GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TO APPOINT FOOD CONTROLLER

Weather Forecast: Strong Winds

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FRENCH GATHER IN ANOTHER THOUSAND PRISONERS

BRITISH RAID GERMAN LINE AND BLOW UP ENEMY DUMP

Successful Attacks Made at Various Points.

BUSY NEAR BULLECOURT

Almost Whole of Hindenburg Line From There To Arras Taken.

London, May 22. — "We made successful raids last night northeast of Epehy, and during the night east of Bullecourt, south of the Arras-Cambrai road and west of Lens," says today's war office report.

"Yesterday afternoon we destroyed a large German ammunition dump on the Arras-Cambrai road northeast of Queant. The shock of the explosion was felt at a great distance behind our lines."

BULLECOURT-ARRAS LINE NEARLY ALL CAPTURED

London, May 21.—The British troops are now holding the entire Hindenburg line from the east of Bullecourt to Arras, with the exception of trench elements on a front of about 2,000 yards west of Bullecourt, according to the official communication issued tonight. The recent gains northwest of Bullecourt have been consolidated. The statement says:

"Our new positions in the Hindenburg line northwest of Bullecourt have been secured during the day with little interference from the enemy. All information received confirms the severity of the German loss in the recent fighting in this era.

"With the exception of a sector about 2,000 yards long immediately west of Bullecourt to Arras. The hostile artillery has again shown considerable activity on the north bank of the Scarpe."

Sixteen Planes Downed.

"There was great aerial activity yesterday. A number of successful bombing raids were carried out, and our airplanes co-operated excellently with our infantry in the attacks, engaging the enemy troops in the enemy's front-line trenches with machine gun fire.

"In the air fighting seven German airplanes were downed, of which one fell inside our lines. Eight others were driven down out of control. Another hostile machine was shot down out of control by our anti-aircraft guns. Four of our airplanes are missing."

British Take Support Trench.

British troops during last evening captured a support trench behind the Hindenburg line trench taken during the morning, the war office announced in today's earlier statement.

A large number of the enemy's dead were found in the captured positions. About 150 prisoners were taken in these operations. Two German divisions have been engaged in the fighting in this neighborhood since yesterday morning.

The British carried out a successful raid last night near Loos.

YIELD "ACCORDING TO PLAN."

BERLIN, via London, May 21.—The evening official communication issued by the war office says:

"In the morning, English attacks at Bullecourt, and French local attacks southwest of Nauroy, in Champagne, failed.

"Throughout the day there were artillery duels of varying intensity on several sectors of the Arras front.

"Army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht: Yesterday's attacks by the British were made on both sides of the Arras-Cambrai road, on a front of eight and a half miles. Wherever the enemy thrusting troops succeeded in leaving their trenches between the Scarpe and the Sensee brook, they were shot to pieces by our destructive fire. Enemy troops which penetrated our lines east of Croisilles were driven back again by a strongly-delivered counter-thrust. Attacks repeated many times between Fontaine and Bullecourt during the afternoon, evening and night, met with the same fate. We maintained our positions with the exception of one completely demolished trench, which we left in possession of the enemy in accordance with our plan."

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 51; lowest, 41.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 am. today were: Highest, 42; lowest, 39.

TOMORROW—STRONG WINDS.

Toronto, May 22—8 a.m. Forecasts.

Today—Strong winds and gales from the northeast, shifting to north and northwest, with rain.

Wednesday — Strong northwesterly winds, increasing by night; clearing.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	56	44	Fair
Calgary	52	40	Cloudy
Winnipeg	62	28	Clear
Port Arthur	50	30	Clear
Parry Sound	54	40	Cloudy
Port Stanley	48	40	Rain
Toronto	48	40	Rain
Ottawa	60	42	Cloudy
Montreal	60	44	Clear
Quebec	60	34	Cloudy

Weather Notes.

The southwestern disturbance is now centred over Southern Illinois, causing strong easterly winds and rain in the Lake Regions.

Local showers have also occurred in Alberta and the Maritime Provinces, and cool weather prevails in nearly all parts of the Dominion.

RETURNED SOLDIERS AT THEIR OTTAWA CONVENTION

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Sergt. Struad and Corp. Campbell, shown in the picture, represented the returned soldiers of this district at the conference where many important questions were discussed.

ATLANTA FIRE LOSS DECLARED TO BE AT LEAST $3,000,000

Some Estimates Run Up To $5,000,000.

ONLY ONE DEATH KNOWN

Thousands of Wealthy People Now Homeless Refugees—Some Missing.

Atlanta, Ga., May 22.—Atlanta went actively to work today to care for the destitute people from three thousand homes destroyed in the fire that raged yesterday afternoon and last night throughout seventy-five blocks, and was stopped only after the dynamiting of beautiful homes on Ponce de Leon avenue. The property loss was estimated at $3,000,000 by Mayor Candler, who declared that his estimate was a conservative one. Other estimates ran as high as $5,000,000.

Rumors of incendiarism were disposed of by Mayor Candler, who said that an investigation had failed to disclose anything to substantiate that theory.

One Woman Dead.

Only one death was reported, that of a woman who died from shock, but 60 or more persons suffered minor injuries.

The fire started in a storage warehouse and, fanned by a brisk wind, was carried to adjoining buildings. Then it swept from house to house in rapidly-increasing area.

Water, chemicals and dynamite used by the fire fighters of Atlanta and other cities were ineffective until midnight, when control was gained as the blaze reached the outskirts of the city. From Edgewood avenue, near the business section to Ponce de Leon avenue, one of the most exclusive residential districts, only a succession of standing chimneys was left.

Troops guarded the devastated area and firemen worked vigorously to quell small blazes which still persisted.

Wealthy Now Homeless.

Thousands of persons who yesterday were rated among the city's most prosperous were refugees today crowding the homes of friends, hotels and public buildings. Mayor Candler declared, however, that Atlanta would take care of the homeless and that outside aid was unnecessary.

Besides actual relief work today, there was a tremendous task ahead of Atlanta in getting its scattered citizens together. Members of many families had become scattered and some were sought for through the want ad section of the morning papers.

The burned area is roughly defined as including all that territory between Fort street on the west and the boulevard in the east, between Decatur street and Ponce de Leon avenue.

SUBMARINE SIGHTED OFF ATLANTIC COAST, IS LATEST REPORT

Naval Stations Investigate the Rumors Now Current.

Portland, Maine, May 22.—It was officially made known today that the reported presence of a submarine off the Maine coast was being investigated by the naval stations. A patrol search of these waters was ordered, and reports to the naval stations stated that a periscope was sighted late yesterday afternoon, and that a submarine was seen running awash off Macas.

On the heels of these reports came word today from three fishermen that they had sighted from two different points what they believed to be a German submersible. They sighted the craft, they said, off the mouth of the Kennebec River at 9:15 o'clock this morning. When it was reported to a naval officer, he furnished the Macas end of the story, and confirmed press reports that an investigation was under way.

WASHINGTON HAS REPORT.

Washington, May 22.—The naval commander of the Maine district has forwarded reports of a German submarine in that vicinity which he said were so far without confirmation. Investigation is continuing.

DENMARK'S HEAVY LOSS

Ships Sunk Number 150 and 210 Seamen Have Been Killed.

London, May 22.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that since the beginning of the war Denmark has lost 150 ships through submarines or mines. The destruction of ships has been accompanied by the deaths of 210 Danish seamen.

ENGLISH M. P. KILLED.

London, May 22.—Valentine Fleming, Unionist member of the House of Commons from South Oxfordshire, a barrister and financier, has been killed in action. He was a major in the Oxfordshire Yeomanry. Major Fleming was born in 1882.

SHOWS HUGE GERMAN LOSSES

Paris, May 22.—Some idea of the extent of the German losses in the recent Anglo-French offensive in France may be obtained, according to a semi-official note from the fact that, while on the Verdun front from February, 1916, to February, 1917—one year—Germany put into action fifty-six and one-half divisions, while she put into action eighty-four divisions on the Anglo-French front this year, from April 9 to May 11.

ZIMMERMAN DENIES CHANCELLOR AND GENERALS ARE IN ACCORD

Copenhagen, via London, May 22.—Director Zimmerman of the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger challenges, in his Monday article, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's statement in the Reichstag that he and the military leaders were in full accord regarding war aims. Herr Zimmerman says that the unity of views Zimmerman says that the unity of views, according to his knowledge, applies only to military and strategic aims, on which the chancellor has expressed the views of Hindenburg and Kudendorff, the morally responsible generals. He denies that von Bethmann-Hollweg has any right to claim the generals as the champions of his views as to the political and economic aims of the war.

The Lokal Anzeiger, since it passed into the hands of a syndicate headed by captains of industry of the Rhine district and a former minister whom von Bethmann threw overboard, has ceased to be a subservient Government organ, and is now in more less consistent opposition to the chancellor. Herr Zimmerman in continuation of his criticism, questions the stability of the Bethmann bloc in the Reichstag and denies that the vote on the peace interpellation can be interpreted as a vote of confidence.

Simultaneously the paper announces that von Hindenburg, answering a telegram of greeting from Danzig group of avowed pan-Germans and opponents of the chancellor, replied: "I share your hopes for the fulfillment of your wishes for the future of the Fatherland." The original telegram emphasized the demand for a peace program "corresponding to Germany's sacrifices."

"The field marshal's reply will unquestionably encourage the campaign against the chancellor and supports Director Zimmerman's intimations that von Bethmann is not in complete accord with the army chiefs.

FOOD CONTROLLER ALMOST CERTAIN, OTTAWA REPORT

Trades Congress Heads in Secret Session To Consider Conscription Problem—Rumor of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Resignation Is Denied.

Ottawa, May 22.—Appointment of a food controller for Canada urged by heads of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress in considered certain. The matter will come before the cabinet on Thursday. The Canadian controller would co-operate with the official named by the United States Government for the same purpose.

Following their conference with the premier last night, the trades congress executive heads are in secret session on the conscription problem today. An official statement on their decision is expected later in the afternoon.

All sort of rumors as to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's stand on the great issue are in circulation, even talk of his resignation of the Liberal leadership, but it is conceded that it is purely speculative though it is not expected that Sir Wilfrid will support the Borden measure as it shapes up at present.

A PURE INVENTION.

Ottawa, May 22.—The persistent rumor from Montreal that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is about to resign the Liberal leadership owing to the conscription issue was emphatically denied today by a former Liberal cabinet minister. "It is pure invention without a vestige of truth behind it," he declared.

APPEAL AGAINST AN ECONOMIC WAR UPON GERMANY IN FUTURE

Some Prominent Americans Memorialize Commissions.

New York, May 22.—An appeal to the Entente Allies' governments not to make another world struggle probably by beginning an economic war upon the central powers as soon as a treaty of peace is signed has been made by Jacob H. Schiff, Dr. Charles W. Eliot, George Haven Putname, Charles S. Fairchild, and more than a score of other prominent Americans. The complete text of the appeal which was addressed to Arthur James Balfour and Rene Viviani and their colleagues on the British and French commissioners to the United States was forwarded by the visiting commissioners, it was announced last night, to their respective governments on May 19.

Asserting that the proposed economic war would impose on future generations burdens too great to be borne, the appeal declares that if the world is to be kept at peace "economic peace, based upon freedom of trade as well as freedom of the seas, must be established and maintained." This, it is asserted, is the one sure and enduring foundation for a league of honor or a league of peace, for disarmament, for the reduction of burdens upon the people and for true and prosperous democracy throughout the world.

GENERAL CONGRESS CALLED IN RUSSIA

Soldiers' and Workmen's Committee Names June 24.

Petrograd, via London, May 22.—The executive committee of the council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates has issued a call for a general congress on June 24 of representatives of all branches of the council throughout Russia and of the various organizations. The congress will discuss national defence, peace conditions, land and labor problems, the projected constituent assembly, the country's financial policy and conditions of military life.

NORWEGIAN VESSEL SUNK BY SUBMARINE AND BOATS SHELLED

Russian Ship Similarly Treated—Survivors Land.

London, May 22.—Thirteen survivors fro the Norwegian steamship Madura have reached land, their vessel having been shelled and sunk by a German submarine. Two men were killed by shell fire and several wounded. The survivors report that the submarine gave no warning and fired on the men as they were lowering the boats.

Twenty-three survivors, including the captain's wife, from the Russian ship Lynton, 2,351 tons gross, have reached land. They say their ship was sunk by a German submarine without warning and that they were shelled while getting into the boats.

WANT FINLAND TO BE SEPARATED FROM RUSSIA

Swedish Party, Representing Wealthy Classes, Favor Complete Division.

Helsingfors, Finland, May 21., Via Petrograd and London, May 22.—11:55 p.m.—A congress of the Swedish political party representing a majority of Finland's wealthiest and most influential classes yesterday passed a resolution favoring a complete separation of the Grand Duchy of Finland from Russia.

VON TARNOW ARRIVES SAFELY AT ROTTERDAM

Rotterdam, Via London, May 22.—Count Tarnowski von Tarnow, the Austrian ambassador to Washington, has arrived here after an uneventful voyage from the United States. He will leave for Vienna on a special train tomorrow morning. At the same time his fellow-passenger, Admiral Paul von Hintze, dismissed German minister to Pekin, will entrain for Berlin.

None of the party had any complaints to make in regard to the examination of the ship by the British authorities at Halifax. A prominent Austrian from Chicago described the British officials as most courteous.

OPPOSITION TO CONSCRIPTION IN QUEBEC SHOWN

Montreal and Quebec City Councils Are Asked To Oppose It.

SOME PETITIONS ARE SENT

One Alderman Announces the Coming of District Anti-Conscription League.

Montreal, Que., May 22.—Meetings against conscription were held last night in Montreal. The Club Letellier agreed to ask Mayor Martin to introduce a resolution in the city council against obligatory military overseas service. At a meeting on St. Lawrence Boulevard, it was decided to organize a mass open air meeting in Park Lafontaine on Wednesday evening against conscription.

A petition from a number of citizens was filed at the city hall today demanding that the council go on record as protesting against conscription without a referendum.

AT QUEBEC, TOO.

Quebec, May 22.—Ald. Dussault, at last night's meeting against conscription, announced that on Friday he will present a motion to the city council asking that said council register itself against conscription. He also announced the near creation of an anti-conscription league throughout the entire district.

BOY STRUCK BY MOTOR CAR AND BADLY INJURED

Brother Sees "Ted" Welbourn Struck Down.

RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL

Lad Was Carrying Dinner To Father When Accident Occurred.

Edward Welbourn, the 12-year-old son of Edward Welbourn, 1068 Dundas street, was struck and seriously injured by a delivery automobile belonging to R. J. Young & Co., at Dorinda and Dundas streets, about 12:45 today.

"Ted" Welbourn did not go to school this morning on account of the rain, and was sent with his father's dinner to the Charcoal Supply Company, Bathurst and Burwell streets. He was returning to his home and alighted from an east-bound car, when he was struck by the motor car, which was going west.

Picks Up His Brother.

His step-brother, Lawrence Dunn, was standing at the side door of the boy's home, and seeing the motor car approaching shouted, "Wait, wait," but it was too late. His sister in the house heard her brother shout: "My God, it's our Ted," and in a moment he was picking up the little unconscious form.

The injured boy was placed in an automobile belonging to Jackson the Cleaner and rushed to Victoria Hospital, where he was attended by Dr. Beal. He was found to have sustained a fractured shoulder, and to be badly bruised about the face, and was at the time of going to press still unconscious.

What Family Says.

The mother and sister both stated that the driver of the auto did not wait to explain, but after talking a few minutes with some men who had gathered, drove off without saying a word to them.

They also stated that they had witnesses, among others the street car conductor, that the driver of the automobile did not sound his horn. It is also stated that he should not have been driving past a standing car.

The Driver's Story.

Peter F. Buchanan, who was driving the car, stated that the accident was absolutely unavoidable. He said the boy came from behind the street car and stepped directly in front of the motor car. Mr. Buchanan said he stopped the car in 20 feet, and that it skidded when stopping. He then took the boy to Dr. Clegg's office. John Borden of Dorinda street, took the boy to the hospital in Jackson's car.

SOLDIER FOUND DEAD IN FIELD NEAR QUEBEC

Toronto Man's Body Had Been There Over a Month.

Quebec, May 22.—E. Y. Grey, a Toronto soldier, returned from the front, was found dead in a field outside the city, after lying there over a month. He lived at No. 526 Ontario street, Toronto. He was identified at the morgue by members of the Quebec Khaki Club, and the remains will be forwarded home. No foul play is supposed.

TRAGIC FISHING TRIP

Three Quebec Men Missing, and Boat Found Overturned.

Quebec, May 22.—News of a tragic fishing trip comes from the upper Saguenay region today. Three men from Roberval, Henry Fortin, A. Jean and J. Corriveau went out in a canoe and, not returning, a search was begun. Their craft was found bottom up on Lake Round, but no trace of the occupants was found.

MINERS AWAIT ROGERS' ARRIVAL AT CALGARY

Calgary, May 22.—Hon. Robert Rogers, expected by the miners' union to arrive this morning in connection with a settlement of the coal strike, is not yet in the city.

Miners' policy committee is in session, but nothing will be done till Mr. Rogers arrives. The secretary, Carter, by no means shares the view of Hon. T. W. Crothers, that the strike will be settled within 48 hours, but says the union is anxious to hear anything the Government may propose to end the present situation.

FRENCH CAPTURE 1,000 PRISONERS AND REPEL 3 COUNTER ASSAULTS

THE WAR SITUATION

The German armies in France are slowly yielding ground before the relentless pressure exercised by Generals Haig and Nivelle, and the vital question is as to whether their morale can be maintained under terrific pounding, to which they are subjected day and night. Apparently the Allied commanders have abandoned the policy of sudden thrusts at chosen points, and are relying on a constant hammering over a wide front in the belief that sooner or later the iron German ring must either break or crack.

While there is little immediate prospect of sensational developments in the battle area, the political situation remains fraught with many possibilities. The latest news from Russia indicates that the crisis in that country continues acute, and the menace that Russia may either withdraw from the Entente or be plunged into chaos still throws its shadow over the future. The Russian radicals are apparently as determined as ever to reject the war program of Britain and France, but they show almost as much reluctance as Berlin to define their precise aims. A conference is projected, at which the coalition government will be asked for a frank statement as to its position, and there are uncomfortable rumors that the Russian radicals intend to attempt to force a repudiation of Russia's treaties with the other members of the Entente.

On the credit of the account is the rising tide of indignation against Germany in Scandinavia and Spain. The anti-German faction in Sweden has been powerfully reinforced by the action of the Germans in sinking three Swedish grain ships, in violation of their own agreement to respect the safety of the vessels. Spain is still awaiting a reply to her protest over the sinking of the Spanish steamer Patricio, also destroyed while sailing under a German guarantee, and the tone of the Spanish press is increasingly peremptory in its demand that Germany be compelled to respect Spanish rights.

What effect the course of events is having on the German people remains a practically sealed book. The German censorship is stricter than ever, and the little news that trickles across the frontier of the central powers offers scant basis for even speculation. Apparently the war of the pan-Germans and junkers on Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is going merrily on, but there is nothing to indicate what effect it is having on the emperor, sole arbitrator of the premier's destiny. The junkers claim to have enlisted Field Marshal von Hindenburg, but the issue will presumably remain in abeyance until the Reichstag reconvenes on July 5.

BISHOP BIDWELL IS FOR CONSCRIPTION; SAME FOR EVERYONE

Says Enforcement Must Be Fair To All.

CLERGY'S PAY DISCUSSED

Parishes Which Won't Pay Living Wage Must Do Without Ministers.

Kingston, May 22.—In his charge to the Ontario Synod this afternoon, Bishop Bidwell declared that it was the duty of the Government to mete out the same measure to all. The day for exhortation in regard to enlistment had passed. What was needed was authoritative action. Many persons were beginning to be sick at heart when they realized they had been giving their sons not only for their country and her cause but to enable a large number of young men without spirit to live in ease, comfort and safety.

The bishop plainly told the synod that he would no longer assume the responsibility of sending clergy to work in parishes where a living wage was not paid. If parishes would not pay their minister a wage that would enable him to live as a self-respecting man, then the ministrations of the gospel cannot be given them.

MEXICO NOW PROTESTS AGAINST SUB CAMPAIGN

Minister Said to Have Handed Note to German Government.

Amsterdam, May 22—Via London, 10:30 a.m.—A Berlin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the Mexican minister to Germany is reported to have handed a note to the German Government protesting against the submarine campaign. The report followed a prolonged conference between the Mexican minister and Foreign Secretary Zimmerman on Monday.

C. P. R. TAKES $1,000,000 "LIBERTY LOAN" BONDS

New York, May 22.—The Canadian Pacific Railway has subscribed for $1,000,000 of the liberty loan bonds, it was announced today. Another million dollar subscription came from the American Brass Company.

EARTHQUAKE IN NEW YORK.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., May 22.—Three distinct earth shocks were felt at this vicinity at 4 a.m. today. Persons were aroused from sleep by the shaking of their houses, but no damage has been reported.

Germans Suffer Heavy Losses In Attempts To Regain Positions Lost on Monday in Champagne and Fail to Obtain Any Result

Paris, May 22—Noon.—Three separate counter-attacks by the Germans on positions captured yesterday by the French were repulsed last night, according to an official statement issued by the French war office this morning. The number of prisoners taken by the French yesterday was 1,000.

The statement follows:

"In the Champagne the enemy, after bombarding the positions which we captured yesterday north of Mont Carnillet and at the Casque and the Teton, made an infantry attack against these three sectors. He was repulsed everywhere and suffered considerable loss without obtaining any result. The number of unwounded prisoners taken by us in the operations of yesterday reached 1,000, of whom 28 are officers.

"There was intermittent artillery fighting on the remainder of the front. On the Vauclerc plateau the artillery fighting was violent.

"Enemy surprise attacks at various points were repulsed. In the course of raids on the German lines we took 15 prisoners."

RUSSIA'S SHARE!

Petrograd, May 22.—Via London, 3:10 p.m.—Today's war office report is as follows:

"Western and Rumanian fronts: Fusillades have occurred."

"Caucasian front: Kurds attempted an attack south of Erzingan, but were dispersed by our fire."

TEUTONS AGREE ON POLISH PROBLEMS, DECLARES BERLIN

Count Czernin Returns To Vienna From Conference.

Berlin, May 21—Via London, May 22, 12:25 p.m.—It is learned on good authority that a complete agreement has been reached between Germany and Austria on the Polish question as the result of the conference at great headquarters between Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister. Count Czernin returned to Vienna today, after a visit to the western front.

BUDAPEST MUNITION WORKERS ON STRIKE EVER SINCE MAY 1

Stockholm, May 22—Via London.—According to information from a Hungarian dispatch received here, a strike has been continuously in progress in all the Budapest munition factories since May 1.

BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT HAS RECOMMENDED REVOCATION OF DECREE OF NEUTRALITY

Invites Congress to Declare Itself on the Side of Allies.

Rio Janeiro, May 22.—President Braz has sent a message to Congress recommending the revocation of the decree of neutrality in the war between the United States and Germany. Congress is expected to accept the recommendation by a large majority. The message declares that the order to the Brazilian authorities enjoining the observation of neutrality was only intended to have effect until Congress met, it continues.

Today, in consideration of the fact that the United States is an integral part of the American Union, in consideration also of the traditional policy of Brazil which has always been governed by a complete unity of view with the United States and, finally, in consideration of the sympathies of a great majority of the Brazilian nation, the Administration invites Congress to revoke the decree of neutrality."

DRESSMAKERS' STRIKE IN PARIS BREAKS OUT ANEW

Employers Refused Saturday Half-Holiday and Trouble Follows:

Paris, May 22.—The dressmakers' strike has broken out anew, the employers at a meeting today having rejected the provision for Saturday half-holiday. The strike is extending rapidly, the employees of numerous millinery establishments furriers and undergarment manufacturers having joined the movement.

Eight hundred milliners attended a meeting at the labor exchange today at which the conditions in many of the principal hat stores were denounced, the rank and file in these places being paid 23 cents a day wish dinner. Delegates representing the working girls and the employers had a conference this evening with M. Bourgeois, the minister of labor.

ASSERTS PROVISION FOR RETURNED MEN WHOLLY INADEQUATE

Capt. Burnham Criticises Government for Neglect.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, May 21.—There was criticism of the Government from the Government side in Parliament tonight over pensions.

Capt. Burnham, the Conservative representative of West Peterboro, offered a resolution declaring that there should be adequate provision "for those who have fought for their country, so that they may not be compelled to resort to canvassing or other unsuitable measures to eke out a livelihood, which should be provided by the country for those practically disabled and unable to find suitable employment," and that pensions and other provisions for soldiers and their families should automatically "rise and fluctuate as prices do."

Mr. Blain of Peel hinted that Capt. Burnham's feelings had led him rather too far, and Capt. Burnham at once arose and declared that all he had said was true, and added: "I resent the impertinence of the member for Peel."

Present Scale Too Low.

The existing scale of pensions, Capt. Burnham declared, was too low, and hoped that the new bill, when brought down, would show substantial advance and would recognize the fact that the cost of living had increased 100 per cent. There should be provision for the care of wounded soldiers, who wounds broke out afresh or who suffered illness. It was absurd that a soldier should receive but $280 for total deafness and a miserable gratuity of but $100 for partial deafness of both ears. For disabilities of from 80 per cent to 100 per cent of a soldier's efficiency the pension was but $384, and for less than 80 per cent it was only $260. Such pensions would by no means put the soldiers in the position they were in before the war. Widows and orphans were not provided for adequately. He held that there should be investigation, by returned soldiers, of cases of want in families of soldiers. Pensions should be granted on the basis of $100 per month for total disability.

The pension board, he said, was tied up in red tape that it was difficult to secure information from it. In conclusion he held that the Government should put itself in a position to say that adequate provision was made for the families of all soldiers sent to the front.

Censorship to Cover It.

Hon. Frank Oliver attacked the pensions board on the ground that it was not doing justice to the soldiers and was covering its incompetency with censorship regulations and refusing to give out information.

Richard Blain of Peel, said that the pensions provided were generous and liberal. A meeting of 300 returned soldiers in his constituency did not have a single complaint to make.

Hon. Mr. Oliver said that soldiers who went to the front and gained promotion were reduced to the ranks by the pension board after they were wounded, and were paid the pensions of privates. Col. J. D. Taylor stated that this had happened in the regime which he had raised and sent to the front.

Commission Badly Needed.

Hon. J. D. Hazen, chairman of the pension committee last year, said the finding had been unanimous that a commission should be appointed to administer pensions. The pension board doubtless was not infallible, but the chief difficulties were due to getting the machinery working smoothly. There would be a new bill this session embodying changes recommended by the board.

Premier Borden suggested that the debate be adjourned in view of the fact that a committee composed of members from both sides had the question pensions under consideration, and that it would be brought down this session. This was agreed to.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AT SOREL GO ON STRIKE DEMANDING HIGHER PAY

Quebec, May 22.—Between 600 and 700 men employed at the various Government plants at Sorel went out on strike this morning, demanding higher wages. They had been promised an increase some time ago, but as the rise was not forthcoming, all went out on strike this morning. All factories are inactive, and all fires in the furnaces are extinguished. There have been parades through the streets, but no trouble is reported.