of Gorizia and Vertobizza. The Italians also made a thrust in the northern sector of the Carso Plateau and reached the wrecked Austrian lines east of Dosso Fatti.

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VENIZELISTS CAPTURE STRONG FOE POSITIONS

Serbian Beat Off All Bulgarian Counter-Attacks on Dobropolye.

Paris, May 15.—The following official communication was issued today: "Eastern theatre, May 14.—The Venizelist troops, acting in conjunction with the French army in the region of Lymnitsa, captured in succession two works of 1,000, and 1,500 metres north of Hajji Barimah and took 45 prisoners. At the same time our troops made a thrust in the northern sector of the Carso and reached the wrecked enemy lines east of Dosso Fatti, capturing prisoners."

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